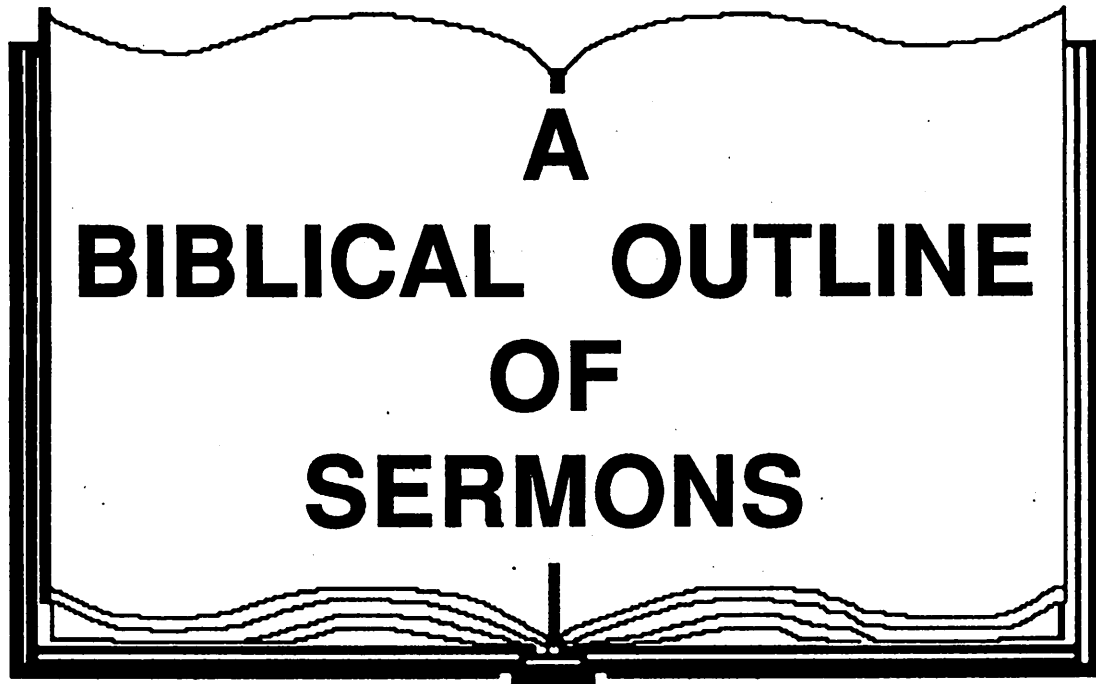


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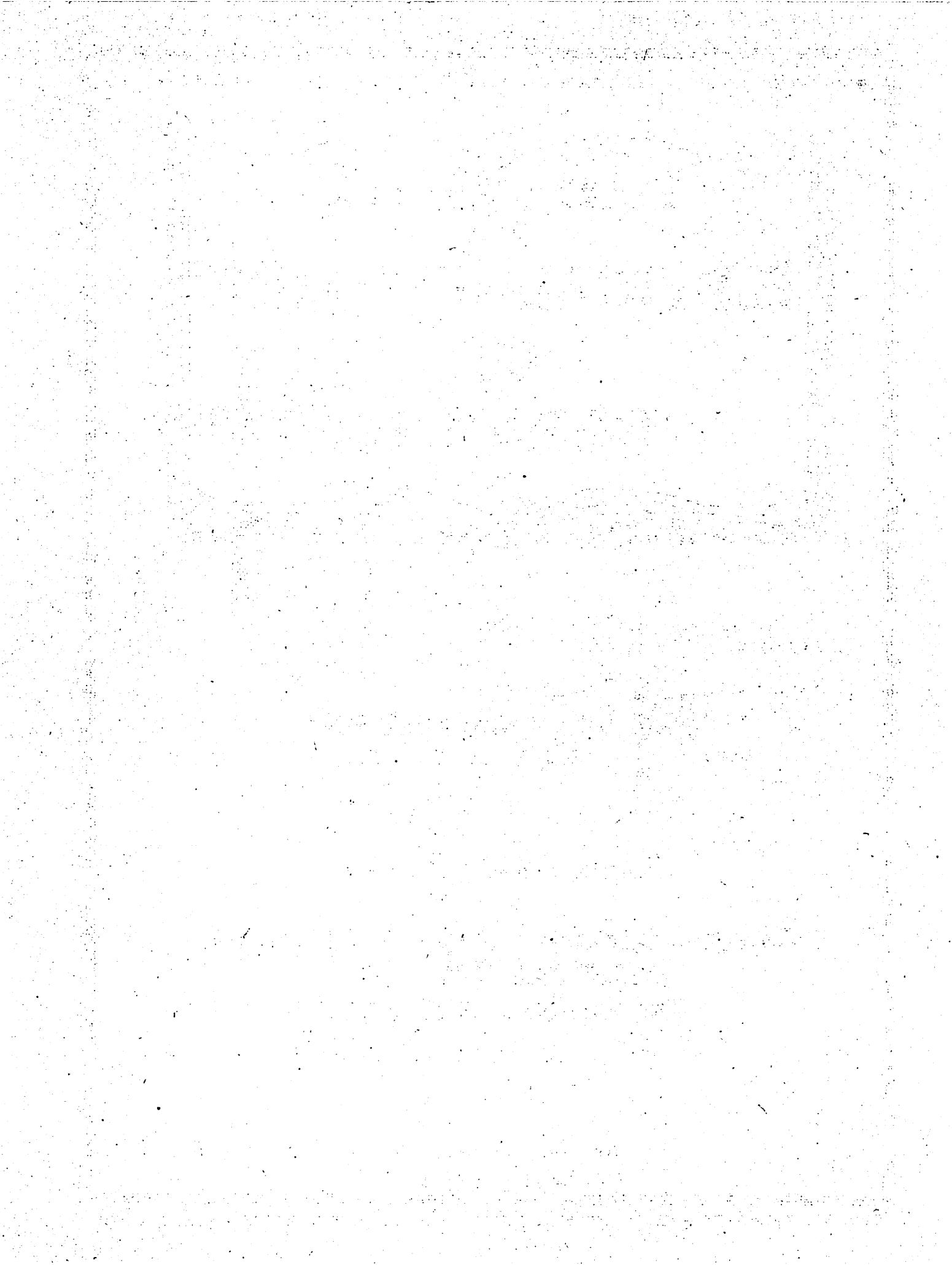


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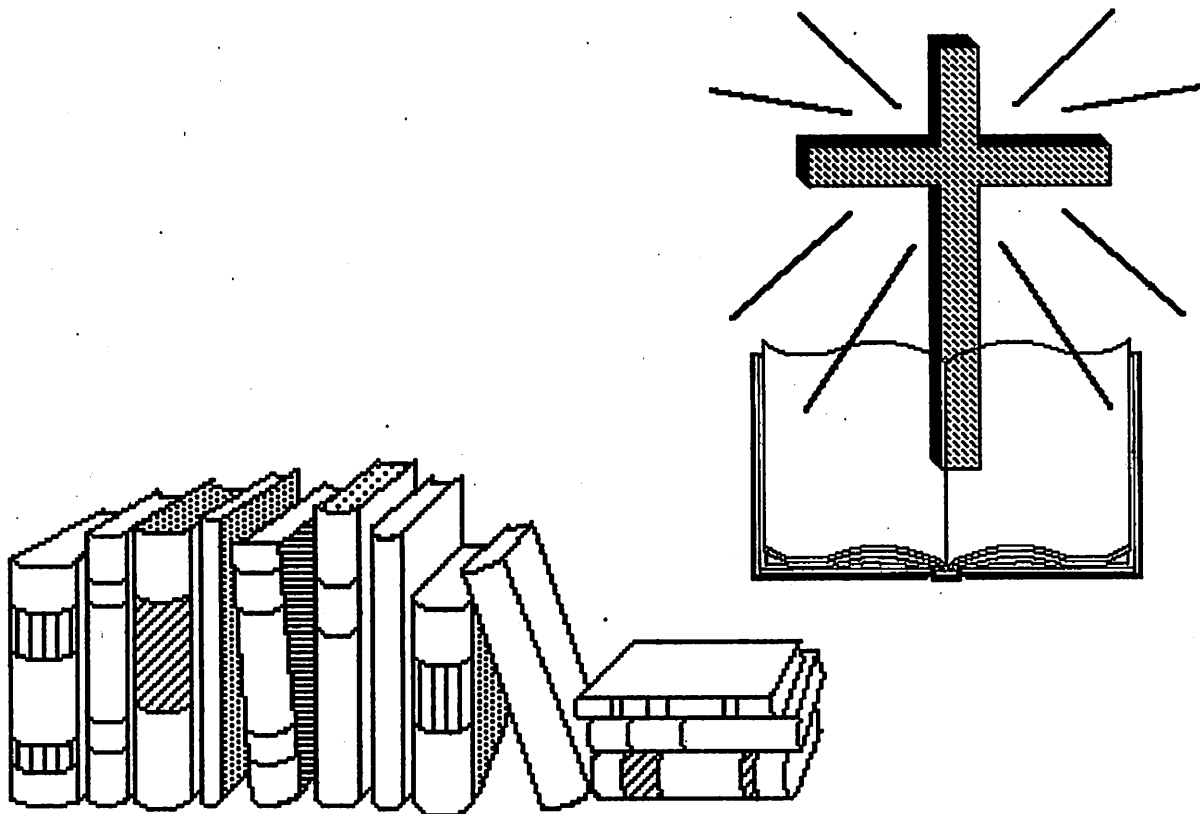
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This Biblical outline of sermons was a request from a dear brother in the Lord from Ghana, West Africa. It is a very limited series of sermon outlines with a vast number of references to the Scriptures. May these outlines inspire our national Christian leaders to prepare to feed hungry souls with the "Bread of Life".

"For the Word of God is alive and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart".

Hebrews 4:12

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INTRODUCTION.

Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Andrew J. Losier have been missionaries in Africa since 1938 and realized the great need for Christian Literature for Africa. It was in the 1940s that the first publication was made, "Mafundisho Ya Biblia" (Bible Teachings). This book was printed in English and Kiswahili in 1943. It was printed in Berne, Indiana and financed by the "Missionary Union". This group, made up of young people from several churches in the Berne area desired to do some home mission work. As a result, God called more than a dozen of these young people into full time mission work.

The teaching from this small book became very helpful to those Evangelists and Preachers in the "Bundu" where they had little help or books for their Bible training. It proved so helpful that requests came from many places around the world. The young National Christian leaders desired help in simplified Biblical terms. The one book that caught the attention of Christian leaders was "Know Your Bible, Rightly Divided" and it was through this book that the work of the printed page grew. In the providence of God, some copies reached the West Coast of Africa. We learned from Rev. Dr. Ige Olumide, the founder and President of, "Faith Bible College and Seminary", of Lagos, Nigeria that he was using it as a textbook in his schools. I got a letter from him, requesting more copies of this book. He also encouraged me to enlarge on the book and write more in detail. This inspired me to write a Biblical survey, with the same title, "Know Your Bible, Rightly Divided." The Lord has made possible two editions of this book.

The work of sending forth Bible teaching material has grown so rapidly that we are encouraging small Bible schools to be started, especially in West Africa but also in other parts of the world, making an International outreach with Biblical training material. As the Lord provides, we will send to press three more books. Namely (1) "Biblical Outline Manual", which gives a brief resume of each Book of the Bible with an outline. This textbook will soon be available. (2) We have also written a textbook entitled "What Does the Future Hold"? (3) Praise and Share with Care through Prayer". As the Lord provides, all of these textbooks will be available in the near future.

This book of outline sermons is also in print and we praise God that all of these books will be available free of charge. The "Biblical Outline Sermons" was requested by Eric Charles Addo Bruku, of Accra Ghana. This became the incentive for me to prepare this textbook for wide distribution. My adopted son Eric is the founder of the "Andrew Bible College" of Dzorwulu, Accra, Ghana.

We have just received from the Printers, the two volumes, "Analytical Theological Questionnaire" which are being sent forth for the glory and honor of the Lord. We desire to help National Christian Leaders in their evangelism and teaching ministry through the printed page.

There is no lack of books that can be had for a price, but unfortunately many of our African Evangelists cannot afford to buy the necessary books, so as God provides we desire to help where help is needed. All of our Christian Literature is free and not commercialized in any way. We are grateful to all for their prayers and cares.

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DEDICATION.

Down through the many years of my foreign mission life, I have met many outstanding Christian business men and women. They have been a great help and encouragement to me. During our furloughs, and returning to the foreign field of service. Transportation was a very important item both while traveling in America and especially when ready to return to Africa. An outstanding Indiana farmer would drop all of his urgent farm duties to have a part in our arrival as a family, or our departure with all of our equipment. Much of our mission work would have suffered, if it had not been for Grover, my brother in the Lord, our mission work would have been greatly limited. We also had volunteers to help with the driving as well, and we thank God for each of those who have had a part in our arrivals and departures. Spare equipment was usually furnished by some of these business men. Then we had a Dear Saint of God in Canyon Texas, who had a car sales, and each time we would return home from the mission field, a deluxe car would be waiting for us with the title deed in my name. The cost would be exactly what she paid for it and the payments were made as God provided. A manager in a Truck sales in Houston did the very same thing with our first Mobile Unit. Then from Detroit we found the same help with the second Mobile Unit from the President of the Dodge Corp. A furniture store in Culver Indiana supplied us with any equipment we needed from his store without cost. I could give you countless examples of a great many business folks who have a part in the spreading of the Printed Page around the world.

When we said goodbye to Africa and settled in America, not to "retire" but be "Refired" by Almighty God, we were not sure as to whether or not we would be destined for the shelf. We presented our mission challenge to those who supported us, and some encouraged us to "Press On"! God is doing exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or think. (Eph.3:20:) We had the privilege of being in a home of a Christian business man in Florida and I presented the International mission project to him and he became the first to have a part in this enlarged enterprise.

As Dorothy and I settled in Toccoa Georgia, in the foothills of the Smokies, we knew nobody. It wasn't long until we had Bible classes meeting in our home. This was a wonderful and sweet Christian fellowship, where we studied the Word of God together. These precious folks came from various church affiliations. We also discovered that here in Toccoa, you could go to most of the business establishments and talk about the Eternal things of God. My late brother Raymond W. Losier, who was responsible for all of the art work in my books, has gone on to be with the Lord. He and I had been separated from each other for most of 43 years and it was these last 7 years that the Lord brought us together and he was able to apply his many years of art experience to drawing Biblical scenes, creating an outstanding scroll. This scroll takes you from Genesis to Revelation with exceptional drawings. Although he has gone on to be with the Lord, he has left a legacy of eternal value, with over 50,000 scrolls sent out.

God led us to Toccoa, Georgia, giving us many new Christian friends, and we wish to thank each of them, especially in the business world for their great part in speeding the Gospel, to the regions beyond. It is my desire to dedicate this book of Biblical Outline Sermons to the great number of Christian business folks, sharing in some way or other in the furthering of the Gospel through these many years of service to the Lord. As we have called upon the Lord, He has always shown us great and mighty things, which we were not even aware of. (Jer.33:3;) I thank God for Christian business partners whose priorities are

to glorify the Lord. They are a great part in speeding the Gospel light, while there is still time.

As I conclude this information and dedication, I also want to include the late Lloyd Huntsinger, whom I have known for many years. Lloyd has gone to be with the Lord Jan. 31, 1989. He was always ready to help with packing material, storage, equipment and vehicles. Lloyd was a builder by trade and much of his skill can be seen in the Katy, Texas area, including much of the brick work on the Katy Bible Church, of Katy, Texas.. He was born Aug. 3, 1905 and married Eunice June 1, 1927. Lloyd always had a generosity toward missions for the Lord. This textbook is in memory of Lloyd, as he rejoices in the presence of the Lord, awaiting that triumphant day when we shall all be gathered together with the Lord.

Yours for the furthering of the Gospel.

Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Losier.

FORWARD.

This "BIBLICAL SERMON OUTLINE" is a book particularly suited as a study guide for Pastors and Christian workers serving in the mission fields where there is an acute need for expository preaching in order to "make disciples of all nations". Maturity in the Christian life is not possible without a knowledge of the basic Biblical doctrines. Evangelism must be followed by teaching of the Scriptures, and this book will help those working in the Lord's harvest fields.

Dr. Losier was a missionary in Africa for 43 years, preaching, establishing Gospel ministries and distributing tons of Bibles and Christian Literature through out much of the continent of Africa. He understands what is necessary to meet peoples' greatest need. Biblical Sermon Outlines is his third book written since "Retirement" and reflects his emphasis upon truths that are vital in an effective teaching and preaching ministry, especially where the Gospel is penetrating into new territories. These topics from God's Word represent Dr. Losier's commitment to "A New Generation" of faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. The Scriptures arranged under each topic will suggest several sermons and lessons that illuminate both the Living Word and the Written Word. To God be the glory.

Theodore P. Ayre Th.D.

THE ALMIGHTY GOD

Scripture - Gen.1:1; Jn.1:1; Psalm 19. Isa.40:6-31; Dan.2:19-23; Dan.4:1-3; Rev.11:15; Gen.17:1; 35:11; Ex.6:3; Job 8:3-5; Job.22:25; Job 33:4; Ps.68:14; Ps.91:1; Rev.4:8; Rev.16:7; Rev.19:15; Rev.21:22;

Introduction

Present the following questions.

1. What can be compared to Almighty God?
 2. God Who was from everlasting to everlasting, who can challenge God?
 3. God always was in the eternal realm, therefore who can remove or destroy Him?
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OUTLINE

I. The Unity in the Godhead - Deut.6:4; Jn.14:26;

II. The Characteristics of the Godhead.

III. The Manifestation of the Godhead.

I. The Unity within the Godhead.

A. Equal in Power.

God the Father.

Matt.9:1; Lk.1:35; Acts.1:7; Rom.1:20; Rom.13:1; 2 Cor.4:7; 2 Cor.6:7; Eph.1:19-21; 2 Tim.1:8; Rev.7:12; Ex.15:6; Ex.32:11; Deut.4:37; Deut.9:29; Gen.17:1; Gen.35:11;

God the Son.

Matt.9:6; Matt.10:1; Matt.26:64; Lk.5:17; Lk.9:1; Lk.21:27; Jn.10:18; Rom.1:4; 1 Cor.1:24; 1 Cor.5:4; 2 Cor.12:9; Eph.6:10; Col.1:11; Heb.1:3; Jude 25; Rev.5:12; Rev.12:10; Rev.19:1;

God the Holy Spirit.

Zech.4:6; Lu.4:14; Acts.10:38; Rom.15:13-19; 1 Cor.2:4; 1 Tim.1:5; Gen.1:2; Gen.1:26; Gen.6:3;

B. Equal in Creation.

Gen.1:1-2:25; Jn.1:1-5; Psalm 19:1-14;

C. Equal in Salvation.

1. God the Father planned so great salvation. - A body for the Eternal Son of God to become incarnate was prepared before the foundation of the world. Eph.1:3-14; Matt.13:35; Matt.25:34; Lk.11:50; Jn.17:24; Heb.4:3; 1 Pet.1:20; Rev.13:8; 1 Cor.2:9,10;
2. God the Eternal Son provided so great salvation. Jn.3:16-18; Jn.5:24; Rom.5:1-2; Rom.8:1-4; 1 Cor.3:11; 1 Cor.15:1-11; Gal.4:4-5; Phil.2:10-11; Col.1:12-23; Col.2:9-15; Heb.1:1-3; 1 Pet.1:18-21;
3. God the Holy Spirit proves so great salvation by indwelling Believers. Jn.3:3-8; Jn.14:15-26; Jn.16:7- 11; 1 Cor.12:13; Matt.12:28; Lk.11:13; Jn.3:34; Jn.4:23; Jn.6:63; Jn.14:17; Jn.15:26; Jn.16:13; Acts.2:4,17,18; Acts 8:29,39; Rom.8:1-11; Rom.15:19; 1 Cor.2:10; 1 Cor.3:16; 2 Cor.5:5; Gal.5:16,22-25; Eph.1:13; Eph.4:4; 1 Jn.3:24; 1 Jn.4:1-2; 5:6;

II. The Characteristics of the Godhead.

A. God is Absolute.

Psalm 19:1; Gen.1:1; Isa.40:12-15; Job.38:4; Isa.49:7; Dan 2:19-23,47; Dan.3:26-29; Dan.4:34-35;

B. God is Love.

2 Jn.4:7-10; Jn.3:16-17; 2 Pet.3:9; 1 Jn.2:29; Rom.3:21-26; 1 Jn.3:1-3; Deut.7:7-13; Ps.91:14; Jer.31:8; Jn.14:23; Jn.15:13; Rom.5:5-8; Rom.8:28-39; 2 Cor.5:14; 2 Cor.13:11-14; Gal.5:22; Eph.2:4; Eph.3:17-19; 2 Thess.3:5; 1 Jn.4:8-19;

C. God is Absolute in Righteousness.

1 Jn.2:29; Isa.64:6; Rom.3:21-26; Psalm 18:30; 2 Chron.12:6; Ezra 9:15; Psalm 7:9; Ps.116:5; Ps.145:17; Jer.12:1; Dan.9:14; Jn.17:25; 2 Tim.4:8; 1 Jn.2:1; Rev.16:4;

D. God is Absolute in Holiness.

Ex.3:2-6; Ps.5:4; Isa.6:1-3; Matt.27:45-46; Lev.11:44-45; Lev.19:2; Lev.20:26; Deut.26:15; 1 Sam.2:2; 1 Sam.6:20; Ps.2:6; Ps.11:4; Ps.15:1; Ps.99:9; Isa.5:16; 43:3; Hab.1:12; Rom.15:13;

E. God is Absolute in Justice.

Rom.3:26; Rom.5:1-2; Job.9:2; Isa.45:21; Zeph.3:5; Acts.3:14; Acts 7:52;

F. God is Absolute in Truth.(Veracity)

Deut. 32:4; Ps.31:5; Ps.86:11; Ps.117:2; Isa.65:16; Jer.4:2; 1 Jn.4:6; 5:6;

G. God is Absolute Eternal Life.

1 Jn.5:20; Jn.3:36; Jn.5:24-26; Jn.14:6; Jn.20:31; Acts 17:28; Rom.8:9-16; Deut.33:27; Isa.57:15; 1 Jn.5:11; 1 Pet.5:10; Heb.13:8;

H. God is Immutable.(He never changes)

Jas.1:17; Isa.46:9-10; 1 Cor.2:9-13; 2 Pet.3:11-13; 1 Pet.1:10-12; Ps.102:24-27; Mal.3:6;

I. God is Impeccable. (He cannot sin)

Matt.4; Lk.4; & Mk.1; Jn.8:45-46; From eternity past to eternity future, God is absolutely holy. He can never sin and eventually will put away sin forever and will make all things new where sin can never occur again. Dan.9:24;

J. God is Absolutely Sovereign.(He reigns forever over all.

Ex.15:18; Ps.97:1; Ps.99:1; Ps.146:10; 1 Chr.16:31; Rev.9:6; Jn.16:7;

K. God is Omniscient.(He knows everything.)

Heb.1:1-2; Matt.24:1-2; Dan.9:24; Rom.11:33-36; Ps.50:10-11; Ps.94:11; Isa.37:28; 66:18; Dan.7:16; Lk.16:15; Acts.2:23; 1 Pet.1:2; Rom.11:2; Rom.8:29; Rev. chps. 2,3. God knows your every thought, word and deed.

L. God is Omnipresent. (Nothing is hidden from God)

Jn.1:47-49; Ps.139. Ex.33:14; Ps.97:5; Ps.116:14; Isa.64:1-3; Example- Jonah tried to run away from God and hide, BUT GOD spoke to Jonah while he was in the stomach of a big fish. Jonah 2:1-2; Your problems in understanding the Bible are often due to your lack of knowledge of the Triune God. When a problem arises as to what the Bible teaches, always refer to the characteristics of the Godhead and study the Word in context, and to whom God is speaking. This will help you to rightly divide the Word of truth. 2 Tim.2:15;

III. The Manifestations of the Godhead.

A. Creation of all things.

Gen.1:1-2:14; Ps.19. 1 Cor.15:38-41; Jn.1:1-5;

B. God was present in the Garden of Eden.

Gen.2:15-25; 3:8-24;

C. Adam and Eve were driven out of the Garden of Eden.

Gen.3:22-24;

D. God directed the flood with all preparations.

Gen.7:1-8:22;

E. The Lord God was at the Tower of Babel and multiplied the languages and scattered the people.

Gen.11:1-9;

F. God called Abram to begin a separated nation for the "Messianic Hope".

Gen.12:1-9; Gen.15:1-21; Gen.17:1-27;

G. God was present when the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah took place.

Gen.18:1-19:29;

- H. Jacob's visitation by the Lord.**
Gen.28:1-22; Gen.31:1-13; Gen.32:1-2; Gen.24-32.
- I. Joseph used by God in Egypt for the forming of a chosen nation.**
Gen.41:1-57;
- J. God revealed Himself to Moses.**
Ex.3:1-12:36; 13:1-16;
- K. God engulfed Israel with a cloud by day and a fire by night.**
Ex.13:21-31; 40:34-38;
- L. God provided every need of the nation Israel as they journeyed through the wilderness for 40 years.**
(1) Water, (2) manna and (3) meat. Ex.16:1-17:7;
- M. God gave the Mosaic Law at Mt. Sinai, and the plans for the Tabernacle.**
Ex.19:1-23:33; 24:1-39:43;
- N. God was present at the Tabernacle and spoke to the people.**
Lev.1:1-17;
- O. God spoke to Moses many times as they journeyed through the wilderness.**
Lev.23:1-44; Lev.24.& 25. and also in Numbers and Deuteronomy.
- P. The Lord God spoke to various leaders of Israel such as, Kings, Prophets, Warriors, Shepherds and Priests.**
Find these events from Joshua through Malachi.
- Q. The Birth of John the Baptist and the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.**
Matt.1:20-25; Matt.17:1-5; Mk.9:2-13; Lu.9:28-36; Lu.1:11-20; Lu.2:25-35;
- R. The Days of Pentecost.**
1. To the 120 in the upper room -Acts.2:
 2. To the Gentiles (Cornelius) Acts.10.
 3. To the Old Testament Saints who had prepared for the kingdom through John the Baptist. Acts.19:1-6;
 4. The Samaritans. Acts 8:4-25;.
- S. Saul of Tarsus becomes Paul the Apostle.**
Acts.19:1-6;
- T. The Apostle John on the Isle of Patmos receives the last message from Heaven.**
The Book of Revelation.

As we conclude this study of the Almighty God, it is of the utmost importance that God has revealed Himself in three persons, declaring themselves as One Supreme God. (Deut.6:4;) God the Father cannot be seen, but God the Son can be seen and associated with, and God the Holy Spirit has been sent forth to protect us from the evil forces, by indwelling us. This also is God's provision for us to understand the Word of God as well as to be led by God the Holy Spirit. Almighty God has made every provision for every human being that will ever be born into this world, regardless of place, color, conditions or circumstances. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa.1:18;

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST.

SCRIPTURE.

2 Cor.5:11-21; Eph.6:10-20; Rom.1:16-20; Acts.1:8; Jn.17:14-18; Jn.20:21; Mk.16:15-18; Matt.28:19-20; Isa.6:1-8; Ezek.3:17-27; Acts.18:6; Acts 20:17-38;

INTRODUCTION.

IT is important for us to realize that God did not entrust the Gospel to Angels, but He is dependent upon Believers to answer the great commission to go into all of the world. In order for us to be fully equipped as Ambassadors for Christ, we must have a thorough understanding of the Bible. In studying the Bible, we must also depend upon God the Holy Spirit to teach us, guide us and lead us into these marvelous truths. As Ambassadors of Christ we have been commissioned by God to the highest calling to reach the lost with the Gospel.

OUTLINE.

- I. "The Great Commission" proclaimed by the Son of God.**
- II. God's provision to speed the Gospel light.**
- III. Called as "Ambassadors for Christ".**

I. "The Great Commission" proclaimed by the Son of God.

A. It is a direct command from Christ. Matt.28:18-20;

- 1. Teaching all nations.
- 2. Baptizing in the Triune Name. (Ritual)
- 3. The ever present help of Christ unto the end of the age.
- 4. All power is given unto the Lord Jesus Christ.

B. God the Holy Spirit will provide the power.

- 1. The New Birth provided by the Holy Spirit. Jn.3:5-7;
- 2. Baptism of God the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor.12:13;

C. Evangelism by the Gospel.

1. The Holy Spirit provides the New Birth.
2. Personal acceptance of the Gospel is necessary. Jn.20:31;

D. Reconciliation with God has been made possible by Christ. 2 Cor.5:19;

1. There is no other way than through Christ. Jn.14:6;
2. Christ is our propitiation before the Father. Rom.3:25; 1 Jn.2:2; 4:10;
3. We become clothed upon with Christ's righteousness. Col.3:3;

E. The whole world is our field of labor as Ambassadors for Christ. Mk.16:15-18; Lk.24:46-48; Jn.17:18; Jn.20:21;

1. We are watchmen for Christ. Ezek.3:17-21;
2. The Lord has given us the responsibility of warning the whole world of the coming judgement day.
3. The fields are white unto harvest. Matt.9:37; Lu.10:2;
4. The Lord will send you into the harvest fields of precious souls. Matt.9:38;
5. The harvest fields are ready. Jn.4:35;

F. As God the Father sent His Son, so we are sent. Jn.17:18;

1. Christ has given us God the Holy Spirit to dwell within us for our help. Jn.14:16-17;
2. The task is not easy.
 - a. As they hated Christ, so we shall be hated by many. Matt.10:22; Mk.13:13; Lu.21:17; Jn.15:18-25; 17:14;
 - b. There are souls to be won for the Lord. 2 Cor.5:14;

II. God's provision to speed the Gospel light.

A. Our protection with the whole armor of God. Eph.6:10-17;

1. It is a spiritual battle. Eph.6:12.
 - a. Evil principalities.

- b. Against powers in the spiritual realm.
 - c. Rulers of darkness and unbelief.
 - d. Spiritual religious wickedness.
2. The whole armor is necessary for the days are evil. Eph.6:13;
- a. Stand upon the truth from the Word of God.
 - b. Christ's righteousness is our defense.
 - c. Be ready to take the Gospel of inward peace.
 - d. We are shielded by our faith.
 - e. Christ is our salvation.
 - f. The Word of God is our sword of the Spirit.

B. Our Inward preparation -Abiding in Christ and prayer. Jn.15:1-9; Eph.6:18-20; Jer.33:3; Eph.3:20;

- 1. Continue in prayer at all times. Matt.21:13-22; Mk.11:17; Lu.19:46; Acts 1:14;
- 2. Prayer without ceasing. Acts 6:4; 12:5; Rom.12:12;

C. God the Holy Spirit is our ever present help.

- 1. He provides the new birth. Jn.3:5-8;
- 2. He dwells within us forever. Jn.14:16-17;
- 3. He provides true Divine love. Gal.5:22-26;

D. The Word of God is alive. Heb.4:12; Ps.119.

- 1. As Ambassadors we preach and teach the Word of God.
- 2. God's Word will not return unto Him void. Isa.55:11.

E. We are given talents and gifts to do God's work.

- 1. God the Holy Spirit gives us sufficient gifts. 1 Cor. 12:1-31;
- 2. These gifts are given as The Holy Spirit wishes. 1 Cor.12:11;

III. We as Believers are called "Ambassadors for Christ". 2 Cor.5:11-21; Eph.6:20;

A. We persuade men to escape the wrath to come. Heb.2:3-4;

1. We have been commissioned to speed the Gospel light.
2. The love of Christ constraineth us to tell the Gospel to the nations. 2 Cor.5:14;

**B. We show the lost and dying their hope in Christ Jesus. 2 Cor.5:12-13;
2 Cor.4:5-7;**

1. Christ is our escape route from the penalty of sin.
2. The Lord Jesus Christ has provided our pardon from the penalty of sin which is death.

C. We are called to preach honestly, the whole Word of God. 2 Cor.4:2;

1. Not for material gain.
2. Not for self glory.

**D. The love of Christ is to be manifested in our lives. 2 Cor.5:14-16; 1 Cor.13:1-14:12; 1
Jn.3:1-3; Jn.3:16-17;**

1. The Divine love impels us to preach to others.
2. We desire to add to the royal family of God.
3. God wants us to live fruitful lives.

E. We present the cause of Christ rather than comforts of this present life. 2 Cor.5:12;

1. We are to edify the church.
2. We are to add to the Body of Christ (The true Church).
3. We are to feed the sheep. Jn.21:15-17; Rom.12:1-2;
 - a. Help the lambs to become sheep.
 - b. Teach the deep things of God's Word.
 - c. God wants mature Believers.

CONCLUSION.

God has a purpose for our remaining upon this earth. As Believers, we are left here to tell others of the saving Grace of our Loving Lord. The prayer that Christ prayed before He went to the cross is very important as we grow in Grace. May I just mention a few important factors of Jn.17. As Christ approached the cross, He knew it was for eternal glory. He has been given power over all flesh and is able to provide Eternal Life to as many as believe. The cross was the finishing of that great plan of God to bring in everlasting righteousness. (Dan.9:24;) We have had a great crowd of witnesses of the Son of God, who came down from glory.(1 Jn.1:1-2;) The Lord has given the Heavenly truth to us through witnesses and through the Printed Page. Christ kept His own and He continues to pray for us as we continue in this world. Christ left His joy in the lives of those who believe. Christ has set us aside as His Ambassadors. One day that perfect unity will be attained which the Triune God has always had. All of this has been prepared before the foundation of the world. Let us continue as Ambassadors for Christ, glorifying His Eternal Name. We have not been left alone, but God the Holy Spirit dwells within us to give us Divine wisdom. God has also sent forth protecting angels around our lives. We are kept from demon possession because God the Holy Spirit remains within us forever! Christ also is our ever present help and will not leave us nor forsake us.(Rom.8:26; Heb.13:5;) God is always pleased when we live fruitful lives for His glory and honor. Continue to be fit vessels for the Master's use. Have the Lord search out your heart to see if there be any wicked way in you. Confess your sins and be cleansed before God. 1 Jn.1:7-9;

ANGELS

THE HOLY ANGELS OF GOD.

Scripture.

Acts 7:30-33; Mk.8:38; Heb.12:22; Lk.2:13;

Introduction.

The word Angel is found 273 times in the Bible, and Angels are very important to us as Christians. Angels were not created on the same level with equal power, but their responsibilities vary as well as their positions before God. There are definite times when members of the Godhead appear in the form of an angel for particular reasons. Sometimes angels appear as men, as we are told that sometimes people have entertained angels without knowing it. Moses was alerted when the Lord appeared to him via a burning bush.(Ex.3:1-6; Acts.7:30-33;) During this study, we are not discussing the fallen angels, better known as demons. They will be studied under the judgments of God.

OUTLINE.

- I. Angels are innumerable.
 - II. Angels are powerful.
 - III. Angels are Messengers of God.
 - IV. Angels worship and Praise God.
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I. Angels are innumerable. Heb.12:22; Lk.2:13; Ps.68:17; Matt.26:53;

- A. Angels do not multiply. Matt.18:30; Mk.12:25;
- B. Angels are the elect of God. 1 Tim.5:21;
- C. Angels are spirits and dwell in the Heavenly realm.
Ps.104:4;
- D. Angels are holy. Matt.25:31; Mk.8:38;

II. Angels are powerful. Matt.4:6; Matt.13:39; Matt.24:31; 2 Thess.1:7; Ex.12:29;

- A. Michael the Archangel will lead his army against Satan and His army of demons.
Jude 1:9; 1 Thess.4:16; Rev.12:7-10;
- B. Another Angel. Rev.18:1-8;

C. A Mighty Angel. Rev.18:20-21;

D. The Angels of God destroyed the Assyrians. 2 Ki.19:1-37;

III. The Angels are Messengers of God, at His command.

A. Baalam and the Angel with the sword. Nu.22:21-33;

B. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Gen.19:1-28;

C. Zacharias and the Angel. Lk.1:13;

D. Christ in the wilderness. Mk.1:13;

E. At the Empty Tomb. Matt.28:1-6; Lk.24:1-7; Jn.20:11-18;

F. At the Ascension of Christ. Acts.1:10-11;

IV. The Angels worship and praise God. Isa.6:1-3; Col.1:18; Lk.2:8-14; Rev.4:8; Rev.5:11-12; Rev.10:1-7; Rev.12:10; 19:5;

Types of Angelic Service.

a. Worshipping God.- Col.1:18;

b. Ministering to Christ when on Earth. Matt.4:11;

c. They deliver God's commands.- Dan.4:23;

d. Watching over God's affairs as instructed.-Dan.4:13;

e. Give protection over God's Servants. Ps.34:7;

f. Fulfilling God's Word. Ps.103:20;

g. Make known the wishes of the Most High God. Dan.4:17;

h. Angels of destruction. Gen.19:13; Sam.24:16;

i. Angels serve Believers of all ages. Heb.1:14;

j. Angels help and keep us in life. Ps.91:11;

k. Angels give special protection. Dan.6:22; Matt.18:10;

l. Angels sent to open prison doors. Acts.5:19;

- m. Angels are capable of speaking to human beings. Acts.10:3;**
- n. Angels are Fellow Servants. Rev.22:9;**
- o. Angels will separate human beings at the time of Judgement. Matt.13:41,49;**
- p. Angels transport the Believer's soul and spirit to Heaven at the time of death. Lk.16:22;**
- q. During the Great Tribulation, Angels will help in the spreading of the Everlasting Gospel to the Nations. Rev.14:6-7;**

CONCLUSION.

There is sufficient information in the Bible as to the presence of angels and we are warned to try every spirit as to whether they be good or evil. (1 Jn.4:1;) Since Satan has declared the earth as his realm, we are aware of the evidence of his great power in the ages past and this will continue until final judgement. Satan was judged at the Cross, but his final punishment will be when he is finally cast into the Lake of Fire for eternity. (Rev.20:7-10;). God is sovereign and all creation is under His command. The world, the flesh and the Devil are in opposition to God, being blinded by the god of this world system. (2 Cor.4:4;) and all who desire to put their trust in God and His finished work at Calvary will be under attack. Praise God, we have been given God the Holy Spirit to dwell within us as Believers not only for time but for eternity.(Jn.14:16-17; 1 Jn.4:13;) Satan and his demons can harass us as Believers, but can never possess us. God the Holy Spirit is our ever present help and will guide us, direct us and teach us, giving us spiritual discernment against all evil. It is also a great comfort to realize that each of us as Believers have been given Guardian Angels during our whole span of life. This gives us tremendous confidence going forth as Ambassadors for Christ. Accept your responsibility as Believers, and allow God the Holy Spirit to search your heart and every activity that you exercise in this life. We are utterly dependent upon God's marvelous grace through the Lord Jesus Christ. Be aware of the presence of God the Holy Spirit in your life, Who always is ready to help and clearly set forth God's perfect will for your life, if you wish. (Rom.12:1-2;)

BELIEVING.

"BELIEF" THE WALK OF FAITH.

SCRIPTURE.

Mk.5:36; Mk.9:24; Mk.16:17; Jn.1:7 & 12; Jn.6:29; Jn.8:12; Jn.11:27; Jn.12:35-36; Jn.20:31; Acts 8:37; Acts 13:39; Acts 16:31; Rom.4:12; Rom.6:4; Rom.8:1-4; Rom.10:9; 1 Cor.1:21; 1 Cor.15:11; 2 Cor.4:4; 5:7; Phil.1:29; 1 Tim.4:3; Heb.10:39; Heb.11:6; Jas.2:19; 1 Pet.2:7; 1 Jn.3:23; 5:13;

INTRODUCTION.

Belief is a forerunner of the walk of faith and is based upon knowledge and truth as revealed from the Living God. As God the Holy Spirit has given us a definition of faith in Heb.11:1; "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," we take God at His Word, and the brainwashing of Satanic power is removed. The knowledge of God's Word, then gives us confidence as we walk the life of faith. "For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal". (2 Cor.4:18b.)

OUTLINE.

- I. Belief is based upon facts from the Word of God.**
- II. Belief is a continual walk of faith.**
- III. Belief is based upon the finished work of Christ.**

I. Belief is based upon the facts from the Word of God.

- A. We are enlightened "By Faith" in the Word of God. 1 Tim.4:3; Jn.12:36; Jn.2:22;**
- B. Obedience to God the Holy Spirit exercises our faith. Gal.5:16-26;**
- C. Belief is a worthy walk in the Lord. 1 Thess.2:12;**
- D. Belief in God the Father's Eternal Son, is well pleasing to God. 1 Thess.4:1;**

II. Belief is a continual walk of faith.

- A. We grow in grace and in the knowledge of God's Word.
2 Pet.3:18; Heb.4:16; 2 Tim.2:1; 1 Cor.10:30; 1 Cor.15:10; Rom.1:5-7; Rom.4:16;
Rom.5:20-21; Jn.1:14-17; Acts 13:43; Acts 18:27; 20:32;**

B. Belief is a "Gift" from God.

Jn.4:10; Acts.2:38; 8:20; 10:45; Rom.1:11; Rom.5:15; Rom.6:23; 1 Cor.7:7; Eph.2:8; Eph.3:7; 2 Tim.1:6; Jas.1:17;

C. Belief belongs to the Eternal realm.

Isa.9:2; 60:2; Jn.1:18; Jn.20:25-29; Rom.8:24; 2 Cor.4:18; Heb.11:1; 1 Pet.1:8;

III. Belief is based upon the finished work of Christ.

A. Belief is counted for our righteousness.

Jas. 2:21-23; Gen.15:6; Heb.11:8-19; Rom.4:1-16; 2 Cor.11:22; Gal.3:6-9;

B. We walk "By Faith" in the light of God's Word. 1 Jn.1:7;

C. We walk "By Faith" in Divine knowledge.

1. Our justification is through Christ's righteousness. Col.3:3;

2. Christ's finished work on Calvary. Rom.5:1-2; 8:1-4;

D. We walk "By Faith" declaring all glory and honor to God.

Gal.2:16; Eph.2:9; 2 Tim.1:9; Tit.3:5;

Our lives are to be lived by faith based upon the evidence from God's Word. We risk nothing by trusting God's Word, for He has already guaranteed all that He has promised by giving us new birth through God the Holy Spirit and sealing us in His eternal purpose by God the Holy Spirit. Let us look at just a few benefits we have when trusting Christ Who died for us, taking the penalty of sin.

1. The forgiveness of sin. Ps.86:5; Rom.4:7; Eph.4:32; Col.1:20-22; Col.1:13; 1 Jn.1:9;

2. Christ took our place for the penalty of sin. Rom.5:6-8; Rom.6:10; Rom.8:34; Rom.14:9; 1 Cor.15:13;

3. Christ rose again, defeating sin and death. Jn.11:25-26; 1 Cor.15:13-20; 1 Thess.4:14; Rom.14:9;

4. Our resurrection is assured through Christ. Jn.11:25-26; 1 Thess.4:13-18; Jn.14:1-6;

5. We shall receive a "Glorified Body", like unto the Son of God. 1 Jn.3:1-3;

6. The "Bride of Christ" prepared from Pentecost to the Rapture. Jn.3:29; Rev.19:7-10; 21:2-9;

7. A place in the mansions of God the Father is being prepared for the Bride of Christ. Jn.14:1-6; 1 Thess.4:13-18;

8. All Believers of all ages shall receive a new name for eternity, according to their faithfulness to God. Rev.2:17;
 9. Believers of all ages will rule and reign with Christ during the Millennium. (The Kingdom Age) Rev.5:8-10;
 10. All Believers of all ages will be delivered.
 - a. The penalty of sin.
 - b. The power of sin.
 - c. The Presence of sin.
 - d. Sin will never appear again in God's New Heavens and New Earth. Dan.9:24;
 11. Special rewards will be given to those who were faithful to the Lord during their lifetime on earth.
 - a. Sin will not be the issue.
 - b. Faithfulness will determine the responsibility given in eternity. 1 Cor.3:9-16; 2 Cor.5:10;
 12. The Temple of God will be with the Believers forever. 1 Cor.3:16; Rev. Chps.21,22.
 13. Utopia will be ours forever. Rev.21:4;
 - a. No more sickness.
 - b. No more disease.
 - c. No sorrows.
 - d. No more death.
 14. "The Holy City" Jerusalem shall become the capital of the world. Rev.21:1-3;
 15. The sum total of all evil will remain in the "Lake of Fire" forever and ever.
 - a. Sealed within with no escape route.
 - b. There will be a "Living Death" forever. Rev.20:14-15;
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CONCLUSION.

We can only say that "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit; For the Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God." 1 Cor.2:9-10;

Now and now only is the accepted time to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour. We do not know what tomorrow will bring. God loves you with an everlasting love, and has done all that is possible for you. Take God at His word. Isa.1:18;

BIBLICAL OUTREACH.

INTRODUCTION.

This is prepared for helping the young Christian worker to especially prepare messages to share with those whom he is reaching for the Lord. As you study these outline notes for sermons you will note that I refer almost entirely to the Scripture for our answers to the difficult doctrines. I also refer to many Scriptures which you must study prior to preaching or teaching. When preparing a message, always draw out from the Word of God, what God the Holy Spirit would want you to preach about. Expository preaching is to be preferred above all topical messages. Keep within the context of the Scripture instead of taking a verse to prove your point regardless of its meaning within the chapter or Book. Some Scripture refers to a particular time and other Scripture uses a particular event to present a fuller meaning or future revelation. For example Isa.14:12-17; The King of Tyre was very wicked and controlled by Satan, and God used this revelation to point to the final destruction of Satan and his angels who will not only be thrown out of Heaven by Michael the Arch Angel (Rev.9:1-12.)and Rev.12:7-12;),but will be confined to planet Earth. May God richly bless and use you and His Eternal Word to enlighten precious souls now in darkness and bring them into His marvelous light.

- I. The Word of God is the "Power of God" in communicating with Mankind. Heb.4:12;**
- II. Christ, God's Eternal Son is the only Saviour of man. Jn.14:6;**
- III. Faith in Christ is necessary for the Redemption of the soul of Man. Acts 4:12;**

I. The Word of God is the "Power of God" in communicating with Mankind. Heb.4:12;

A. Christ is the Word. Jn.1:1-5;

1. The Word of God always existed.
2. The Word of God is the expression of the Triune God.
3. Christ Himself is the Word made flesh to redeem us.

B. The creation came into existence through the Word. Jn.1:3;

1. God in 6 days created everything upon the earth and caused it to multiply after its kind. Gen.1:3-27;
2. God speaks and it is so.

C. God controls all through His Word.

1. The creation is kept by God's Word. 2 Pet.3:4-7;
2. The heavens and the earth will be burned by God's Word. 2 Pet.3:10-11;
3. God's Word will bring all things new. Rev.21:1;

II. Christ, God's Eternal Son is the only Saviour of Man.
Heb.1:1-14;

A. Christ prepared for the "Fullness of Time". Gal.4:4-5;

1. God spoke through the prophets preparing the way of the Lord. Heb.1:1;
2. Christ is the way the truth and the life. Jn.14:6;

B. Christ is God's Eternal Son. Heb.1:2-14;

1. Christ is the very likeness of God the Father. Heb.1:2; Jn.14:8-11;
2. Before Abraham was "I Am". Jn.8:58;

C. Christ declared as God. Heb.1:7-10.

1. Note Christ's prayer Jn.17.
2. Note the words of the Centurion. Matt.27:54;

III. Faith in Christ is necessary for the redemption of the soul of man. Jn.3:16-36;
(Examples of "Faith".Heb.11:1-40;

A. "Faith" is substance with much evidence. Heb.11:1;

1. Abraham believed God and it was counted for righteousness. Rom.4:3;
2. Note some of those of great faith. Heb.11:1-40

B. Faith is accepting what God has provided for redemption.

1. Christ provided so great salvation. Heb.2:3;
2. Christ paid the debt in full upon the cross. Jn.19:1-30; Matt.27:31-50; Mk.15:19-37;
Lk.23:26-46;

CONCLUSION.

As we have reviewed in brief a little of "So Great Salvation" based upon God's Eternal Word, may we always remember the grace of God through our loving Lord. We live in a world of deceit, lies, greed, lust, envy, strife among ungodly people. It is often hard for one who lives in such environment to accept the truth of God. Pilate recognized the scheming and bargaining that he had to do among the Jews and that is why he asked the question, "What is truth"? Jn.18:38; Remember as you prepare Biblical messages that we base all upon the Eternal unchanging character of Almighty God.

BUILDING FOR CHRIST.

SCRIPTURE.

Matt.7:24-27; Ps.104:1-35; Pr.8:22-36; Jn.1:1-3; 1 Cor.1:24; Col.2:3;
Isa.51:13-16; Heb.11:10; Ecl.3:3; 1 Pet.2:1-8; Lk.14:28-30;

INTRODUCTION.

God is not a God of confusion (1 Cor.14:38;), nor is He a God of chance or luck, but is Omniscient, Immutable and Absolute Perfection. God never asks His creatures to do anything that they are incapable of doing. Primarily in these notes, we will be dealing with the building of Christian character. The emphasis will be, doing God's will for His glory and honor. God has an eternal purpose and His delight is to use us to the fulfilling of it. Christ Jesus, the Eternal Son of God must be the foundation upon which we build. We become living stones upon the foundation of Christ with which God builds us into the most holy faith. (Acts.20:32;)

OUTLINE.

- I. Building the Christian life upon the foundation of Christ Jesus.**
- II. Living stones for Christ.**
- III. The Triune God is the Builder.**

I. Building the Christian life upon the foundation Christ Jesus.

Heb.3:3-4; Gal.2:18; Eph.2:20; Col.2:7;

- A. There is but one eternal foundation. 1 Cor.3:9-11;**
- B. Christ as the corner stone. Eph.2:20; Col.2:7;**
 - 1. Christ the corner stone is rejected by many. Lk.20:17; Matt.21:42; Mk.12:10; Acts.4:11; 1 Pet.2:7;
 - 2. Christ is the only sure foundation against destruction. 1 Cor.3:11; 2 Tim.2:19;
- C. The True Church. Matt.16:13-18;**
 - 1. Built upon this statement "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God".
 - 2. The True church is built upon God's Word and not man's word.

D. "Take heed" how you build as Christians. 1 Cor.3:9-13;

1. God rejects the wood, hay and stubble in our Christian lives. These must be burned. 1 Cor.3:13-15;
2. God purifies the gold, silver and precious stones in our lives. 1 Cor.3:14;
3. We build with the most holy faith. Jude 20.

E. We are a "Spiritual House" unto God. 1 Pet.2:5;

1. God's building. 1 Cor.3:9; 2 Cor.5:1; Heb.3:4;
2. Christians as one body are built together in Christ. Eph.2:21-22;
3. We are built in the light of God's Word. 1 Jn.1:7;
4. We become a mature Christian as we feed upon the deep truths of God's Word. 1 Cor.3:1-8; Heb.5:12-14; Jn.4:34;
5. Individual responsibility in building upon Christ. Rom.15:2;

II. We are "Living Stones" for Christ. 1 Cor.3:12; 1 Pet.2:5;

A. God desires to build us up in a "Life of Faith". Heb.11.

1. We need to grow with the milk of God's Word. 1 Cor.3:1-3; 1 Pet.2:1-3;
2. As we grow in grace, we need the meat of God's Word. Heb.5:11-14;

B. Our good deeds remain for judgement.

1. The good deeds to be tested by fire. 2 Cor.5:10; 1 Cor.3:9-15.
2. Sin is not the question but rather faithfulness is the issue.
3. Those who are saved so as by fire have nothing good that they have done, as the thief on the cross.

C. We are "Living Stones" made possible by God the Holy Spirit.

1. Christ is the corner stone of our life. 1 Pet.4-6;
2. We are a living spiritual house made possible by the in-dwelling of God the Holy Spirit. 1 Pet.2:5;
3. We become a holy priesthood unto God. 1 Pet.2:5;

4. Our body is to become a living sacrifice for God. Rom.12:1-2;
 5. God the Father accepts us because Christ is our foundation. 1 Pet.2:5;
- D. Christ is the only true "Cornerstone" of the church. Eph.2:20;**
1. We are the living temple of God. 1 Cor.3:16;
 2. In Christ we are not confounded or condemned. 1 Pet.2:6. Rom.8:1;
 3. Christ is our Rock of defence. 1 Pet.2:7-8;
- E. Christ is also the "Stone" of judgement. Dan.2:31-35;**

III. The Triune God is our Builder. Ps.89:4;127:1;

- A. Except the Lord build, they build in vain. Ps.127:1; Heb.3:3- 4;**
1. Abraham looked for a city built by God. Heb.11:10;
 2. God's foundation is sure. 2 Tim.2:19;
 3. God's plans are always on time. Ec.3:3;
 4. God's plans are absolute and never need alterations. Lk.14:28-30;
- B. Christ is our only foundation. Eph.2:19-22; Col.2:7;**
1. Christ is both foundation and the cornerstone. Eph.2:20; 1 Cor.3:11;
 2. Believers are living stones for Christ. 1 Pet.2:5-8;
- C. God the Holy Spirit is the keeper of our dwelling house. Jn.14:26; Jn.16:13-15; 1 Cor.12:13; 1 Cor.3:16;**
1. We are a spiritual house unto God. 1 Pet.2:5;
 2. We are alive through the new birth by God the Holy Spirit. Jn.3:3-8;

CONCLUSION.

God has provided us with ample protection against the wiles of the devil and power to overcome the evil forces. The Word of God is the sword of the Lord, and we are provided with the complete armor of God. We face the enemy of our souls in the power of God the Holy Spirit. Our battle is not primarily with flesh and blood, but we wrestle against principalities, against powers, and rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places. (Eph.6:12;) We are building for eternity and we must stand

upon the promises of God! What kind of building material are you building upon the "Rock Christ Jesus"? Our sins as Believers were taken care of at the Cross, but the question is, "What have you done for Jesus"? Are your good works made out of "Wood, Hay, and Stubble"? These will all be burned at the "Judgement Seat of Christ. Lets build for Christ with "Gold, Silver, and Precious Stones"! These will withstand the judgement fire of Christ when we stand before Him as Believers. May the love of the Lord Jesus constrain each of us to be faithful unto the Lord for His glory and honor.

CONFIDENCE BEFORE GOD.

SCRIPTURE. Ps.118:8-9; Pr.3:26; 14:26; Ezek.28:26; Eph.3:6; Heb.3:6; 1 Jn.3:20-21; 5:9-15; 2 Cor.5:6-8; Phil.1:6;

INTRODUCTION.

Religions of the world operate by frightening their subjects and making lots of rules and regulations to be maintained at all cost. There is a constant fear and superstition portrayed in their worshippers. Their dead religion with the worship of creation rather than the Creator makes them easy prey for Satan as he continues to keep them mentally blind. (2 Cor.4:3-4.) As Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, based upon the Word of God, (Jn.20:31;) we need to understand the principles of Christianity. Actually Christianity is not a religion, but rather a relationship with God, as members of the Royal Family of God. We do not hope to become one belonging to God, but we are already within the family. Therefore it is important to exercise our rights and behave as members of the body of Christ. We learn what our Heavenly Father expects from us through the principles set forth in the Word of God, being guided by God the Holy Spirit, Who has given us this new life.

OUTLINE.

- I. Confidence in knowing the Word of God. 2 Tim.3:15-17.**
- II. Confidence as we keep in fellowship with God. 1 Jn.1:7.**
- III. Confidence as we witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Jn.3:20-21.**

I. Confidence in knowing the Word of God. 2 Tim.3:15-17; 2 Tim.2:15.

- A. Divine wisdom is necessary to establish confidence. 2 Cor.2:1-8.**
- B. Carnal Believers cannot understand the deep things of God's Word. 1 Cor.3:1-3.**
- C. Our confidence should be based upon the Word of God. Heb.4:12; 2 Tim.3:16-17;**
 - 1. Not upon names or organized religion. 1 Cor.3:4-8.**
 - 2. The Word of God is in the eternal realm. Matt.24:35.**
- D. Christ is the foundation, providing stability to our Christian walk. 1 Cor.3:9-15; 1 Pet.2:1-8.**

E. Christians belong to the "Royal Family of God". 1 Pet.2:9-10.

F. Christians are a "New Creation" of God.

1. Live honestly before men.
2. Our lives controlled by God's Word. 1 Pet.2:11-20.
3. Allowing God the Holy Spirit to guide us. Rom.8:14.

II. Confidence as we keep in fellowship with God. Ps.94:20; Acts.2:42; 1 Cor.1:9; 2 Cor.6:14; Eph.3:9; 5:11; Phil.1:5; Jn.1:3-7.

A. Avoid living in sin. 1 Jn.1:7.

1. Sin breaks our fellowship with God.
2. Sin ruins our fellowship with fellow Believers.
3. Sin produces a fruitless life before the Lord.
4. Sin can cause ill health and even death.

B. Confessing our sins is necessary.

1. Confess your sins to God. 1 Jn.1:9;
2. Make things right with fellow Believers.
3. Restore the fellowship with Christ.

C. Unanswered prayer is often due to being out of fellowship with God. Ps.91:1; Jn.12:46; Jn.15:4-10; 1 Jn.2:24-28;

D. God's will should be uppermost in our prayers. Jas.4:3; Matt.6:9-13; Matt.7:9-21; Matt.12:7 & 50; Matt.18:14; Matt.26:39-42; Jn.15:7; Lk.22:42;

III. Confidence as we witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. Matt.24:14; Mk.10:19; Jn.1:7-15; Jn.10:25; Jn.15:27; Acts 22:15; Rom.8:16; Heb.10:15; 1 Jn.1:2; 5:9;

A. Bible study is necessary. 2 Tim.2:15;

1. Understanding God's will.
2. Confident in witnessing.

B. God the Holy Spirit reveals through the Word of God. Psalm 119. Rom.10:17;

1. It is God's Word which brings results.

2. Faith comes through the Word of God.

C. God the Holy Spirit is our life.

1. He is our Teacher and Guide. Jn.16:13; Rom.8:14;

2. He is the giver of gifts, as He wills. 1 Cor.12:12 &18;

D. Knowledge of the Word prepares one to teach others. 2 Tim.4:1-8;

CONCLUSION.

A Believer of the Lord Jesus Christ must be established in the Word of God and must continually study the Word under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We must not depend upon our past success, but be humble examples. It is by the grace of God that we are able to accomplish things for the Lord. (1 Cor.3:5-9;) We press on toward that goal with the high calling in Christ Jesus. "We have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us".2 Cor.4:7; We face a wicked world and perilous times will come and as the world hated Christ, so they will hate you. But remember that we are citizens of Heaven and only Pilgrims in this world. We do not base our hopes upon things which are seen, for they are only temporal, but the things of God which are not seen are eternal.(2 Cor.4:18;) We come boldly before the Throne of God, being established in Christ Jesus, which gives us confidence. Tell the world that Jesus saves, He keeps and He satisfies.

THE COVENANTS OF GOD.

SCRIPTURE.

- I. Edenic Covenant.** Gen.1:28-30; Gen.2:16-17;
- II. Messianic Promise.** Gen.3:15; Tit.1:2; Heb.13:20;
- III. The Noahic Covenant.** Gen.8:20-9:27;
- IV. The Abrahamic Unconditional Covenant.** Gen.12:1-3; Gen.13:14-17; Gen.15:1-8; 17:1-8;
- V. The Mosaic Covenant.** Ex.20:1-31:18;
- VI. The Palestinian Covenant.** Deut.30:1-9;
- VII. The Davidic Unconditional Covenant.** 1 Chron.17:11-13; 2 Sam.7:16,& 24; 1 Ki.8:23;9:5;
- VIII. The Church Covenant (Both possession and Position).** Lk.22:20;
- IX. The New Covenant for Israel.** Jer.31:31-34; Heb.8:7-12;

INTRODUCTION.

God clearly states His position and conditions in each covenant. You will note that sometimes these covenants are conditional and other times they are unconditional based upon God's Word and God's provision. When God states conditional promises, they depend upon obedience to God's Word, then blessings continue. But if the recipient disobeys God's Word, then punishment is forth-coming from God. Sometimes curses, slavery, chastisement and dispersement would follow. We are reminded by the Word of God that some of these blessings promised to us are based upon our individual faith in believing God, obeying His conditions and the riches of God's fullness becomes ours. You will note the two types of covenants from God. Sometimes they are conditional and sometimes they are absolutely unconditional, based upon God's Word alone.

OUTLINE .

- I. The Conflict of the Ages.** Eph.6:10-18; 1 Jn.5:4-5;
 - A. The World.** Satan is the god of this world system. 2 Cor.4:4;
 - B. The Flesh.** Man is totally depraved. Rom.3:9-12;

C. The Devil. Our adversary. 1 Pet.5:8;

II. Salvation is always based upon God's provision. 1 Pet.1:3-5,&18-23; Eph.2:8-10;

A. God provides everything through Christ's finished work. Col.3:3; Eph.2:5-8;

B. God the Holy Spirit provides new life through a new birth. New creatures in Christ Jesus. Jn.3:3-6; 1 Cor.12:13;

C. Salvation is attained by faith. Jn.20:31;

III. Important Covenants of God.

A. Salvation for all ages based upon the finished work of Christ upon the Cross. Jn.14:1-6; Eph.1:7; Col.1:14; Heb.9:22; Heb.13:12-20; 1 Pet.1:2,&19.

1. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. Heb.9:22;
2. Our position is secure in Christ. Col.3:3;
3. We need constant cleansing in order to keep in fellowship with God, confessing our sins. 1 Jn.1:7-9; 1 Jn.5:6-8.
4. There are three witnesses.
 - a. The Word of God. 1 Jn.5:4-12; Heb.4:12;
 - b. God the Holy Spirit. 1 Jn.4:1-6;
 - c. The blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Eph.1:7; 2:13; Col.1:14; Heb.9:22; 13:20; 1 Pet.1:2-19; 1 Jn.5:6;

B. Eternal life. This can only be attained through the shed blood of one who is impeccable (unable to sin). Throughout the ages past, sacrifices were offered, which could only COVER sin, until God Himself could provide His Son to die in their stead and take away the penalty of sin, which is death. This removed sin as the issue, making eternal life possible, "By Faith".

C. Abrahamic Covenant. Gen.12:1-3; Gen.13:14-17; Gen.15:1-18; Gen.17:1-8; Israel through Abraham was promised a land and given the title deed to that land. It always remains as their land, but the occupying of it depended upon keeping God's requirements especially keeping the Sabbaths and refraining from idol worship. At the present time the Remnant of Israel is returning to the land, after being scattered to the ends of the earth because of her disobedience. The ten tribes of Israel were enslaved by Syria, and Judah and Benjamin were taken to Babylon for 70 years, which Jeremiah predicted in Jer.25. Daniel was now 92 years old and had served those 70 years away from the land and inquired before God as to the time Judah would return to the land. He found out through the Angel Gabriel that there were 490 years of punishment yet to be fulfilled. However 483 of those years have been fulfilled to date and there are yet 7 more years of suffering which must be completed. This is what the Word calls "Jacob's Trouble"(Jer.30:7;) However the covenant that God made with Abraham is unconditional, so they will eventually be back in their land. God has reserved that land

for them regardless of the present conditions. Because of their unbelief and rejection of the Messiah, they will suffer severely during the Great Tribulation.

D. The Davidic Covenant. 1 Chron.17:11-13; 2 Sam.7:16,& 24; 1 Ki.8:23; 1 Ki.9:5; Rev.11:15; 19:11-21; The Tribe of Judah was the royal tribe of kings through which the Messiah was to come. That has been fulfilled in Christ according to Scripture. God promised to David that he would never lack for a son to sit upon his throne, and that was fulfilled in Christ, who is waiting for the fullness of time to set up His kingdom as predicted.

E. The Church Covenant. Lk.22:20; Matt.16:13-20; Mk.8:27-30; Lk.9:18-21; Jn.6:68-69; The Church is not built upon Peter as some religious groups would have us believe, but rather is built upon the statement which Peter made, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Matt.16:16; Christ did not speak about the Church in His earthly ministry, except as a future event. Even when he was with the Disciples for the 40 days, He spoke of the kingdom. Why? Because He was sent to present the kingdom to Israel as their Messiah, but they rejected Him. There is another important factor to remember. The church could not be born until the Day of Pentecost. John's baptism was primarily for Israel in preparation for the kingdom.

The church has two kinds of baptism, that of God the Holy Spirit (1 Cor.12:13;) and that of water baptism commanded by Christ in Matt.28:19; The first baptism is real and the water baptism is ritual. Mk.16:15-18; Lk.24:46-48; Jn.17:18; 20:21; Acts.1:8; 1 Cor.15:6;

CONCLUSION.

The study of the covenants of God do not set forth God as changing His mind. God is omniscient and immutable and has planned so great salvation. God the Father planned it, God the Son provided it, and God the Holy Spirit proves it. God does not wish that one soul should perish but when God's plan is rejected, God has no other choice but to eventually send them into the Eternal lake of fire with the devil and his angels (demons). God has been reasonable with us, let's take advantage of it! Isa.1:18; Heb.2:1-4; Jn.3:16-18; Jn.14:6; Isa.53:4-8;

CREATION.

GOD'S CREATION OR MAN'S IMAGINATION.

SCRIPTURE.

Gen.1:1-2:25; Isa.40:28; Isa.41:21; Isa.42:5; Isa.45:7-18; Isa.65:7; Gen.5:1-2;
Deut.4:32; Ps.148:5; Mal.2:10; Eph.3:9; Col.1:16; Col.3:10;
Rev.10:6; Eccl.12:1;

OUTLINE.

- I. God's "Mighty Power".**
Ex.15:6; Col.1:3;
- II. God's creation declares "The Glory of God".**
Psalm 19.
- III. God's created truth or man's imaginary lies.**
Isa.45:7;

I. God's "Mighty Power". Ex.15:6; 32:11; Deut.4:37; 8:17; 2 Sam.22:33; 2 Chron.25:8;
Job.26:12; 36:22; 37:23; Ps.66:7; Jer.10:12; Dan.6:27; Matt.28:18; Lk.24:49; Acts.1:18;
Rom.13:1; 2 Cor.4:7; Col.1:13; Rev.12:10;

A. The Heavens and the Earth declare God's power. Ps.19. 1 Ki.8:27; 1 Chron.16:26-31;
2 Chron.2:6; 2 Chron.6:18; Job 26:13; Ps.8:1-3; Ps.58:6; Ps.89:5-11; Ps.102:25;
Ps.104:1-2; Isa.40:22; Isa.48:13; Hab.3:3; Heb.1:10;

B. God's "Mighty Power" defeated the power of evil at the Cross. Gen.3:15;
Isa.7:14; 9:6-7; 1 Cor.1:17; 2:2; Col.1:20; 2:14; Heb.12:2; Dan.9:24; Isa.14:12-17;
Ezek.28:12-19;

C. God's "Mighty Power" will bring in "Everlasting Righteousness".
1. Evil will be destroyed forever. Rev.21 & 22.
2. Eternal righteousness will reign. Dan.9:24; Rev.21 & 22. Isa.1:18; Isa.2:1-5; 11:1-16;
123:1-6; 25:1-12; 65:18-25; 66:10-21.

II. God's creation declares "The Glory of God". Ps.19. Isa.40. & 45.

A. All things were created by God. Gen.1:1-2:25; Jn.1:1-3.

B. All creation has individual glory. 1 Cor.15:38-41.

C. The Earth's creation separate from the Heavens. Gen.1:1.

1. Mankind established upon the earth made in the image of God. Gen.1:26-27; 5:3; 9:6.
2. New birth is the new creation in Christ Jesus. We will be made into the image of Christ. 1 Jn.3:1-3. Rom.8:29; 1 Cor.11:7; 15:49; 2 Cor.3:18; 4:4; Col.1:15; 3:10; Heb.1:3;
3. Believers are made to be sons of God. 1 Jn.3:1-3;

III. God's created truth or man's imaginary lies.

- A. **The choice is yours.** Acts.15:7; Deut.30:19; Josh.24:15;
- B. **Knowledge of the Word breaks the power of darkness.** 2 Cor.4:4; 1 Sam.22:29; Job.12:22; Ps.18:28; Isa.45:7; Matt.4:16; Lk.1:79; Acts 26:18; Rom.2:19; Col.1:13; 1 Pet.2:9;
- C. **Rejecting God's truth brings darkness forever.** 1 Sam.2:9; Prov.4:19; Isa.5:20; Matt.6:23; Eph.5:11; 2 Pet.2:4; Jude 6.

CONCLUSION.

I would like to ask these skeptics as to what alternative they have? A great intellectual Being had to be behind the scenes to create what we see and what they are. The blinded fools which say that there is no God have no alternative and try to dismiss the creational truth by saying a great explosion has taken place. Well, if explosions could cause things to evolve, why is it that the thousands of explosions that we have had, only left heaps of rubble? I prefer the truth of God's Word, rather than the imagination of man. The natural man who has already been blinded by the god of this world system is a lover of darkness rather than light and prefers dumb idols of all sorts rather than to acknowledge God the Creator of all. Yes, this is freedom of choice but afterward the judgement of the Lake of Fire, forever and ever! Rev.20:7-15;

We, as human beings, were created in the image of God and it was God Himself that breathed life into us and provided the soul and spirit of man. We are not of the animal world and the Word of God clearly states this marvelous truth. "All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fish, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is a glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; For one star differeth from another star in glory." 1 Cor.15:39-41.

DEDICATED TO CHRIST.

SCRIPTURE; Rom.1:14; 4:4; 8:12; 15:27;

OUTLINE.

- I. We are "Debtors to Christ" Who paid the debt of our sins. Rom.8:5-7;
- II. As "Believers", we are responsible to fulfill the "Great Commission". Matt.28:19-20; Lk.11:49-52; Lk.12:16-23 & 42-48; 1 Cor.4:1-2;
- III. It is the "Believer's" duty to warn sinners of the coming "Judgement Day". Ezek.3:17-22; Acts 18:5-6;

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- I. We are "Debtors to Christ", Who paid the debt of our sins. Rom.8:5-17;
 - A. We have an obligation and duty to our Lord. Lk.17:7-10; Rom.15:18-27;
 - B. The "Love of Christ" constraineth us to "Preach The Gospel". 2 Cor.5:14; Job.32:18;
 - C. We are not our own, but have been bought with a price. 1 Cor.6:20; 7:23;
 - II. We are responsible to fulfill "The Great Commission". Rom.12:1-2;
 - A. We are "Stewards" of the Lord. 1 Cor.4:1-2; 1 Pet.4:10; Lk.12:42-44; Lk.16:1-13;
 - B. We have been entrusted with the Good news for all. Matt.28:19-20;
 - C. We are "Servants" of "The Most High God" Acts.16:17; Rom.6:19-22; 2 Cor.4:5; Phil.1:1; Eph.6:6;
 - D. We are of "The Royal Family of God", through The Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Pet.2:9; Eph.3:15; 1 Jn.3:1-3;
 - III. It is our duty to warn "Sinners" of the "Judgement Day".
 - A. We are "God's Watchmen", to warn of "Danger Ahead". Jn.3:18 & 36; Heb.2:3-4; Rom.10:14-17;
 - B. The "Unregenerate's" future. Rev.20:11-15;
 - 1. The White Throne Judgement. Rev.20:11-15;
 - 2. The everlasting Lake of Fire. Rev.20:14;
 - 3. The living death forever and ever. Rev.20:14;

4. All Unbelievers will be cast into this Eternal Fire. Rev.20:12;
 5. Everything is a continual living death, and even the worm doesn't die. Mk.9:44-46;
- C. **"The Good News" from God.** Christ paid our debts. Rom.3:23; 8:12; 15:27; Rom.5:6-8; 6:10; 8:34; 14:9-15; 1 Cor.8:11; 15:3; 2 Cor.5:14-15; 1 Thess.4:14; 5:10;
- D. **"Dedicated Lives" to the Lord are necessary.**
1. The Gospel must be shared with all. Rom.10:6-17;
 2. Effective "Teaching of the Word" 1Jn.1:7-9;

CONCLUSION.

We are saved by Grace alone, without any possibility of working for our salvation. We never could work sufficiently to earn what it cost Almighty God to provide so great salvation. It cost God the Father His very own Eternal Son, to set us free from the law of sin and of death. Our personal works for God could never be included as part payment for our sins, before Almighty God.

God has given us a responsibility in sharing this Gospel with others, and has provided the means to do so. To fulfill that great commission in faithfulness to God, we have the opportunity to express our love and thanks to God for His finished work on Calvary's Cross. God expects us to witness to the saving Grace of our loving Lord, so that others too may be turned from darkness to God's Eternal light. (Acts.26:18;) We as Believers will never stand before the Great White Throne judgement, but we will have to appear before the Judgement seat of Christ as a test of our good works, whether they were done for self glory and exaltation, or whether they were done to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. There is a day appointed when the Great White Throne will appear and all Unbelievers of all ages will arise from the grave to face the judgement of the second resurrection. (Acts 17:31; Rev.20:11-15.)

By dedicating our lives to Almighty God, it should remind us that we are to be faithful stewards of God. May we show forth our appreciation to Christ for what He has provided for us. God will never force you to serve Him, for He is looking for those who desire to volunteer, and then there will be great rewards to all who have been faithful to Him, with "Heavenly Rewards" that will last throughout eternity. We respond to God's great love to us by being faithful to the Lord in this present life. God has promised that sin and death will be removed forever (Dan.9:24;) so let's work for the Lord until He calls us to gloryland! Have you dedicated your life to the Lord? Have you answered God's call and said, "Here am I, send me"? Are you learning more about God's Word? Are you living a holy life according to God's standards? Let God the Holy Spirit guide you into all truth and then you will have wisdom flowing with God's Divine love as you tell the world that Jesus saves, keeps and satisfies.

DENYING THE LORD.

SCRIPTURE.

Matt.26:34-75; Mk.14:30-72; Lk.22:34-61; Jn.13:38; 18:27;

INTRODUCTION.

Denying the Lord Jesus Christ is a terrible blunder that a Believer can make in his Christian walk. A mature Believer is capable of denying the Lord as well as a young Believer, with the results that could bring "sin unto death" (1 Jn.5:16;). To deny the Lord breaks the fellowship with Him as well as with other fellow Believers. The Unbeliever has already denied The Eternal Son of God as he has been blinded by the god of this world system (2 Cor.4:4;), but we who have been enlightened need to take heed to God's Word in our daily walk. (Ps.1.)

OUTLINE.

- I. Rejecting Christ as Saviour, Lord and Master.**
 - II. Denying Christ after tasting the benefits of the Christian life.**
 - III. Refusing to witness for Christ as a Believer.**
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I. Rejecting Christ as Saviour, Lord, and Master.

- A. He that believeth not. Jn.3:18; & 36; Deut.1:32; 2 Ki.17:14; Lk.22:67; Jn.3:12; Jn.4:48; 6:64; Jn.8:24, & 45-46; Jn.10:26; Jn.12:36-47; Jn.16:9; Rom.3:3;**
- B. Blinded minds deny Christ as the eternal Son of God. 2 Cor.4:4;**
 - 1. Satan has brain washed every soul being born into this world.**
 - 2. The Gospel breaks the power of darkness. 2 Cor.4:4b.**

II. Denying Christ after tasting the benefits of the Christian life. Heb.6:4-6;

- A. Being exposed to the truth is not sufficient. Lk.8:12-13; 24:25;**
- B. Tasting and feasting are not the same Heb.6:4-6;**
 - 1. Rejecting salvation, after sampling (being exposed)**
 - a. New birth is necessary. Jn.3:3-7; Acts 2:1-8;**
 - b. Acceptance or rejection is the issue. Jn.3:18 & 36.**

2. Tasting the by-products of Christianity does not give you a Spiritual birth. God the Holy Spirit alone can give you the new birth. Jn.3:6.
 3. If eternal life could be lost, then it would not be eternal. Christ was crucified once and forever. Matt.10:4; 26:14.
- C. Judas Iscariot.** Matt.10:4; Matt.26:14-50; Matt.27:3; Mk.3:19; Mk.14:10-43; Lk.6:16; Lk.22:3-48; Jn.6:71; Jn.12:4; Jn.13:2-29; Jn.18:2-5; Acts 1:25.
1. Judas heard, tasted and rejected.
 2. Judas was only interested in material gain and political prestige. Matt.26:14-16.
 3. Judas was full of deception. Matt.26:25.
 4. Judas repented of his sins. Matt.27:3.
 5. Judas returned the money, (30 pieces of silver) Matt.27:3.
 6. Judas confessed his sins. Matt.27:4;
 7. Judas went out and hanged himself. Matt.27:5.
- D. The rich young ruler.** Matt.19:16,& 23-24; Matt.27:57.
- E. The rich man and Lazarus.** Luke 16:1-22.
- F. King Agrippa.** Acts.26:1-32.
- G. Pharaoh hardened his heart in spite of the "Mighty Power" of God.** Ex.5:2; Ex.8:32; Ex.9:7-12, & 35; Ex.11:9.

III. Refusing to witness for Christ as a Believer. Matt.26:34-75; Mk.14:30-72; Lk.22:34-61; Jn.13:38; Jn.18:27.

- A. All of the Disciples fled.** Mk.14:50.
- B. Peter denied his Lord three times.**
1. Peter lied and denied his Lord. Matt.26:70.
 2. Peter denied his Lord with an oath. Matt.26:71-72.
 3. Peter cursed and swore, using vile words. Matt.26:73-74.
- C. Peter in despair but remembers.**
1. That the cock would crow and he heard it just like the Lord said he would. Matt.26:74-75.
 2. Peter wept bitterly, knowing that he had denied the Lord three times through fear.
 3. The Lord understood and when resurrected welcomed Peter. Mk.16:7; Jn.21:15-19.
- D. Christians need to remember.**
1. God the Holy Spirit is within you and will guide you. Rom.8:14.
 2. The Lord is our ever present help. Ps.118:13; Heb.4:16; Ps.46:1; 70:5; 121:2; 124:8; Isa.50:7-9; 41:10-14.
 3. Restoration is necessary for Believers. 1 Jn.1:9.
 4. When sin is in our lives as Believers, it grieves God the Holy Spirit. Eph.4:30.

5. God the Holy Spirit has been sent to us to abide within us forever. He guides, directs and teaches us Biblical truths. Jn.16:13; Isa.48:16; Rom.8:14.

E. Believers and unbelievers are dealt with differently.

1. Unbelievers

- a. They deny and reject the Lord and will be judged eternally and never pardoned because they rejected the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour. (Judas is an example of this).
- b. Their sins were paid for at the cross and they preferred their own righteousness, rather than Christ's righteousness. They will experience bowing their knees before the Lord at the Great White Throne Judgement. Phil.2:10-11; Rev.20:11-15;

2. Believers

- a. Their sins require and demand discipline. God has many ways of punishing His children.
- b. Their Christian fellowship is broken.
- c. Their peace with God is disturbed.
- d. Their witness is ruined.
- e. Sometimes God has to remove them from the world. The sin unto death. 1 Jn.5:16-17; (Example is Ananias and Sapphira Acts.5:1-11;)
- f. The remedy- 1 Jn.1:7-9;

CONCLUSION.

It is imperative that we as Believers present our body, soul, mind and spirit wholly acceptable unto God. That is our reasonable service. Rom.12:1-2; May we be wholly devoted unto the Lord with thought, word and deed. God's standards are to be our standards not based upon the changing laws of any Government, or customs or cultural background. God's laws and standards never change. (Heb.13:8;) Seek God's perfect will for your life.(Rom.12:2;) Allow God the Holy Spirit to lead you into all truth. (Jn.16:13;) God is our ever present help and will keep you in your time of temptation, providing an escape route. (Jas.1:2-14;1 Cor.10:13;)

Those who deny the Lord His rightful place in their lives, as Creator and Saviour are under great difficulty. If they refuse to accept Christ as their personal Saviour they will be subject to the following circumstances.

- A. Continual blindness within their thinking power as they are brain washed by Satan. (2 Cor.4:4.)
- B. They risk the possibility of being demon possessed as a tool of Satan.
- C. They refuse the authority of God as presented in the Bible. (2 Thess.2:12; Jude 5; Acts 28:24.)
- D. It becomes exceedingly difficult for them to repent as their heart becomes hardened. (Deut.15:7; Ps.95:8; Heb. 3:8-15; Heb.4:7.)

- E. It becomes very dangerous to be exposed to Christianity and enjoying the by-products, just tasting these spiritual blessings but never being born again. Heb.6:4-6.)
- F. An exposure to the Gospel truth is not sufficient, as a personal acceptance of Christ is necessary to be born again. (Lk.8:12-13; Lk.24:25; Jn.20:31; Jn.3:3-7.)
- G. Tasting and feasting upon these good things are vastly different. Heb.6:4-6;
 1. Rejecting Christ after sampling (exposed) brings condemnation. Acts.26:28;
 2. Tasting of the by-products of Christianity does not give you a new birth by God the Holy Spirit. Jn.3:6;
 3. Eternal life is for eternity and if there was a chance of losing it, then Christ would have to be crucified again. Matt.10:4; 26:14;

What better offer could you find anywhere, than is found in Christ Jesus? God has offered you everything of eternal value, when we deserved nothing! "There is a way which seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" Prov.14:12. "And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement, so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb.9:27-28. " "But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore, thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ" Gal.4:4-7.

Those that deny and reject the Lord Jesus lose all and will be separated from Almighty God forever and ever! Their destiny is eternal punishment under the wrath of God in the Lake of Fire! There will not be a second chance, after physical death, but God's wrath will remain upon the unregenerate forever! (Jn.3:18,36.) Harden not your heart against God, but rather accept God's provision and redemption. Christ is the light of the world and offers to all, the way, the truth and the life. (Jn.14:6.) Those who deny and reject Christ as their Redeemer continue in darkness and condemnation forever. "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." Jn.3:19-21.

DOING THE WILL OF GOD.

SCRIPTURE.

1 Chron.29:9; 2 Chron.17:16; 1 Cor.9:17; 1 Pet.5:2; Ps.1. Ps.35:18; Ps.40:8; Ps.45:17; Ps.48:14; Ps.52:9; Ps.57:9; Ps.66:16; Ps.85:8; Ps.86:11-12; Ezek.3:1-18; Mal.3:8; Matt.9:38; Matt.16:24-25; 26:39; Jn.6:37-40; 7:17; 2 Cor.12:15; Gal.1:4; Eph.1:1; 1 Thess.5:18; Heb.6:3; 1 Pet.2:15; 1 Jn.2:17;

INTRODUCTION.

Doing the will of God is more than just keeping active in the church programs as a Christian. To understand the will of God we must understand the Word of God. Since Christ is our life, having been bought with His precious blood at a great price, we are privileged to devote our whole life to serving the Lord in the best way possible. God is not far from us. In fact God the Holy Spirit has made possible our new birth and is ready to instruct us, guide us and even provide special gifts for doing the will of God.

It is important that we study the Word of God and discover the will of God for our lives. There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is death and after that the judgement. We have been set free from this wishful thinking and are now under Supreme authority of God. May we realize the great privilege that we have "Under God", and seek to do His perfect will for our lives as members of the royal family of God. Rom.12:1-2;

OUTLINE.

- I. "Possession" In Christ. Eph.1:3-14; Phil.3:20-21.
- II. "Position" in Christ. Col.3:3.
- III. "Commission" in Christ. Matt.28:19-20.

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- I. "Possession" in Christ. Gal.4:1-7; Rom.8:17; Gal.3:24; Jas.2:5; 1 Pet.2:7.
 - A. **Eternal Life.** Being born again by God the Holy Spirit. Jn.3:3-7; 1 Cor.12:13.
 - B. **The Life of Christ.** Jn.1:4; 3:36; Jn.6:35; Jn.10:28; Jn.11:25.
 - C. **We shall be "Like" the Lord Jesus Christ.** 1 Jn.3:1-3.
 - D. **We are being "Prepared" to be the "Bride of Christ".** Jn.3:29; Rev.21:2 & 9; Rev.22:17.

- E. We are "Blessed" with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus. Eph.1:3-14.**
- F. "A Place" in the "Heavenly Mansions" is being prepared for "The Bride of Christ". Jn.14:1-6; Jn.17:21-24.**
- II. "Position" in Christ. Col.3:3.**
- A. "Sons of God" being adopted by "New Birth". 1 Jn.3:1-3; Rom.4:8; Rom.5:20; Rom.6:10; Rom.8:2; 1 Cor.15:56; 2 Cor.5:21; Heb.9:26.**
- B. Our sins have been fully paid for by the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. Jn.1:29; Rom.4:8; Rom.5:20; Rom.6:10; Rom.8:2; 2 Cor.5:21.**
- C. God the Father sees Christ and not us. Col.3:3.**
- D. "Positionally" we are seen as "Perfect" in Christ. Rom.3:22; 4:3-9; 5:17; 6:3; 8:10; 10:4; 2 Cor.5:21; Eph.4:24; Phil.1:11; Phil.3:9; 2 Tim.4:8; Heb.11:7; 2 Pet.1:1; Rev.19:8.**
- E. "Joint Heirs" with Christ forever. Rom.8:14-17; Gal.3:29; Tit.3:7; 1 Pet.3:7.**
- F. We shall rule and reign with the Lord during the Kingdom of God upon the earth. Rev.5:10.**
- III. Commission in Christ. Matt.28:19.**
- A. The Gospel message has been entrusted to Christians. Jn.17:18; Mk.16:15-18; Lk.24:46-48; Jn.20:21; Acts.1:8; 1 Cor.15:6.**
- B. "The Word of God" is to be preached. 2 Tim.4:1-2; Jn.3:16-17; 1 Cor.15:1-11; Jn.5:24; Rom.10:9-17.**
- C. "The Gospel" is to be preached unto the "End of this Age".**
1. Isaiah was sent Isa.6:5-11.
 2. The end of this age = The rapture. 1 Thess.4:13-18; Jn.14:1-6; 1 Cor.15:51-58; Matt.28:19-20.
 3. Our bodies presented as a living sacrifice. Rom.12:1-2.
 4. The Lord provides. Phil.4:19.
 5. God the Holy Spirit provides gifts for the task. 1 Cor.12-14.
 6. God the Holy Spirit will teach you the Word of God. Jn.16:7-15; Isa.48:16; Rom.8:14.
 7. God the Holy Spirit provides the power and protection. Zech.4:6.
 8. God the Holy Spirit remembers us in prayer. Rom.8:26.
 9. God the Holy Spirit convicts the listeners of sin. Jn.16:8.
 10. Christ is our Advocate in Heaven. 1 Jn.2:1-2.

CONCLUSION.

The Lord Jesus Christ has commissioned every Believer to be His witness and no one is exempted. We are to warn unbelievers of the coming judgement day and to tell of the saving Grace of our Loving Lord. The wrath of God will come upon all who have rejected the Lord Jesus Christ as the Eternal Son of God. (Jn.20:31;) God does not wish that one soul should perish, but that all should come to the knowledge of Christ as their Saviour. It is not God's fault if the unbelievers are cast into the everlasting Lake of Fire! He has given all a way of escape through His Beloved Son, "The Lord Jesus Christ". (Heb.2:3-4;) "I can do all things through Christ, Who strengtheneth me". Phil.4:13.

ETERNAL LIFE.

SCRIPTURE.

The Triune God. Deut.6:4; 33:27; Rom.2:7; Rom.5:21; Rom.6:23; 2 Cor.4:17; 1 Tim.1:17; 2 Tim.2:10; Tit.1:2; Heb.5:9; 9:14;

The Angels of God. 2 Cor.5:1; Eph.3:11; Jude 7; 1 Tim.5:21; Rev.12:7;

The Devil and his Angels (Demons). Ps.78:49; Matt.25:4; 1 Cor.6:3; 2 Pet.2:4; Jude 6; Jas.2:19; Lev.17:7; Deut.32:17; Ps.106:37; 1 Cor.10:20; Rev.9:20;

Mankind (human beings) Matt.19:16; Matt.25:46; Mk.10:17 & 30; Lk.10:25; Lk.18:18; Jn.3:15-17; Jn.4:36; Jn.6:54 & 68; Jn.17:2-3; Acts 13:48; Tit.3:7; Heb.9:12; Heb.9:15; 1 Pet.5:10; 1 Jn.1:2; 1 Jn.2:25; 1 Jn.5:11-20; Jude 21.

Introduction.

God is the only source of life and we must believe that He has never had a beginning, nor will He ever have an ending. He is Eternal life and He alone is able to give life temporarily (as in birds, fish and animals), or He gives eternal life as in angels and mankind. Angels and mankind are destined to eternal life with God, or eternal living death apart from God. Both angels and mankind which reject God will be separated from God with this living death, forever and ever.

OUTLINE.

- I. God is the eternal source of all life.**
- II. Angels have been given eternal life.**
- III. Mankind has been given eternal life.**

I. God is the eternal source of all life.

A. The Triune God has always existed. Jn.1:1-2; Gen.1:2;

B. The Triune God in three Persons.

- 1. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Jn.14:26; Deut.6:4;
- 2. "ELOHIM" (God) refers to all three in one.
- 3. "JEHOVAH" (God) The One Who has always existed.
- 4. "EL" (God) Can be spoken of as individual Persons in the Godhead.

C. God's personality.

1. LOVE Jn.3:15-17; 1 Jn.3:1-7;
2. RIGHTEOUS Rom.3:21-26; Ps.18:30;
3. JUST Rom.3:26; Phil.4:8;
4. HOLY Ex.3:2-6; Isa.6:1-3;
5. TRUTH (VERACITY) Jn.4:23-24; 14:6; Deut.32:2-4;
6. ETERNAL LIFE Rom.8:9-11; Jn.20:31;
7. NEVER CHANGES (IMMUTABLE) Heb.13:8; Isa.46:9-10;
8. CANNOT SIN (IMPECCABLE) Deut.9:24; Jn.8:45-46; Deut.32:4; Heb.4:15; 9:28;
9. SOVEREIGN Gal.4:4-5; Jn.16:7-11;
10. KNOWS EVERYTHING (Omniscient) Heb.1:1-2; Rom.11:33-36;
11. EVERYWHERE (Omnipresent) Ps.139.
12. ALL POWERFUL (Omnipotent) Deut.4:37; 8:17; Job.36:22; Job.37:23; Ps.66:7; 147:5; Matt.6:13; Jn.10:18; Rom.1:16; 1 Cor.15:24; Col.1:11;

D. God's eternal existence, past, present, and forever.

1. The Triune God is the source of all life. Jn.1:3; Isa.40-42 & 45.; Col.1:16; Rev.4:11;
2. The Triune God is very life. Gen.2:7; Deut.30:19-20; Ps.16:11; 36:9; Jn.1:4; 5:26; Jn.6:68; Jn.11:25;

II. Angels have been given life eternal.

- A. Angels do not re-produce but were created as individuals. Matt.22:30; Mk.12:25; Lk.20:35;
- B. Fallen angels (demons) will continue to live forever in the Lake of Fire. Rev.20:10-15; Rev.21:8; 2 Pet.2:4; Jude 6. Rev.12:7-9; Matt.25:41;
- C. God is "Sovereign". Therefore He has the right to maintain life and judge both angels and mankind. Some to a glorious eternal life and others to eternal living death, separated from God forever.
- D. "The Lake of Fire" was prepared for the Devil and his angels. (Demons). Matt.25:41; Isa.14:12-17; Ezek.28:12-19; Jn.8:44; 1 Tim.3:6; 1 Jn.3:8;

III. Mankind has been given eternal life.

- A. God breathed upon man and he became a living soul. Gen.2:7;
- B. Believers are destined to eternal life with God. Jn.3:15-18; Matt.25:46; Mk.10:30; Jn.6:68; Jn.10:28; Jn.17:2-3; Rom.6:23; Heb.5:9; 1 Jn.1:2;
- C. Those who reject Christ will go into "The Lake of fire".
 1. The wrath of God remains upon them forever. Jn.3:18,36;

2. This will be the second living death. Jn.3:18 & 36; Jn.5:29; Mk.3:29; 1 Jn.3:15; Matt.23:33; Mk.16:16; 2 Thess.2:12;

CONCLUSION.

The angels had seen the glorious creation of Almighty God and were never deceived as was man. The Devil is the greatest creature that God has ever made and was very influential with the Angels, who gave him great respect. We read about his tremendous personality in Ezek.28:12-15; and there is little doubt that he had convincing ways among the angels, being able to draw one third of the angels away from God. (Rev.12:4;)

When the devil came to tempt man, that was very easily done. He has had continual sway over man down through these many years. BUT GOD, sent His Son, who is the way the truth and the life (Jn.14:6;) to become the Redeemer for those who believe. He is the escape route bringing many precious souls into eternal life. As we study the Word of God, we gain confidence toward God, knowing that Jesus paid it all and all to Him we owe. We have been freed from the penalty of sin, which was death. Christ has provided us with a new birth through God the Holy Spirit. We escape the Lake of fire because of so great salvation. (Heb.2:3-4;) We understand as we read God's Word how reasonable God has been to mankind, even while we were dead in trespasses and sin. (Eph.2:1;). God is reasonable and has made everything possible for us through His Dear Son. Isa.1:18; What a joy it is to know that it is well with our souls and we will share "Eternity" with the Lord Jesus Christ, the Author and finisher of our faith.

FAITH.

SCRIPTURE.

Heb.11. Hab.2:4; Matt.6:30; Matt.8:10; Matt.9:22 & 29; Matt.17:20; Lk.7:9; Rom.1:17; 4:5; Eph.4:5; 2 Thess.1:3.

INTRODUCTION.

Faith in God is not something without reason, but is based upon evidence and a substance of reality. Our faith in Christ is not a blind faith but is based upon the revelation of God. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb.11:1.

OUTLINE.

- I. "Saving Faith" is "Believing Faith". Jn.3:16; Jn.5:25.
- II. "Enduring Faith" is "Patience in Faith". Tim.4:7.
- III. "Living Faith" is "Abiding in Faith". Gal.20:1.
- IV. "The Joy of Faith" is a "Glorious Faith". Phil.1:25.
- V. "The Confidence of Faith" an "Established Faith". Heb.10:22.
- VI. "Growing in Faith" is "Maturity through Faith". 2 Thess.1:3.
- VII. "The Eternal Faith" is "Security in Faith". Heb.6:12.

I. "Saving Faith" is "Believing Faith".

A. Faith based upon God's provision to redeem the lost through Christ. Isa.1:18; Acts 20:21; Rom.1:5-8; 3:22-25; 5:1; 10:17; Jn.3:15-17; Gal.3:26; Eph.2:8.

B. Faith is by the "Grace of God" and not by merit. Gen.6:8; Ps.84:11; Jn.1:14-17; Acts 11:23; 15:11; 20:24; Rom.1:5; 3:24; 5:15-20. 11:6; 2 Cor.13:14; Eph.2:5-8; Tit.3:7.

1. We depend upon God's grace in time of need. Heb.4:16.
2. We depend upon God's grace to grow in faith. 2 Pet.3:18; 2 Thess.1:3.
3. We depend upon God's grace to receive faith as a gift. 1 Cor.12:9.
4. Abraham believed God and received the righteousness of God. Rom.4:3; Jas.2:23.

II. "Enduring Faith" is "Patience in Faith". Matt.9:2; Acts 6:8; 14:22; 15:9; Rom.4:20; 1 Pet.1:7; 1 Cor.16:13; 2 Cor.10:15; 2 Thess.1:3; 1 Tim.6:12; 2 Tim.4:7.

A. Continuing in faith. Acts 14:22.

B. Assurance of faith. Heb.10:22.

III. "Living by Faith" is "Abiding in Faith".

A. Our daily walk of faith. Hab.2:4; Matt.15:28.

B. Our Life. Acts.17:28.

C. Biblical faith. Lk.22:32; Rom.1:17; Rom.4:12; 2 Cor.5:7.

IV. "The Joy of Faith" is a "Glorious Faith". 1 Thess.1:3.

1. Knowledge of the one in Whom that faith is placed. 2 Tim.1:12.

2. Not ashamed to acknowledge such faith. Rom.1:16.

V. "The Confidence of Faith" is being "Established in Faith". Eph.3:12; 6:16; Col.2:5-7; 1 Thess.5:8; 1 Tim.3:13; 1 Jn.3:19-21.

VI. "Growing in Faith" brings "Maturity of Faith", 2 Thess.1:3; Gal.20:1; Lk.17:5; Acts 14:22.

VII. "The Eternal Faith" ensures "Security of Faith", Lk.17:5; Acts 6:5; 11:24; 16:5; Gal.3:14; 6:10; Heb.6:12; Jas.2:5.

CONCLUSION.

The Word of God clearly brings out individual faith down through the ages, from the very beginning of the creation of man. Some were weak in faith (Rom.14:1;), some increased in faith (Lk.17:5; and some failed in faith.(Lk.22:32;). The true Church is always established in faith above all else. (Acts 16:5;) Faith should be the governing factor in our lives, and as we study the Word of God our faith increases. God's Word says,"Whatsoever is not of faith is sin."(Rom.14:23;). We are utterly dependent upon God, even for our daily faith. As we allow God the Holy Spirit to have His way in our lives we become well established in faith. The fruit of the Holy Spirit will be manifested in our lives as we walk the life of faith. (Gal.5:22-23;) Always remember that without faith, you are unable to please God. May we trust , "Thus saith the Lord" and walk a life of faith. That which is seen is only temporal, but that which is not seen is eternal. 2 Cor.4:18;

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT.

SCRIPTURE.

Gen.1:2; Jn.14:15-20; Jn.16:7-15; 1 Cor.12-14; Jn.3:3-8; Rom.8:1-17; Gal.5:5 & 16-26; Eph.1:13 & 17-18; Eph.4:30.

INTRODUCTION.

God the Holy Spirit is mentioned some 86 times in the Old Testament and His co-existence with God the Father and God the Son is obvious, and confirmed in the New Testament. The most outstanding verse in the Old Testament is Joel 2:28; "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions;" It was one of the Old Testament truths that Christ was pointing out to Nicodemus. As a Christian leader, I urgently advise you to study the work of God the Holy Spirit with the utmost care.

OUTLINE.

- I. Identification of God the Holy Spirit.**
- II. The work of God the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament.**
- III. The work of God the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.**
- IV. The work of God the Holy Spirit during the "Age of Grace". (The Church Age)**

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- I. Identification of God the Holy Spirit. Zech.4:6; Ex.3:2.**
 - A. Who is God the Holy Spirit?**
 1. God the Holy Spirit is the Third Person in the Godhead.
 - a. The Holy Spirit has all of the same attributes as God the Father and God the Son.
 - b. Equal in the Godhead. Deut.6:4.
 2. God the Holy Spirit is a person and not merely a power. Judg.13:25; Prov.1:23; Zech.7:12; Gen.1:2; Gen.6:3; Gen 41:38; 2 Sam.23:2.
 3. God the Holy Spirit sent forth to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ. Matt.3:16; Mk.1:10; Lk.4:1 & 18; Jn.1:22; 14: 17; Jn.15:26.
 4. God the Holy Spirit restrains the evil forces in His sovereignty. Jn.16:7-11; 2 Thess.2:6-7.

5. God the Holy Spirit fulfilled Joel 2:28; on the Day of Pentecost. Acts.2:1-21; 1 Cor.12:13.
6. God the Holy Spirit is The Giver of Gifts. 1 Cor.12-14.

B. Why was God the Holy Spirit sent into the world?

1. To indwell Believers in Christ and baptize them. 1 Cor.12:13.
2. To protect Believers against the wiles of the Devil. Eph.6:12-20.
3. To restrain the world, the flesh and the Devil until the rapture of the Believers. 2 Thess.2:6-7.
4. To give gifts as He wills to Believers 1 Cor.12:11.
5. To provide the fruit of the Spirit to Believers. Gal.5:22-26.

II. The work of God the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament.

A. God the Holy Spirit is mentioned 86 times in the Old Testament.

B. God the Holy Spirit was present during the creation. Gen.1:2.

C. God the Holy Spirit provided power. Zech.4:6.

D. God the Holy Spirit was their Guide. Isa.48:16.

E. God the Holy Spirit restrained evil forces. Isa.59:19; Gen.6:3.

F. God the Holy Spirit came upon men of God for special work. Elijah, Elisha, David, Moses, Joshua, Caleb. etc.

G. God the Holy Spirit was present with the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Gen.18 & 19.

H. God the Holy Spirit appeared many times.

1. As a man Gen.18:1-33.
2. As Fire .Ex.3:2; Zech.2:5.
3. As Oil for anointing. 1 Sam.10:1; 16:13; 1 Ki.1:39; Ps.23:5.
4. As Wind. Gen.8:1.

III. The work of the Holy Spirit in the new Testament.

A. The "Incarnate Christ" was led by God the Holy Spirit. Jn.1:32-34.

B. God the Holy Spirit reproves the world. Jn.16:7-11.

1. Of "Sin" The unpardonable sin of rejection of Christ.
2. Of "Righteousness" Establishing their own righteousness rather than accepting God's righteousness.
3. Of "Judgement" Because the evil forces have been judged at the cross.

C. God the Holy Spirit is our comforter Jn.14:26; 16:7.

- D. God the Holy Spirit searches the heart. 1 Cor.2:10-11.**
- E. God the Holy Spirit is equal with God the Father and God the Son. Eph.1:17.**
- F. God the Holy Spirit indwells Believers forever. Jn.3:3-7; Jn.6:63; Jn.14:16-17;
1 Cor.12:13; 2 Tim.1:14.**
- G. God the Holy Spirit is grieved when we sin. Eph.4:30.**
- H. God the Holy Spirit provides "Gifts" to the Believers. 1 Cor.12:1-31.**
- I. God the Holy Spirit provided the Scriptures.**
1. Breathing upon the Word of God. (Inspiration)
 2. The inspiration of the many writers of the Bible.
 3. The original Scriptures were without error through the Holy Spirit. 2 Tim.3:15-17.
- J. God the Holy Spirit is our teacher as we study the Bible. Jn.16:13; Isa.48:16;
Rom.8:14.**
- K. The Holy Spirit guides us in the Christian walk. Rom.8:14.**
- L. God the Holy Spirit offers prayer in our behalf. Rom.8:26.**
- M. God the Holy Spirit convicts of sin. Jn.16:8.**
- N. God the Holy Spirit commands.**
1. He is equal with God the Father and Son. Acts 8:29; 13:2; 16:7.
 2. Great power Zech.4:6.
- O. God the Holy Spirit is in control.**
1. He restrains 2 Thess.2:7; Isa.59:19; Gen.6:3.
 2. He is the protection of the Believers in this world.
- P. God the Holy Spirit glorifies Christ.**
1. Christ is exalted by the Holy Spirit.
 2. The Holy Spirit is that "Still small Voice". Jn.16:13-15.
- IV. The work of God the Holy Spirit during the "Age of Grace". (The Church Age)
2 Tim.1:14.**
- A. The Believers from Pentecost until the rapture.**
1. Born again by the Holy Spirit.
 2. Baptized by the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor.12:13.
 3. Given gifts by the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor.12.
- B. God the Holy Spirit indwells the future "Bride of Christ".**

C. God the Holy Spirit is preparing us for the "Rapture". Jn.14:1-6; 1 Thess.4:13-18.

D. When the "Rapture" takes place.

1. The dead in Christ rise first, with their "Glorified" bodies.
2. Those alive are changed, receiving their "Glorified" bodies.
3. All Believers are to be changed.
4. We all return to Heaven with the Lord.
5. The Old Testament Saints will be the "Friends of the Bridegroom".

CONCLUSION.

We who are Christians should be very thankful to God the Holy Spirit, living within us, who is our added protection against Satan and his demons. He wants to take full possession of our life so that we are strong witnesses for Christ. We cannot be indwelt by demons since we are indwelt by God the Holy Spirit. During this age, we are being prepared by God the Holy Spirit for the rapture to meet the Lord in the air. That will be a day of rejoicing, when we see our Saviour face to face, and be like Him. There will be some rewards given out to the faithful Believers and that will take place before the Judgement seat of Christ. (2 Cor.5:10; 1 Cor.3:1-23;) This will also be a time when the wood, hay and stubble in our Christian lives will be removed by fire. I admonish you to confess these short comings in this life and get rid of them before the Judgement seat of Christ.

The restraining power of God the Holy Spirit will be withdrawn from this earth, when the rapture takes place, and then the evil powers will break loose upon the whole world. (1 Thess.5:1-10; 2 Thess.2:1-12;) This will usher in the Great Tribulation. Thank God that we will be taken out from the wrath to come. (1 Thess.1:10;) We wait upon the Lord, and whether we are called Home to Glory before the rapture, or whether we will live to see that marvelous event in the flesh, we know that it is well with our souls. God the Holy Spirit is with us forever, and praise God He will give us dying Grace if necessary. (2 Cor.4:8;)

May we always be mindful of the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit, as Believers, and listen to His still, quiet voice. He is the One Who makes the Word of God live in our lives. God wants to use each of us in witnessing for Him, doing great things beyond what we could ask or think. (Jer.33:3; Eph.3:20;) May I remind you to study the Word of God diligently. Don't seek for the spectacular, but rather the perfect will of God. The complete revelation from God is found in the Bible and there is no need of any additional revelation. Here is the warning in God's Word. Deut.4:2; Rev.22:18-19; Allow God the Holy Spirit to have full authority in your life as a Believer.

GOOD WORKS.

SCRIPTURE.

1 Cor.3:9-16; 2 Cor.5:10; Ps.1:1-6; Rev.20:11-15; Matt.13:8-48; Ps.34:8; 37:3;

OUTLINE.

- I. Mankind's "Good Works".
 - II. God's "Good Works".
 - III. Believer's "Good Works".
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INTRODUCTION.

As you study the Word of God, there is one important factor that you must consider, namely, there are various kinds of good works to be analysed. The whole world system is built upon a pragmatic system, where you evaluate good or bad according to your own advantage. It is similar to what God the Holy Spirit had recorded in Isa.5:20-21; "Woe unto them who call evil, good, and good, evil; who put darkness for light and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter. Woe unto them who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!" God in His omniscience is aware of the genuine good works regardless of the cover up of man in his craftiness. Records are kept accordingly and the good works done in the Name of our Lord will be remembered and rewarded.

- I. Mankind's "Good Works". Ps.52:1-9; Matt.3:9-10;
- A. "Good Works" that are pleasing to man. 1 Thess.2:4; Matt.19:16-26;
 - 1. Doing their good works to be seen of men.
 - 2. Environmentalists do good for their mother nature rather than to the Creator.
- B. "Good Works" for personal gain.
 - 1. Giving to public causes for personal business.
 - 2. Giving for self prestige.
- C. "Good Works" in the worldly system are all recorded by God.
 - 1. The Great White Throne. Rev.20:11-15;
 - 2. The Book of life will be opened, and if the name is missing, their good works will be judged according to God's standard of absolute perfection.
 - 3. The book of works for each individual (Unbelievers) will be opened and God will judge only their good works which will not meet God's requirements and fall short of the glory of God. Rom.3:23; Isa.64:6; Rom.3:12;

- D. Mankind's "Good Works" shall fail and the unbeliever will be cast into the Lake of Fire and remain there forever. Rev.20:13-15; Ps.36:1-4; Rom.3:9-12; Rom.3:19; Rom.8:5-8; Gal.5:17-20;**
- II. God's "Good Works" Ps.36:5-12; Ps.37:23-27; Ps.84:11; Ps.85:12; Ps.86:5; Ps.106:1; Ps.107:1;**
- A. "Good Works" which are based upon Grace and mercy. Rom.3:14; Rom.4:1-8; Rom.5:1-2;**
- B. Our good works are acceptable through the Lord Jesus Christ. Rom.8:1-4;**
- C. God the Holy Spirit produces good works through Believers.**
1. The Holy Spirit has provided newness of life. Rom.8:9-17; Gal.5:22-25; Phil.1:6; Phil.2:13; Matt.5:16; Matt.7:11-19;
 2. Our bodies become the Temple of God. 1 Cor.3:16;
- III. Believers good works. Ps.92:1; Matt.25:21-23; Acts 4:9; Rom.2:10;**
- A. Worldliness corrupts good works. Ps.1:1-6; 1 Cor.15:33; Heb.5:14;**
1. When Christians conform to godless customs and traditions.
 2. Selfish personal glory and pride.
 3. Exalting self rather than doing good for the glory of God.
 4. Doing good works that only amount to wood, hay or stubble fit only to be burned. 1 Cor.3:12-15;
- B. Abound in good works for the glory of Christ. Eph.2:10; Eph.6:8; 3 Jn.3:11; 2 Cor.9:8; Col.1:10; 2 Thess.2:17;**
- C. Do good works, especially among Believers. Gal.6:10.**
- D. Those seeking the office of a Bishop or Elder should be full of good works. 1 Tim.3:1; 1 Tim.5:10; 1 Tim.6:18; 2 Tim.2:21; 2 Tim.3:17;**
- E. Be ready at all times to do good works. Tit.3:1-8; 2 Thess.2:17;**
- F. Beware for your good works may be evil spoken of when not glorifying the Lord. Rom.12:9-21; Rom.14:16; Rom.12:2;**
- G. All true goodness is from God. Matt. 19:16-17;**
1. Christ is very God and not merely a Master.
 2. The Word of God confirms His eternal existence. Jn.20:31.
- H. All the Believers' good works will be tried by fire. 1 Cor.3:9-17; 2 Cor.5:10;**
1. The judgement seat of Christ is only for Believers.
 2. The Believers' good that they have done will be tested.

3. Those good works done for the glory of God will be awarded.
4. Believers' selfish good works and pride will be burned.
6. The Believers' good works done for the glory of Christ will be rewarded. (gold, silver, and precious stones.)

CONCLUSION

Good works have a special place in our practical Christianity. They are not done to attain salvation, but rather we do good works as a thank you to Almighty God for what He has accomplished in our behalf. The question is, do we want merely to be saved and have all of our good works burned? Shall I come empty handed to the Lord who gave His all for me? Let us take note of the following.

1. Our Christian life in this world is of great value.
2. Christians need to keep in fellowship with the Lord for the fullness of joy.
3. Christians need to walk in newness of life.
4. Christians should desire to be well pleasing before God with good works.
5. We, as Christians, show our thanks and true love to God by doing good works of lasting value.
6. Christians are members of the Royal Family of God and we should act like royalty with our code of ethics based upon the Word of God.
7. Christianity is not a religion but rather a relationship with God the Father, through Christ, with the royal birth of God the Holy Spirit.

THE GRACE OF GOD.

SCRIPTURE. Rom.5:1-21.

INTRODUCTION.

As one studies the Word of God there are two contrasting truths which God sets forth very clearly, namely, **LAW** and **GRACE**. **LAW** requires perfection and the absolute, **GRACE** provides the absolute based upon the fulfillment of every demand by the **LAW**. Grace is offered by God, not because we have earned it or deserve it, but rather based upon God's provision to fulfill the requirements of the law in our behalf. We have broken the law and death would be the punishment. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom.6:23;) "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His **GRACE** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God has sent forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare I say, at this time His righteousness, that He might be just, and the Justifier of him who believeth in Jesus. (Rom.3:23-26.)

OUTLINE.

- I. Grace in choice.**
 - II. Grace in life.**
 - III. Grace in Salvation.**
 - IV. Grace in our walk and service.**
 - V. Fallen from Grace.**
 - VI. Dying Grace.**
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- I. Grace in choice.** 2 Cor.4:15; Gal.1:6 &15; 2:21; Eph.4:29.
Examples of manifestation of grace.
ABEL Gen.4:4; Heb.11:4.
ENOCH Gen.5:21-24; Heb.11:5-6.
NOAH. Gen.6:8 & 18; Heb.11:7.
SHEM Gen.11:10-11.
ABRAM Gen.12; His name becomes Abraham with great promises from God.
Gen.13:17; 15:18; 17:8; Heb.6:16-17; Heb.11:8-19.

ISAAC. Gen.25:5; Heb.11:20.

JACOB. Gen.32:1-32; God gives him a new name (Israel) Heb.11:21; Deut.32:8.

JOSEPH. Gen.41; Heb.11:22.

MOSES. Ex.3:10-12; Heb.11:23-29 (Moses' prayer Ex.33:12-17.)

JOSHUA. Josh.1:1-7; 24:15; Heb.11:30.

DAVID. 1 Chron.17:11-13; 2 Sam.7:14 & 16; 1 Ki.8:23; 1 Ki.9:5.

SOLOMON. 1 Ki.2:1-4.

These are but a few of God's choice men of the Old Testament, some before the Laws were given through Moses, and those that followed were under the law. God knew that no one could keep the whole law and all mankind falls short of the glory of God. We can be thankful to God for His promises from Gen.3:15; Isa.7:14; 9:6-7; and Gal.4:4-5; Praise God that we are chosen in the Lord Jesus Christ, Who has fulfilled all of the Law and redeemed us from under the law. (Eph.1:4; 1 Pet.2:4-9; Col.3:3;) God's Grace is manifested and sufficient for all, but in His Omniscience He is aware of those who reject His provision through His Son. Christ is the source of God the Father's Grace and there is no other name given among men to provide saving Grace but the Lord Jesus Christ. God is no respecter of persons and does not wish that one soul should perish, and has provided so great salvation to whosoever will, through His Eternal Son.

II. Grace in life.

A. God's Grace sustains our daily life. Ps.8:1-9.

B. Grace is given through Christ.

1. Christ is the means of Grace. 2 Tim.1:9.

2. Christ is the source of life. Lk 2:9-11; Jn.1:14.

C. By Grace we are totally dependent upon God for life. 1 Pet.3:7; Ps.84:11-12; Jer.31:1-2; Rom.1:5-7; Rom.5:17; Rom.16:20-24; 1 Cor.15:10; 2 Cor.9:8; Eph.1:6; 2 Pet.3:18.

III. Grace in salvation.

A. Salvation can never be earned. Rom.3:28; 11:6; Gal.2:16; Eph.2:9.

B. Salvation is not by personal might or power.

1. Salvation cannot be bought. Zech.4:6-7; Eph.2:8; Eph.3:7.

2. Salvation cannot be earned.

3. It comes only as a "Gift" by Grace.

C. Salvation is a "Gift" from God by "Grace" through "Faith" in Christ. Jn.1:16-17; Acts.11:23; Acts 14:26-27; Acts 15:11; Acts 18:27-28; Acts 20:24; Rom.3:24; 4:16; 11:5-6; 2 Cor.6:1; 2 Cor.8:7-9; Eph.2:8; Tit.2:11.

IV. Grace in our walk and service.

A. Walk in the light of the Word of God. 1 Jn.1:7-9; Jn.12:35.

B. Walk in the newness of life provided by God the Holy Spirit. Gal.5:16 & 25; Ps.56:13; 86:11; Rom.6:4; Isa.2:5; 42:5.

C. Walk by faith. Rom.4:12.

D. Walk in wisdom based upon the Word of God. Col.4:5.

E. Walk in honesty and truth. 1 Thess.4:12.

F. Walk in the delight of the Lord. Ps.1:1-6.

G. Walk worthy of your vocation and calling in Christ Jesus. Eph.4:1; Col.1:10; 1 Thess.2:12; Rom.12:1-2.

V. Fallen from Grace. Gal.5:4; 2 Thess.2:16; Heb.12:15; Ja.4:6.

Falling from Grace is not dealing with the salvation of a Believer, but rather it deals with the conduct of the Believer. Salvation is not the issue when dealing with those who have fallen from grace. Being purchased and redeemed by the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross and sealed by God the Holy Spirit, as Believers, we have eternal life. Eternal life is exactly what it says and that life will never end. That person who says he has eternal life and can lose it, does not understand the Word of God or may never have had eternal life. IF it were possible to lose this eternal life (and it is not) then Christ would have to be crucified again to supply a new eternal life for the individual. Read Hebrews chapter 6 very carefully and remember that there are many who merely taste the Gospel, but do not feast upon it. God the Holy Spirit may even be convicting them, but they are merely content to be exposed to the Gospel. Falling from Grace involves Believers who are carnal, disobedient, wayward and sinning, and replacing Grace with the law of God. There will be many who are Believers who will stand before the Judgement seat of Christ (2 Cor.5:10;) who will lose all of their rewards and merely be saved so as by fire. (1 Cor.3:9-15;) There are also some Believers who are disobedient to God, grieving the Holy Spirit to such an extent that they quench the power of God the Holy Spirit in their life and eventually commit the sin unto (physical) death, being removed from this life prematurely. These are some of the conditions of those who fall from Grace. Ignorance may cause you to fall from God's Grace. You may even get entangled with a program of added works toward your salvation or even continue in sin, causing you to fall from Grace. I admonish you to use Grace as "Faith Rest" and work for the Lord with confidence, not trying to add to your salvation, but expressing to God your appreciation for the finished work on Calvary's cross.

VI. Dying Grace. Rom.5:15; 2 Cor.12:9; Heb.4:16; 2 Tim.2:1; Heb.2:9; 4:16; 1 Pet.5:10; 2 Cor.6:9.

As Believers we often wonder how we will be leaving this life in the moment of death and pass on to gloryland. To the Unbeliever, it is a terrible moment of uncertainty as he faces eternity without help or assurance. Death has a terrible sting to those without Christ. They face eternity without redemption and will suffer the consequences of rejecting so great salvation. The Triune God has done everything possible, and does

not wish that one soul perish. In the fullness of time God sent forth His Son to save souls from death. This death that follows unbelief, does not end all but it is only the beginning of a living eternal death, separated from God forever in the lake of fire, where the worm doesn't even die. But for Believers who are established in the Word of God, His grace is sufficient as we leave this decaying body and are immediately in the presence of the Lord. God gives dying Grace to His faithful servants, as they peacefully close their eyes and pass from death unto life.

The first martyr in the early church faced death in a cruel way, as he was being stoned to death (Stephen). He certainly was a clear picture of dying Grace as he spoke, (Acts.7:1-60;) "And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he said this, he fell asleep."

The Apostle Paul was also stoned to the point where he thought he was dead. He also was caught up into heaven, not knowing whether it was merely in the spirit or actually there in the body. Paul wrote, "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth) such an one caught up to the third heaven....." How he was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. (2 Cor.12:2-6;) This experience that Paul had was of the Spirit and Paul could say, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." Phil.1:21;

A Christian's death is entirely different from that of the death of people following a mere religion. The mourners cry out in vain to their gods that cannot hear or help. Heathen religions will go through great ceremonies beating drums and hiring some to weep and perform at great cost, burning candles in their heathen temples, hoping that their idols hear them. Praise God, we have a Redeemer who has overcome death through His resurrection and Who cannot be found among the dead, but is alive and at the right hand of God the Father, ever living to make intercession for us. That is why we are confident at the time of death, knowing that God provides us with dying Grace. The choice is yours for God can provide this "Faith Rest" for you. Take God at His Word! Isa.1:18.

God's Grace is all sufficient and based entirely upon the finished work of Christ, upon the cross. We as human beings do not deserve God's Grace and could never earn it. It is an unmerited favor which God provides to all who will accept His Son as their personal Saviour. "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His Name." Jn.20:31.

HEAVEN.

SCRIPTURE.

Gen.1:1; Gen.14:19; Gen.19:24; Ps.76:8; Ps.28:12-17; Jer.38:22; Ex.20:22; Deut.3:24; Deut.10:14; Deut.26:15; Matt.13:11.

INTRODUCTION.

Heaven is a reality because God has declared it and proven it by sending the Lord Jesus Christ from heaven. The Lord Jesus Christ has always lived with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit in their "heavenly Abode". Heaven is the Eternal realm of the Triune God. Heaven has the capacity for angels and mankind to dwell. The Angelic hosts must present themselves before God in Heaven. (Job 1:6;) We also read in the Bible that two men were taken directly to heaven. (Enoch and Elijah) Gen.5:14; and 2 Ki.2:11; The Eternal Son of God left His throne in glory to take upon Himself the form of man. (Heb.8:1; 12:2; Rev.3:21; Acts 7:49; Matt.19:28; Matt.25:31;) We are told that there are mansions in heaven, (Jn.14:1-6;) There are billions of angels and the souls of countless Believers who are present with the Lord. (1 Cor.5:3;) There is great activity in heaven as recorded in the Bible. Believers of all ages have been gathering in Heaven, when their work on earth is completed.

OUTLINE.

- I. Heaven is the Home of the Triune God.**
- II. Paradise is a place in Heaven.**
- III. Believers will spend seven special years in Heaven, before the Millenium.**
- IV. The present Heavens and Earth will pass away.**
- V. God will create a New Heaven and a New Earth.**

I. Heaven is the home of the Triune God. Dan.2:28; Ex.20:22; Deut.3:24; 10:14; 26:15; Josh.2:11; 1 Ki.8:23,27,49; 2 Ki.2:1-11; Neh.9:6; Job.22:12.

A. Heaven has many mysteries. Matt.13:11.

B. Heaven is filled with the "Glory of God". Ex.16:7-10; Ex.40:34; Nu.14:10-22; Deut.5:24; Ps.8:1; 19:1; 24:7-10; Ps.63:2; 104:31; Isa.40:5; Matt.25:31; Mk.8:38; Lk.2:14; Jn.1:14.

- C. Heaven is a "Spiritual Realm". Jn.4:23-24; Acts 7:49.**
1. The things that we see now are only temporary. 2 Cor.4:18.
 2. The Eternal Realm is spiritual because God is Spirit. Jn.4:23-24.
 3. The souls of all Believers are waiting in heaven for the rapture when they shall be united with their glorified body. Rev.20:6; Jn.11:25; 1 Jn.3:1-3; 2 Cor.5:6-8.

- D. Heaven is filled with praise to the "Glory of God". Isa.6:1-4; Rev.4:1-5; 19:1-6; Heb.12:2.**

II. Paradise is a place in Heaven. 2 Cor.5:1; Heb.8:1.

- A. The Thief on the cross. Jn.23:43.**

- B. Paul experienced Paradise. 2 Cor.12:1-4.**

- C. God the Holy Spirit speaks of Paradise. Rev.2:7.**

- D. Christ descended into "Sheol" to take the Believers to Paradise. (The Old Testament Saints) Eph.4:7-10; Lk.16:19-31.**

1. Please note that the Unbelievers of all ages remain in Hell (Sheol) until the second resurrection. Rev.20:6;
2. The second resurrection takes place when all Unbelievers will be raised to stand before The Great White Throne to be judged and cast into the lake of fire. Rev.20:11-15.

- E. All babies dying from the mother's womb are taken to Paradise. Christ died for the sins of the whole world.**

- F. Those children who die before they reach the age of accountability are taken to Paradise. (Christ died for their inherited sin nature.)**

III. Believers will spend seven years in Heaven in their "Glorified Bodies".

- A. "The Rapture" of the Believers. 1 Thess.4:13-18; Jn.14:1-6; 1 Thess.5:9-11.**

1. Taken out from the wrath to come. (The Great Tribulation) 1 Thess.1:10; 2 Thess.1:7.
2. Before the Tribulation begins we must be in heaven. (Read carefully Rev. 4&5.)

- B. The Old Testament Saints will be at the "Marriage of the Lamb". Rev.19:9; Jn.3:29;**

1. The five wise virgins. Matt.25:1-13.
2. The Old Testament Saints will receive their glorified bodies when the rapture takes place. Rev.3:21; Matt.19:28.
3. The five foolish virgins (Unbelievers of The Old Testament.
4. The Bride (The Church) to be married in Heaven. Rev.19:7-10.
5. The Old Testament and The New Testaments Saints remain in Heaven during The Great Tribulation. 1 Thess.1:10; (Rev.6-18;) The Great Tribulation period of 7 years.)

IV. The present Heavens and the Earth will pass away. Lk.21:33; 2 Pet.3:10.

- A. The present Heavens and Earth have been defiled by sin.** Gen.3:1-15; Isa.14:12-17; Ezek.28:12-19; Job.1:6-12; Rev.9:1-21; 12:7-10; 20:1-10.
- B. The present Heavens and Earth will be destroyed by God.** Heb.12:26; 2 Pet.4:4-12.

V. God will create New Heavens and a New Earth.

- A. All Fallen angels (Demons) and Unbelievers will be cast forever into the Lake of Fire in an eternal "Living Death".** Rev.20:14-15; Isa.66:22-24; Mk.9:42-48; Rev.21:8.
- B. The New Creation of Heaven and Earth will be free from sin forever and ever.** Dan.9:24.
- C. God will create all things new.** 1 Cor.2:9-10.
1. The Heavens and the earth. Rev.21:1-22:5; Isa.65:8-17; Isa.66:22-23.
 2. All things shall become new. Isa.43:19.
 3. Israel will receive a new heart and a new spirit. Ezek.11:19; 18:31; 36:26.
 4. New Jerusalem. Rev.21:2.
 5. New names. Rev.2:17; Rev.3:12; Rev.7:3.
 6. New Paradise. Rev.22:1-5.

CONCLUSION.

We are reminded from the Word of God that the best is yet to come. God the Holy Spirit directed Paul to write, "For now we see in a mirror darkly; but then, face to face; now I know in part, but then shall I know even as I am known". (1 Cor.13:12;) Through faith, we have the substance of things hoped for and the Word of God gives us the evidence necessary. (Heb.11:1;) Our future is glorious as Believers for we belong to the Royal Family of God, being born again by God the Holy Spirit. "For our citizenship is in Heaven, from where also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall change our lowly body, that it may be fashioned like His Glorious Body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself." Phil.3:20-21. " But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things that God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit; For the Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God." (1 Cor.2:9-10.) The choice is ours as individuals, for God has offered the glorious future to all who will accept Christ as their personal Saviour. Heaven can be yours with all of the splendor, if you so desire. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him. (Heb.2:3;) "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isa.1:18.)

INTERCESSOR.

SCRIPTURE. Jn.17:1-26; Rom.8:26-39; Ex.3:1-9.

INTRODUCTION.

It is always a great comfort to have someone to plead your cause when in trouble. It is also helpful to have someone present your desires, or petitions. Did you ever realize that God has provided all of this for us in the spiritual realm for Believers? We are constantly being challenged by Satan as he accuses us day and night before God. God in His omniscience and Sovereignty has provided all of the protection that we need, both in Heaven and on Earth. This accusation will continue until we as Believers get our glorified body at the time of the rapture. (1 Jn.3:1-3.)

OUTLINE.

- I. God the Father intercedes for Israel.**
- II. God the Son intercedes for Believers.**
 - 1. When they remain upon this earth.
 - 2. God the Son continues to intercede for His own, before God the Father.
- III. God the Holy Spirit intercedes for the Believers.**

I. God the Father intercedes for Israel.

- A. Israel in the land of Egypt. Ex.12:40; (Note the whole Book of Exodus.)**
 - 1. Thirty years of peace in Egypt. Gen.50:1-26; Ex.1:1-7.
 - 2. The Egyptian bondage of Israel for 400 years. Ex.1:8-2:22.
- B. God heard the cry of Israel in Egypt. Ex.2:23-25.**
 - 1. Moses called by God to deliver Israel. Ex.3:1-18.
 - 2. The Mighty Hand of God revealed before the Egyptians. Ex.3:19-12:51.
 - 3. God heard the cries of Israel. Ex.2:24; 6:5.
- C. God remembers His covenant with Abraham. Ex.6:1-18.**
 - 1. The Covenant was unconditional. Gen.15:1-18; Heb.6:16-17; Gen.17:1-13.
 - 2. God's assurance to Israel.
 - a. I have established you. Ex.6:4.
 - b. I have heard you. Ex.6:5.
 - c. I have remembered. Ex.6:5.

- d. I will bring you out. Ex.6:6-8.
- e. I will rid Israel from bondage. Ex.6:6.
- f. I will redeem you. Ex.6:6.
- g. I will take Israel as a people. Ex.6:7.
- h. I will be Israel's God. Ex.6:7.
- i. I did swear to give Israel a land. Ex.6:8.
- j. I will give a land to Israel as an heritage. Ex.6:8.

D. God has been disciplining Israel down through the ages.

- 1. Because of her corruption.
- 2. Her idol worship.
- 3. The broken commandments.

E. God's promise to regather Israel.

- 1. God scattered Israel because of sin.
- 2. God is placing Israel back in the land. Jer.16:15.

II. God the Son intercedes for Believers.

A. The great prayer of Christ. Jn.17:1-26.

- 1. Glorify Thy Son through the cross. Jn.17:1.
- 2. Christ had power over sin and death, bringing eternal life. Jn.17:2.
- 3. Eternal life made possible by the Triune God. Jn.17:3.
- 4. Christ glorified God the Father.
- 5. Christ finished the work of salvation. Jn.17:4-5.
- 6. Christ revealed the Triune God to mankind. Jn.17:6-8.
- 7. Christ prays for the Believers. Jn.17:9-17.
- 8. Christ sanctifies the Believers and commissions them. Jn.17:15-23.
- 9. Christ promises the Believers to be with Him in Heaven. Jn.17:24.
- 10. Christ's love for the Believers. Jn.17:25-26.
- 11. Christ's physical body was prepared before creation. Jn.17:24; Eph.1:4; 1 Pet.1:20; Rev.13:8.

B. Christ promised to send God the Holy Spirit. Jn.14:15-26; 16:1-15.

C. Christ continues to intercede for Believers from Heaven.

- 1. Satan is the accuser in God's high Court. Job.1:6-12.
- 2. Christ is the Believer's Mediator before God the Father. Gal.3:19-20; 1 Tim.2:5; Heb.8:6; 9:15; 12:24.
- 3. No other one could intercede for us. Ps.7:17; 33:21; 72:17; Isa.1:18; 7:14; 9:6-7; Isa.53. Matt.1:21-25; 1 Jn.3:23; 5:13; Col.3:17; Phil.2:9; Acts.4:12; Rev.2:13; 22:4.
- 4. Christ is our Advocate before God the Father. 1 Jn.2:1; Heb.9:15; 12:24.

III. God the Holy Spirit intercedes for the Believers.

A. The Believers are identified with the Holy Spirit forever. Jn.14:16; 1 Cor.12:13; Eph.1:13.

B. God the Holy Spirit continues in prayer for the Believers. Rom.8:26-27.

C. God the Holy Spirit helps us to understand the Word of God.

1. The Holy Spirit searches and informs. 1 Cor.2:10-11.
2. The Holy Spirit shares his wisdom. Eph.1:17.
3. The Holy Spirit understands all things. Isa.11:2.
4. The Holy Spirit indwells Believers forever. Jn.3:3-8; 14:16-17.
5. The Holy Spirit is grieved when we sin. Eph.4:30.
6. The Holy Spirit gives gifts to the Believers and profitable talents as He wills and not as the Believers demand. 1 Cor. Chapters 12 through 14.
7. The Holy Spirit gives understanding of the Bible. 2 Tim.3:15-17.
8. The Holy Spirit is the source of our power. Zech.4:6.
9. The Holy Spirit teaches, guides and directs Believers. Jn.16:13; Isa.48:16; Rom.8:14.
10. The Holy Spirit is our comfort and encouragement. Jn.14:26.
11. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin. Jn.16:8.
12. The Holy Spirit is the restraining power in this present world system. 2 Thess.2:7; Isa.59:19; Gen.6:3; Acts 8:29.
 - a. Restrains sin in the world from going to the extreme.
 - b. He convicts the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgement. Jn.16:7-11; Acts.13:2; 16:7.

CONCLUSION.

The Lord God Almighty has provided us with the greatest defence system for time and eternity. Although we have ministering angels ever by our side, yet the eternal Son of God is our Mediator and Advocate in the very Heavenly realms. Our Comforter, God the Holy Spirit is our ever present help, dwelling within us forever! His prayers cannot be spoken in our human language. As God the Father was with Israel in the Old Testament, so the Lord Jesus Christ intercedes for us before the Father. Ps.38:9; Jer.27:18; Jer.33:3; Isa.59:16; Acts 7:34; 1 Tim.7:14; Isa.53:12; Rom.8:34.

God has provided every measure to help us in our infirmities and as Job was accused before God, so are all Believers for various reasons. God the Holy Spirit dwelling within us gives us special protection from the onslaughts of the Devil and his demons. Christ interceding in Heaven as our Advocate gives us special protection against the accusations of the Devil. The prayers of both Christ and the Holy Spirit will be answered by God the Father for our benefit and admonition. Remember ,Dear Believer, we are members of the Royal family of God.

THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD.

SCRIPTURE.

Rom.11:33; 16:7; 1 Chron.16:14; Ps.105:7; 36:6; 19:9; Gen.3:15; Gen.7:1-24; Isa.2:4; Rev.20:11-15.

INTRODUCTION.

The judgments of God may be classified into various categories and to a variety of degrees. God in His Sovereignty may bring immediate but partial judgement upon wickedness, but the final judgement with God's full force is reserved for the future. God's judgments are always based upon His absolute perfect righteous character. In God's eternal plan, the final judgement at the Great White Throne will remove rebellion, wickedness and the sum total of sin forever, and it will never appear again. (Dan.9:24;) God's laws and statutes will be established forever, when all things become new. In God's "somewhere", there will be a continual lake of fire, where both the fallen angels and unbelieving mankind will be sealed up forever, separated from God's righteousness, remaining in the state of living death, never to escape this final judgement of God.

OUTLINE.

- I. The Judgement of God upon the fallen angels.**
- II. The Judgments of God upon nations and Governments of the world.**
- III. The Judgments of God upon cities.**
- IV. The Judgments of God upon Israel.**
- V. The Judgments of God upon families and individuals.**
- VI. The Final Judgement upon all sin and wickedness.**

I. The Judgments of God upon the fallen angels.

- A. Satan the ring leader of all rebellion against God.**
 - 1. Sin began in Heaven under Satan. Isa.14:12-17.**
 - a. Satan declares 5 "I Wills" against God.**
 - b. God made Lucifer perfect as the greatest creature. Ezek.28:12-15.**
 - c. God's 5 "I wills" against Satan. Ezek.28:13-19.**

2. Satan draws one third of all of God's angels to follow him. Rev.12:4.
 - a. The angels had their choice and were not deceived having seen the great creations of God.
 - b. These fallen angels became demons.
 3. Satan and his fallen angels will be thrown out of heaven. Rev.9:1-12; Rev.12:7-12; Isa.14:12.
 4. Satan will be judged during the Kingdom of righteousness. Rev.20:1-3.
 5. Satan's final judgement. Ezek.28:16-19; Rev.20:9-10.
- B. The destiny of the fallen angels. Rev.12:4; Jude 6. 2 Pet.2:4.**
1. Some angels were so wicked that they had to be chained until the final judgement. Jude 6.
 2. Some angels were so terrible that they remain in the bottomless pit until the great tribulation. Rev.9:1-12.
 3. Some wicked angels are sealed up, under the Euphrates River until the Great Tribulation. Rev.9:13-21.
 4. Some wicked angels as demons are roaming this whole earth and indwelling many unbelievers. Matt.8:30-32; Mk.5:11-16; Lk.8:32-33; Gen.6:1-4.
- C. All fallen angels led by Satan must give an account before God. Job.1:6.**
- D. All Believers have an Advocate and Mediator before God.**
1. We are accused before God by Satan.
 2. Christ is our Advocate and Mediator before the Father. 1 Jn.2:1; 1 Tim.2:5; Heb.8:6; Heb.9:15; Heb.12:24.

II. The Judgments of God upon the Nations and Governments of the world.
Gen.6:1-7:24.

- A. The Nation of Egypt. Ex.7:4; Ezek.29 & 30. Rev.12:12; Joel 3:12.
- B. The Syrian Nation. 1 Ki.20:28; 2 Ki.6:8-23.
- C. The Land of Edom. The Book of Obediah.
- D. The Four Great Empires. The Book of Daniel.
 1. Babylon
 2. Medes and Persians.
 3. Grecian Empire.
 4. The Roman Empire (Past and future Revived Roman Empire.)

III. The Judgments of God upon cities. The Book of Amos.

1. Babel. Gen.11:1-9.
2. Sodom and Gomorrah. Gen.19:1-28; Jude 7.
3. Ninevah. The Book of Nahum.
4. Sidon. Ezek.28:20-24.
5. Moab. Ezek.25:11.

6. Chorazin, and Bethsaida. Lk.10:13;
7. Jerusalem. Ezek.14:21; Matt.23:37-39; Lk.13:34-35; Ps.118:26; Jer.22:5; Matt.24:1-2.

IV. The Judgement of God upon Israel as a nation. Deut.32:36; 33:10-21; 1 Ki.6:12; 2 Ki.17:6-41; 1 Chron.28:7; Ps.147:19; Isa.26:8-9; Amos. Chapter 3. Ezra 7:10; Mic.1:1-11.

A. The Old Testament refers to many enslavements of Israel

1. These judgments were due to Israel's rebellion.
2. Israel did not keep the Sabbath years or Jubilee years.

B. Israel rejected the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ.

V. The Judgments of God upon Individuals and Families.

A. Judgments upon Individuals. 1 Tim.5:24; Ps.119:39 & 156; Rom.2:16.

1. Cain. Gen.4:8-16; 1 Jn.3:12; Jude 11.
2. Miriam. Num.12:1-15.
3. Jezebel. 1 Ki.21:17-24; 2 Ki.9:30-37.
4. Saul. 1 Sam.13:1-1-14.
5. Absalom 2 Sam.18:9-18.

B. Judgments upon families.

1. Many families of Israel demanded a golden calf. Ex.32:1-35.
2. Achan's sin destroys his whole family. Josh.7:1-26;
3. Ananias and Saphira. Acts.5:1-11.
4. The Bible speaks of "Sin unto Death" 1 Jn.5:16.

C. The Judgement Seat of Christ. 1 Cor.3:9-17; 2 Cor.5:10.

1. This judgement is only for Believers and pertains to rewards for faithfulness.
2. This judgement is based upon good works "Gold, Silver and Precious Stones".
3. Good works which were done for self glory or prestige etc. "Wood Hay and Stubble." God's fire will consume.
4. The purpose of this judgement.
 - a. Get rid of vain glory.
 - b. Give out rewards for faithfulness as God's thanks.
 - c. Good works in this present life are important as a way for us to show our appreciation for salvation.
 - d. Salvation is solely provided by God, not of works lest any man should boast. Salvation is a Gift by Grace.

VI. The final judgement upon all sin and wickedness.

A. The Cross of Calvary. "Jesus paid it all". Jn.3:16-18; Rom.5:12-17; 1 Tim.1:15; Heb.11:7; 1 Jn.2:2; 4:14; 1 Cor.1:17-18; Gal.6:4; Col.1:20; 2:14.

B. The Great White Throne Judgement. 1 Pet.4:5; Rev.20:11-15.

1. Only Unbelievers will be judged. There will not be any sheep before this judgement seat.
2. All Unbelievers of all ages will be raised from the dead and be judged before Christ.
3. Every knee will bow before Christ and confess that He is the Eternal Son of God. Jn.20:31; Phil.2:10-11.
4. Sin will not be the issue, since Christ died for the sins of the whole world. The unpardonable sin is their rejection of Christ.
5. The Book of Life contains all of the names of Believers of all ages. It is God's computer system.
6. The Other Books contain the individual record of every unbeliever who ever lived upon this earth. God will reveal that their standards of good could never equal the goodness that God requires for entrance into Heaven. That was why God had to send His Own Eternal Son to satisfy His standard of perfect righteousness.

CONCLUSION.

Briefly we have considered some of the many judgments of God which are recorded in the Bible. God has never desired that one soul should perish and be sent into the eternal Lake of Fire. That judgement was prepared for the Devil and his angels, but unbelieving man has forced God to include them in this terrible final judgement of the Lake of Fire. There is a way that seemeth right to man, but the end thereof is the judgement and Eternal living death. Take Jesus as your Saviour today! Christ has paid the full debt of our sins upon the Cross and if you pass into eternity without Christ you have forfeited a glorious eternal life with Almighty God. Accept the pardon which God offers to you through the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the way, the truth and the life, and the only one who can save you from the Lake of Fire. Be reasonable with God, who has provided redemption. (Isa.1:18.) God's judgement and wrath will be poured out throughout eternity upon those who reject God's escape route. (Heb.2:3-4; Jn.3:18,36.)

THY KINGDOM COME.

SCRIPTURE.

Matt.6:9-13; 25:31-46; Rev.19:11-20:6; Ps.2:9; Isa.11:1-16; Isa.27:1-6; 32:1-20; 35:1-10; 60:1-22; 65:18-25.

INTRODUCTION.

The prayer which the Lord taught His disciples was more than just an ordinary prayer. The Godhead had promised a kingdom to the Old Testament Saints where God's Righteousness would fully reign. The Beatitudes were also far reaching and would be part of the Kingdom teachings. It is also concluded from history that down through the ages, Satan has had his counterfeit offers to world leaders and politicians of a kingdom under his domain, apart from God. The world is not getting better, but rather, as we draw near unto the Great Tribulation the Word of God tells us that perilous times will come. God's time table is set, and we are clearly told what God's kingdom of righteousness will be like.

OUTLINE.

- I. The King and Kingdom will come from Heaven.**
- II. The Battle of Victory will be fought.**
- III. God's Kingdom will be established upon the Earth.**

I. The King and Kingdom will come from Heaven. Rev.19:11-20:6.

A. All the Saints of all ages will come with the King. 1 Thess.3:13.

- 1. The Rapture will bring the Saints to heaven. Jn.14:1-6; 1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Cor.15:51-58; 1 Thess.1:10; 2:12; 2 Thess.1:7-10.**
- 2. The Rapture is the next great event. 1 Thess.1:10;**
 - a. Israel is gathering back in her land.**
 - b. Israel has been re-instated as a nation in 1948.**
 - c. The Common Market of Europe is a forerunner of the Revival of the Roman Empire.**
 - d. Israel is struggling for existence.**
 - e. Sacrificial offerings will soon begin.**
 - f. Christ's return is imminent and he could return any time.**
- 3. The Saints must be gathered in heaven before the Great Tribulation can begin. Rev.4:1-5:14.**

- a. The sealed book cannot be opened until the Saints are present in heaven. (Rev.4 & 5.)
 - b. We will join in singing the great redemption song. Rev.5:8-10.
 - c. Pre-tribulation rapture is the only time that one cannot set a date for this event.
 - d. We are to be delivered out from the wrath to come. 1 Thess.1:10.
4. Great changes are taking place in Russia and Europe.

B. The "King of Kings" will separate the goats from the sheep at the beginning of the Kingdom.

- 1. Note the parables that Christ taught as He likened the kingdom by various illustrations.
 - a. The wheat and the tares. Matt.13:24-30.
 - b. The Kingdom like a fisherman's net. Matt.13:47-51.
 - c. Please note that the bad were removed first in these illustrations.
 - d. The sheep and the goats. Matt.25:31-46.
- 2. The rod of iron will be used to establish God's righteous Kingdom on earth. Ps.2:9; Isa.11:4; Rev.2:27; 12:5.
- 3. The people of the earth will live hundreds of years. Isa.65:20.
- 4. Millions of children will be born to the people of the earth during the thousand year reign of Christ.

II. The Battle of victory will be fought. Rev.19:11-20:6.

A. The Lord will descend with the Saints of all ages. 1 Thess.3:13.

- 1. Heaven will open.
- 2. The angels will be present.
- 3. The Lord Himself fights the Victorious battle. Dan.9:34; 2:44-45; 4:35; Rev.19:15.
- 4. The two Beasts thrown into the Lake of Fire. Rev.19:20.
- 5. The Satanic armies destroyed. Rev.19:21.
- 6. Satan will be bound and cast into the bottomless pit for the duration of the Thousand year kingdom. Rev.20:1-3.

B. The Sheep and Goats are then to be separated. Matt.25:31-46;

- 1. The goats (Unbelievers) will be destroyed and await the second resurrection to appear before the White Throne judgement.
- 2. The sheep (Believers) will enter into the 1,000 year kingdom as purified but remain people of this world and capable of bearing children.

III. God's Kingdom will be established upon the Earth. Dan.7:9-14.

A. Nature will be restored. Isa.55:13.

- 1. Tremendous production of food as the thorns, thistles and diseases will be removed. No world hunger.
- 2. The animal world will be calm and peaceful. Isa.11:6.
- 3. Life will be extended to hundreds of years. Isa.65:20.

4. Children will be born during the kingdom age.
5. There will be a choice for all of the people of the world.
6. Satan will be bound. Rev.20:1-3.
7. The total depravity of mankind will continue .
8. The Saints of God in our glorified bodies will teach the people of the world the righteousness of God. Rev.5:10.
9. There will be many people born during the kingdom age who will rebel against God and join forces with Satan after he is released from the bottomless pit for a season. Rev.20:7-10.

B. The Kingdom will be established by the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Thrones will be set. Matt.25:31-46; Dan.7:9-14.
2. Christ will rule in righteousness with a rod of iron. Ps.2:9; Rev.19:15; Rev.2:27.
3. The Saints from heaven will become a kingdom of priests teaching God's righteousness. Rev.5:9-10.
4. The Tribulation Saints will also be there to rule with Christ. Rev.20:4.

C. What will the Kingdom be like?

1. Great production (no hunger or lack of work).
2. The capital city of the world will be Jerusalem.
3. There will be no sickness or diseases, but accidents will occur.
4. The people of the world will live hundreds of years. Isa.65:20.
5. The Beatitudes become a reality.
6. There will not be religions or denominations. Rev.20:1-3.
7. There will be great spirituality around the world. Joel 2:28; Isa.65:24; Zech.14:16-17;
8. Israel will dwell in all of her land. Isa.55:3-10;65:19; Zech.8:20-23;
9. Perfect peace without war, under The Lord Jesus Christ. Zech.14:9; Isa.11:1-2; Ps.72.
10. Universal prosperity. Ps.72:7 & 16.
11. Universal knowledge of God. Isa.11:9.
12. Perfect government under Christ with no corruption. Zech.14:9.
13. Perfect nature, fully restored. Rom.8:19-22. Isa.11:6-9; Isa.35:1-2; 65:25.
14. Perfect administration of Justice. Isa.11:3 & 7; Ps.72:12-14.
15. All unbelievers (goats) will be removed at the beginning of the Kingdom, but there will be millions born who will have to make their choice between good and evil, as the people of the world will still have their sin nature. Ezek.20. Matt.25. Matt.3:11 Lk.3:16.

CONCLUSION.

The Kingdom age is still in the future and no matter how hard man tries to bring in a man made kingdom, he will fail. God's kingdom will come according to plan. This will be the final test given to God's creatures which will be under the most favorable conditions and again man will fail. Every mouth will be stopped and perfect rule in

righteousness will continue for a thousand years with no sickness, disease, no hunger and perfect justice, but man will again fail, as soon as Satan is released from the bottomless pit. They will follow him as the sands of the sea in number. (Rev.20:1-3; 20:7-10;) These rebellious people will then be destroyed by fire from heaven. Their final judgement will be when they are raised from the dead to stand before the Great White Throne to be judged and thrown into the Eternal Lake of fire. After this final judgement the Kingdom of God continues on forever, but under a New Heaven and New Earth. The old will be destroyed with fervent heat (2 Pet.3:10-14;) God will then show us His marvelous creative power when the New Heavens and the New earth come forth. Rev.21. We are the first of God's new creation and one day we shall see these great things which God has prepared for those that love Him. 1 Cor.2:9-10.

LIBERTY IN CHRIST.

SCRIPTURE.

Ps.119:45; Jer.34:17; Lk.4:16-19; Rom.8:21; 1 Cor.8:1-13;
2 Cor.3:7; Gal.2:4; 5:1-13; Jas.1:25; 1 Pet.2:16; Jn.8:32-36;
Rom.8:2; Gal.5:1; Rom.3:24; Matt.10:8.

INTRODUCTION.

There is not a person in the whole world who does not desire to enjoy freedom. History reveals to us that most wars have been fought to either gain freedom or to take it away from others through greed and quest for power. God Who has created both angels and men, gave to us volition, or the freedom of choice. The remainder of creation is under firm laws and the living creatures have an instinct, molded by God. God made us as mankind in the likeness of Himself, rather than making us robots or puppets. As Christians we now want to study the liberty and freedom which the Lord has given to us. This liberty is under the guidance of God the Holy Spirit Who dwells within us.

OUTLINE.

- I. Christ came to set us free from the bondage of sin.**
- II. Knowing the truth of God's Word sets us free.**
- III. God the Holy Spirit is our Guide in our life of liberty.**

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- I. Christ came to set us free from the bondage of sin. Lk.4:16-19.**
 - A. The "Penalty of Sin" is removed by Christ's sacrifice. Isa.53:1-12; Isa.25:8; Matt.10:33.**
 - 1. Jesus paid it all to set us free. Heb.2:9-10;
 - 2. Positionally, nothing can change this freedom. Rom.8:38; 1 Cor.3:22; 1 Cor.15:21-56.
 - 3. Believers have already passed from death unto life. 1 Jn.3:14.
 - B. The "Power of Sin" is to be removed from our lives. 1 Jn.2:1; 1 Cor.15:34.**
 - 1. Sin should not have dominion over Believers.
 - 2. We have the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit Who is our Helper and power.
 - 3. If we fall into sin we can only blame ourselves for not taking the escape route which God has provided.

C. The "Presence of Sin" will one day be removed forever. Dan.9:24.

1. Sin was judged at the cross. Col.2:14;
2. Satan and the Demons will be cast into the Lake of Fire forever. Rev.20:10;
3. Wickedness, evil, sin and death will all be thrown into the Lake of Fire and remain there forever. Rev.20:11-15.

II. Knowing the truth of God's Word sets us free. Jn.8:32; Rom.8:2; Gal.5:1; 1 Pet.2:16.

A. God's Word gives us confidence and security. 1 Jn.3:19-21.

1. God's Word establishes us in the new way of life. 1 Thess.3:2.
2. Freedom comes by God's grace alone. Heb.13:9; Jn.1:14-17; Rom.3:24; Eph.2:5-9; Col.1:6.
3. The Grace of God should never be abused. Rom.6:1.

B. Our freedom in Christ should never be used as a cloak. 1 Pet.2:16.

1. Freedom in Christ has certain conditions. 1 Cor.8:8-13.
2. Refrain from the appearance of evil. 1 Thess.5:22.
3. Mature Believers in the Word of God do not judge others according to appearance or respect of persons. Jn.7:24.
4. Always use your freedom in Christ to glorify God. 1 Cor.1:31; 2 Cor.10:17; 2 Thess.1:10-12.

III. God the Holy Spirit is our Guide in our life of liberty. 1 Cor.12:1-14:22.

A. God the Holy Spirit searches our hearts. 1 Cor.2:10-11.

1. God the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, and is not merely a power button.
2. God the Holy Spirit is our Comforter and help. Jn.14:16-18.

B. God the Holy Spirit becomes "Grieved" when we misuse the freedom in Christ Jesus. Eph.4:30.

1. God the Holy Spirit only wants the best to be our portion.
2. God the Holy Spirit loves us and troubles us when we have gone astray.

C. God the Holy Spirit wants to guide and direct us in our freedom. Jn.16:8; Rom.8:14.

1. Led by the Holy Spirit brings joy.
2. Led by the Holy Spirit brings a fruitful life.

D. God the Holy Spirit wishes to prevent us from the wrong choices.

1. Abiding in Christ. Jn.15:4-7.
2. We must subject ourselves to the will of the Holy Spirit. Heb.3:7; Isa.59:19; Rom.8:26.

E. God the Holy Spirit speaks to us through the Word of God. 2 Tim.3:15-17.

1. Be fruitful by the Holy Spirit. Gal.5:22-26.
2. Enjoy this inward freedom in Christ. Gal.3:13; 5:18; Rom.6:3-9.

CONCLUSION.

Always remember that when Christ makes us free, we are free indeed. We must grant this same freedom to other fellow Believers, not forcing them to follow your pattern of life. Let God's Word be our guide in behavior as we walk by faith." I will walk in liberty; for I seek Thy precepts." Ps.119:45; When we allow God the Holy Spirit to have control of our lives, being filled by Him, then we can live with confidence, serving the Lord. Let the Holy Spirit have all of your life, being filled by the Spirit. Christ Jesus has made us free from the law of sin and of death, so let us walk in newness of life.

In our Christian life of liberty in Christ Jesus, may we be mindful of the weaker brothers in the Lord, so that we do not offend them. It is as Paul being led by the Holy Spirit wrote. "But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak" 1 Cor.8:9. There are many ways that a strong Believer in Christ can offend a child in the faith. Paul went on to give the example of meat that had been sacrificed to dumb idols. If a weak brother makes an issue of such meat, then refrain from eating it, so that you do not offend the weaker brother. The Word says, "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no meat while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend." 1 Cor.8:13; As Believers we are all members of the "Body of Christ" and we are constantly reminded that our bodies are the Temple of the Living God. (1 Cor.3:16.

MORALITY ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD.

SCRIPTURE.

Ps.1:1-6; 12:5; 51:10; Matt.5:6-20; Rom.1:17; 3:22-26; 4:3-6;
Rom.6:13; Gal.3:6; Phil.3:9; Tit.2:12; Rom.14:17; Pr.12:5; Rev.16:5-7.

INTRODUCTION.

A good and upright person is blessed by God providing that the motive is not for self glory, or praise. The world's opinion of righteousness is vastly different from the righteousness of God. Religions of the world have many moral and excellent traits hoping to establish some merit before God. God's Word tells us that our best is but filthy rags as compared to His righteousness. (Isa.64:6.) True morality is doing the right thing according to God's Word.

Man's cultural background varies from one area to another in this world's system and mankind apart from God is filled with superstition, witchcraft, evil practices and customs. It is God's Word that unifies our pattern of life. God the Holy Spirit has been sent to correct our moral standards according to the Word of God.

OUTLINE.

- I. The Standards of God.**
- II. The Blessings from God.**
- III. Eternity with God.**

I. The Standards of God.

Ps.19:8; 38:4; 119:75; Isa.45:19; 41:10; Dan.9:14.

- A. We must obtain "God's Righteousness" to be acceptable. Rom.3:21-31.**
 - 1. Obedience to God's Word brings glory, honor and peace. Rom.2:10-11.
 - 2. One is justified by faith alone. Rom.4:3; Gal.3:6; Heb.11:8-17; Jas.2:21-13.
- B. All have failed before God and are without excuse. Rom.2:1-4.**
 - 1. Those that know the law fall short of God's requirements. Rom.2:11-13.
 - 2. Those that are not under the law come short of the glory of God. Rom.2:12-16.
- C. Religious people do not measure up to God's standards.**
 - 1. Personal righteousness insufficient before God. Rom.2:17-29.
 - 2. Some have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. 2 Tim.3:5.

D. God's verdict upon all flesh.

1. The whole world is guilty before God. Rom.3:9-20.
2. God's wrath against all unrighteousness. Rom.1:18-3:20.
 - a. Those that worship the creation rather than the Creator.
 - b. Those that try to establish themselves by their own wisdom.
 - c. Those that misuse and corrupt their own bodies.
 - d. Those who practice homosexuality.
 - e. Those that use filthy speech and evil thoughts. Col.3:8; 2 Pet.2:7.

E. The Conclusion of rejecting God's moral code. Ps.14:13; Ps.78:37; Pr.16:25; Pr.21:2; Jer.23:10-15; Ezek.18:1-4; Job.15:16; Zeph.3:1; Matt.15:41-46; Gal.5:17-21; Jude 8. Rev.22:11; Rom.2:56; Rev.20:11-15.

II. The Blessings from God. Ps.1:1-6; 16:8-11; 107:7; 121:5; Prov.21:8; Ezek.18:6-9; Jas.5:16; Pet.3:12; 1 Tim.6:11; Heb.1:9; Gal.5:22-26.

- A. Blessings in this present life.** Eph.3:20; Jer.33:3; Eph.1:3-14.
B. Blessings to others. Rom.12:1-2; Matt.28:19-20; Prov.13:17.
C. Ambassadors for Christ. 2 Cor.5:20.

D. Blessings in "Heavenly Places" that will last forever. Eph.1:3-14; Lk.16:9; 1 Thess.5:16; 2 Thess.2:16; 2 Pet.1:11.

III. Eternity with God. 1 Jn.3:1-3; Isa.60:15; Jn.3:16-17; 4:36; 17:3.

A. Inherited Eternal Life. 1 Jn.5:11-20.

B. Indwelt by God the Holy Spirit forever. Jn.14:15-17.

C. Eternal Inheritance with Christ. Heb.9:15.

D. Eternal Hope that never fades away. Tit.3:7.

E. Eternal Purpose before God. Eph.3:11.

F. Eternal Redemption in Christ. Heb.9:12.

G. Eternal Glory with Christ. 2 Cor.4:17-18; 2 Tim.2:10; 1 Pet.5:10.

CONCLUSION.

God's eternal plan was to create living creatures that would be forever free from wickedness, and provide the means to attain this status. God the Father planned so great salvation, God the Son provided the salvation by dying on the cross for the penalty

of our sins, and God the Holy Spirit is the indwelling witness for those who believe. It will be a glorious day when sin will be put away forever. As we go through this life, let us remember, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil.3:13-14; By the help of God reckon the old life as dead Rom.6:6; We have been purged of our sins through Christ. (2 Pet.1:19;) Put away the old life. (Col.3:9; Eph.4:22;) The Old life should pass out of our memory. (2 Cor.5:17;) We are now the royal priesthood of God. (1 Pet.2:9;) "Search me, oh God, and know my heart; Try me and know my thoughts; And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Ps.139:23-24;

THE NOBILITY OF BELIEVERS.

SCRIPTURE.

Phil.3:14-21; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; Rom.8:14-17; 1 Tim. 4:1-16; 1 Pet.4:11-14.

INTRODUCTION.

God in His eternal plan to eliminate sin and wickedness once and forever (Dan.9:24;), has granted unto both angels and mankind a marvelous relationship for obedience to the will of God. The faithful angels who had resisted Lucifer and refused to follow him, will forever be in the presence of Almighty God. Believers among mankind of all ages will have a special place in the Royal Family of God. The fallen angels (Demons), and unbelievers of all ages will be separated from God forever, never to escape their prison. They will remain in the everlasting Lake of Fire forever! (Rev.20:13-15;) There will never be a second chance for those who reject Christ in this life upon earth. Believers are positionally in the Royal Family of God, having been born again by God the Holy Spirit. One day we shall receive our glorified body and be like the Eternal Son of God. (1 Jn.3:1-3.)

OUTLINE.

- I. The "High Calling" of God. Phil.3:13-21.
- II. The "Glorious Birth" and blessings both now and forever. 1 Cor.12:26-31.
- III A "Royal Heritage" not to be forgotten or neglected.
Matt.18:1-17.

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- I. The "High Calling" of God. Phil.3:13-21.
 - A. Born again by God the Holy Spirit. Jn.3:3-17; 1 Cor.12:13.
 - 1. A new spiritual birth.
 - 2. Indwelt by God the Holy Spirit forever.
 - 3. Sealed forever by God the Holy Spirit.
 - 4. Given special gifts by God the Holy Spirit.
 - 5. We are taught by God the Holy Spirit.
 - 6. God the Holy Spirit wants to guide us along life's path, if we will let Him.
 - 7. God the Holy Spirit prevents the demons from indwelling Believers.

- B. We have become "Ambassadors" for Christ.** 2 Cor.5:20. Jn.17:18; Matt.28:18-20.
1. We are witnesses of the saving grace of our loving Lord.
Acts 1:8; 2:32; 3:15; 5:32; 10:39; Heb.12:1.
 2. We are left on earth to preach the Gospel and teach the Word. Rom.1:14-17; 2 Cor.4:1-7; 2 Tim.4:1-2.
 3. Intercede for many through prayer. 1 Tim.2:1-4.
 4. Teaching sound doctrine according to the Word of God. Acts 5:42; Acts 15:35; Acts 18:11; Matt.11:1; Matt.28:10; 1 Cor.4:17; Col.1:28; 1 Tim.1:3; 1 Tim.4:11; 2 Tim.4:2.

- C. Made glorious in the Lord Jesus Christ by our new birth.** 2 Cor.3:6-8; Phil.3:21.
1. Made new creatures.
 2. Made spiritually alive.
 3. Made citizens of heaven. Phil.3:20-21.
 4. Blessed with all spiritual blessings. Eph.1:3-14.
 5. A kingdom of priests for Christ. Rev.5:10.
 6. Will rule and reign with the Lord during the Kingdom of righteousness.
 7. To become the Bride of Christ. Rev.19:7-10.

II. The "Glorious Birth" and blessings both now and forever. 1 Cor.12:26-31.

- A. We are given a "Glorious Gospel" to preach.** 1 Cor.4:4; 1 Tim.1:11; Ps.87:3; Ps.145:5; Acts 13:48.
1. It is a high calling in Christ Jesus.
 2. We become obedient to the great commission of the Lord.
 3. It is the Believer's way of saying thank you Lord Jesus.
 4. Our hearts become filled with joy.
 5. We behold the mighty power of God through the salvation of precious souls.
 6. We sound out a warning to all of the coming judgement day.
 7. We fulfill our responsibility as watchmen of the Lord. Ezek.3:17-21.
- B. A glorious eternal body is reserved for us in Heaven.** Phil.3:21; 1 Jn.3:1-3; 2 Cor.3:6-8.
- C. We are members of the "Body of Christ", as the glorious Church.** Eph.5:27.
- D. We will be a part of the "Glorious appearing" of the Lord Jesus Christ, when the rapture takes place.** Jn.14:1-6; 1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Cor.15:51-58; Tit.2:13.
- E. We shall spend seven "Glorious Years" in Heaven beholding the "Glory of God"**
Rev.4 & 5.
- F. We shall spend 1,000 years on earth with the Lord during His kingdom reign.**
Rev.20:4-6.
- G. We are to become a "Kingdom of Priests" during the kingdom age.** Rev.5:10.

- H. We are entrusted with the "Glorious Message" to tell the nations.**
1. Spiritual and glorious conversation. Ps.87:3; 145:5; 1 Cor.1:3; 2 Cor.10:7.
 2. Glorious works for the Lord. Matt.5:16.
 3. Glorious eternal fruit bearing. Jn.15:8.
 4. Having a part in the glorious Word of God. Jn.17:6-9; Acts 13:48.
 5. The privilege of glorifying God's Name. Ps.86:9-12; 66:2; 72:19.
 6. Glorifying God in the fellowship of the Saints. 2 Thess.1:10-12; 1 Pet.4:11-14.
 7. Glorifying our Lord as we express our love for Him. Eph.5:2.

III.A "Royal Heritage" which is not to be forgotten or neglected. Matt.18:1-17; 2 Tim.1:9.

- A. So great salvation. Heb.2:3.**
- B. Remember to use your gifts given to you by God the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor.12 ,13 & 14.; 1 Tim.4:1-16.**
- C. Do all as unto the Lord, Who has called you into this "Glorious Life". Rom.12:1-2,8; 1 Cor.9:23; 10:31; 2 Cor.13:11;; Gal.6:10; Phil.4:13; Col.1:7-23.**
- D. Do all in humility and not for self glory. Matt.18:1-6.**
- E. Do the Lord's work, as citizens of heaven. Phil.3:14-21; 2 Tim.1:14.**

CONCLUSION.

Our Christian birth by God the Holy Spirit goes far beyond what we would have had in Adam as a perfect man. We now have God the Holy Spirit dwelling within us forever. From the day of Pentecost until the rapture takes place, God is calling out of this world a "Royal Family" to be united in marriage to the Eternal Son of God. (Rev.19:7-10.) Our Comforter, God the Holy Spirit, will continue to dwell within us forever! (Jn.14:16-17;) Let us live on a higher level and give God the priority in our lives. Cast away the old manner of life by the power of God the Holy Spirit.(Zech.4:6;) Let us bear fruit for the Lord and faint not along the way. (Gal.6:9;) We belong to the Royal Family of God! We are very important people to God the Father as the future "Bride of Christ". Let us show our Divine royalty in our daily walk. We are but pilgrims passing through this temporary life with an eternal destiny as Citizens of Heaven. (Phil.3:20-21.)

OBEDIENCE TO GOD.

SCRIPTURE.

1 Sam.15:22; Josh.24:24; Jer.7:23; 26:18; Gal.3:1; 5:7.

INTRODUCTION.

In understanding the character of the Triune God, we become well aware of His goodness and requirements necessary to remain in fellowship with God. These requirements are always found in the Word of God. God taught the first man Adam to write down His principles and we have Enoch as the 7th generation from Adam writing about rebellious man. (Jude.14 & 15.) We are also reminded from the Word that obedience is better than sacrifice. (1 Sam.15:22;) May I also remind you, "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Prov.14:12; Prov.16:25;) God intends that we study the Bible to understand what God's requirements are and with the help of God the Holy Spirit, He will guide us into all truth.

OUTLINE.

- I. Obedience to God's Word.** Deut.27:10; 28:62; 30:1-20; Josh.24:24; Jer.7:23; 26:18.
 - II. Obedience to "So Great Salvation".** Heb.2:1-4; 5:5-10.
 - III. Obedience to God's will.** Ps.56:4-12; Isa.6:1-8; Dan.4:35; Matt.6:10; 7:21; 12:50; 18:14; 26:42.
 - IV. Obedience to Authority.** Dan.9:1-19; Lk.5:5; Jn.5:30; 6:38-40; Col.1:1; Gal.1:4; Eph.1:1; 2 Tim.1:1.
 - V. Disobedience brings "Death".** Job.36:12; Jer.3:25; 9:13; Rom.2:8; Gal.3:1; 5:7; 2 Thess.1:8; 3:14; Rom.10:16; 9:19; 1 Pet.3:1; 4:17.
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I. Obedience to God's Word.

- A. God's Word brings knowledge of God's will.** Col.1:9; 4:12.
 - 1. Non conformity to the world brings God's perfect will for your life. Rom.12:2.
 - 2. We hide God's Word in our hearts that we might not sin against God. Ps.119:11.
 - 3. The Knowledge of the Word brings light to our lives. Ps.119:105.
- B. God's Word gives us confidence in our daily life.** 1 Jn.3:20-21.
 - 1. The Word of God is alive. Heb.4:12.

2. Being led by the Holy Spirit brings assurance through the Word of God.
3. The Word of God expels the evil of the World, the Flesh and the Devil.

C. God's Word commands and illustrates communication. Jas.4:2-3; Jn.15:7;

1. We pray to the Father in the Name of His Son, and in the power of God the Holy Spirit.
2. Prayer is communion with God as we commit our lives to Him.
3. We learn to worship God through prayer.

II. Obedience to "So Great Salvation, Heb.2:3.

A. The Son of God submitted to the Father's will. Matt.26:39-42; Mk.35 & 36; Lk.22:41-42; Jn.5:30; 6:38-40.

1. May we desire God's will in our lives.
2. God has a perfect will for your life. Rom.12:2.
3. Our life's work should be according to the will of God.

B. Salvation can only come from God. Jn.14:1-6; Acts 4:12; Rom.9:17; 10:13; 1 Cor.1:2; Eph.5:20; Phil.2:9-10.

1. All have come short of the glory of God.
2. By Grace alone must we be saved.
3. We cannot earn salvation.

C. Obedience "By Faith" is necessary to gain salvation. Jn.3:16; 5:24; Rom.1:5-8 & 17; Rom.3:22-25; Rom.5:1-2; Rom.10:8; 2 Cor.5:7; Gal.2:20; 1 Pet.1:21.

1. Heroes of God of great faith. Heb.11.
2. Since salvation is not of works, we must trust the Lord to provide so great salvation by faith.
3. Faith in God has substance and evidence. Heb.11:1.

III. Obedience to God's will, Jn.5:30; 6:38-40.

A. The Son of God submitted to the Father's will.

B. We as Believers should be willing to do all according to God's will. Col.4:12; 1 Jn.2:17; 5:14; Acts 5:29; Lk.5:5.

C. There is great joy and pleasure in obedience to God. Rom.15:32; 1 Cor.1:1; 2 Cor.1:24; Phil.1:25-27; Eph.1:5; Phil.2:13; 1 Jn.2:17; 5:14.

1. Our pleasure is forever and ever.
2. God establishes a peace that is beyond understanding.
3. We have entered into a "Faith Rest" life with the Lord.

D. God the Holy Spirit helps us to be obedient. Eph.6:6; 1 Cor.12:11; 1 Cor.4:19; Col.1:9; 4:12; 1 Cor. 2:10-11; Jn.16:13; Rom.8:14; 8:26.

1. It is not by might nor by power, but by the Holy Spirit. Zech.4:6.
2. He comforts us .

3. He is our guide and our protection.

IV. Obedience to authority. 1 Tim.2:1-3.

A. Obedience to God. Jas.4:13-15; Acts.5:29; Isa.6:1-8; Col.4:12.

1. He is our Creator.
2. God alone is sovereign over all.
3. God has provided us with an escape route from the penalty of sin.
4. God dwells in the eternal realm.
5. He is the only God. Deut.6:4.
6. All life depends upon Him.
7. He loves us with an everlasting love.

B. Obey your Government. Heb.13:17; 1 Tim.2:1-3.

1. Governments are ordained of God.
2. God is sovereign over all Governments.
3. Render to Governments the things that belong to them. Matt.22:15-22.

C. Children obey your parents. Eph.6:1; Col.3:20.

1. Children are under the care of their parents.
2. Godly parents are very precious to the children.
3. The parents have the responsibility of bringing up the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
4. Children should always show respect to their parents.

C. Servants obey your Masters. Col.3:22.

1. The master who pays, desires work that profits.
2. If we cannot obey human masters how can we obey God?
3. We should not be strikers.

V. Disobedience brings death. Jn.3:18-36; Ps.59:13; 79:6; Jer.10:10; Hos.5:10; Zeph.1:15-18; Rom.1:18; Rom.5:9; Col.3:6; 1 Thess.1:10; 5:9.

1. God's Laws are made for man's good.
2. The wages of sin is death.
3. Law and order for sustaining peace.
4. Laws are based upon the Word of God.
5. Punishment for breaking the law is necessary.
6. Laws are for our protection.
7. Capital punishment is according to God's Word. Ex.21:12.

CONCLUSION.

Obedience is based upon knowledge and faith is based upon substantial evidence which we have in the Bible. (Heb.11:1;) God understands that the flesh is weak, and mankind is totally depraved apart from God. That is why it was very necessary to send God the Holy Spirit to dwell within us so that we may have victory over the evil forces.

God has a plan for each of our lives and without obedience to God, that plan will never materialize. The good news that God has given to us in the Bible is the power of God unto salvation to those who will obey God's truth. (Rom.1:16-18;) We need to realize that every child born into this world is brain washed by Satan. (2 Cor.4:3-4;) It is only the Gospel that can break the power of Satan in those young lives. God the Holy Spirit uses the Word of God in our lives to lead and guide us and give knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. Obedience to God is necessary for salvation, it is also necessary for our daily walk by faith. Trust and obey for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus and break the power of sin in your life. Praise God we will some day be delivered from the presence of sin forever and ever. Dan.9:24;

PRAYER TO THE LIVING GOD.

"LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY" Lk.11:1.

SCRIPTURE.

1 Sam.7:5; Job.42:8; Ps.5:2; 122:6; Jer.21:2; 33:3; Matt.5:44; Matt.6:6-7; Matt.6:9-13; Matt.9:38; Matt.14:28; Matt.24:20; Matt.26:41; Mk.6:46; Mk.13:33; 14:38; Lk.6:12; Lk.9:28; Lk.11:1-4; Lk.16:27; Lk.18:1,& 10; Jn.14:16; 16:26; 17:9-20; Rom.8:26; 1 Pet.3:7; Lk.19:46; Acts 1:14; 6:4; Col.4:12; 2 Cor.13:7; Phil.1:9; Col.1:9; 1 Thess.5:17 & 25; 2 Thess.1:11; 3:1; 1 Tim.2:8; Jas.5:13-16.

INTRODUCTION.

Conversation in the human realm is very important in our relationship with one another. In the spiritual sphere we deal with an entirely different approach. The two way conversation comes from within your spiritual life as related to God and your knowledge of the Word of God. To make sure that you are getting through to God, we need to maintain the right relationship with the Triune God. We present our petitions with thanksgiving and praise according to His will. The Bible clearly sets forth the right approach to God in prayer. Prayer is mentioned some 631 times in the Bible and is a very important part of our Christian life.

OUTLINE.

- I. The reasons to pray.**
- II. The way to pray.**
- III. The wealth of prayer.**

I. The reasons to pray.

- A. Communication with God our Creator is necessary. 1 Jn.1:7; Jer.33:3; Matt.6:9-13.**
 - 1. Fellowship with God our Creator.**
 - 2. Giving thanks unto the Lord our Redeemer.**
 - 3. Rejoicing in the Lord for His great provision. Phil.4:19.**
 - 4. Keeping in touch with the source of our strength.**
 - 5. Prayer one for another.**
 - 6. Bible reading and prayer for guidance.**
 - 7. Prayer reaches into the spiritual realm.**

- B. Making our requests known unto God. Matt.9:38; Mk.11:24; Jn.15:5-7.**
 - 1. Our understanding in prayer is based upon the knowledge of the Word of God.
 - 2. We are utterly dependent upon God, that His will be done in our lives.
 - 3. Prayer relates to God what our priorities consist of.
 - 4. Prayer is the source of our strength .
 - 5. Prayer gives us confidence in the work of the Lord.
 - 6. Prayer unifies the body of Christ.
 - 7. Prayer gives us "Faith Rest" in the Lord.

- C. Prayer provides us with understanding based upon the Word of God. Rom.12:1-2.**
 - 1. God's perfect will for your life.
 - 2. Time with God in prayer gives us spiritual enlightenment.
 - 3. Prayer keeps us in touch with God.
 - 4. Gives us protection against spiritual wickedness in high places. Gal.6:12.

- D. Prayer makes possible help in time of need.**
 - 1. Against trials and tribulations.
 - 2. Help in time of sorrow and grief.
 - 3. Removes stress and anxiety
 - 4. When lonely and facing difficult times.

- E. Prayer is the means of returning praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father.**
 - 1. Prayer with words of understanding and praise to God. Ps.7:17; 22:22; 35:18; 138:1-4; 145:13; Isa.12:1-4; Jer.33:9-11; Ps.56:4-10; 105:45.
 - 2. Honest prayers are recorded in Heaven. Rev.5:8.
 - 3. God loves us to express our thanks.
 - 4. We count our many blessings in the Lord.
 - 5. Being thankful keeps us in touch with God and our fellow Believers.

II. The way to pray.

- A. Pray in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Rom.8:6; 15:27; Eph.1:3-14.**

- B. Pray with the right attitude toward God and fellow men. Jer.29:11-12; Eph.3:20; Mal.3:16.**

- C. Prayer should become a part of our daily Christian life. Ps.16:11; Ps.27:1; Ps.42:8; Jn.12:25.**

- D. Pray rejoicing and with a song in our heart. Col.3:16; Eph.5:19; Ps.9:2; Ps.21:13; Ps.30:12; Ps.42:4-11; Ps.57:7; Ps.61:8; 69:30; Heb.2:12; 1 Cor.14:15.**

- E. Prayer with musical instruments. Ps.43:4; 150:2-5.**

- F. Prayer according to the will of God. Matt.6:10; Matt.12:50; Matt.26:39-42; Rom.12:1-2; 1 Cor.4:19; Gal.1:4; Eph.1:1; Col.1:1; 2 Tim.1:1.**

- G. Prayer in fellowship with God, confessing our sins.** 1 Jn.1:7-9; Dan.9:20; Ps.94:20; 2 Cor.6:14; 1 Jn.1:3; Jas.5:16.
- H. Prayer to God the Father in the Name of God the Son and in the power of God the Holy Spirit.** Jn.14:12-14; Jn.15:7-8.
- III. The wealth of prayer.** Neh.11:17; Ps.6:9; 102:17; Prov.15:8 & 29.; Acts.1:14; 1 Cor.7:5; 1 Tim.4:5; Matt.11:28-30.
- A. Prayer is direct access to Almighty God.**
- B. Prayer reaches out to our great source of help.**
- C. Prayer changes things.**
- D. Prayer is depending upon God to solve our problems and difficulties.**
- E. Prayer enriches our Christian life.**
- F. Prayer relieves or prevents the stress of life.**
- G. Prayer is honoring to God as we return thanks to Him.**

CONCLUSION.

THERE ARE A FEW THINGS THAT WE SHOULD REMEMBER WHEN WE PRAY.

1. Avoid vain repetition as we pray.
2. Don't wait until you get into trouble before you pray.
3. Be thankful to God always.
4. God understands your real prayer rather than just beautiful words.
5. If your prayers go unanswered there may be the following reasons.
 - a. Time may be an element with your request.
 - b. There may be sin in your life that needs to be removed.
 - c. Ask the Lord to show you if there be any sin in your life.
 - d. You may be asking God wrongly, not abiding in Christ.
 - e. Maintain an attitude of prayer toward God continually.

MAKE A STUDY OF GOD'S CHOSEN PERSONS OF PRAYER RECORDED IN THE BIBLE.

1. **Enoch** Gen.5:21-24; Jude 14 & 15.
2. **Abraham** Gen.20:17.
3. **Moses** Nu.11:2.
4. **Hannah** 1 Sam.2:1.

5. **Samuel 1 Sam.8:6.**
6. **Elisha 2 Ki.6:18.**
7. **Hezekiah 2 Ki.19:15.**
8. **Jonah Jon.2:1; 4:2.**
9. **The Disciples of Jesus Acts.1:14; 6:4.**
10. **Cornelius Acts.10:31.**
11. **Paul the Apostle Acts.9:11.**

There is one outstanding prayer recorded in the Old Testament, which I think is the most outstanding prayer among God's people. That prayer was made by Daniel, who lived a life of prayer and he was even cast into the den of lions for praying to Almighty God. Read carefully Daniel chapter 9 for a fervent prayer for his people and for the promises of God. Daniel was stricken with age (92 yrs.) but utterly dependent upon God and His Word. May we all take note of Daniel's communion with God.

Prayer should be our very life line for through prayer we are kept in touch with God and the Creator of Heaven and Earth. Our prayer life and the reading of God's Word go hand in hand in our Christian walk. It is indispensable in the life of citizens of Heaven. God's desire is that we talk with Him often as we go through life. (Jer.33:3; 1 Pet.5:7; Eph.3:20;)

An outstanding prayer in the New Testament was the prayer of the very Son of God as He talked to God the Father. John 17 should be read with the greatest of interest. Even now as the Lord is our High Priest in Heaven, He also is our Advocate and Mediator. (1 Jn.2:1; 1 Tim.2:5;). When the Lord ascended on high to the Father, He promised to send God the Holy Spirit. Ten days later, God the Holy Spirit arrived on the Day of Pentecost. God the Holy Spirit has been providing a new spiritual birth since Pentecost and dwells in each Believer forever. This is God's provision for all Believers as they continue in this present life. (Jn.14:16-18,26;) God always does exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. (Eph.3:20.) There are many things which we cannot foresee, and God the Holy Spirit continues to pray for us. (Rom.8:26;) These are comforting thoughts and helps to give us confidence, as we have the prayers of Divinity. If prayer is important in the Godhead, how important it should be to us as Believers! "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil.4:4-7.

PROPHECY.

BIBLICAL PROPHECY.

SCRIPTURE.

Gen.3:15; Isa.7:14; Isa.9:6-7; Gal.4:4-5; Psalm 22:1-31; Isa.53:1-12; Ezek. 37:1-14; Ezek.38:1-23; Ezek.39:1-29; Ezek.40:1-48:25; Dan.2:1-12:13; Gen.5:23-24; Gen.6:1-7:24; Gen.9:26; Gen.11:10-30; Gen.12:1-3; Gen.49:9-10; Ex.3:1-22; 1 Chron.17:11-13; 2 Sam.7:16 & 24; 1 Ki.8:23; 1 Ki.9:5; Deut.30:3-5; Matt.23:37-39; Matt.24:1-25:46. The Book of Revelation.

INTRODUCTION.

Please note that I am referring to Biblical prophecy rather than any mystical guessing or crystal ball scheming! These predictions and fulfillments are based upon God's Word. God is Omniscient in every respect of the term. We also reject astrological predictions, as they are contrary to the Word of God. It would take volumes to write about the prophecies of God and they are 100% accurate and exactly as God predicted. Of course there are some prophecies yet to be fulfilled, and others are in the process of being fulfilled. Our interpretation of future prophecies is always based upon those prophecies that are already fulfilled. We interpret future predictions upon the pattern which God fulfilled in the past prophecies.

OUTLINE.

- I. Past fulfillments in prophecy.**
- II. Present development in prophecy.**
- III. Future commitments of God in prophecy.**

I. Past fulfillments in prophecy. Gen.3:15; Isa.7:14; 9:6-7; Gal.4:4-5; Dan.2;19-40; Isa.53:1- 12. The Book of Obadiah.(Edom)

A. The Flood. Gen.6:1-7:24.

- 1. Noah chosen to survive with seven of his family.
- 2. Noah finds Grace in the eyes of the Lord.
- 3. The flood was necessary to protect the Messianic prediction.
 - a. The infiltration of the demon world.
 - b. Eventually the whole human race would be corrupted by demon possession.
 - c. God chose the family of Shem for the Messianic lineage. Gen.11:10-32.

B. Abram. Gen.12:1-3.

1. Isaac a type of Christ seeking a Bride. Gen.21:1-12; Gen.22:1-24; 24:1-25:5.
2. Jacob became Israel. Gen.32:1-28.
3. Judah the Messianic Tribe. Gen.49:9-10.

C. The Messiah. Gen.3:15; Isa.7:14; Gal.4:4-5.

1. The Virgin Mary chosen. (The tribe of Judah, the root of Jesse the family of David) Lk.1:26-35; Matt.1:1-17.
2. John the Baptist heralded Christ the King. Lk.1:5-25 & 57-80.
 - a. Predicted Mal.4:5-6; (Takes the place of Elijah due to Israel rejecting their King)
 - b. John the Baptist mentioned. Mal.3:1; (As Messenger).
 - c. The Ministry of John the Baptist. Matt.3:1-17.
3. The Messiah, The Lord Jesus Christ. Jn.20:31.
 - a. Jesus identifies Himself with the Kingdom to come, through baptism of John. Matt.3:13-17; Mk.1:9-11; Lk.3:21-22; Jn.1:31-34.
 - b. Impeccable Christ. (Temptation) Matt.4:1-11; Mk.1:12-13; Lk.4:1-13; Gen.3:6;1 Jn.2:16.
4. Proofs that Christ is the Messiah.
 - a. Isa.53:1-12; Ps.22:1-31; Shows a suffering Messiah paying the debt of our sins.
 - b. Sun darkened at noon. Amos.8:9; Matt.27:45.
 - c. Grave with the rich. Isa.53:9; Matt.27:57-60.
 - d. The time of the crucifixion as God predicted. Dan.9:26; Jn.11:49:52.
 - e. Christ suffered with the wicked. Isa.53:9; Jn.19:18; Lk.23:33.
 - f. Vinegar given to a thirsting Saviour. Ps.69:21; Matt.27:34; Jn.19:29.
 - g. Christ sold for a price. Zech.11:12; Matt.26:15;
 - h. The Potter's field predicted to be purchased. Zech.11:13; Matt.27:3-7.
 - i. Mistreatment predicted. Isa.50:6; Matt.27:26-30.
 - j. They brought shame to the Saviour. Ps.69:19; Matt.27:28;
 - k. They brought in false witnesses against the Lord. Ps.35:11; Mk.14:56.
 - l. The garments and robe were distributed among the soldiers. Ps.22:18; Jn.19:24.
 - m. They pierced His hands and feet. Ps.22:16; Zech.12:10; Matt.27:35; Jn.19:34.
 - n. Christ became a reproach to many. Ps.109:25; Matt.27:39-40.
 - o. The religious leaders reviled Christ. Ps.22:8; Matt.27:43.
 - p. Not a bone would be broken. Ex.12:46; Jn.19:33-36.

D. The predictions of four great nations fulfilled. Dan.2:31-40; 7:1-9:26.

1. Babylon.
2. Medes and Persians
3. Greece.
4. Roman Government of the past.

E. The great "Exodus" from Egypt predicted and fulfilled. The Book of Exodus.

F. Solomon's kingdom a type of Christ's coming kingdom. The First Book of Kings.

G. The destruction of Jerusalem predicted by Christ. Matt.23:37-38; Matt.24:2; Mk.13:2; Lk.21:6. Fulfilled in 70 A.D. by Titus who burned Jerusalem.

II. Present developments in prophecy.

A. Israel re-instated as a nation in 1948.

1. Israel was driven out of her land.
2. Israel was scattered into the whole world. God predicted this. Deut.30:3; Ps.44:11; 60:1; Ezek.6:8; 11:16; 17:21; 34:6.
3. Israel is being gathered back into her land. Jer.30:11; 31:10; Ezek.38:8.

B. The Hebrew language restored. Jer.31:23; In 1970, 13 daily newspapers in Hebrew were printed.

C. The Restoration of the Land of Israel. Isa.35:1; Ezek.36:30; Isa.54:3; Ezek.36:33.

D. Jerusalem is being "Trodden Down". Lk.21:24; Zech.12:2.

E. Temple worship with sacrifices to be restored by Israel.

F. The stage is being set for the "Battle of Armageddon. Rev.16:16; 14:19; Zech.14:2-4; Zeph.3:8.

G. Russia's great interest in the Middle East. Ezek. 38 & 39.

H. The formation of the "Common Market" of Europe. (A fore-runner of the revival of the Roman Empire.) Dan.2;41-45; 7;19-26; 8;9-27.

I. The whole world is turning to Socialism.

1. Governmental controls.
2. The computer age, making world wide controls possible for a Dictator.
3. The power of the ecumenical world of religion.

J. The pouring out of the Holy Spirit from Pentecost. Joel.2:28; Acts.2:1-11.

1. The Church was born with the baptism of God the Holy Spirit.
2. Christ is in Heaven preparing a place for His future Bride. Jn.14:1-6.
3. Nothing more needs to be fulfilled for the Rapture, when Christ comes for the Saints of God. 1 Thess.4:13-18.
4. No one knows the timing of God for this great event but the Father. Matt.24:3.

III. Future commitments of God in prophecy.

A. The "Rapture" of the Saints.

1. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament Saints. Jn.14:1-6; 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

2. Pre-Tribulation and "Imminent" return of Christ for His own. Jn.14:1-6; 1 Thess.4:13-18.
 3. Pre-Tribulation return is the only time that a date cannot be set.
 4. Believers must be in Heaven before the Seals can be opened. Rev. 4 & 5.
- B. The "Judgement Seat of Christ" 1 Cor.3:9-23; 2 Cor.5:10.**
1. Believers only will be there.
 2. Rewards will be given according to faithfulness.
- C. The Marriage of the Lamb. Rev.19:7-10.**
- D. Satan and his demons thrown out of Heaven by Michael and his Angels. Rev.9;1-12; 12;7-12.**
- E. The "Great Tribulation"**
1. The 70th Week of Daniel Rev.6 to 18.
 2. The "Abomination of Desolation. Dan.9:27; Matt.24:15.
- F. The Coming of the Lord in Battle. Rev.19:11-20:6; 1 Thess.3:13.**
- G. The doom of the two beasts. Rev.19:20.**
- H. Satan cast into the "Bottomless Pit" for a thousand years. Rev.20:1-3.**
- I. Christ rules in the "Kingdom of Righteousness" Rev.20:4-6.**
- J. The Final battle against Satan.**
1. Fire coming down from Heaven.
 2. Satan and the demons cast into the Lake of fire. Rev.20:7-10.
- K. The Great White Throne Judgement. Rev.20:11-15.**
1. The second resurrection of the dead. (All unbelievers of all ages)
 2. They must stand and then bow before Christ. Phil.2:10-11.
 3. The Book of Life is opened-(Their names are not found in the Book.)
 4. Their individual book of good works is opened. They do not come up to God's standard. They are totally depraved. They are cast into the Lake of fire forever and ever.
 5. All Unbelievers, Satan and his demons remain in the Lake of fire with a living death forever and ever. There is no second chance.
- L. God will destroy the old Heavens and Earth. 2 Pet.3:10.**
- M. God will create a New Heavens and a New Earth. Rev.21;1-8.**
- N. A "New Jerusalem". Rev.21:9-21.**
- O. The New Temple will consist of the Lord God Almighty. Rev.21:22.**

P. Eternal light for an eternal Paradise. Rev.21:23-22:14.

Q. Sin will never again appear in God's creation. Dan.9:24.

CONCLUSION.

We have but scanned over some of the prophecies of the past, the present and the future. The past is our guarantee that what is happening in this present age, was predicted and future events will fulfill past prophecies. Take God at His Word and accept so great salvation, while there is still time. God so loved you while you were yet in your trespasses and sins, that He provided His Eternal Son to become your Saviour. He has manifested Grace and provided a way of escape from His wrath. What are you waiting for? Today is the day of salvation, so Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved from this terrible wrath to come! All have sinned and come short of the glory of God! We deserved eternal damnation, but the Lord laid the iniquity of us all upon His Son, to set us free from the law of sin and death. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved".

QUALIFYING FOR REWARDS FROM GOD.

SCRIPTURE.

1 Cor.3:9-23; 2 Cor.5:10; Lk.6:23-35; 1 Cor.9:19-27.

INTRODUCTION.

In preparing to qualify in sports, it takes continual practice, keeping the body fit, and many hours of training to be a winner. Ps.19:5; "Which is like a Bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth like a strong man to run a race" As Believers we should desire to do our very best for our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has accomplished the victory for us. In the world of sports, they all train vigorously, but only one receives the prize. But as Believers we all receive rewards according to our faithfulness.

OUTLINE.

- I. Salvation essential for rewards.**
- II. Fellowship required to qualify for rewards.**
- III. Service rendered for God's glory alone.**

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- I. Salvation essential for rewards. Jn.14:1-6; Acts 4:7-12; Col.3:17; Jas.5:10; 1 Jn.3:23; 5:13-14; Rev.3:5.**
 - A. Religion is not sufficient for rewards. Rom.2:17-29.**
 - 1. Religious sacrifices useless before God. Isa.40:17-24; Matt.6:7; 15:9; Mk.7:7; Acts 4:25; Rom.1:21; Col.2:8.
 - 2. Doing great amounts of welfare and giving to the poor count for nothing in themselves. 1 Cor.13:3.
 - 3. Though one has tremendous gifts of speaking, and leadership, it all avails as nothing without salvation through Christ. 1 Cor.13:1-2.
 - 4. Gossip and an unbridled tongue disqualifies a person. Jas.1:26-27.
 - 5. Self exaltation is vain and unprofitable. Gal.5:2; Phil.2:6.
 - B. Christ is the only way, the Truth and the Life. Jn.14:6.**
 - 1. It is required to accept Christ as personal Saviour to qualify for rewards. Jn.3:16-18.
 - 2. All must be born by God the Holy Spirit. Jn.3:3-6.
 - C. Our position in Christ was established at the Cross. Jn.17:4; 19:30; Heb.2:9; 12:2.**
 - 1. We are stewards of Grace. 1 Pet.4:10.
 - 2. Our position to qualify for rewards is by Grace alone. Tit.3:7; Eph.2:8.

3. All that we accomplish is because of Christ. Col.3:3;

II. Fellowship required to qualify for rewards. Col.2:18; 1 Jn.1:7.

1. The filling by God the Holy Spirit prepares us for rewards. Rom.15:14; Eph.3:19; 5:18; Phil.1:11; Col.1:9.
2. Grieving the Holy Spirit hinders you in receiving rewards. Eph.4:30.
3. Keep the right relationship with God. 1 Jn.1:9; Ps.139:23-24.
4. Keep the right relationship with fellow Believers. Prov.6:16-19; 1 Jn.1:7.
5. Doing all your good works as well pleasing before God.

III. Service rendered for God's glory alone. 1 Cor.17-18; Gal.5:2; 1 Pet.1:17; Jn.3:22; Heb.11:5; Col.1:19; Gal.1:10.

A. Working for personal glory turns Good Works into "Wood, Hay and Stubble".
1 Cor.3:12-21.

B. Working for God's glory stores up in Heaven, "Gold, Silver and Precious Stones". 1 Cor.3:12-14.

C. Working for God's glory. 2 Cor.5:10.

1. According to faithfulness. Lk.6:23-35; 2 Jn.8; 1 Tim.6:2; Col.1:2; Rev.2:10; 1 Pet.4:19.
2. The laborer is worthy of his hire. 1 Tim.5:18.
3. Service unto the Lord is not for personal gain. Gal.5:2; Heb.2:2; 11:6; Isa.3:9; Ps.18:20; Col.2:18; Lk.23:41; 2 Tim.4:14; 1 Cor.9:17.
4. God expects us to use our talents in His service. Matt.25:15-28.
5. Good works are separate from salvation. Jn.3:8; 5:24; 6:37; Rom.5:1; 8:11; 1 Cor.2:32; Gal.2:16; 3:10-26.
 - a. Nothing can be added to God's redemption.
 - b. Salvation is not of works lest any man should boast. Eph.2:9.
6. Believers are the property of Christ. Gal.6:7-10; Rom.6:1-8; 1 Jn.1:5-10; 1 Jn.2:15-17; 1 Jn.3:2-10; 2 Jn.1:8-9.
 - a. We have been purchased out of the slave market of sin.
 - b. We have been bought with the precious blood of Christ.
7. Disobedient Believers will be judged as disqualified for rewards. 1 Cor.3:9,& 15; 1 Cor.9:16-27; Rom.14:10; 2 Cor.5:10; Rev.20:12; Rom.14:16-18.
 - a. Salvation is not the issue.
 - b. Sin is not the issue.
 - c. The criterion is the motive.

D. Believers will receive different rewards according to their faithfulness. Rev.2:10; Jas.1:12; 1 Pet.5:4; Phil.4:1; 1 Thess.2:19; 2 Tim.4:8; 1 Cor.9:23; Rev.3:11.

1. These rewards will no doubt be positions of authority.
2. The crowns will gladly be given to the Lord.
3. We will not come empty handed before the Lord if we have been faithful to the Lord.

4. If one has wood, hay or stubble in their lives, confess to the Lord and get rid of it before the judgement seat of Christ.

CONCLUSION.

Although God is no respecter of persons, yet He will reward according to the faithfulness of His stewards in this life. This is never a question of life and death for eternity, but rather as to qualifications for greater authority and responsibility throughout eternity. Christian, don't be cheated out of your reward! Don't come empty handed before Almighty God! Let us present to God some good works which bring honor and praise to His Name. Say no to the world and yes to the Lord, presenting your body a living sacrifice to our soon coming Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Rom.12:1-2.

THE GREAT RAPTURE.

SCRIPTURE.

1 Cor.15:51-58; 1 Thess.4:13-18; Jn.14:1-6.

INTRODUCTION.

This is often a subject of great confusion among many Theologians and often because they do not want to take the Word of God literally. The Gospel of John was written much later than Matthew, Mark and Luke being delayed by God the Holy Spirit for a purpose. During Christ's earthly ministry the Church was not the issue, nor was the new birth, as these were to take place after Israel rejected their Messiah. Although Joel 2:28 predicted the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit, this was manifested during the "Church Age".

The new birth was prepared for the "Body of Christ" which began on the day of Pentecost. John 14:1-6: was a difficult statement, as well as the Lord promising to send God the Holy Spirit as our Comforter. After God the Holy Spirit arrived on the day of Pentecost and the Church began to grow, so the revelation of the Book of John could now be fully understood. The Epistles give us further light upon that important expectation, which we call the Rapture. Some object to this term as not being in the Bible, but they certainly cannot find fault with the term. "Caught Up"! Let us explore this marvelous imminent hope which the Lord has for us.

OUTLINE.

- I. **Signs of the time.** Matt.24:1-51; Mk.13:1-37; Lk.21:1-38.
- II. **The "Imminent" return of the Lord.** Matt.24:36-44; Lk.21:28; 1 Cor.15:51-58.
- III. **The "Glorious Future" yet to come.** 1 Cor.2:9-18.

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- I. **Signs of the time.** Matt.24:1-51; Mk.13:1-37; Lk.21:1-38.
 - A. **Israel re-instated as a nation in April 1948.**
 - B. **Israel regathering back in her homeland as God promised.** Deut.30:3-5; Isa.11:11-12; Isa.14:1-3; Isa.27:12-13; Isa.43:1-7; Jer.16:14-16; Jer.23:3-8; Ezek.11:17; Ezek.20:34,& 41-42; Ezek.34:11-13; Ezek.37:1-14; Hos.1:10-11; Amos.9:14-15; Mic.4:4-7; Zeph.3:18-20; Zech.8:4-8.
 - C. **Many hostile nations surrounding Israel. (Example = the whole Moslem world)**

- D. Many false prophets have arisen. (Hundreds have proclaimed themselves to be prophets, and and hundreds claimed to be the Messiah)**
- E. World wide disturbances in great rapidity. (We are living at such a time)**
- F. Uniting of the European nations in 1992.**
 1. The Common Market of Europe.
 2. This is a fore-runner of the Revival of the Roman Empire.
- G. The computer age.**
 1. Simplifying for a single Dictator to take over the world power.
 2. World wide information retained upon computers.
- H. World wide evil practices.**
 1. Sodom and Gomorrah amplified.
 2. Homo-sexual practices recognized and accepted.
 3. Sexual diseases spreading beyond control.(i.e."Aids")
- I. God's "Time Elements" in periods of 2,000 years.**
 1. Adam to Abraham = 2,000 years.
 2. Abraham to the Cross = 2,000 years.
 3. The Cross to our present age -almost 2,000 years.
- J. Nuclear threats bring us to the brink of disaster.**
- K. Israel holds a prominent place in the News.**
 1. The Arab world at enmity with Israel.
 2. The "Middle East" is coming into great prominence.
- L. The following forces that war against Israel.**
 1. Russia in the Middle East.
 2. The invasion of Afghganistan.
 3. China moving close to the Euphrates.
 4. The Continent of Africa uniting under O.A.U.
 5. Libya and Ethiopia in the hands of communism.
 6. The power of religious blocs.
- M. Strange "Atmospheric" changes.**
- N. Great interest in a "One World Government".**
- O. The weakness of individual nations. Dan.2:19-35.**
 1. The "Iron and Clay" of Daniel 2:34.
 2. The power of the U.N.O.
- P. The battlefield in the Middle East in preparation.**

Q. The richness of the Middle East in oil and minerals.

II. The "Imminent" return of the Lord. Matt.24:30-36; Lk.21:28.

A. Only God the Father knows the time of Christ's return.

1. The "Rapture" of the Saints of God. Acts 1:7.
2. Delivered out from the wrath to come. 1 Thess.1:10.

B. Two phases of the coming of the Lord.

1. For the Saints. 1 Thess.1:10; 1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Cor.15:51-58; Jn.14:1-6.
2. Coming with His Saints to set up the Kingdom. 1 Thess.3:13; Rev.19:11-20:6.

C. The Saints of all ages must be gathered into Heaven.

1. They must appear in their glorified bodies.
2. They must witness the opening of the seals so that the Great Tribulation begins. Rev.4 & 5.
3. John on the Isle of Patmos had a preview of what would come in the last days. Rev.4:1; Rev.5:1-10.
4. A new song to be sung by the redeemed. Rev.5:9-10.

D. All Saints must appear in Heaven before the Great Tribulation begins.

1. The Bride of Christ must be fully present.
2. The "Friends of the Bridegroom" must be present at the marriage.
3. We all are to come back with the Lord. 1 Thess.3:13.
4. The marriage is to take place in Heaven. Rev.19:7-10.
5. We must all appear before the Judgement Seat of Christ. 2 Cor.5:10.
6. We will witness the casting out of Satan and his demons. Rev.9:1-12; Rev.12:7-17.
7. We will enjoy seven years in Heaven with the Lord in the Father's mansions. Matt.26:29; Jn.14:1-6.

III The "Glorious Future" yet to come. 1 Cor.2:9-10.

A. Believers have already experienced the power of God.

1. The power of God the Holy Spirit in our lives. Acts.1:8-11.
2. The Angels that stood by Christ's ascension revealed that Christ would come again in like manner as He went to Heaven. Acts.1:8-11.

B. The "Day of the Lord" will come. 1 Thess.2:19; 4:13-18; 5:2 & 6 & 10; 2 Thess.1:7; 2:7.

1. We shall be gathered together unto the Lord.
2. Don't let anyone deceive you.
3. The man of sin will be revealed.
4. The restraining power of God the Holy Spirit will be lifted.
5. We shall be caught up to meet the Lord when that trumpet sounds.
6. Israel will awake as the rapture takes place. The 144,000. Hebrew youth will witness. Rev. 7 & 14. Zech.12:10.

7. As God always keeps His promises, we look forward to that great event that will shake the whole world.

CONCLUSION.

May we live each day expecting the Lord's return to take us to Heaven and at the same time look out into the harvest fields which are white unto harvest. Be a fruitful Believer for the Lord, while there is still time. Are you ready to meet the Lord when He comes? Is your life so lived, giving Christ the preeminent place and letting the light of the glorious Gospel shine before all? May that "Divine Love" that sent Christ to Calvary flow through you and by so doing may you manifest the fruit of God the Holy Spirit. (Gal.5:22-26.)

THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.

SCRIPTURE.

Acts 17:31-34; Acts 23:6; Acts 24:15-21; Heb.6:1-2; Acts 4:1-2; 1 Pet.1:3; Jn.11:24-25; Jn.5:15-29; Rom.1:4; Heb.11:35; Matt.22:23-31; Mk.12:18-23; Lk.20:27-36; Phil.3:11; Matt.27:53.

INTRODUCTION.

If there would not be a resurrection from the dead, then all of humanity would not have a hope of life after death. Furthermore, justice would not be accomplished. In the Old Testament the word resurrection is not found, but the truth and expectation is clearly emphasized and understood. We will verify this statement through the Scripture. It should also be pointed out that the Scripture clearly teaches that there will be two phases of the resurrection of all the dead from all ages.

OUTLINE.

- I. Old Testament Saints belief in the Resurrection.**
- II. The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.**
- III. The first Resurrection from the dead.**
- IV. The second Resurrection from the dead.**

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- I. Old Testament Saints belief in the Resurrection. Gen.4:8-10; 5:21-25; 23:1-20; 49:29-33; 50:5-14,& 22-26.**
 - A. Abel's blood cried out. "The voice of thy brother's blood." Gen.4:8-10.**
 - 1. Abel's sacrifices proved that hope of another life.
 - 2. God Himself breathed upon first man and he became a living soul.
 - B. Enoch walked with God. Gen.5:21-25.**
 - 1. Man was given more than just a physical body.
 - 2. Enoch taken to Heaven without dying.
 - C. Job believed in a Resurrection. Job 14:14; Job 19:25-27.**
 - 1. The question."If a man dies shall he live again"? Yes!

2. Job was aware that his Redeemer ever liveth and will return to this earth to rule and reign. "For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." Job.19:25.
3. Job had assurance that he would see God. "And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. "Job 19:26.

D. Abraham "The mighty Man of Faith".

1. He left his own land in obedience to God.
2. He believed the promises of God far beyond this life.
3. He purchased land to bury the dead rather than to cremate. Gen.23:1-20.
4. He was promised an everlasting unconditional covenant from God. Gen.17:8; Gal.3:6-18; Gen.15:1-18; Heb.6:16-17;
5. He looked for a City from God. Heb.11:10.

E. Jacob who became Israel.

1. He desired a birth right of security. Gen.28:1-5.
2. God's revelation to Jacob through a dream. "A ladder from Heaven." Gen.28:10-22.
3. Jacob's body was carried back to his land from Egypt to be buried with his forefathers. Gen.49:1-33; Gen.50:1-13.

F. Joseph

1. Remained identified with his Hebrew family.
2. He had his bones carried through the wilderness for 40 years to be buried with his forefathers in their own land. Gen.50:22-26.

G. Moses.

1. He was chosen by God to lead the Hebrew people to their promised land to establish the Messianic hope.
2. The Arch Angel Michael came to claim the body of Moses. Jude 9.

H. The Pharisees believed in the resurrection. Matt.27:53; 22:23-31; Mk.20:27-36; Acts.23:8.

I. Martha believed in the resurrection. Jn.11:23-27.

II. The Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 1:22; Acts 2:31; Acts 4:33; Acts 17:18; Phil.3:10; 1 Pet.3:21.

A. History records the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Matt.28:1-15; Mk.16:1-14; Lk.24:1-49; Jn.20:1-23.

1. The Lord is the resurrection and the life. Jn.11:24-26.
2. No one could have possibly stolen that body from a sealed tomb guarded by Roman soldiers.
3. Christ had predicted His resurrection after the third day.
4. Christ had victory over death through His resurrection.

B. Some of the Old Testament Saints were seen after the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Matt.27:52-53.

1. This was a guarantee from God of a resurrection of mankind.
2. These were individuals who were recognized.
3. God deals with us as individuals as He wills in the Resurrections.

C. Christ is the "First Fruits" of the Resurrection. 1 Cor.15:2-23.

D. The "Sting of Death" has been removed by Christ's resurrection. 1 Cor.15:55.

E. Our Calendar is dated B.C. and A.D. according to the resurrection of Christ.

F. Sunday, which is the "Lord's Day" is in remembrance of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

III. The first Resurrection from the dead. 1 Cor.15:20-23; Rev.20:4-6; 1 Thess.4:13-18; Jn.14:1-6; 1 Cor.15:51-58.

A. Christ had victory over death through His resurrection.

B. Old Testament Saints were seen. Matt.27:52-53.

C. The "Rapture" shall give us our "Glorified Bodies". 1 Jn.3:1-3.

D. The Unbelievers shall see the results of the rapture

1. The rapture will not be done without a great disturbance.
2. There will be many casualties as Believers are taken out of this world.
3. The Hebrew youth,(144,000) will recognize that they were guilty of crucifying their Messiah.
 - a. They shall be the witnesses during the tribulation. Rev.7 & 14.
 - b. There will be great sorrow and weeping among the Hebrew people, due to persecution.

E. The "Rapture" will take us up to the Father's Mansions.

1. For 2,000 years, Christ has been preparing a place for His Bride.
2. We will stand before the judgement seat of Christ. 2 Cor.5:10.
3. Rewards and official positions will be given to the saints.
4. We will then be made ready for the Grand Marriage of the Lamb. Rev.19:7-10.
5. We will spend seven years in Heaven as the Tribulation upon the earth takes place. Rev.6-18. 1 Thess.1:10.
6. We will witness that great battle in Heaven as Michael and his army of angels fight Satan and his demons and they are cast down to the earth, never to enter Heaven again. Isa.14:12-17; Rev.9:1-12; 12:7-17.

F. "The Friends of the Bridegroom". (The Old Testament Saints will be part of the first Resurrection.)

1. The wise virgins are friends of the Bridegroom.

2. The wise virgins are not part of the Bride of Christ.
3. The Old Testament Saints will be attending the wedding. Rev.19:9; Jn.3:28-30.

G. "The Bride of Christ".

1. These are Believers from Pentecost until the rapture. Acts 2: to 1 Thess.4:13-18.
2. This will include all Saints who have been born again.
3. God the Holy Spirit has given them a new birth and will remain within them forever. Jn.14:16-17.

IV. The second Resurrection from the dead. Jn.5:29.

A. "The Great White Throne Judgement". Rev.20:11-15.

1. All the unbelievers of all ages will be raised from the dead.
2. Religious people of all sorts will be included in the second resurrection. (Believers in Christ have been raised as part of the first resurrection.)
3. The unbelievers of all ages will have their individual books of works opened for judgement.
4. The Book of Life will be present, and their names will not be recorded there. Rev.20:12; Rom.3:23.
5. Their works will be balanced against God's perfection and will not pass the test.

B. The following judgement of the second Resurrection.

1. They will all be cast into the Lake of Fire forever. Rev.20:15.
2. They will remain in the Lake of Fire and be tormented forever in a living death.
3. The Lake of Fire is an eternal separation from God.
4. These wicked will remain forever with the Devil and his demons. Rev.20:10.
5. Nothing will ever die in this fire and the wicked will remain tormented forever. Mk.9:44-48.

CONCLUSION.

Death does not finish it all forever, but we either will appear in the first resurrection or the second resurrection, according to whether we accept Christ as the Eternal Son of God, or reject Him. There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof is death and after that the judgement of God. Christ is the way, the truth and the life, and no one comes to God the Father but by The Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is the resurrection and the life for both those who have died in Christ, and those who will be alive, when He comes to rapture all Believers to His Father's Mansions.

SO GREAT SALVATION.

SCRIPTURE.

Ps.21:1-5; Ps.25:5; Ps.37:39; Ps.51:12; Ps.62:1-2; Ps.68:19-20; Ps.85:4-9; 89:26; Ps.95:1; Isa.45:17; Heb.5:9; 2:3; Jn.3:16-36; Lk.3:6.

INTRODUCTION.

In Adam, we are all condemned under a totally depraved nature and we are all under the curse of sin. Apart from the sin nature, we also fall short of the glory of God. (Rom.3:23;) Actual sin has taken it's toll in our lives, regardless of the circumstances. Sin had to be dealt with by someone who is impeccable, and only God meets those requirements. In Romans Chapter 3 verses 9 through 18. we have the capacity of man, apart from God, described. He fails in (1) character, (2) speech, and (3) way of life. God Himself has provided redemption power based upon His Grace and not upon our merit. This, "So Great Salvation" which God offers, comes by means of "Very God" paying the debt of sin for us. God in His omniscience, gave both angels and mankind a freedom of choice. All of God's creation is passing through times of groaning because of sin and wickedness; and it was necessary for God to deal with sin personally and put it out of the way forever. God could have suppressed any opposition to His Absolute Personality, but He preferred dealing with disobedience once and forever. God did not want forced obedience, but rather chosen obedience. God has provided the necessary formula to deal with sin once and forever. Then He will create the New Heavens and the New Earth. Sin, evil, wickedness and all rebellion will be put away forever and perfect righteousness will exist forever and ever. Dan.9:24.

OUTLINE

- I. Salvation is necessary. Jn.3:18,36; 1 Pet.1:9; 2 Cor.7:18; Rom.1:18; Rom.2:1-31.**
- II. Salvation provided for all by God. Lk.69:69-77; Jn.3:16; Gal.4:4-5.**
- III. Salvation from the wrath of God. Jn.3:18,36; Ps.119:155.**

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- I. Salvation is necessary. Jn.3:18 & 36; 1 Pet.1:9; 2 Cor.7:10; Rom.1:18; 2:1-31.**
 - A. Salvation and deliverance must be accepted personally.**
 - 1. "By Faith" Rom.5:1-2.
 - 2. We must take God at His Word.
 - 3. "Whosoever will, may come" Jn.3:16.
 - 4. Whatsoever is not of faith is sin. Rom.14:23.

5. Faith in Christ leads to salvation. 1 Pet.1:5.
6. Christ is the Author and finisher of our faith. Heb.12:2.
7. Without faith you cannot please God. Heb.11:6.
8. We are justified by faith. Gal.2:6.

B. Salvation provides freedom from condemnation. Rom.8:1-4 & 28-34.

C. Believers are given a "Guarantee" of salvation by God Himself.

1. God the Father and God the Son. Jn.10:27-30.
2. God the Holy Spirit. Rom.8:35-39. 1 Cor.12:13; 2 Cor.1:22; 2 Cor.5:5; Eph.1:3-14.

D. Individual faith is necessary for salvation. Rom.10:8-13.

E. Salvation must be shared with others. Matt.28:19-20; Jn.17:18; Mk.16:15-18; Lk.24:46-48; Jn.20:21; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor.15:16; Ps.98:2-3.

F. Salvation is provided for the "Soul" and "Spirit". 1 Pet.1:9.

G. We rejoice in our salvation "Individually" and "Collectively".

1. Good tidings for all. Isa.52:7-10; Eph.1:13.
2. The righteousness of God is within. Ps.37:39.
3. Salvation is everlasting. Isa.45:17; 51:6-8; Jn.3:16.
4. Salvation recognizes the Triune God. Ps.85:4-9; Ps.2:1-12; Acts.4:12; 2 Cor.7:10.
5. Salvation brings many benefits to Believers. Eph.1:3-14; Ps.68:19-20; Isa.59:16-17; Eph.6:17; 1 Thess.5:8; 1 Pet.1:5; Heb.1:14.

II. Salvation provided by God for all, "Whosoever".

1 Chron.16:35; Ps.3:8; Ps.98:2-3; Lk.69:69-77; Lk.2:30; Lk.3:6; Gal.4:4-5; Gen.3:15; Isa.7:14; 9:6-7.

A. Salvation lasts "Forever". Isa.45:17; 51:6-8; Jn.3:16-36; Jn.10:27-30.

B. Salvation is fully provided by the Eternal Son of God. Lk.1:69-77; Lk.2:30; Acts 4:12; 13:47; Jn.11:25; Jn.14:1-6; Jn.3:16-36; Jn.5:24.

C. Salvation is by "Grace" alone. Lk.2:40; Jn.1:14-17; Acts 11:23; Acts 13:43; Acts 14:3 & 26; Acts 15:11 & 40; Acts 18:27; Acts 20:24; Rom.1:5; Rom.3:24; Rom.5:2-21; Rom.11:6; 2 Cor.8:9; Eph.2:5-8; Tit.2:11; 3:7.

D. Salvation is "Unlimited" and for "Whosoever Will". 2 Cor.4:1-7; 2 Pet.3:9; 1 Jn.5:1; Jn.3:15; Jn.4:13; Jn.11:26; 12:46; Acts 2:21; 10:43; Rom.9:33; Rom.10:11-13; 1 Jn.4:5.

III. Salvation from the wrath of God, (which is to come). Jn.3:18 & 36; Ps.119:155.

A. Christ is our protection. Deut.32:15; Ps.62:1-2; Ps.89:26; Ps.95:1.

1. We have deliverance from the evil of this world.

2. We have been given the indwelling of God the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor.12:13; Jn.14:16-17.
3. Christ is our Advocate. 1 Jn.2:1.
4. We have the Eternal Son of God as our Mediator. 1 Tim. 2:5.

B. God the Holy Spirit is our Comforter.

1. He restrains the power of the evil one.
2. He reproveth the world. Jn.16:7-11.
 - a. Of sin. (Rejection of Christ)
 - b. Of righteousness. (Attempting to establish their own righteousness, rather than Christ's.)
 - c. Of judgement. (Satan has been judged at the Cross).
3. We as Believers have been baptized by God the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor.12:13.
4. The Holy Spirit will never leave us. Jn.14:15-17; Jn.16:1-15.

C. Believers have been delivered from the wrath to come. 1 Thess.1:10; Rev.6-18; 1 Thess.4:13-18; Jn.14:1-6; 1 Cor.15:51-58.

1. The great tribulation for the unbelievers.
2. The Great White Throne for the unbelievers
3. The Lake of Fire for the unbelievers.

D. We, as Believers, are of the Royal Family of God.

1. The Body of Christ. Rom.12:4-5.
2. The future Bride of Christ. Rev.19:7-10.
3. Sons of God. 1 Jn.3:1-3.

CONCLUSION.

It is by grace alone that salvation has been offered to all mankind. The responsibility rests upon each individual to accept God's provision or reject what God has done. The attempt to establish one's own human good works will fall short of God's Divine standards. "All of our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. (Isa.64:6;) Just remember that all the good that you could do for a million years could never provide you with the righteousness which God demands. Be reasonable with yourself. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa.1:18; "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Pet.3:9; The judgement day of God will come upon unbelievers of all ages. Don't try your own escape route for you never will escape if you neglect so great salvation which our Loving Saviour offers to you. Become a new creature in Christ Jesus! Phil.2:12

THE SEVEN LAST CRIES OF CHRIST UPON THE CROSS.

SCRIPTURE.

Lk.23:33-49; Jn.19:16-20; Matt.27:33-50; Mk.15:16-39.

INTRODUCTION.

As the Lord was being taken to be crucified, carrying His cross, many women were weeping in His behalf. The compassion for His people was so great that His concern was for their future. "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and your children. For behold, the days are coming, in which they shall say, blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the breasts which never nursed; Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, fall on us; and to the hills, cover us". (Lk.23:28-30.)

Christ in His omniscience spoke of what would happen to Jerusalem in 70 A.D., when Titus burned the City of Jerusalem. (Matt.23:37-39; Matt.24:1-2;) Now the Lord is again revealing what will happen to the Hebrew people in the end days. The Jews have been scattered, persecuted, tortured and slaughtered by the millions, all because they rejected their Messiah. There was no doubt about the purpose of Christ going to the Cross. God took the judgement of total sin upon Himself at the cross. It was God's supreme way of removing sin, wickedness, evil and unrighteousness from His domain forever and ever. Dan.9:24.

OUTLINE.

- I. "Father forgive them for they know not what they do". Lk.23:34.
- II. "Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise". Lk.23:43.
- III. "Woman behold thy son". Jn.19:26. "Behold thy mother".Jn.19:27.
- IV. "My God My God, why hast Thou forsaken me"? "(ELI, ELI, LAMA, SABACHTHANI?)" Matt.27:46.
- V. "I thirst". Jn.19:28.
- VI. "Father into Thy Hands I commend My Spirit". Lk.23:46.
- VII. "It is finished". Jn.19:30.

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- I. **"Father forgive them for they know not what they do".** Lk.23:34.

A. The greatest love, a forgiving Spirit.

1. This is Divine love that sent Christ to Calvary.
2. Christ came into the world to become our Redeemer.
3. The Lord does not wish that one soul should perish. 2 Pet.3:9.
4. While we were yet dead in trespasses and sins, Christ died for us. Eph.2:1-5.

B. Christ's teachings

1. Love your enemies. Matt.5:44; Lk.6:27.
2. Love your neighbor. Matt.19:19.
3. Love one another. Jn.13:34.
4. Love the Lord. Matt.22:37; Mk.12:30; Lk.10:27.
5. Love the brethren. 1 Jn.3:16.

C. Divine love is the fruit of God the Holy Spirit.

Gal.5:22-36; 1 Cor.13. 2 Cor.6:6.

1. If we love Christ, we will keep His Word. Jn.14:23.
2. God the Holy Spirit keeps us in Christ's love. Jn.15:9.
3. God's love is shed abroad in our hearts as Believers. Rom.5:5.
4. The Constraining love of Christ comes by God the Holy Spirit. 2 Cor.5:14.

D. Christ came to make us new creatures. Eph.2:1-10.

1. He removed the sin barrier.
2. Established peace with God. Rom.5:1-2.
3. Christ took our condemnation upon Himself. Rom.8:1-4.
4. Christ's Divine love has knit us together as Believers. Col.2:2.

II. "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise", Lk.23:39-43; Matt.27:44; Mk.15:32.

A. The difference in attitude of the two malefactors.

1. The Unbelieving malefactor.
 - a. He spoke against our suffering Saviour. Lk.23:39.
 - b. He was aware that Jesus claimed to be the Messiah.
 - c. He was not ignorant of Christ's ministry.
 - d. He selfishly rejected Christ as the Saviour.
2. The Believing Malefactor.
 - a. He recognized that they were both being punished justly.
 - b. He also feared Almighty God.
 - c. He accepted the teachings of Christ.
 - d. He believed in the resurrection truth. Lk.23:42.
 - e. He called Jesus "Lord".
 - f. He accepted Christ's teaching on the kingdom.

B. The "Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ". Lk.23:43.

1. Paradise is a reality. Lk.23:43.
 - a. Christ went to Sheol to lead Believers of the Old Testament Saints into their new home of Paradise. Ps.68:18; Eph.4:8; (See also Lk.16:19-31.)

- b. Because of Paradise, Paul could say death would be gain, and absence from the body, present with the Lord. 1 Cor.5:3; 2 Cor.5:6-9; Phil.1:21.
 - c. All Believers are destined to Paradise and be with the Lord.
 - d. The Believing thief on the cross presents salvation apart from works. Jn.1:14-17; Acts 15:11; Rom.3:24; 4:16; Rom.5:20; 11:5-6; 2 Cor.9:8; Eph.2:5-8; Col.1:6; Tit.3:7; Jas.4:6.
2. Salvation is a gift from God. Rom.3:23-28; 6:23.
- a. The Believing Thief on the cross was helpless.
 - b. He looked to Christ the Redeemer. Heb.5:9; 12:2.
 - c. God alone can provide salvation. Heb.11:1.

III. "Woman behold thy son." Jn.19:26. "Behold thy mother". Jn.19:27.

A. Provision for God's family.

- 1. Christ cared for His Virgin mother. Jn.19:26.
- 2. Christ was aware of His surroundings until the end.

B. Christ's love for His Own. Jn.19:27.

- 1. Great respect for His mother.
- 2. Great love for the Apostle John.
- 3. Greater love had no man. Jn.15:13.

IV. "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" ("ELI, ELI, LAMA, SABACHTHANI"? Matt.27:46; Ps.22:1-31.

A. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness. Num.21:8-9.

- 1. So must the Son of Man be lifted up to become sin for us.
- 2. The Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.
- 3. The debt of sin had to be paid by the Lamb without blemish, even unto death. Rom.3:23; 6:23.

B. God the Father had to forsake His Son on the cross.

- 1. God cannot look upon sin.
- 2. Christ became sin for us upon the cross. 2 Cor.5:21; Dan.9:26.
- 3. Christ was the Lamb of God without blemish.
 - a. Like us but without sin. Heb.4:15; 1 Pet.2:22.
 - b. Christ the sinless Son of God. Heb.9:26-28.
 - c. Christ was sent to cleanse away sin forever. 1 Jn.1:7.
- 4. Christ condemned sin in the flesh. Rom.3:2-3.
- 5. All mankind of all ages were under the penalty of sin. Gal.3:22; 1 Jn.5:17.
- 6. Christ removed the penalty of sin. 1 Jn.1:7.

C. Christ became our Advocate with the Father. 1 Jn.2:1.

V. "I THIRST". Jn.19:28; Ps.69:21.

A. Prior to suffering on the cross.

1. Jesus' agony in the garden. Matt.26:36-46; Mk.14:32-42; Lk.22:39-46; Jn.18:1.
2. Jesus suffered arrest. Matt.26:47-56; Mk.14:43-50; Lk.22:47-53; Jn.18:3-11.
3. Jesus stood trial before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin. Matt.26:57-68; Mk.14:53-65; Jn.18:12 & 19-24.
4. All of His Disciples forsook him (even Peter). Matt.26:69-75; Mk.14:66-72; Lk.22:55-62; Jn.18:15-18 & 25-27.
5. After being tormented all night without sleep, He was then turned over to Pilate. Matt.27:1-2 & 11-14; Mk.15:1-5; Lk.23:1-3; Jn.18:28-38.
6. Crowned with thorns, and beaten and mistreated by the soldiers. Matt.27:27-32; Mk.15:16-23; Lk.23:26-32; Jn.19:16-17.

B. Christ had no rest, was beaten, had nothing to drink and had to bear the heavy cross.

1. The Son of God begged for a drink of water. Jn.19:28.
2. The Creator of Heaven and earth given vinegar to drink. Matt.27:33-34; Mk.15:23; Lk.23:36; Jn.19:28-29.
3. Ps.22. describes what our Saviour suffered to take away our sins.

VI. "Father into thy hands I commend my Spirit". Lk.23:34.

A. Christ's Spirit returned unto the Father.

1. God is Spirit and cannot die.
 - a. God is life.
 - b. God is the giver of life.
2. God is everlasting, always existing.
3. God is "The Great I Am".
 - a. God the Father "I AM" Gen.17:1; 28:13; Ex.3:14.;
 - b. God the Son, "I AM". Jn.8:58.
4. Christ died as the Lamb of God. Ex.12:3-5; Jn.1:29-36.

B. Christ died and rose physically to redeem us.

1. It involved eternal redemption. Heb.9:12.
2. Our bodies were redeemed. Rom.3:24; 8:23; Eph.1:7; Col.1:14.
3. God only can redeem. Ps.49:15; Gal.3:13; 4:5; Tit.2:14; 1 Pet.1:18; Rev.5:9.

VII. "It is finished". Jn.19:20.

A. Sin was judged once and forever on the Cross.

1. It is impossible to crucify Christ again. Heb.6:1-6.
2. Christ was once offered for the sins of the whole world and it is finished. Heb.9:28.
3. When we believe, we are eternally saved once and forever. Jn.10:27-30.

B. Christ is the "New Covenant". Heb.9:11-15.

1. Both King and Priest after the order of Melchizedek. Ps.110:4; Heb.5:6-10; 6:20; 7:1-21.
2. Christ is our Eternal High Priest.

3. Christ is our Sovereign King forever.

C. Christ died for our sins.

1. Declare the old flesh as crucified with Christ. Rom.6:6; Gal.2:20; 1 Cor.2:2.
2. We have become new creatures in Christ Jesus. 2 Cor.5:17.

CONCLUSION.

Jesus paid it all, all to Him we owe, sin has left a crimson stain, but Jesus washed it white as snow. The cross was the turning point in history when God dealt with sin once and forever. The animal sacrifices merely covered the sins for the Old Testament Saints, but praise God, we have had our sins removed forever!

May we realize that the death of the Lord Jesus Christ was not an accident but was prepared and predicted from the very first time that man sinned. Gen.3:15; Christ's body was prepared before the foundation of the world. Christ became the Lamb of God that took away the sin of the world. 1 Jn.3:5; May I also remind you that Christ not only died to save us from the penalty of sin, but He also died to vindicate the righteousness of the Godhead. Judgement was passed upon all sin both in heaven and on earth. With the final sealing up of all unbelievers in the Lake of Fire, sin will never appear again. It cost God the Father His very own Son to complete the final judgement on sin. We can only conclude by saying , "Thank you Lord Jesus for enduring the shame of the cross, that we might enjoy the pleasures and glory with you forever more.

THANKSGIVING.

SCRIPTURE.

Ps.75:1; Ps.100:4; 1 Chron.16:4-8; 1 Chron.29:13; 1 Chron.16:8-41; 2 Chron.5:13; Dan.2:23; Rom.6:17; Rom.14:6; 1 Cor.15:57; 2 Cor.2:14; 1 Thess.2:13; 1 Tim.1:3; 2 Thess.2:13; Philemon 4; Rev.11:7.

INTRODUCTION.

"The Heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork". (Ps.19:1;) When one honestly considers the working of Almighty God, in all of His provisions for man, we spontaneously cry out with praise and thanksgiving to our God of all creation. What God has done for us should cause our whole life to be an attitude of thanksgiving. Those of us who are enjoying the new life in Christ Jesus have every reason to be thankful, regardless of our circumstances. The Word of God especially admonishes us to thank the Lord for His marvelous grace toward us through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Lord and Master.

OUTLINE.

- I. Thanksgiving to the Triune God. Ps.32:1-2.
- II. Giving thanks for God's provision for time and eternity. Ps.119:62.
- III. Praying with thanksgiving. 2 Thess.2:13.

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- I. Thanksgiving to the Triune God. Ps.32:1-2; Ps.33:1-22; Ps.47:1-2; Ps.66:1-2; Ps.75:1; Ps.81:1-3; Ps.89:1-2; Ps.90:1-4; Ps.91:1-2; Ps.92:1-5; Ps.98:1-2; Ps.100:1-5; Ps.113:1-2; Ps.117:1-2.
 - A. Thanksgiving to God the Father. Dan.6:10; 2:23; Matt.6:9-13.
 - 1. God the Father sent forth His Son to provide salvation. Gen.3:15; Isa.7:14; 9:6-7; Gal.4:4-5; Jn.3:17; Rom.1:8; 7:25; 1 Cor.1:4.
 - 2. A human body was prepared for His Eternal Son in ages past. Jn.8:58; Heb.10:5; Jn.17:24.
 - 3. Prayer of thanksgiving to the Father. Jn.5:43; Jn.10:25; Jn.12:13; Jn.14:13-14; Jn.15:16; Jn.16:23-26; Jn.17:12 & 26.; Acts 2:21.
 - a. Pray in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - b. Pray in the power of God the Holy Spirit.
 - 4. There is no other God nor other Name. Acts 4:12.
 - a. He is the Creator of all things.

- b. He is the Eternal Living God.
- 5. Thanksgiving to the Father for His Son. 2 Cor.9:15; Col.1:3.
- 6. The Lord Jesus Christ gives thanks to the Father. Matt.15:36; 26:27; Mk.8:6; 14:23; Lk.22:17-19; Jn.6:11-23.
- 7. Thank the Father for the many blessings through Christ Jesus. Eph.1:3-14.

B. Thanksgiving to the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Tim.1:12.

- 1. For being willing to leave His home in Glory. Calling us to His glory. 1 Pet.5:10.
- 2. For dying on the cross for our sins. Rom.5:6-8; Rom.6:10; Rom.14:9; 1 Cor.15:3; 1 Thess.4:14; 5:10.
- 3. For providing us with eternal life as sons of God. Jn.3:16-17; Jn.5:24; Jn.20:31.
- 4. For sending God the Holy Spirit to dwell within us forever. Jn.14:16-17,& 26.
- 5. For making intercession for us before the Father. Jn.17:9; Isa.53:12; 1 Jn.2:1; Heb.7:25; Rom.8:34.
- 6. For preparing a place for us in the Father's mansions. Jn.14:1-6.
- 7. For His promise to return from Heaven and take us to Heaven. 1 Thess.4:13-18; Jn.14:1-6; 1 Cor.15:51-57.
- 8. We are to become the Bride of Christ and rule and reign with Him. Rev.19:7-10; Rev.5:10.

C. Thanksgiving to God the Holy Spirit. Rom.8:16-17 & 26.

- 1. He has given us a new birth making us new creatures in Christ. Jn.3:3-7; 1 Cor.3:16.
- 2. All Believers have been baptized by God the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor.12:13.
- 3. He protects us from demons. 1 Cor.3:16.
- 4. He convicts us of sin and causes us to repent. Jn.16:8.
- 5. He restrains the world of greater sin until He is taken out of the world at the time of the rapture. Jn.16:7-11; Isa.59:19; Gen.6:3; 2 Thess.2:7.
- 6. He prays for Believers. Rom.8:26.
- 7. He comforts us at all times. Jn.14:26.
- 8. He provides power in our lives. Zech.4:6.
- 9. He is the Giver of gifts. 1 Cor.12:11.
- 10. He teaches us the Bible. Jn.16:13.
- 11. He glorifies the Son of God. Jn.16:13.

II. Giving thanks for God's provision for time and eternity. Ps.119:62; 92:1; 79:13.

A. God's great provision for Believers for time and eternity.

- 1. All of our needs are provided. Phil.4:19.
- 2. God the Holy Spirit dwells within us forever. 1 Cor.12:13; Jn.14:16-17.
- 3. He has given us the Word of God. Heb.4:12; Rom.10:17.
- 4. He has made possible the new creation in Christ Jesus. 2 Cor.5:17.
- 5. We are promised a new name. Rev.2:17; 3:12.
- 6. God will provide a new Heaven and a new Earth. 2 Pet.3:13.

B. Christians are to become the "Bride of Christ". Rev.19:7-10.

- 1. Those included are from Pentecost to the Rapture. Acts 2:1-11; 1 Thess.4:13-18.

2. Christ will come in person for His Bride. Jn.14:1-6; 1 Thess.4:13-18.
3. We will spend seven years with Christ in the Father's Mansions. Rev. 4 & 5.
4. We will come with Christ during His Kingdom of righteousness upon the earth. 1 Thess.3:13. Rev.19:11-21; Ps.2:1-12; Rev.2:27.

C. Thanksgiving and praise to the Triune God.

1. In the assembly. Ps.35:18.
2. Thanksgiving with gifts and offerings. 2 Chron.29:31; 2 Cor.9:7.
3. Songs of praise. Neh.12:46; Ps.26:7; Ps.69:30; Ps.147:7; Jonah 2:9.
4. Be thankful for the Holy Name of God. Ps.106:47; 122:4.

III. Praying with thanksgiving. 2 Thess.2:13.

A. Prayer of remembrance. Ps.30:4-12; Phil.1:3; 1 Thess.1:3; Ps.97:12.

1. Do not leave your first love toward God. Rev.2:4.
2. Retain your fellowship with God. 1 Jn.1:7.
3. Remember from what God has delivered you. 2 Pet.2:18-22.

B. Prayer should always be seasoned with thanksgiving. Acts.28:15.

1. Remember when praying for help, to return thanksgiving to God for the past blessings.
2. Prayer seasoned with praise to God.

C. Prayer of thanksgiving, praising God for His Mercy and Grace. 1 Cor.1:1-2; 2 Cor.1:2-3; Gal.1:3-5.

1. We have no personal merit before God.
2. We are accepted in the Beloved Christ. Eph.1:6.

D. Prayer of thanksgiving for victories in Christ. 2 Cor.2:14-17; Col.1:2-6.

1. Faith is our victory.
2. Christ has conquered sin and death.
3. God's provision of the whole armour. Eph.6:11-18.

CONCLUSION.

Perhaps you have noticed the number of times that we read in the Book of Psalms about thanksgiving. Did you also notice how many times that the Psalms begin with thanksgiving? We have so much to thank God for as Believers. He has made every provision for us through His dear Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. We cannot begin to count our many blessings that God has poured out upon us for now and throughout eternity. We often pray "God bless me", but we really should pray, "God make me available to your blessings". God has richly blessed us as Believers. (Eph.1:3-14; Rom.8:1-4.) No condemnation, to those who are in Christ Jesus. Rom.5:1-2; Justified by faith! We are hidden in Christ and clothed upon with His righteousness. Col.3:3; We also have a Heavenly glorified body waiting for us, 2 Cor.5:1; We have been reconciled to God the Father through God the Son. 2 Cor.5:19; God has accepted us in the Beloved, and we

are new creatures in Christ Jesus made possible by the new birth by God the Holy Spirit. Whatever your circumstances may be, Cast your every care upon the Lord for He cares for you. 1 Pet.5:7; and conclude with,"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift." 2 Cor.9:15; May our lives be filled with thanksgiving toward God, regardless and in spite of the circumstances.

TRIALS TRIBULATIONS AND TEMPTATIONS.

SCRIPTURE.

Job.23:10; Ps.12:6; Dan.12:10; Rev.3:18; Ps.18:30; Jer.12:3; 2 Cor.8:2; 1 Pet.1:7; 4:12; Rom.5:3; 1 Thess.3:4; 2 Cor.1:4; 7:14; Matt.4; Mk.1; Lk.4; 1 Cor.10:9-13; 1 Thess.3:5.

INTRODUCTION.

When you became a Christian, I am sure that you didn't find your walk of faith easy, nor your former friends agreeable with you. Christ reminds us that the world hated Him and they will not be any more friendly to you. (Matt.10:22; Lk.21:17; Jn.15:18-25;) When God the Holy Spirit gives us a new birth, we become different from the people of the world. We must remember that Unbelievers are blinded (brain washed) by the god of this world system. (2 Cor.4:4;). Let us consider a few Bible references to the Believer's trials, tribulations and temptations that are faced in this world. When these difficulties and problems come your way, do not think that you are a failure in your Christian walk, these come to those who want to be useful for the Lord. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Eph.6:12.

OUTLINE.

- I. Trials.
- II. Tribulations.
- III. Temptations.

I. Trials. Jas.1:2; Jer.11:20; 20:12; Ps.11:5.

A. Trials of faith. Heb.11:36; 2 Cor.8:2; 1 Pet.1:7; 1 Pet.4:12.

1. God allowed Job to be tried. Job.1:1-12; Job 2:1-8; Job 23:10; Job 9:23.
 - a. Job was a righteous man.
 - b. He was a wealthy man.
 - c. He had disobedient children.
 - d. He had an unsympathetic wife.
 - e. Critical friends.
 - f. He knew that someday he would see God.
 - g. He believed in the resurrection.
2. Abraham was tried.

- a. Through Ishmael, the result of trying to help God with His promises. To this very day the descendants of Ishmael give the Hebrew people trouble.
 - b. Sarah being barren.
 - c. Isaac to be offered up to God. Heb.11:17-19; Gen.22:1-14.
 - d. Abraham looked for the City which God would build, but died waiting. Heb.11:10;
 - 3. Noah's faith was tried when his preaching brought no results from the people.
 - a. The hard work of building an ark as the people laughed.
 - b. Telling of rain which was never seen before.
 - c. No doubt some of his children left him, thinking that he was insane.
 - 4. Saints of great faith. Heb.11:1-15.
 - 5. The trial of your faith is precious before God. 1 Pet.1:7-9.
 - 6. We walk by faith rather than depend upon signs. Mk.8:11; Lk.11:16.
 - 7. Trials of faith depend upon the Word of God. 2 Tim.3:15-17; Heb.4:12; Ps.18:30; Ps.105:19.
- B. The trials of afflictions. 2 Cor.8:2.**
- 1. Hezekiah 2 Ki.20:1-21.
 - 2. Paul the Apostle.
 - a. Paul suffered from the Jews. Acts.17. to 22.
 - b. Paul's thorn in the flesh. 2 Cor.12:7.
 - 3. Timothy-weak stomach 1 Tim.5:23.
 - 4. Jacob wrestled with an angel and was afflicted. Gen.32:24-32.
 - 5. Daniel in the lion's den. Dan.6:1-28.
 - 6. Christ suffered afflictions for us. Isa.53:1-10; Ps.22:1-31; Matt.27:27-50; Mk.15:16-23; Lk.23:26-32; Jn.19:16-17.
- C. Trials of fire. Ps.12:6; 17:3; 66:10; Dan.12:10; Zech.13:9; Rev.3:18.**
- 1. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Dan.3:8-30.
 - 2. Saints of great faith. Heb.11:32-34.
 - 3. Our works as Believers are to be tried by fire. 1 Cor.3:9-16; 2 Cor.5:10.
- II. Tribulation. Judges 10:14; 1 Sam.26:24; Matt.13:21; Jn.16:13.**
- A. Rejoicing in tribulations in the Lord's work. 2 Cor.7:14.**
- 1. Tribulations cannot separate us from God's love. Rom.8:35-39.
 - 2. Expect to suffer for the cause of Christ. 1 Thess.1 to 5.
 - 3. Rejoice with the Victorious Lord in His suffering for us. Phil.3:10.
- B. Comfort from the Word in tribulations. 2 Cor.1:4.**
- 1. Understanding God's Word brings comfort .
 - 2. Christ promises comfort in our hardship. 2 Cor.1:4.
 - 3. God delivers us in our tribulations. Judges 10:14. 1 Sam.26:24.
 - 4. Tribulations for the Believers will soon come to an end. 1 Thess.1:10.
- C. Patience in tribulations. Rom.12:12.**

1. Love is provided by God the Holy Spirit Rom.12:9-12.
2. The Fruit of the Spirit grows. Gal.5:22-26.
3. Patience is multiplied. Rom.5:3;

III. Temptations. 2 Pet.2:9; Lk.22:28; Heb.3:8-9; Ps.95:8.

A. Avoid tempting God. Ps.78:18-56; Ps.95:9; Ps.106:14.

1. God does not tempt us but rather tries us. Jas.1:13-14.
2. We are tempted by Satan. Matt.4:3; 1 Thess.3:5; Mk.1:13; Lk.4:2.
3. The Jews tempted Christ the Son of God. Matt.16:1-5; Mk.8:10-14; Matt.19:1-3; Matt.22:34-40; Mk.10:2; Jn.8:6.
4. Do not make a vow before God, unless you intend to keep it. Isa.19:21; Ecl.5:4; Jer.44:25; Ps.65:1.
5. Do not tempt God the Father. Deut.6:16; Matt.4:7; Lk.4:12.
6. Do not tempt God the Son. 1 Cor.10:9.
7. Do not tempt God the Holy Spirit. Acts.5:1-11; Acts 15:10.

B. Yield not to temptation. Lk.22:28-29; Rom.3:10.

1. God will make a way of escape if you listen. 1 Cor.10:13.
2. Some fall away from God's will, not well rooted. Lk.8:13.
3. We pray, "Lead us not into temptation" Matt.6:13; 26:41; Mk.14:38; Lk.11:4; Lk.22:40-46.

C. Walk in the light of the Bible. Ps.1:1-6; 1 Jn.1:7.

1. The Word of God is our life line. Acts 15:35; 18:11; 28:31; Col.1:28; 3:16.
2. The Word of God is powerful. Heb.4:12.
3. God the Holy Spirit will guide you. Isa.48:16; Rom.8:14.
4. God the Holy Spirit provides power over sin. Zech.4:6.
5. God is always ready to deliver you out of temptation. 2 Pet.2:9.

D. Kept by God in the hour of temptation.

1. God promises to deliver us out from the wrong. 2 Pet.2:9.
2. We experience joy when delivered from evil. Jas.1:2.
3. God is our keeper. Rev.3:10;
4. Endure temptation by the power of God. Jas.1:12.
5. Be alert against the evil forces at all times. Gal.6:1.
6. God will always sustain and protect you if you wish. 1 Thess.3:5; 1 Cor.10:9-13.
7. Christ was tempted in all points as we are. Lk. 4:13; Lk.10:25; Heb.2:18; Heb.4:15.

CONCLUSION.

We will have trials, tribulations and temptations as long as we are in this world and in our present fleshly body. We have the world, the flesh and the Devil to contend with and we are in need of help from above. The Lord has given us the proper armour to

protect us against the wiles of the Devil, and may we use them at all times. "Put on the whole armour of God, that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the Devil." (Eph.6:12;) As Believers with God the Holy Spirit within us, we have a tremendous capacity to withstand the World, the flesh, and the Devil. Our bodies, as Believers, are the temple of God the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor.3:16-23;) Do not think that you can bind Satan in any way for he is powerful and full of all wisdom, and the greatest creature that God has created. (Ezek.28:12-15;) However God is sovereign and we are dependent upon God the Holy Spirit to make a way of escape when necessary. God considers you, as a Believer, very precious in His sight, for you are of the "Royal Family" of God. Let God the Holy Spirit guide and direct you through this life.

UNEQUALLY YOKED IN MARRIAGE

SCRIPTURE:

Num.23:9; 2 Cor.6:14-18; Num.6:2-9; 16:21; Ezra 10:11; Matt.11:28-30; Deut.32:8.

INTRODUCTION.

The eternal purpose of God in His dealing with His creation is to separate unto Himself subjects wholly devoted to Himself. God has given us volition, so that we can choose of our own free will. His desire is that both angels and mankind will separate themselves from all that opposes the Triune God. Since both angels and mankind have been given this choice, the angelic hosts have already made their choice, and mankind is now in the process of such decisions. There is a tremendous spiritual warfare in progress with Satan opposing God and attempting to form an evil kingdom of his own. Our main objective in this study is to warn against unequal bonds between Believers and Unbelievers.

OUTLINE.

I. Israel separated unto God the Father.

II. The Betrothed Bride of Christ.

III. Marriage is to be equally yoked together.

I. Israel separated unto God the Father.

A. The Tribe of Shem separated and recorded. Gen.5:10-32; 10:1-32; 11:10-32.

1. The generations of Adam. Gen.5:1-5.
2. The Family of Seth through to Noah. Gen.5:6-32.
3. The genealogy of Shem. Gen.11:10-32.
 - a. God was separating mankind for the Messianic hope.
 - b. God separated Abram to preserve a family for the Messianic promise.
 - c. God promised the Messiah through the seed of the woman. (Virgin) Gen.3:15.

B. Abram called of God to establish a nation. Gen.12:1-9.

1. Abram separated from his family and country. Gen.12:1-3.
 - a. In Ur of the Chaldeans there was idol worship.
 - b. God had to separate His chosen race from idols.
2. In Abram would all of the families in the earth be blessed. Gen.12:3.
3. Abram separated from Lot. Gen.13:5-11.

4. God gives the Promised Land to Abram. Gen.13:14-18; 15:1-21; Deut.32:8.

C. Israel chosen as a nation.

1. Birth of Isaac. Gen.21:1-8.
2. Bond woman and child Ishmael, separated from Abraham. Gen.21:9-21; Gal.4:21-31.
3. Isaac receives the birthright. Gen.25:1-6.
 - a. Messianic lineage.
 - b. The separated family.
4. Jacob chosen by God of the two nations born. Gen.25:19-34.
 - a. Esau sells his birthright. Gen.25:27-34.
 - b. Jacob deceives his father Isaac, claiming the birthright which he bought from Esau. Gen.27:1-33.
 - c. Isaac's blessings for Jacob. Gen.27:29.
 - d. Jacob pays the price for his deception. Gen.27:41-30:43.
 - e. Jacob called by God to return to Bethel. Gen.31:1-55.
5. Jacob struggled and renamed, Israel "The Prince of God" Gen.32:1-33.
 - a. Esau forgives his brother with little care for his birthright. Gen.33:1-16.
6. Joseph chosen by God. Gen.37:1-49:33.
 - a. God preserved the nation Israel in Egypt.
 - b. They had the best training possible.
 - c. They became a strong nation even though they suffered severely through slavery.
7. Jacob's predictions directed by God. Gen.49:1-33.
 - a. Note Dan called a serpent, as we see later that he brought idols into Israel and disqualified as a tribe of Israel.
 - b. Jacob's body returned to the Promised Land for burial and his hope of resurrection. Gen.50:1-14.
8. Moses chosen to lead the nation Israel. The Book of Exodus through the Book of Deuteronomy.
 - a. God separated the nation. Deut.32:8.
 - b. God chose the Tribe of Judah through which the Messiah would be born. Gen.49:8-10; Isa.7:14; 9:6-7; Mal.1:15; Mic.5:2; Matt.2:1-8; Gal.4:4-5.

II. The betrothed Bride of Christ. Isa.62:5; Joel 2:16; Matt.9:15; 25:1-10; Mk.2:19-20; Lk.5:34-35.

A. God's preparation in the Old Testament.

1. Isaac and his bride. Gen.24:1-67.
 - a. Abraham seeks a bride for his son. Note Matt.22:2.
 - b. The servant goes to Abraham's kinsmen. Gen.24:2-9; (God the Holy Spirit is seeking a bride for Christ)
 - c. The servant speaks for Isaac. Gen.24:12-27; Jn.16:13-15.
 - d. The servant gives gifts to the one chosen. (So God the Holy Spirit.) 1 Cor.12:7-11; Gal.5:22-23.

- f. Rebekah a type of the church (a virgin). Gen.24:16; 2 Cor.11:2; Eph.5:25-32.
 - g. Isaac a type of the Bridegroom. 1 Pet.1:8; Gen.24:61-64.
 - h. Isaac goes to meet his bride. Gen.24:63; Jn.14:1-6; 1 Thess.4:13-18.
2. The Song of Solomon.

B. God's provision in the New Testament. Matt.22:2; Jn.16:13-14; 1 Cor.12:7-11; Gal.5:22-23; Acts.2:1-6; 13:4; 16:6-7.

1. The Kingdom of Heaven is likened unto a marriage. Matt.22:1-14; Lk.14:16-24.
 - a. The honored guests refused to attend. (Israel) Jn.1:12.
 - b. They killed the king's servants, so Christ's Apostles were killed by the Jews.
 - c. The King sends his servants to bring guests from the highways and byways. Matt.22:9-10; Jn.1:12-13.
 - d. The guests were inspected by the king. Matt.22:11-14.
 - e. Christ's garments of righteousness necessary. Jn.3:18 & 36. 2 Cor.5:1-4; Rev.3:5; 4:4; 7:9; 15:6.
2. Christ will have the Bride. Jn.3:29. The friends of the Bridegroom = Old Testament Saints.
3. The Ten Virgins were invited to the marriage. Matt.25:1-13.
 - a. The five wise virgins = Old Testament Saints who believed.
 - b. The five foolish virgins = Old Testament non-believers.
 - c. The Marriage Feast was made ready with the Bride (The Church) already at the feast.

III. Marriage to be "Equally Yoked" together.

A. The Old Testament examples of marriage.

1. Adam given a wife. Gen.1:26-28; Gen.2:18-24.
 - a. One help meet for man. Gen.2:18.
 - b. One woman brought to man. Gen.2:22.
2. Noah had one wife. Gen.6:18.
 - a. One wife Gen.6:18; 7:7.
 - b. Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Gen.6:10. (Noah certainly had a larger family than this, but these were the only ones of faith who believed)
 - c. Noah's three sons each had a wife. Gen.7:7 & 13.
3. Abraham and Sarah ordained by God as husband and wife. (All the others which Abraham had taken brought idols into Abraham's life.
4. Solomon's sin of many wives brought idols to Israel. Neh.13:23-37.

B. The New Testament admonition.

1. Marriage is an honorable relationship. Heb.13:4.
2. Marriage to an unbeliever brings difficulties. 1 Cor.7:10-16.
3. Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. 2 Cor.6:14-18.
4. Do not be entangled and involved with unbelievers. Gal.5:1.

C. Christian marriage compared to Believers and Christ.

1. Seven unities to be kept. Eph.4:4-6.

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1. Seven unities to be kept. Eph.4:4-6.
2. Married life is a contract for life among Believers.
 - a. Wives love your own husband.
 - b. Husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church. Eph.5:23-24.
 - c. Husbands love your own wife as Christ loves the church. Eph.5:25-33!
 - d. These are high standards to keep.

D. Christian living: Col.3:5-25

1. Live clean lives and avoid fornication vs.5-7.
2. Be careful of your speech, vs.8.
3. Stop lying vs.9.
4. You are a new and different man, vs.10.
5. Elected to God through Christ, vs.11-15.
6. Depend upon God the Holy Spirit for the fruit of the Spirit, Gal.5:22-26.
7. Let the admonition of Christ control your thought, word and deed, vs.16-17.

E. Wives, husbands, children and fathers. Col.3:18-21.

1. Wife be faithful to your own husband.,
 - a. This is pleasing each other.
 - b. This is pleasing to God.
2. Husband love your own wife. vs.19.
 - a. Don't treat her bitterly.
 - b. Show her respect as the mother of your home.
3. Children obey your parents. vs.20.
 - a. Obey in all things.
 - b. Be pleasing to the Lord.
4. Father be reasonable with your children. vs.21.
 - a. Be honest with them in all things.
 - b. Encourage them with a blessed family unity.

F. Servants and workers for others.

1. Obey your master and do a good job. Col.3:22.
2. Do it all as unto the Lord Jesus Christ. vs.23.
3. The Lord will reward you for your faithfulness. vs.24.
4. If you are wronged by the master, God is the judge Vs.25.

G. Masters. Col.4:1.

1. Don't cheat your workers.
2. Be just with them.
3. The Master in Heaven keeps the accounts.

H. To all Believers. Col.4:2-6.

1. Continue in prayer.
2. Watch for the coming of the Lord with thanksgiving.

- a. You are a witness of the Lord.
- b. Show them that you live, and move and have your whole life in Christ Jesus.

CONCLUSION.

The Word of God considers every aspect of the Christian's life inside the home, the church, the place of work and your pleasures. It is imperative that we apply Christian principles to every phase of our relationship with others. We are in this world, but not of it, as we are now citizens of heaven. (Phil.3:20-21;) We have been separated from the old life and all of it's entanglements and we are part of the coming new creation which God will bring about. (2 Cor.5:17;) Don't be unequally yoked in your Christian life, and especially when considering getting married. God has called us to separate from the old way of life as a member of the Royal Family of God.

God has clearly warned us with many illustrations in the Bible, and especially with Israel. We as Believers are not to be conformed to this old world system, but we should reckon ourselves transformed and realize that we are new creatures in Christ Jesus. We can know the perfect will of God for every phase of our life if we adhere to Romans 12:2.

UNITED IN CHRIST OR CONDEMNED IN SATAN.

SCRIPTURE.

Ps.133:1; 1 Cor.8:4; Deut.6:4; Acts 4:14-32; Eph.4:2-32.

INTRODUCTION.

God has His absolute standards and is not a God of confusion. (1 Cor.14:33;) God is sovereign and immutable and is in control of every situation. God confounds the things that seem mighty. (1 Cor.1:27;) God is always on time and is never late with His deliberations. The Trinity in the Godhead is in perfect agreement and united in all plans down through the ages.

The unification in Christ for the Believers is of prime importance and God's desire is that those in Christ are not confounded. (1 Pet.2:6;) One day all these differences among the Believers will fade away and we will be complete in the Body of Christ. "The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore, the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous." Ps.1:4-5; The ungodly shall all be together in their judgement at the Great White Throne. They shall all have their part in being condemned along with Satan and the demons who have deceived them, and will be cast into the Lake of Fire and remain there in a living death forever and ever.

OUTLINE.

- I. One Faith.**
- II. One Baptism.**
- III. One Body in Christ.**
- IV. One Lord.**
- V. One Bride.**

I. One Faith. Tit.1:4; 3:15; Heb.10:22-23; Heb.11. Mk.11:22; Acts 3:16; 16:15; Acts 20:21; 24:24; Rom.1:17; 3:22; 4:5; 5:1; 10:17.

- A. Household of Faith. Gal.6:10.**
 - 1. Children of God by faith. Gal.3:26.**
 - 2. The Body of Christ. Eph.5:30.**
 - a. There is but one body. Col.3:15;**

b. Christ is the head of that body. Col.1:18.

B. Unity of Faith. Eph.4:13; Tit.1:4; Tit.3:15; Jude 3.

1. The just shall live by faith. Hab.2:4; Rom.1:17; Gal.3:11.
2. Holy Faith. Jude 20.
3. Justified by faith. Gal.2:16-20.

C. The "Shield of Faith". Eph.6:16.

1. Stand by faith. 2 Cor.1:24.
2. Protected by faith.

D. Rich in Faith. Jas.2:5.

1. Hope in faith. Gal.5:5; Phil.3:9; 1 Pet.1:21.
2. Blessed by faith. Gal.3:9.

E. Preach the Word of faith. Gal.1:23; 2 Tim.4:2.

1. The Word gives life. Heb.4:12.
2. God's Word will never return void. Isa.55:11.

II. One Baptism. Eph.4:2-32.

A. Real Baptism.

1. Baptism of God the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor.12:13.
2. The baptism of the Holy Spirit brings new birth. Jn.3:3-8.
3. God the Holy Spirit is identified with Believers.
 - a. He is the giver of gifts and talents. 1 Cor.12 to 14.
 - b. We are the temple of God the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor.3:16.
 - c. God the Holy Spirit gives us knowledge . 1 Cor.2:12.

B. Ritual Baptism.

1. Water baptism is a command from the Lord. Matt.28:16-20; Mk.16:15-18; Lk.24:46-48.
2. We are Christ's sent ones. Jn.17:18; 20:21; Acts.1:8; 1 Cor.15:6.
3. It is an outward identification with the Lord.

III. One "Body In Christ". 1 Cor.12:12-27.

A. Christ is the Head of the Body. (The True Church) Col.1:18.

1. Called into one body in Christ. Col.3:15; Eph.5:23-30.
2. God the Holy Spirit indwells the body. 1 Cor.12:13; Jn.14:16-17.

B. Our Body made alive by God the Holy Spirit. Jas.2:26.

1. All Believers make up the total body in Christ. Eph.2:16; 4:4-16; 1 Cor.15:44; Rom.12:4-16.
2. God the Holy Spirit has given new eternal life to Believers.
3. Alive in Christ. 1 Cor.15:22.

C. We are a "Living Sacrifice" unto God. Rom.12:1-2.

1. We make the choice.
2. God shows us His perfect will for our lives.

D. The Resurrected Body will be like Christ. Phil. 3:21.

IV. One Lord. Gal.3:28; 1 Cor.8:4; Deut.6:4.

A. United in Christ by the Holy Spirit. Eph.2:18; Phil.1:27; Eph.4:2-32.

1. Love one another. 1 Jn.3:1-3,23; 1 Jn.4:7-12.
2. Enjoy the Christian fellowship. 1 Jn.1:7.
3. Be hospitable. 1 Pet.4:9.
4. Pray for one another. Jas.5:16; Acts.1:14; 2:1.
5. Grudge not one another. Jas.4:11; 5:9; Acts 7:26; Acts 15:25.

B. Abound in love, one toward another. 1 Thess.3:12; 1 Pet.1:22; 1 Jn.3:11; 1 Thess.4:18; Rom.13:8.

C. Edify one another in the Word of God. 1 Thess.5:11; Heb.3:13; 10:25; Rom.15:2-14.

D. Let the "Mind of Christ" rule in your life.

1. Having compassion toward the Brethren. 1 Pet.3:8.
2. God is working in and through you. Rom.8:27.
3. Be 100% for God. Rom.12:1-2.
4. Avoid divisions in your conversation if possible. 1 Cor.1:10; 2:14-16.
5. Be of good comfort one toward another. 2 Cor.13:11.
6. Conduct yourselves according to the Gospel. Phil.1:27.
7. Let the mind of Christ control you. Phil.2:5.

V. One "Bride of Christ". Rev.19:7-16.

A. Christ the "Bridegroom" is coming for His Bride. Jn.14:1-6; 1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Cor.15:51-57.

1. The imminent return of Christ in the clouds.
2. He will take all Believers out from the wrath to come. 1 Thess.1:10.
3. The tribulation cannot start until we are in Heaven.
4. The sealed scroll will be opened in our presence. Rev. 4 & 5.
5. A place for Christ's Bride has been made ready in the Heavenly Mansions of God the Father. Jn.14:1-6.
6. The Bride and the Friends of the Bridegroom will receive their glorified bodies and rewards for faithfulness. 1 Cor.3:9-16; 2 Cor.5:10; 1 Jn.3:1-3.

B. The Heavenly Re-Union.

1. The Mansions of God the Father. Jn.14:1-6.
2. The "Marriage of the Bride". Rev.19:7-10.
3. The "Great Marriage Feast". Rev.19:7-10.

- C. The Bride will dwell in the mansions of God the Father.**
1. Our Heavenly home for 7 years.
 2. Events that take place during our Heavenly Home.
 - a. Judgement seat of Christ. 1 Cor.3:9-16; 2 Cor.5:10.
 - b. We will witness the opening of the Scroll. Rev.4 & 5.
 - c. We will witness the battle of Satan and Michael. Rev.12:7-12.
 3. Seven years in Heaven will be the great preparation to rule and reign with Christ during the thousand Year rule in Righteousness.
 4. We will behold the great battle between Michael the Arch Angel and Satan. Isa.14:12-17; Rev.9:1-12; Rev.12:7-12.
- D. The "Bride of Christ" will return to Earth with the Lord. 1 Thess.3:13.**
1. The Old Testament Saints will also come from Heaven with Christ. Isa.25. and Isa.65. and Isa.11:1-9.
 2. Christ will defeat Satan and his armies. Rev.19:11-20. Rev.5:10.
 3. The Kingdom of Righteousness will be established. Zech.14:16-17; Ps.72:7,16; Ps.72.
- E. The Bride will enter into the New Heavens and the new Earth.**
1. This will be the eternal status of the Bride.
 2. Sin will be banished forever. Dan.9:24.
 3. The Glory of God will reign forever and ever. Rev.21:1-22:21.
 4. All things will become new and the old things will pass away. 1 Cor.2:9-10.
 5. Sin will never appear again in the realm of God.

CONCLUSION

THE TERRIBLE CONDEMNATION OF THE UNBELIEVERS.

When one has reviewed the glory to come upon all of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, we marvel at the terrible decision that so many are making, as they reject God's provision for eternity. Here is what their rejection will bring.

- A. With Satan and all of his demons to be cast into the Lake of Fire. Ezek.28:12-19; Rev.20:10.**
1. They will remain there forever and ever with no escape route.
 2. They will be tormented forever and ever.
 3. There will only be living death there forever.
- B. The "Great White Throne Judgement" upon all unbelievers.**
1. From wicked Cain down through the ages.
 2. All will be raised for the second resurrection for their sentence of eternal damnation. Rev.20:11-15.

3. Every knee will bow before Christ before they are judged and thrown into the Lake of Fire forever. Phil.2:9-11.

The choice is ours as to where we will spend eternity. What will your decision be? The Eternal Son of God is the only way, the truth and the life! God has been reasonable with all of us and has provided His very own Eternal Son through Whom we are pardoned from our sin. The debt of sin has been paid for by the Precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. You can either remain under the bondage of sin or be freed through the Lord Jesus Christ. Neutral you cannot be! Come to Jesus while there is still time! The Lord will save you, keep you through eternity and satisfy you with joy and peace and pleasure for ever more.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF JESUS.

SCRIPTURE.

Gen.3:15; Isa.7:14; 9:6-7; Lk.1:26-38; 2:1-7; Jn.1,2,&14.

INTRODUCTION.

The Virgin Birth of the Lord Jesus Christ is the cornerstone to our salvation. Nothing more nor less could be provided for the removal of the penalty of sins from mankind. The atonement for our souls had to be the absolute impeccable Son of God. God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit used this superb act to remove the possibility of sin repeating itself in the new creation which God will establish forever. God the Son would pay the debt of sin, once and forever! (Heb.1:1-4;) A created angel could not pay the penalty for our sins, for they are spirit and do not have the flesh and blood which was necessary to remove the penalty of sin. (Heb.1:4-14;) The Lord Jesus Christ took upon Himself a form of man (impeccable body), for that very purpose. (Heb.2:9-18;) That body had to be free from imputed sin, and that is why it was conceived by God the Holy Spirit, through the means of a Virgin. If this were not the case, then Jesus would merely be an outstanding human being with the sin nature. Anything less than the Virgin Birth would not atone for our sins.

OUTLINE.

- I. Necessity of a "Virgin Birth" for salvation.
- II. Counterfeits of salvation.
- III. God's prediction and promise of the "Virgin Birth".
- IV. God the Father's provision for His Son to be born of a virgin.

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- I. Necessity of a "Virgin Birth" for salvation. Rom.1:18; Rom.3:9-12; Rom.3:23; Rom.6:23; Rom.7:14; 1 Cor.15:56; Gal.3:22.
 - A. All under sin. Rom.7:14; Gal.3:22.
 - 1. The whole human race condemned under sin.
 - 2. No human being could remove the curse of sin
 - B. The wages of sin is death. Rom.6:23; Jn.3:18 & 36.
 - 1. The wrath of God would be poured out.
 - 2. Eternal living death would be the results.
 - C. All mankind lacked the glory of God. Rom.6:23; Jn.3:18.

1. All mankind was condemned. Rom.3:10-18.
2. Mankind is totally depraved apart from God. Rom.3:23.

D. Someone had to be sent to provide salvation.

1. Only God could provide. Jn.14:6.
2. It took very God to pay the price. 1 Pet.1:18-20.

II. Counterfeits of salvation.

A. A "Mother Child" religion.

1. False gate to God through the tower of Babel.
 - a. Nimrod attempted his own religion to reach God.
 - b. God had to confuse their languages. Gen.11:1-9.
2. Semiramis and Tammuz began the Mother/child counterfeit. (See the booklet True Christianity or Religion by A.J.Losier)

B. Integrated religions.

1. Humanism the worship of material. (Atheism)
2. Mysticism -Gathering all life into a supreme being.

C. One world religion. (Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man)

1. World Council of churches.
2. Uniting all religions regardless of their beliefs.
3. By-passing Christ as the only way, the truth and the life. Jn.14:6.

D. Separating the Godhead.

1. Unitarianism-Only the Father exists as one God.
2. Jesus Only- Only the Lord Jesus Christ exists as He is the complete Godhead.
3. Spiritism - Only God the Holy Spirit exists.

E. Seventh day adventism.

1. Emphasis on the Sabbath Day rather than The Lord's day.
2. The Lord Jesus Christ set forth as merely a created being.
 - a. Christ was to be the good brother.
 - b. Satan was to be the bad brother.
3. They reject Christ as the Eternal Son of God, co-equal with God.

F. All religions that reject Christ as the Eternal Son of God.

Regardless of their viewpoints of various truths of the Bible, these religions that reject Christ as the Eternal Son of God are cults and isms. God the Holy Spirit specifically pointed out this great truth through the Written Word throughout the Epistles.

III. God's prediction and promise of the "Virgin Birth".

A. The "Seed of the Woman" shall bruise the head of Satan. Gen.3:15.

1. The seed of the man is eliminated to avoid the inherited sin nature.

2. **Flesh and blood conception by God the Holy Spirit.**
- B. The "Sign of a Virgin" with child was predicted. Isa.7:14.**
1. A virgin brings forth a son.
 2. This was a sign to Israel directly.
 3. Note, the sign was a virgin and not a young woman.
- C. A child was born. Isa.9:6-7.**
1. Government to be upon His shoulders.-world ruler.
 2. Christ was heralded as predicted. Mal.3:1; Matt.3:1-12; Mk.1:1-8; Lk.3:1-20; Jn.1:6-8,15-37; Matt.1:23.
 3. Special identification by names.
 - a. Wonderful.
 - b. Counselor.
 - c. The Mighty God.
 - d. The Everlasting Father. (Father and author of Salvation.)
 - e. The Prince of Peace.
 - f. The everlasting government. (Only God could establish such a government)
 - g. Davidic promise - 1 Chron.17:11-13; 2 Sam.7:16; 1 Ki.8:23; 1 Ki.9:5;
 - h. An everlasting kingdom. (of justice and righteousness.)
- IV. God the Father's provision for His Son to be born of a virgin**
- A. In the fullness of time. Gal.4:4-5.**
- B. John the Baptist born to herald Christ's first coming.**
1. God's messenger. Mk.1 to 8.
 2. John the Baptist's miraculous birth. Lk.1:5-25 & 57-80.
 - a. Elizabeth's age. Lk.1:7.
 - b. Zacharias instructed by an angel. Lk.1:11.
 - c. Elizabeth to have a son with a special name.
 - d. John to be a Nazarene and filled with God the Holy Spirit. Lk.1:13-15.
 - e. John to turn many to Christ through repentance. Lk.1:16-17.
 - f. Zacharias became dumb as a sign. Lk.1:18-20.
 3. John the Baptist born. Lk.1:57-66.
 - a. Zacharias prophesies. Lk.1:67-80.
 - b. Elijah would have come if Israel would have accepted their Messiah. This has been postponed until the kingdom is to be heralded. Rev.11:3-6.
- C. Jesus was born in the fullness of time. Gal.4:4-5.**
1. The annunciation of Jesus' birth. Lk.1:26-33.
 2. The miraculous conception of Jesus. Lk.1:34-38.
 - a. To be called "The Son of the Highest." Lk.1:32.
 - b. He shall reign forever. Lk.1:33; Rev.11:15.
 - c. Christ conceived by God the Holy Spirit. Lk.1:35.
 - d. Jesus called "The Son of God". Lk.1:35.
 3. The fullness of time had been reached.

- a. Caesar Augustus sent out the decree.
 - b. All to register in their own city. Lk.2:1-3.
 - c. The Messiah must be born in Bethlehem of Judea. Mic.5:2; Matt.2:1-8.
 - 4. Both Joseph and Mary were of the household of Judah. Lk.2:4-5.
 - 5. The King of Kings had a lowly birth in a stable. Lk.2:6-7.
 - 6. The angels heralded the shepherds. Lk.2:8-20.
 - 7. The wise men of the East were alerted by a special star. Matt.2:1-12.
 - 8. According to the law, Jesus was presented in the Temple. Lk.2:21-38.
 - a. Simon was promised to see the Messiah. Lk.2:25-35.
 - b. Anna also testifies that the Messiah had arrived. Lk.2:36-38.
 - 9. The weeping of Rama predicted. Jer.31:15.
 - a. The Messiah was sought to be killed. Matt.2:13-18.
 - b. The flight to Egypt -Joseph warned.
- D. God sent forth His Son. Gal.4:4-5.**
- 1. Made of a woman. Gen.3:15; Isa.7:14.
 - 2. Virgin born. Lk.1:26-80.
 - 3. Made under the law-fulfilling all of the law. Gal.4:4.
 - 4. Redemption provided to set free from the law of sin and death. Gal.4:5.
 - 5. Making possible for Believers to become sons of God. Gal.4:5; 1 Jn.3:1-3; Rom.8:15; Rom.9:4; Eph.1:5.

CONCLUSION.

God's Word has given us enough evidence for both the ordinary and wise person to understand and accept the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. One can be prejudiced and willfully reject God's Word. They can accept the blindness with which Satan has bound them, or accept what God has revealed through His Precious Word.(2 Cor.4:3-4;) If one desires to know the truth through God's Word, the truth of God will set them free . God the Holy Spirit is ready at all times to bring newness of life to whosoever. The Triune God has provided so great salvation at a great cost so how shall they escape if they neglect so great salvation. Heb.2:3-4; "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ,the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His Name." John 20:31.

THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE.

SCRIPTURE.

2 Cor.10:1-5; 1 Tim.6:12; 2 Tim.2:3; 1 Cor.13:7; Eph.6:11-13.

INTRODUCTION.

Paul the Apostle reminds us of the conflict that is within our body. The old nature and the new nature continually war against each other. "For that which I do I understand not, for what I would, that I do not; but what I hate, that do I." Rom.7:15; We have been "sold under sin". (Rom.7:14;) Our father Adam who was absolutely perfect when created, was also very wise and was able to walk with God and carry on an intelligent conversation. Satan, who was very subtle, and the greatest creature that God ever made, (Ezek.28:12-15;) merely gave suggestions and Adam and his wife fell into sin. Don't think for a moment that you will be able to bind Satan in any way! But GOD has come to our rescue and provided God the Holy Spirit and His Word to give us the victory. "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Host." Zech.4:6.

OUTLINE.

- I. Our weapons are not of flesh and blood.**
- II. The battle is a spiritual warfare.**
- III. The battle is the Lord's battle. "Mighty through God"**

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- I. Our weapons are not of flesh and blood. Eph.6:10-20; Rom.7:15-25; Rom.8:1-27; 1 Cor.3:1-3.**
 - A. Our real enemies. Eph.6:12.**
 - 1. Principalities, blinded by the god of this world system. 2 Cor.4:3-4; Isa.5:20-21.
 - 2. Satanic powers -coming as angels of light. 2 Cor.11:14.
 - 3. The rulers of darkness of this world. Jn.3:19-21. Rom.2:19; Matt.4:16; Eph.5:11; 2 Pet.2:4 & 17; Jude 6 & 13.
 - a. A great power of darkness. Col.1:13.
 - b. Fallen angels in darkness. 2 Pet.2:4 & 17; Jude 6 & 13.
 - c. False apostles. 2 Cor.11:13-15.
 - d. Satan the power of darkness. Col.1:13.
 - e. Cults and religions of the world. Rom.1:18. (These do not accept Christ as the Eternal Son of God.) Jn.20:31.

B. Put on the whole armour of God. Eph.6:11-13.

1. The weapons are not carnal. 2 Cor.10:4;
2. Armour of righteousness. 2 Cor.6:7; Eph.6:14.
3. Armour of Light-The Word of God. Rom.13:12; 1 Jn.1:7; Heb.4:12.
4. Armour of faith.-the fight of faith. 1 Tim.6:12; Eph.6:16.
5. Armour of truth.-God's Word. Heb.4:12; Ps.119; Eph.6:14 & 17.
6. Armour of the Gospel. Eph.6:15; Rom.1:16-17.
7. Armour of salvation. Eph.6:17.

C. Manifest the fruit of God the Holy Spirit. Gal.5:22-26;

1. It is essential to be born of God the Holy Spirit. Jn.3:3-7; 1 Cor.12:13.
2. Be willing to be led by God the Holy Spirit. Rom.8:14.
3. The Fruit of the Spirit is a complete gift from God. "Love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, temperance and self control."

II. The battle is a spiritual warfare. Rom.8:5-13.

A. Believers are confronted by spiritual wickedness. Gen.3:1-6; Dan.9:3-22; 10:10-21; Lk.22:31; 1 Thess.2:18; Jude 9, Matt.4:1-11; Mk.1:12-13; Lk.4:1-13; 1 Jn.2:16; Lk.13:16; 2 Cor.11:14; Acts 26:18;

1. The whole world is under a wicked spell. 1 Jn.5:9; 2 Cor.4:3-4;
2. Remember Job's experience with Satan. Job.1:1-12; Job 2:1-7;
3. Daniel's experience with Satan. Dan.9:3-19; 10:10-21;
4. Satan is a tempter. 1 Cor.7:5; Acts 5:1-11;
5. Michael the Arch Angel had trouble with Satan. Jude 9.

B. The spiritual realm is challenged by Satan. Jude 9, Job 1:11-12; Job 2:1-7.

1. Satan challenges God over Job.
2. Satan hinders Gabriel from getting to Daniel for a period of 3 weeks. Dan 10:10-21.
3. Satan tempts the Lord. Matt.4:10; Lk.4:8; Mk.1:13; Mk.4:15.
4. Satan stood up against Israel. 1 Chron.21:1.
5. Satan enters Judas. Lk.22:3.
6. Satan has millions of demons under his command. 2 Cor.12:7.
7. The wicked are with great power through Satan. Ps.37:35-40.

C. Victory provided by God through the Holy Spirit. Zech.4:6; Acts 26:18; Rom.7 & 8.

1. The Holy Spirit restrains wicked powers. 2 Thess.2:7; Isa.59:19.
2. The Holy Spirit prays for the Believers. Rom.8:26.
3. The Holy Spirit provides power. Zech.4:6.
4. The Holy Spirit is in command. Acts 8:29; Acts 13:2; Acts 16:7.
5. The Holy Spirit will guide and direct. Isa.48:16; Rom.8:14.
6. Christ always makes possible the delivery from evil. Rom.7:15-25.
7. For victory we must be led by God the Holy Spirit. Rom.8:5-17.

III. The battle is the Lord's. "Mighty through God", Eph.6:11-18; 2 Cor.10:4.

A. God has the weapons for the spiritual battle.

1. Be strong in the Lord. Eph.6:10.
2. The armour has been provided by God. Eph.6:11-18.
3. Christ has delivered us from death. Rom.7:24-25.
4. Christ has set us free from the law of sin and death. Rom.8:2.
5. God delivers us from the power of Satan. Acts 26:8.
6. Satan and sin have already been judged at the cross. Matt.27:45-50; Mk.15:33-41; Lk.23:44-49; Jn.19:30-37; Heb.9:3-8; Heb.10:19-20.
7. Satan's fall is already predicted. Isa.14:12-17; Ezek.28:16-19; Rev.9:1-12; Rev.12:7-12; Rev.20:1-3; Rev.20:7-10.

B. God the Holy Spirit has been sent by Christ. Jn.14:15-26; Jn.16:7-11.

1. The new birth by God the Holy Spirit. Jn.3:1-8; Acts 2:1-4.
2. Personal identification with the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor.12:13.
3. Fight the good fight of faith. 1 Tim.6:12.
4. Being born and indwelt by God the Holy Spirit, we are protected against demon possession. 1 Pet.1:2; 3:8; 4:6-14.
5. The Holy Spirit provides discernment. 1 Cor.12:10; 1 Cor.2:14; Heb.4:12; 5:14.

C. Kept by the power of God. Rom.2:19; Jer.51:20; Ps.24:8; 2 Chron.20:15.

1. Kept by the Word of God. Jn.10:27-30; Heb.4:12; Ps.119.
2. The battle is the Lord's. 1 Sam.17:47.
3. God is mighty in battle. Ps.24:8.
4. The Name of Almighty God is sufficient. Ps.20:7.
5. We are admonished to use the armour which God has provided. Eph.6:11-13; 2 Cor.6:7; Rom.13:12.
6. The Victory is sure. Ps.98:1; Isa.25:8; 1 Cor.15:54-57; 1 Jn.5:4.
7. Make full use of the weapons provided by God against the world, the flesh and the Devil.

CONCLUSION.

The Lord has provided every weapon necessary to overcome the enemies of our soul. May we practice faith in the promises of God, using the evidence from the Word to give us confidence to press on for the Lord. The Lord knows our every weakness and will give you a way of escape from yielding to temptation. Remember that God the Holy Spirit dwells within you and is your comfort and help. There are times when we grieve the Holy Spirit, so make sure that you take these burdens to Him, confess your sins and God is able to cleanse you, forgive you, and bring you back into fellowship once again. 1 Jn.1:7-9; Fight the good fight of faith and the victory is yours through the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE UNKNOWN CHRIST.

SCRIPTURE.

Gen.3:22; Deut.4:35; 7:9; 13:3; 29:6; Pr.1:7; Col.1:9.

INTRODUCTION.

As Paul waited for Silas and Timothy to join him in Athens, he had an opportunity to visit some of the various altars to their gods. As he went among these altars he noticed one "TO THE UNKNOWN GOD". This gave Paul the opportunity to present The Lord Jesus Christ to them as the unknown God. One can travel around the world and the word GOD and CHRIST are known only as belonging to the western religion or merely as a name. Mathematically one learns to find the unknown quantity by facts and elimination and balancing. However, when it comes to the knowledge of God, the world isn't interested in the facts. They often even avoid the name Christ in Christmas by merely placing an X for Christ in wishing you a merry Christmas. Religions go to great lengths to avoid the knowledge of Christ as the Eternal Son of God. May we as Believers never substitute an X for Christ in Christmas.

OUTLINE.

- I. Declare the Lord Jesus Christ as the Eternal Son of God. Jn.20:31.
- II. Knowledge of the Word of God is necessary. Col.1:9.
- III. Knowledge of the Word of God by God the Holy Spirit. Rom.8:27.

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- I. Declare the Lord Jesus Christ as the Eternal Son of God.
Jn.20:31.

- A. Christ reveals God the Father to us. Lk.10:21-22.
 1. Christ came from God the Father. Jn.8:38-43.
 2. Before Abraham was, Christ always existed. Jn.8:58.
 3. Those that have seen Christ have seen God the Father. Jn.8:38-57.
 4. No man hath seen God the Father. Jn.1:18; Jn.6:46.
 5. If you know Christ you also know God the Father. Jn.14:7-9.
- B. Christ leads us to God the Father.
 1. Christ is the Good Shepherd. Jn.10:22-30.
 2. Christ knows His own. 2 Tim.2:19.

C. Christ proclaimed "The Great Commission". Matt.28:18-20; Jn.17:14-26.

1. Blind hearts believe the Gospel. 2 Cor.4:3-6.
2. Satanic lies exist. Matt.22:29.
3. Zeal without knowledge of the truth is useless. Rom.10:2.

D. Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Jn.14:6.

1. Knowledge of the truth is necessary. 1 Tim.2:4; 2 Tim.3:7; Heb.10:26.
2. There is no other Name where by we must be saved. Acts 4:12; Phil.2:9; Col.3:17; 2 Thess.1:12; 3:6; 2 Tim.2:19.

II. Knowledge of the Word of God is necessary. Col.1:9.

A. Knowledge of the truth comes through the Bible. Deut.32:4; Ps.15:5; Ps.31:5; Ps.100:5; Jn.1:14-17.

1. We worship in spirit and in truth. Jn.4:23.
2. The truth makes us free. Jn.8:32.

B. God's Word is alive and powerful. Heb.4:12.

1. The Word of God when believed prevents sin. Ps.119:11.
2. The Lord is the beginning of knowledge. Ps.1:7.
3. Knowledge of the Word must be followed with belief. Gen.3:22; Jas.4:17; 1 Jn.3:1.
4. Be filled with the knowledge of God's will. Col.1:9.

C. God's Word brings assurance and confidence. 1 Jn.3:19-21.

1. God knows your every need. Matt.6:8-32; Lk.12:30.
2. The Word of God reveals the Son of God. Lk.10:32.
3. The Lord Jesus Christ is aware of your thoughts, words and deeds. Matt.9:4.
4. Your every action is known by God. 2 Sam.3:25.
5. Teach your children the Word of God. Josh.4:22-24.
6. Our knowledge of God is through His Word. Ps.119.

III. Knowledge of the Word of God by God the Holy Spirit, Rom.8:27;

A. You Must be "Born Again" by God the Holy Spirit. Jn.3:3-8.

1. God the Holy Spirit within us teaches us. Rom.8:27; Jn.16:13.
2. The Lord knoweth His own. 2 Tim.2:19.

B. God the Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth.

Isa.48:16; Rom.8:14.

1. He convicts of sin. Jn.16:8.
2. He teaches us the Word of God. Jn.16:13.
3. He glorifies Christ. Jn.16:12-15.
4. You are identified as a new creature in Christ. 1 Cor.12:13.

C. God the Holy Spirit indwells Believers forever. Jn.14:16.

1. We are the promised Bride of Christ. Rev.19:7-10.
2. God the Holy Spirit is grieved when Believers sin, Eph.4:30.

3. God the Holy Spirit remembers us in prayer. Rom.8:26.
4. God the Holy Spirit gives us great knowledge of Christ. Rom.8:14.;

CONCLUSION.

Is The Lord Jesus Christ unknown to you? If you are a stranger to the Son of God why not let Him come into your life? He wants to be your Saviour Lord and Master and is waiting to give you pleasures forever more! It is essential that you are born again in order to be accepted into the Royal family of God. (1 Jn.3:1-3;) Search out the Scriptures, compare God's revelation and promises. They satisfy the soul, and prepare you for eternity with the Lord Jesus Christ. You can know Christ, for God the Holy Spirit is ready to give you a new and everlasting life. We have the joy in this life to continue to learn more and more about the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul could say at the end of his life, "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death."Phil.3:10.

YIELDING TO GOD.

SCRIPTURE.

Ps.119; Rom.12:1-8; 1 Pet.1:23-25; Isa.12:2; Jn.1:1; 1 Sam.1:23; Matt.4:4.

INTRODUCTION.

God has endowed mankind with the freedom of choice, and did not make us to depend upon instinct and habit as in the animal world. We have been created in the image of God, which He has not done in any of His other creations. Since we do have an intelligent choice in all matters, it behooves us to get the best advice before we make some crucial decisions. The natural man has already been brain washed by Satan. (2 Cor.4:3-4;) The only cure for this is the glorious Gospel message from God. The new birth which follows our decision to accept the Gospel, makes available the supreme wisdom of God through His Word, by the help of God the Holy Spirit. Yielding to God has a tremendous potentiality and endless resource, for those who believe.

OUTLINE.

- I. Take God at His Word.**
- II. Spiritual discernment is necessary.**
- III. Great rewards in yielding unto God.**

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- I. Take God at His Word. Jn.1:1; 17:6-20; Ps.119.; Heb.12:9; Rom.9:6-9.**
 - A. We are not sufficient in ourselves. 2 Cor.3:5; Matt.6:31-34.**
 - 1. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Rom.3:23.
 - 2. Only Christ can save us from the wrath to come. Rom.5:5-11.
 - 3. The Word of Christ must dwell in you. Col.3:16.
 - 4. The Word of God must be accepted. 2 Cor.2:17; 4:2.
 - 5. God alone has the good news. (The Gospel) 2 Cor.9:13.
 - 6. The Triune God is our all sufficiency. Job.20:22; 2 Cor.3:5; 9:8; 2 Cor.2:2-16.
 - B. Christ is God the Father's provision. Jn.1:1; 17:6-20.**
 - 1. Christ is the expression of God. Jn.1:1.
 - 2. God the Father speaks to us through His Son. Heb.1:1-3.
 - 3. We are assured to be partakers with Christ. Col.1:12-19.
 - 4. Christ makes peace with the Father for us. Col.1:20-23.

5. God the Holy Spirit is our guarantee. Jn.3:3-8; 1 Cor.12:13; 1 Pet.1:4 & 12; Eph.1:13-14.
6. Believers become members of the Holy family of God. Rom.8:15-23; 9:4; Gal.4:5; Eph.1:5.
7. Christians to become the Bride of Christ. Rev.19:7-10.

C. God's Word never changes. Heb.4:12; 13:5.

1. God is immutable. Jn.6:68; Jn.17:3; Rom.1:20.
2. God is the Creator of all. Gen.1:1; Jn.1:1-5; 2 Cor.4:18.
3. The Eternal purpose of the Godhead is in Christ. Eph.3:11; 1 Pet.5:10.
4. God gives eternal inheritance. 1 Pet.1:3-5.

II. Spiritual discernment is necessary.

A. Spiritual birth is necessary. Jn.3:3-8; Acts 2:1-6.

1. Anointing of God the Holy Spirit is necessary. 1 Jn.2:27.
2. Spiritual birth is necessary to accomplish God's righteousness. 1 Jn.2:29.
3. Believers are made the sons of God immediately. 1 Jn.3:1-3.
4. Prayer must be offered in the Spirit. Eph.6:18; Phil.4:6.
5. Believer's unity is in the Spirit. Ps.119:11; Ps.138:2.
6. The Word of God is essential for unity. Mk.7:13.
7. Love the brethren with the fruit of the Spirit. 1 Jn.3:23; Gal.5:22-26.

B. Try every spirit as to whether they are from God. 1 Jn.4:1-13.

1. Keep the unity of the Spirit. Eph.4:3.
2. The Spirit of the Lord lifts up a standard. Isa.59:19.
3. Wisdom comes from the Spirit of God. Eph.1:7; 1 Cor.2:10. Isa.28:6.
4. Our daily life should be in the Spirit. Gal.5:16. Mic.3:8.

III. Great rewards in yielding unto God. Jas.4:7; 1 Pet.2:13.

A. God always repays generously. Eph.3:20; Prov.12:12.

1. We labor together for God. 1 Cor.3:9.
2. Faithful laborers are worthy of reward. 1 Tim.5:18; Lk.10:7.
3. Your faith and labor of love is all recorded by God. 1 Thess.1:3; Heb.6:10.
4. God first loved us. 1 Jn.4:19.

B. The Judgement Seat of Christ. 2 Cor.5:10.

1. Worthless deeds of selfishness to be burned. 1 Cor.3:13.
2. Your good works shall be purified and rewarded. 1 Cor.3:13.
3. The wood, hay and stubble shall be separated from the Gold, Silver and Precious Stones. 1 Cor.3:9-17.

C. Yield all unto God.

1. Keep short accounts with God.
 - a. Confess your sins before the judgement day. 1 Jn.1:9.

- b. Let God deal with the wood, hay and stubble in your life before you stand before the judgement seat of Christ. 1 Jn.1:7-9.
2. Walk in the light of God's Word and retain fellowship. 1 Jn.1:7.
3. Present your body a living sacrifice to God - Now! Rom.12:1-2; 2 Chron.30:8.
4. Yield to God and not to temptation. Rom.6:13-19.

CONCLUSION.

"Be not weary in well doing" (2 Thess.3:13; Gal.6:9;) As you yield your life to the Lord, always remember that the battle is the Lord's. He is our ever present help, and God the Holy Spirit dwells within us as our comforter, protector and guide. We have God's written guarantee in the Bible and this is our security. God has given us His Word of promise, (Rom.9:6-9;) and He will never go back on His Word. God is our strength, (Ps.18:2;). Trust God and yield to Him ,Who takes away all fears. (Isa. 14:3; Isa.35:4; Isa.41:10-14; 2 Tim.1:7;)) Your yielded labor to God is not in vain and you will be repaid one hundred fold! Jesus paid it all and all to Him we owe, sin has left a crimson stain and He washed it white as snow. By yielding to God you are expressing your thanks to God for the finished work on Calvary's cross. One day we will see the Lord face to face, and I am sure that you, as well as I, wish to hear Him say,"Well done, thou faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt.25:21.

ZACCHAEUS.

"THERE WAS A MAN NAMED ZACCHAEUS"

SCRIPTURE.

Lk.19:1-10.

INTRODUCTION.

It is of great interest to read in the Bible of the various individuals Whom God has recorded, both good and wicked. These specific individuals are recorded for special lessons and for our teaching. The Lord had a purpose in recording the true experience that He had with Zacchaeus. He is a typical and good illustration of many seeking souls today. I am not thinking of folks who are short in stature, but rather of those, "Falling short of the glory of God." (Rom.3:23;) Zacchaeus made 'an effort to meet the Lord, even if it took the climbing of the tree to do so. Zacchaeus would never have been remembered for his wealth or prestige and would have long been forgotten. But God blessed him and all like him, when they are willing to make an effort to see Jesus.

OUTLINE.

- I. **Wealthy, healthy and wise. Lk.19:1-4.**
- II. **Wanting to see Jesus. Lk.19:3-4.**
- III. **Wonderfully filled with hospitality. Lk.19:5-6.**
- IV. **What foolish self righteous critics. Lk.19:7.**
- V. **Willing to make things right according to Jewish law. Lk.19:8.**

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- I. **Wealthy, healthy, and wise. Lk.19:1-4.**
 - A. **A wealthy tax collector for Rome.**
 - 1. **Despised by his fellow Jews. Matt.9:11.**
 - 2. **Classified as a sinner. Matt.9:10.**
 - 3. **In the same business as Matthew. Matt.9:9; Mk.2:14; Lk.5:27-32.**
 - B. **Healthy. Lk.19:4.**
 - 1. **He ran.-determined to see Jesus.**

2. He climbed the tree-overcoming his handicap.
3. He waited- disregarding his valuable time.

C. Wise. Lk.19:2.

1. Being a tax collector he had to be educated.
2. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector.
 - a. He received commission from those under him.
 - b. He represented Rome before his people.

II. Wanting to see Jesus. Lk.19:3-4.

A. Jesus was known to Zacchaeus.

1. Jesus had something that Zacchaeus lacked.
 - a. Thirsting after righteousness. Ps.42:2; Isa.55:1; Matt.5:6; Jn.6:35; Jn.7:37.
 - b. His wealth did not bring satisfaction.
2. He was looking for the Messiah. Gen.3:15; Isa.7:14; Isa.9:6-7.

B. Zacchaeus had great determination and ability. Lk.19:2.

1. He had a hunger for Jehovah. Isa.49:10; Ps.107:9; Lk.1:53; 6:21; Jn.6:35.
2. Christ in His omniscience was ready to meet him
 - a. God does not wish that one soul perishes. 2 Pet.3:9.
 - b. Zacchaeus was directed to the right tree.
3. Whosoever will may come to the Lord. Matt.10:32-42; 18:4; Mk.3:35; Jn.3:15-16; Jn.11:25-26; 12:46; Acts 2:21; Acts 10:43; Rom.10:11-13.
4. Zacchaeus sought for peace within himself. Eph.2:14-17; 2 Thess.3:16; Tit.1:4; Heb.13:20; 2 Pet.1:2; 2 Pet.3:14; Jude 2.
 - a. He wanted contentment of soul.
 - b. Money could not buy "Faith Rest".

III. Wonderfully filled with hospitality. Rom.12:13; 1 Tim.3:2; Tit.1:8; 1 Pet.4:8.

A. Christ knew that Zacchaeus wanted true friendship. Lk.19:5.

1. Christ knew his name.
2. Christ came to the tree for Zacchaeus.

B. Zacchaeus welcomed Christ with joy. Lk.19:6.

1. Christ's love for Zacchaeus was manifested. Lk.19:5; Matt.5:43-46; Matt.19:19; Lk.6:27-35.
2. Zacchaeus filled with joy. Lk.19:6; Ps.16:11; Matt.25:21-23; Rom.5:11; Rom.15:13; Lk.15:7-10.
3. Zacchaeus' wealth could not give him joy.
4. Zacchaeus was ready to share out his wealth.

IV. The self righteous critics. Lk.19:7; Jn.3:19; Jn.12:43.

A. Self righteousness rejected by God. 2 Pet.2:10; Isa.64:6.

1. All are in need of God's absolute righteousness.

2. Christ was made our righteousness.
- B. Christ named those self righteous leaders.**
1. Whited sepulchres. Matt.23:27.
 2. They were of their father the devil. Jn.8:44.
 3. They strained the gnat and swallowed the camel. Matt.23:24.
 - a. Blind guides.
 - b. Self righteous.
- V. Zacchaeus was willing to make things right, according to Jewish law. Lk.19:8.**
- A. Zacchaeus listened to "The still small voice". (God the Holy Spirit) Jn.16:8.**
- B. Zacchaeus changed his priorities. Lk.19:8.**
1. Willing to give half of his wealth to the poor.
 - a. He went far beyond the tithe.
 - b. His heart was filled with joy that money could not buy.
 2. Wished to restore four fold to anyone he had wronged.
 - a. This was in accordance with Jewish law. Ex.22:1.
 - b. Zacchaeus knew the law.
 3. Christ knew that Zacchaeus was a son of Abraham. Lk.19:9.

CONCLUSION.

Christ in His omniscience knew all about Zacchaeus, as He knows about each of us. Whether you are a Zacchaeus or anyone else, we all are in need of a special touch by the Lord. As Zacchaeus knew that he had done many things against the statutes of God, so we know that in ourselves there is nothing that has value toward God. He knows all about us. May we be honest with the Lord and confess our sins to the Lord who is willing and ready to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us completely. (1 Jn.1:9;) No one needs to tell Christ what is in man. (Jn.2:25;) The woman at the well was known by Christ. (Jn.4:15-19;) Christ knew who would betray Him. He knew that Peter would deny Him three times before the cock would crow. We do not have further record of Zacchaeus but we are assured that he was changed. Christ said, "This day is salvation come to this house". Praise God! "For the Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Lk.19:10;) The Lord Jesus Christ continues to seek out those that are lost down through these many years. As Christ beckoned to Zacchaeus to come down out of the tree, so He is calling to lost souls today. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your soul's. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matt.11:28-30.

APPENDIX.

SCRIPTURE.

The Four Gospels -Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Rom.1-3.

INTRODUCTION.

Read carefully the first three chapters of the Book of Romans and you get a glimpse of what the worldly crowd looks like before God, whether religious or non-religious. "For the wrath of God is revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness." Rom.1:18. In this brief study we desire to reveal the world's opinion of Christ as recorded in the Bible, as well as what God has to say about all mankind. "There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seek after God." Rom.3:1-11.

It is important as we study these various views of unbelief that we read all of the accounts of the four Gospels. The synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark & Luke) were written early and placed an emphasis on Christ as King, servant and the Son of Man. But the Gospel of John which was written later, gives us a survey and conclusion of Christ's ministry as The Eternal Son of God. There were several important truths in Christ's earthly ministry which needed to be delayed until after the Day of Pentecost. God the Holy Spirit used the Apostle John to record these. Some of these important predictions and revelations recorded in the Gospel of John are as follows.

1. The New Birth,
2. The rapture of the church.
3. The indwelling of God the Holy Spirit.
4. The day of Pentecost and it's importance.
5. It also helps us to understand the Book of Revelation.

Whom do men say that Christ the Son of God is?

Some Scribes -..... "We will follow" for earthly benefits.
Matt.8:19-20; Lk.9:57-58.

An Ordinary Man..... "First let me bury my father."
Matt.8:21-22; Lk.9:59-60.

Another Disciple..... "Let me first bid farewell to my family" Lk.9:61-62; Matt.8:19-22.

The demons speak out..... "What have we to do with thee Jesus, Thou Son of God"? "Son of the Most High God, I beseech thee, torment me not". Matt.8:28-33; Mk.5:1-15; Lk.8:26-34.

The whole City of Gadara..They begged Jesus to depart from their City. Matt.8:28-34; Mk.5:16-17; Lk.8:35-37.

Certain Scribes..... "This man blasphemeth " (Being the Son of God and Redeemer, He could forgive sins.) But they rejected Him. Matt. 9:2-8; Mk.2:3-12; Lk.5:18-26.

Certain other Scribes....."He casteth out demons through the prince of demons. Matt.9:27-35; "Behold the disciples do that which is not lawful to do on the Sabbath day" Matt.12:1-13; Mk.2:23-28; Lk.6:1-5.

Christ versus His Critics.

Christ answers them..... "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath".

Herodian Pharisees..... "They held council against Him, how they might destroy Him" Matt.12:14; Mk.3:6.

Other Pharisees..... They blasphemed against God the Holy Spirit. Matt.12:31-32; Mk.3:22-32.

Christ answers them....."Oh generation of vipers, how can you being evil, speak good things.?"

Certain Scribes and Pharisees. "Master, we would see a sign from thee."

Christ's Answer.....The sign of Jonah, three days and three nights in a big fish". Lk.11:29-32.

The People from Nazareth.....Matt.13:53-58; Mk.6:1-6.

Herod's idea..... (He heard of the fame of Jesus)"This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do show forth themselves in him" Matt.14:1-14; Mk.6:14-29; Lk.9:7-9.

The Scribes and the Pharisees."Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they wash not their hands when they eat bread." Matt.15:1-9; Mk.7:1-13.

Christ answers....."Why do ye also transgress the commandments of God by your traditions? Matt.16:1-12.

Pharisees and Sadducees...They tested Christ, wanting a sign and all that Christ gave them was the sign of Jonah, and also warned -"Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

CHRIST ASKS HIS DISCIPLES.

"Who do men say that I am?"Matt.16:13-20; Mk.8:27-30; Lk.9:18-21; Jn.6:68-69.

Their Answers.John the Baptist, Jeremiah, Elijah, or one of the prophets.

"Who do you say that I am?"

Peter answers "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God!"

Christ's statement..... "Upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

**The Roman Tax Collector speaks to the Disciples. "Doth not your Master pay tribute?"
Matt.17:24-27; Mk.12:13-17.**

Woe unto the world because of offenses. Matt.18:7.

**Pharisees..... "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?"
Matt.19:1-12; Mk.10:1-12; Lk.16:18; Rom.7:1-3.**

Christ's Answer..... "The two become one flesh, and whom God has joined together let no man put asunder."

Pharisees..... "Why did Moses command to give a writing of divorcement and put away the wife?"

Christ answers..... "Because of the hardness of your hearts. Whosoever puts away his wife except for fornication and marries again commits adultery."

**Chief Priests and Scribes. "Don't you hear them saying, Hosannah to the Son of David?"
Matt.21:12-17; Mk.11:15-18; Lk.19:45-47; Mk.11:1-10; Lk.1:28-38; Jn.12:12-19;
Zech.9:9.**

Christ's Answer..... "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise."

**A Multitude of Disciples. "Blessed be the King who cometh in the Name of the Lord;
Peace in Heaven and glory in the highest!"**

Some of the Pharisees call out to Christ. "Master, rebuke thy disciples!"

Christ Answers..... "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out!"

**The Chief Priests and Elders. "By what authority doest thou these things, and who gave you this authority?"
Matt.21:23-27; Mk.11:27-33; Lk.20:1-8.**

Christ Answers..... "The Baptism of John, from where was it? From heaven or of men?"

The Chief Priests and Elders answer. "We cannot tell."

Christ Answers..... "Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things."

The Pharisees Attempt to Entangle Christ.

Pharisees..... "Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not?"

Christ Answers the Pharisees."Render, therefore, unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God, the things that are God's." Matt.22:15-22; Mk.12:13-17; Lk.20:2-26.

(The Sadducees do not believe in the resurrection of the dead.)

The Question from the Sadducees. The Sadducees try to trap Christ with a hypothetical case of seven brothers who in turn had the same wife, each dying and the next in line marrying her. "In the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven?"

Christ Answers....."For in the resurrection they neither marry or are given in marriage."

A Lawyer of the Pharisees questions Christ.

The Lawyer's Question....."Master, which is the great commandment of the law?"

Christ's Answer..... "Love the Lord Thy God" "Love thy neighbor as thyself."
Matt.22:34-40; Mk.12:28-34; Lk.10:25-28.

Jesus Christ Questions the Pharisees.

Christ asks..... "What do you think of Christ?"

The Pharisees Answer..... "The son of David."

Christ then asks..... "Why did David call Him Lord?" Ps.110:1.

The Pharisees did not answer.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST ANNOUNCES 8 WOES.

Matt.23:13-36; Mk.38-40; Lk.20:47.

1. **Scribes and Pharisees.**
Hypocrites, for they do not teach about the kingdom of heaven.
2. **Scribes and Pharisees.**
They devour houses of widows.
3. **Scribes and Pharisees.**
They only look to gain followers for themselves.
4. **Scribes and Pharisees.**
They are blind leaders.

5. **Scribes and Pharisees.**
They pay their tithes but neglect other important laws of God.
6. **Scribes and Pharisees.**
Outwardly religious but inwardly filthy.
7. **Scribes and Pharisees.**
They are whited sepulchers
8. **Scribes and Pharisees.**
They hold to traditions and customs, but are serpents and vipers.

CHRIST CONCLUDES HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY.

1. **Christ weeps over Jerusalem.**
Matt.23:37-39; Lk.13:34-35; Ps.118:26; Jer.22:5.
- A. **They killed God's Prophets.**
- B. **They stoned God's Servants.**
- C. **They refused to let the Son of God gather Israel together.**
- D. **Israel predicted by Christ to be left desolate.**
Jerusalem destroyed in 70 A.D. by Titus.
- E. **Christ, Israel's Messiah leaves Israel desolate.**
They will see the results of Christ's coming in the clouds to rapture the True Church. Jn.14:1-6; 1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Cor.15:51-57; 1 Thess.3:13; Rev.19:11-20:6; Ps.22:16; Zech.12:10.

THE DISCIPLES' THREE QUESTIONS.

Matt.24:1-51; Mk.13:1-37; Lk.21:5-36.

1. **When shall these things be? Matt.24:2.**
Christ's answer = Lk.21:2-24.
2. **What shall be the sign of thy coming?**
Christ's answer previously stated and later described.
 - A. **Many shall come, saying they are the Messiah.**
 - B. **Many wars and rumors of wars.**
 - C. **Nations rise against each other.**
 - D. **Many famines and diseases, world wide.**
 - E. **Earthquakes will occur, world wide.**
 - F. **These are the beginning of sorrows.**
 - G. **Christians will be mistreated, hated and killed.**

- H. Hatred and betrayal among many.**
- I. Many False Prophets will come.**
- J. Sin will multiply with much wickedness.**
- k. Then, when no one expects, the "Rapture" will take place. John 14:1-6; 1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Cor.15:51-58.**

The Old Testament Saints and Friends of the Bridegroom will enter in to attend the marriage in Heaven. Matt.25:1-13.

3. What will be the end of the age?

- A. Those faithful who endure to the end will be delivered.**
 - (1) There will be unbelievers going through the great tribulation, as well as many who will believe when they realize the Rapture of the Saints prior to the Tribulation.
 - (2) The 144,000 plus Angels, Moses and Elijah will be witnesses for the Lord and preach "Repent, for the Kingdom of God is near at hand".
 - (3) Provision will be made for those who accept the Messiah during the tribulation to flee to the hills. (Tribulation Saints)
 - (4) Those Tribulation Saints should pray that it will not be winter, or on the Sabbath day. These will be terrible days. Matt.24:21.
 - (5) There will be a final cleansing and separating of the Sheep from the Goats. Matt.25:31-46.

THE SIGN OF CHRIST'S COMING TO RAPTURE THE TRUE CHURCH TO HEAVEN. Jn.14:1-6; 1 Thess.4:13-18; 1 Cor.15:51-57.

CHRIST CONCLUDES WITH FOUR PARABLES.

- 1. The Ten Virgins.** They are invited to the marriage (Old Testament Saints) Matt.25:1-30.
- 2. The Fig Tree.** Signs to appear. Matt.24:32-35; Mk.13:28-31; Lk.21:29-33.
 - a. Israel re-instated as a nation in 1948.
 - b. Russia's great interest in the Middle East.
 - c. The Revival of the Roman Empire (Common Market of Europe) and many other signs.
 - d. Russia acknowledging the Vatican with diplomatic relations.
- 3. Christians should be watchful.** Matt.24:36-51; Mk.13:32-37; Lk.21:34-36.
- 4. The Parable of the Talents.** Matt.25:14-30.
 - a. Christians have been commissioned. Jn.17:18; Matt.28:16-20; Mk.16:15-18; Lk.24:46-48; Jn.20:21; Acts.1:8; 1 Cor.15:6.
 - b. The Holy Spirit provides gifts and talents to be used for the Lord. 1 Cor.12-14.

THE FINAL JUDGEMENT AGAINST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

- I. Christ prepared for the onslaught against Him.**

II. Christ's "Betrayal", "Arrest", and "Judgement by Israel.

III. Christ forsaken by His Disciples.

IV. Christ before Pontius Pilate- The Roman Governor.

V. The Soldiers of Rome.

VI. The Multitude.

VII. The Events occurring at the Cross.

I. Christ prepared for the onslaught against Him. Matt.26:1-13; Mk.14:1-9; Lk.22:1-2; Jn.12:1-8.

A. For this cause Christ came to die for the sins of the whole world.

1. Jn.12:26; & 18:37.
2. All power was given to Christ. Matt.28:18; Mk.2:10; 9:1.
3. No man had power over Christ, not even the Governor. Jn.19:11.

B. The "Passover Feast" fore-shadows Christ, the Lamb of God.

1. Matt.26:2; Preparations for the Passover,
2. Jesus anointed for His burial, by Mary of Bethany. Matt.26:6-13; Mk.14:3-9; Jn.12:1-8.
3. The betrayal by Judas predicted. Matt.26:1-2, & 14-16, & 20-25.
4. Christ's prayer in the garden of Gethsemane. Matt.26:36-46.

II. Christ's "Betrayal", "Arrest" and "Judgement" by Israel. Matt.26:14-28:15.

A. Judas Iscariot. Matt.26:14-16; Mk.14:10-11; Lk.22:3-6.

1. Before the Sanhedrin-"What will you give me?"
 - a. Sold for 30 pieces of silver.
 - b. Promise to deliver Christ to them.
2. Judas Iscariot-"Hail Master". He kissed Christ and betrayed Him. Matt.26:47-56; Mk.14:43-50; Lk.22:47-53; Jn.18:3-11.
3. Jesus answered Judas. "Friend, why art thou come?"
4. Judas entered the temple for the last time. Matt.27:3-10.
 - a. He returned the 30 pieces of silver.
 - b. The blood money purchased potters field to bury strangers who die in poverty.
5. Judas confessed-"I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood."
 - a. He confessed.
 - b. He made restitution.
 - c. But he went out and hanged himself.
 - d. Judas Will spend eternity in the Lake of fire.

**B. The Chief Priests, Scribes, Elders, and Caiaphas, The High Priest. Matt.26:1-5
Lk.22:1-2; Mk.14:1-2.**

1. They plotted to take Jesus subtly.
2. They planned to kill Him without trial.
3. They found false witnesses against Jesus.
4. Before Caiaphas. Matt.26:57-68; Mk.14:53-65; Jn.18:12, & 19-24.
 - a. Jesus was asked whether He was the Messiah.
 - b. "Art Thou the Son of God?"
 - c. Jesus answers-"Thou hast said; nevertheless, I say unto you, hereafter shall ye see the Son of Man sitting on the right Hand of power, and coming in the clouds of Heaven."
 - d. The high priest tore his clothing and shouted - "Blasphemy!"
 - e. Judgement was passed-"Guilty of death"
 - f. They spit upon Our Lord and beat Him.

III. Christ forsaken by His Disciples. Matt.26:69-75; Mk.14:66-72; Lk.22:55-62; Jn.18:15-18, & 25-27; Lk.23:1-25; Mk.15:1-15.

- A. Peter was very brave, when he drew his sword and cut off the ear of the servant of the High Priest.**
- B. All of the Disciples fled.**
- C. Peter follows afar off.**
- D. Peter denies His Lord "Three Times".**
- E. All of the Disciples hide in fear.**

IV. Christ before Pontius Pilate - The Roman Governor. Matt.27:1-2, & 11-26; Jn.18:28-40.

- A. Pilate asks Jesus , "Art Thou the King of the Jews?"**
 1. Jesus answers-"Thou sayest"(meaning yes).
 2. The chief priests accuse Christ but He does not answer.
 3. Pilate marvels that Christ does not answer them.
 4. Pilate tries to release Jesus but they prefer Barabbas.
- B. Pilate's wife warned Pilate against condemning "This Righteous Man".**
 1. Pilate was helpless to release Christ.
 2. He attempts to wash his hands of it all.
- C. The "Religious Leaders" accept the blame. His blood be upon us, and on our children.**
 1. Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D. by Titus.
 2. The Jews have been scattered around the world.
 3. Millions have been slain.

4. They are now gathering back in their land with great difficulties.
5. They will go through the Great Tribulation.

V. The Soldiers of Rome. Matt.27:27-44; Mk.15:16-32; Lk.23:26-43; Jn.19:16-24.

A. The Soldiers mock and make fun of Christ.

1. They remove His clothes .
2. They put on a purple robe mocking Him.
3. They force a crown of thorns upon His head.
4. They give Him a reed for a sceptre.
5. They bow down before Him saying, "Hail, King of the Jews."
6. They spit upon Him.

B. Christ forced to carry His cross.

1. Christ broke under the terrible strain.
2. Simon the Cyrenian called to bear the cross.

C. Christ went to the Cross bearing the sins of the whole world. Ps.22:1-31.

1. He bore the sins of the whole world.
2. They drove spikes into His Hands and His Feet.
3. Christ was thirsty and they gave Him bitter vinegar.
4. The soldiers divided His clothing among themselves.
5. They cast lots for His Robe.
6. They pierced His side.
7. Christ finished paying the penalty for our sins.

VI. The Multitude.

A. They wagged their heads and shouted.

1. You said that you would destroy the temple and restore it in three days!
2. The multitude continued to mock Him. "If Thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross!"

B. The "Religious Leaders" of Israel.

1. "He saved others, Himself He cannot save".
2. "If He be King of Israel, let Him come down from the cross, and we will believe Him"
3. He trusted in God, let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him."
4. He said, "I am the Son of God." Ps.22:8.

VII. Events occurring at the Cross.

A. The "Two Thieves".

1. One Thief. "If Thou be the Christ, save Thyself and us"
2. The other thief, Rebuking the first thief, "Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?" "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom."

- B. Jesus answers.**
 "Verily I say unto thee, today thou shalt be with me in paradise."
- C. Three hours of darkness during "High Noon". Matt.27:45.**
 1. This was another proof that Christ was the Eternal Son of God.
 2. God gave plenty of evidence as to His sovereignty.
- D. The "Veil" in the Temple. Matt.27:51.**
 1. This heavy veil was torn from the top to the bottom.
 2. Free access to the Holy of Holies through Christ.
- E. Many graves were opened. Matt.27:52.**
 1. They were raised bodily and walked into Jerusalem.
 2. Many people saw them.
- F. The crowd waited to see if Elijah would come.**
- G. The "Centurion" and the Soldiers.**
 1. They feared greatly.
 2. The earth did quake.
 3. The Centurion-"Truly, this was the Son of God"
- H. The Lord Jesus Christ was "Crucified".**
 Matt.27:45-28:15; Mk.15:33-16:14; Lk.23:44-49; Jn.19:30-20:23.
 1. Christ given a new tomb.
 2. Roman seal placed over it.
 3. This was secured by reason of the religious leaders of the Jews.
- I. The Lord Jesus Christ arose from the grave.**
 1. In three days as He predicted.
 2. Great earth quake occurred.
 3. The stone was rolled away (not to let Christ out,) but rather to let witnesses go in to see an empty tomb.
 4. Others who were resurrected were also witnesses.
 5. The soldiers were bribed so that they would lie.
- J. Christ remained upon earth 40 days to reveal His "Bodily Resurrection" 1 Cor.15:1-8; Acts 1:1-9.**
 1. Christ taught more about the coming Kingdom.
 2. He appeared in the Upper room with the Disciples.
 3. Thomas realized that Jesus appeared in His Glorified body. (He was given the privilege of touching the scars of the nail prints and the wound in Christ's side.)
 4. Christ was seen by hundreds of people and five hundred at one time. 1 Cor.15:6.
- K. Christ "Returned to Heaven". Acts.1:10-11.**
 1. This same Jesus will return. 1 Thess.4:13-18.

2. In the clouds .
3. In like manner.
4. Christ is preparing a place in Heaven for His Bride. Jn.14:1-6.
 - a. These are His Father's mansions.
 - b. Christ is preparing for the marriage of His bride. Rev.19:7-10.

L. The "Rapture" is the next great event.

1. It will be "Phase One" of the "Second Advent". John 14:1-6.
2. The "Believers of All Ages" will be raised from the Dead. 1 Thess.4:13-18.
3. The Believers who will be alive will be changed and receive a "Glorified Body"
4. The "Bride of Christ" has a special place prepared for them. John 14:1-6.
5. Believers will stand before "The Judgement Seat of Christ". 1 Cor.3:9-16; 2 Cor.5:10.
6. The Marriage will take place in God the Father's presence. Rev.19:7-10.
7. The "Great Tribulation" will take place after the "Rapture" of the "True Church." Rev. 4:1-5:10.
8. Believers of all ages will return with Christ to rule and reign with Him for the thousand years. 1 Thess.3:13.

M. Christ will return to set up His "Kingdom on Earth". Rev.19:11-20:3.

1. The Kingdom will be in righteousness
2. We all shall return with Him . 1 Thess.3:13.
3. The Kingdom will be for one thousand years.
 - a. Satan will be sealed in the bottomless pit. Rev.20:1-3.
 - b. Afterward Satan will be loosed for a season.
 - c. Then Satan will encamp against Jerusalem.
 - d. God will send fire from Heaven. Rev.20:9.

N. God will create a "New Heaven" and a "New Earth". Rev.21 & 22.

THE CONCLUDING REMARKS.

As God, in the fullness of time, sent forth His Son to redeem the world from sin, so in the fullness of time God will make all things new, and sin will never again appear in this new creation. Dan.9:24. We will forever enjoy eternal righteousness with the Triune God. It cost God the Father His "Very Own" Eternal Son to provide "So Great Salvation". Today God is calling out a special group of people from every tribe and nation to make up a "Glorified Body" of Believers to become the "Bride of Christ"! God offers all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus (Eph.1:3-14;) if one accepts Christ as his personal Saviour. Christ has removed the "Sin Barrier" and if you reject "God's Provision" you will be cast into the "Lake of Fire" forever and ever! This will be an eternal living death, separated from God's love forever and ever! "God sent not His Son into the world, to condemn the world, but that the world through Him, might be saved." Jn.3:17; Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved! Jn.3:16-18; Jn.5:24; Rom.5:1; Jn.14:6.

In the beginning

Was the Word, and the Word was with GOD
and the Word was GOD
JOHN 1:1

Eternity Past

THE ABSOLUTE GOD
THE ABSOLUTE PLAN
DAN. 9:24

GOD - THE FATHER planned it,
JOHN 10:15-18 ; HEB. 10:5b

GOD - THE SON provided it,
JOHN 10:17

GOD - THE HOLY SPIRIT proved it.
1 COR. 12:13

THE ABSOLUTE BLUEPRINT
to achieve a PERFECT
ETERNAL PARADISE-
FREE FROM EVIL
throughout Eternity to come,
based on the Word of GOD

GOD created the
Heaven and the
Earth
GEN. 1:1 ; PSALM 19:1

The creation of
the Angels
and the realm of their habitation

LUCIFER (Highest Position) ISA. 14:12; EZEK. 28:12-15
MICHAEL (Arch Angel)
GABRIEL (Mighty Angel) well informed

CELESTIAL CREATURES
endowed with a choice

- CHERUBIM (Defenders)
- SERAPHIM (Worship)
- LIVING CREATURES
(Glorious Majesty)
- ANGELIC HOST
(Innumerable)

GEN. 1:3
Restored Earth
Six day creation

GARDEN
OF EDEN

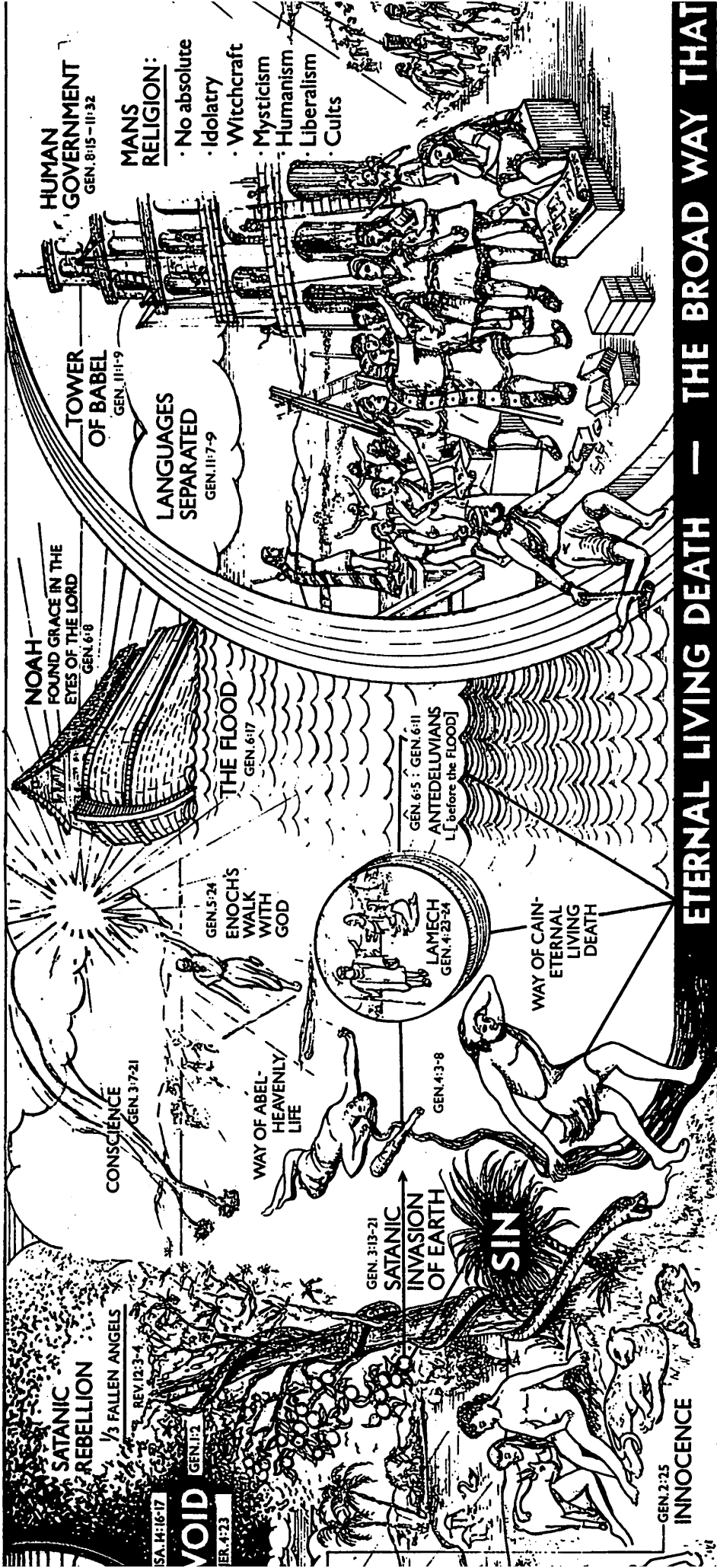


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HUMAN GOVERNMENT
GEN. 8:15-11:32

MANS RELIGION:

- No absolute
- Idolatry
- Witchcraft
- Mysticism
- Humanism
- Liberalism
- Cults

TOWER OF BABEL
GEN. 11:1-9

LANGUAGES SEPARATED
GEN. 11:7-9

NOAH FOUND GRACE IN THE EYES OF THE LORD
GEN. 6:8

THE FLOOD
GEN. 6:17

GEN. 6:5 : GEN. 6:11
ANTEDELUVIANS
[before the FLOOD]

GEN. 5:24
ENOCHS WALK WITH GOD

GEN. 4:23-24
LAMECH

WAY OF CAIN- ETERNAL LIVING DEATH

CONSCIENCE
GEN. 3:7-21

WAY OF ABEL- HEAVENLY LIFE

GEN. 4:13-8

GEN. 3:13-21
SATANIC INVASION OF EARTH

SIN

SATANIC REBELLION
1/3 FALLEN ANGELS

REV. 12:3-4

GEN. 1:2

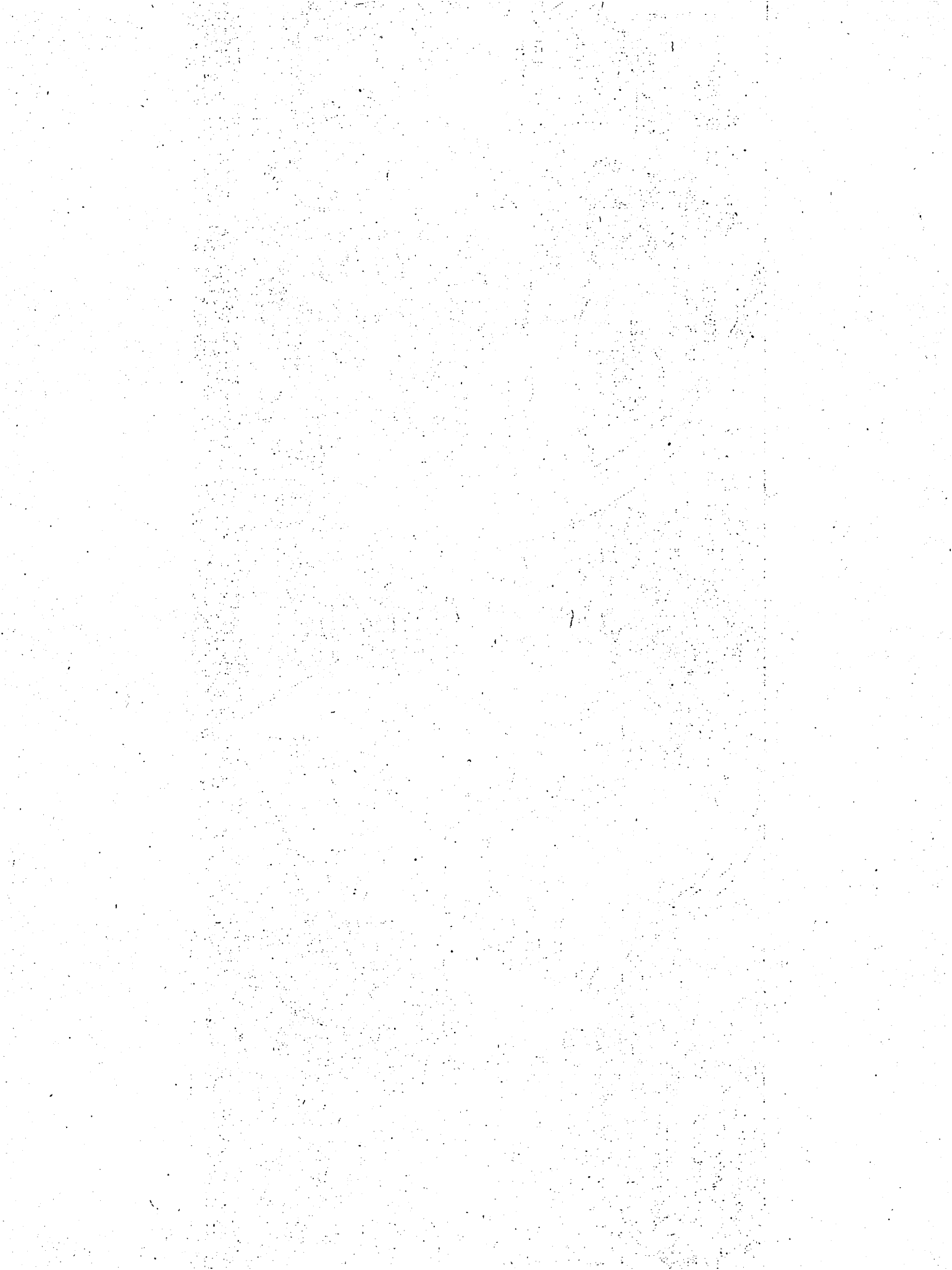
VOID

ER. 4:23

GEN. 2:25

INNOCENCE

ETERNAL LIVING DEATH - THE BROAD WAY THAT



God
SCATTERED
MANKIND
GEN.11:8

LINEAGE OF SHEM
GEN.11:10-32

- SHEM
- Arphaxad
- Salah
- Eber
- Peleg
- Reu
- Serug
- Nahor
- Terah
- (Abraham)
- ABRAHAM

**PROMISE:
UNCONDITIONAL
COVENANT**
GEN. 12

**ABRAHAM
OFFERS
ISAAC**
GEN. 22:10

ISAAC
GEN.24:63

JACOB
GEN.28:12-15

GOD SEPARATED MESSIANIC LINE

MOSES CROSSES THE RED SEA
EXODUS 14:26-31

**MOSES
GIVING OF THE
TABLETS**
EXODUS 35:1

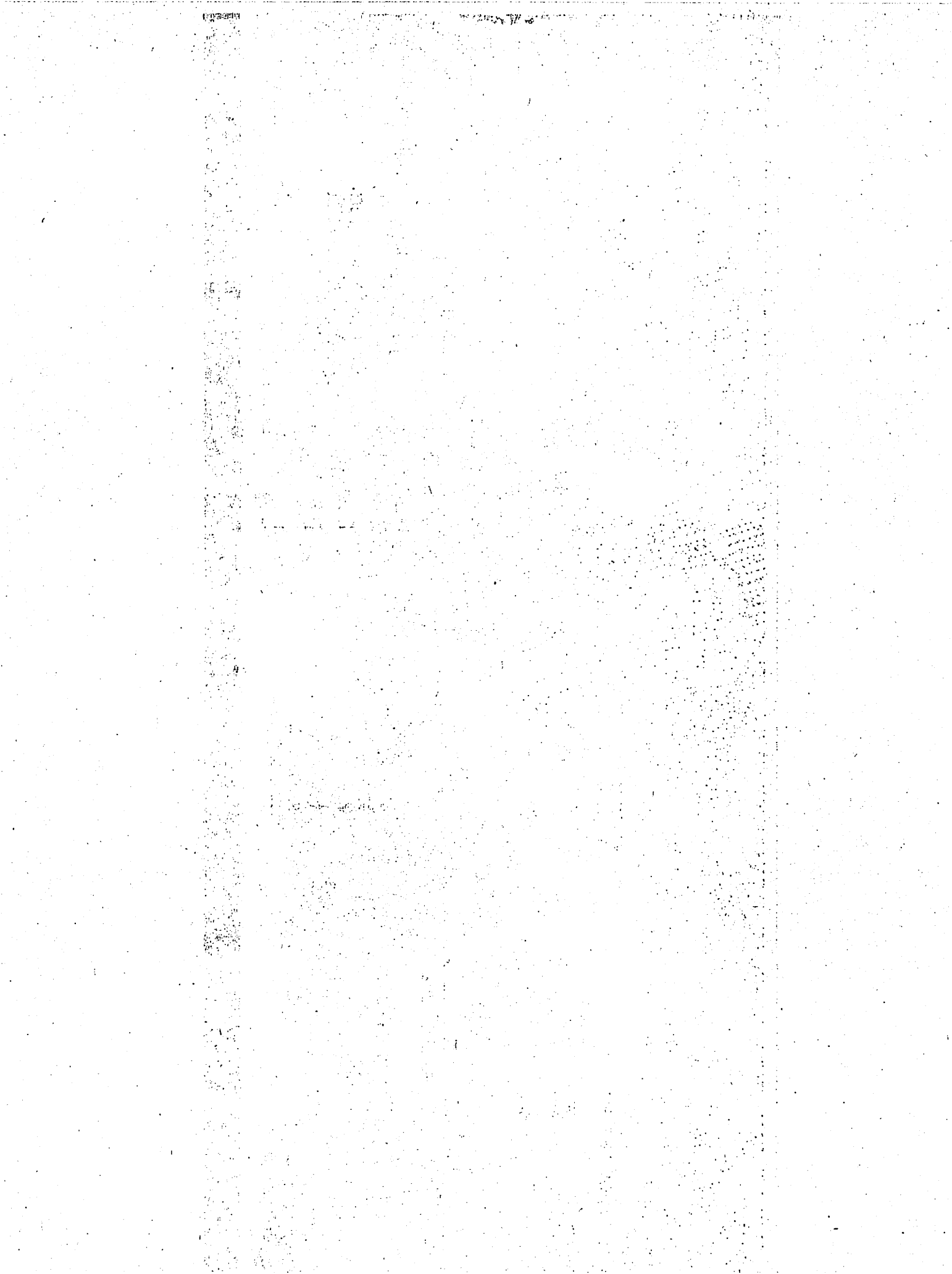
JACOB/ISRAEL
GEN. 32:28

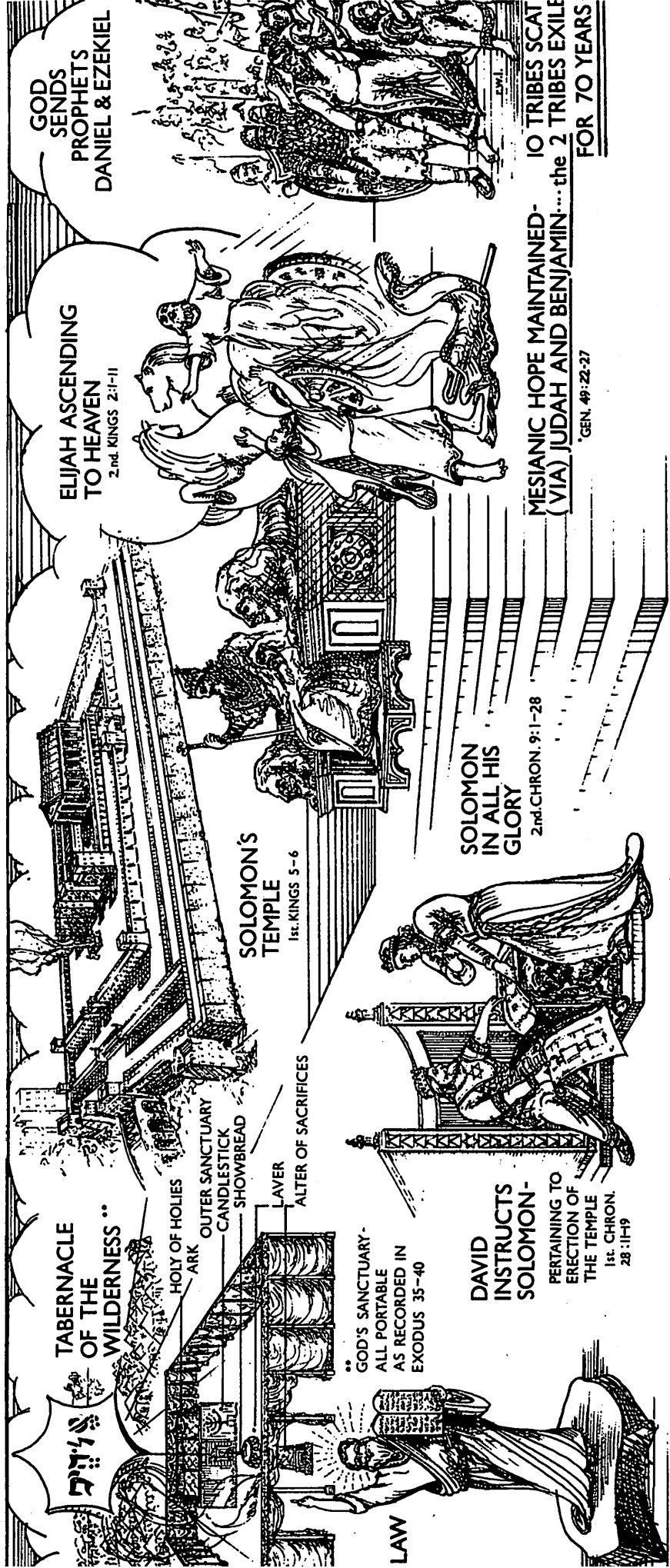
**JACOB'S prophetic declaration
to his sons. GEN. 49:3-28**

- REUBEN
- SIMEON
- LEVI
- JUDAH*
- ZEBULUN
- ISSACHAR
- DAN
- GAD
- ASHER
- NAPHTALI
- JOSEPH
- BENJAMIN

(The twelve tribes of ISRAEL)

LEADS TO DESTRUCTION GAL.5:19-21; ADULTERY, FORNICATION, UNCLEANNESS





GOD SENDS PROPHETS DANIEL & EZEKIEL

ELIJAH ASCENDING TO HEAVEN
2nd. KINGS 2:1-11

TABERNACLE OF THE WILDERNESS**

HOLY OF HOLIES
ARK
OUTER SANCTUARY
CANDLESTICK
SHOWBREAD
LAVAR
ALTER OF SACRIFICES

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE
1st. KINGS 5-6

** GOD'S SANCTUARY - ALL PORTABLE AS RECORDED IN EXODUS 35-40

DAVID INSTRUCTS SOLOMON - PERTAINING TO ERECTION OF THE TEMPLE
1st. CHRON. 28:11-19

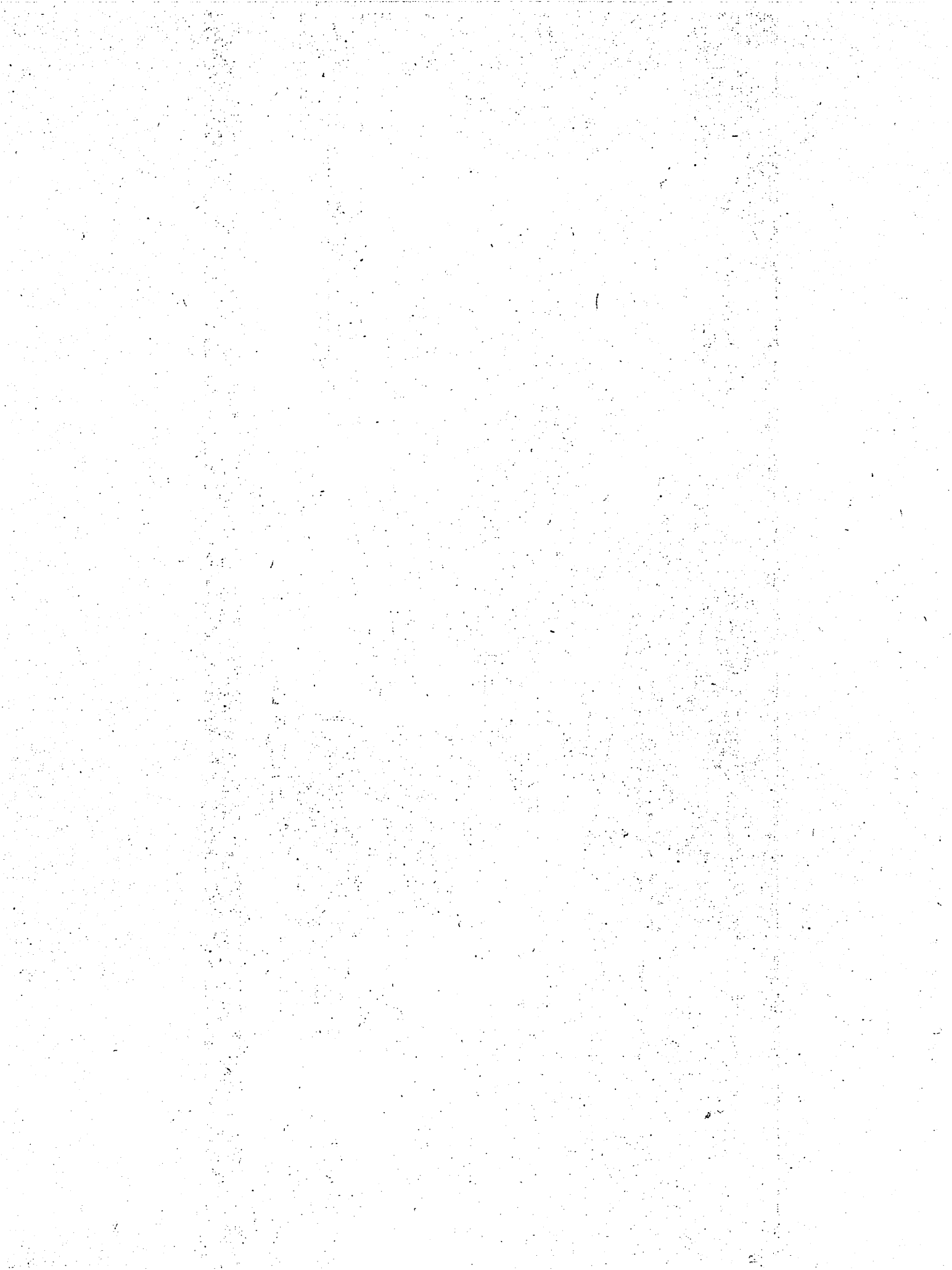
SOLOMON IN ALL HIS GLORY
2nd. CHRON. 9:1-28

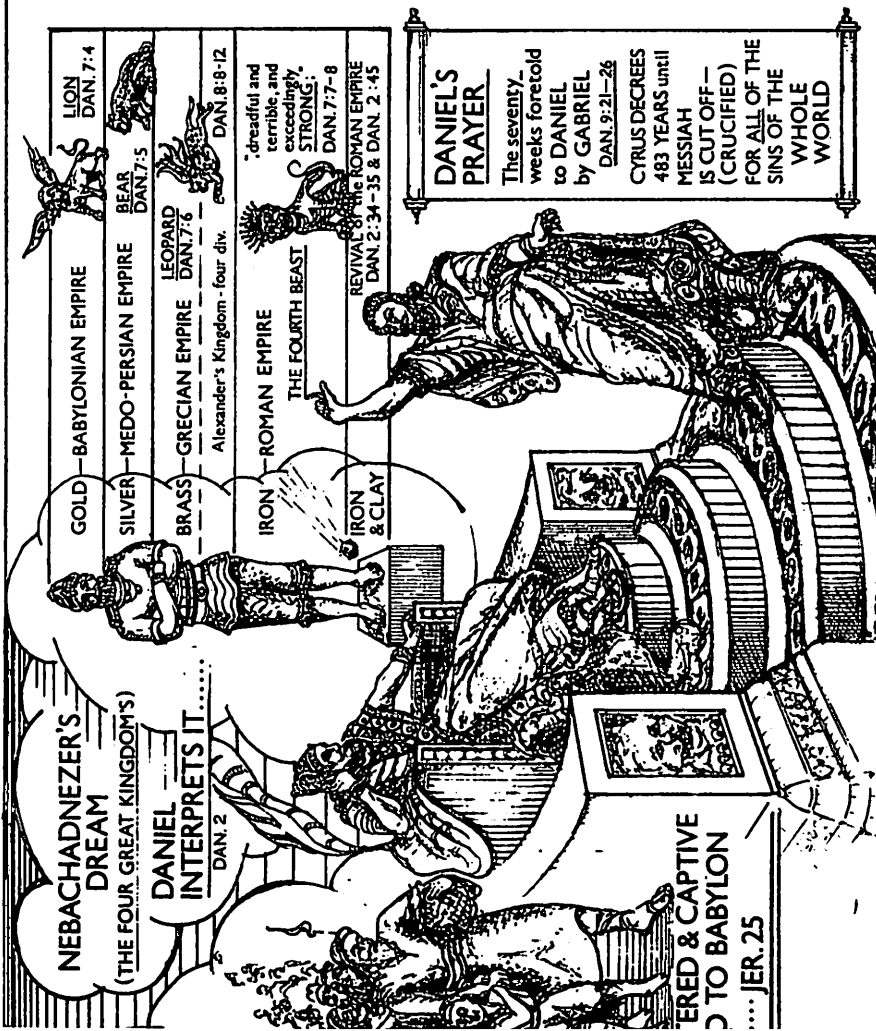
MESIANIC HOPE MAINTAINED - (VIA) JUDAH AND BENJAMIN...the 2 TRIBES EXILE FOR 70 YEARS
* GEN. 49:22-27

10 TRIBES SCAT
the 2 TRIBES EXILE
FOR 70 YEARS

GLASS, LASCIVIOUSNESS, IDOLATRY, SORCERY, HATRED, STRIFE, JEALOUSY,

LAW





NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM (THE FOUR GREAT KINGDOMS)

DANIEL INTERPRETS IT... DAN. 2

GOLD — BABYLONIAN EMPIRE

SILVER — MEDO-PERSIAN EMPIRE

BRASS — GRECIAN EMPIRE

IRON — ROMAN EMPIRE

THE FOURTH BEAST

IRON & CLAY

REVIVAL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE DAN. 2: 34-35 & DAN. 2: 45

LION DAN. 7: 4

BEAR DAN. 7: 5

LEOPARD DAN. 7: 6

Alexander's Kingdom - four div. DAN. 8: 8-12

"dreadful and terrible, and exceeding strong;" DAN. 7: 7-8

DANIEL'S PRAYER

The seventy weeks foretold to DANIEL by GABRIEL DAN. 9: 21-26

CYRUS DECREES 483 YEARS until MESSIAH IS CUT OFF — (CRUCIFIED) FOR ALL OF THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD

ENTERED & CAPTIVE TO BABYLON ... JER. 25



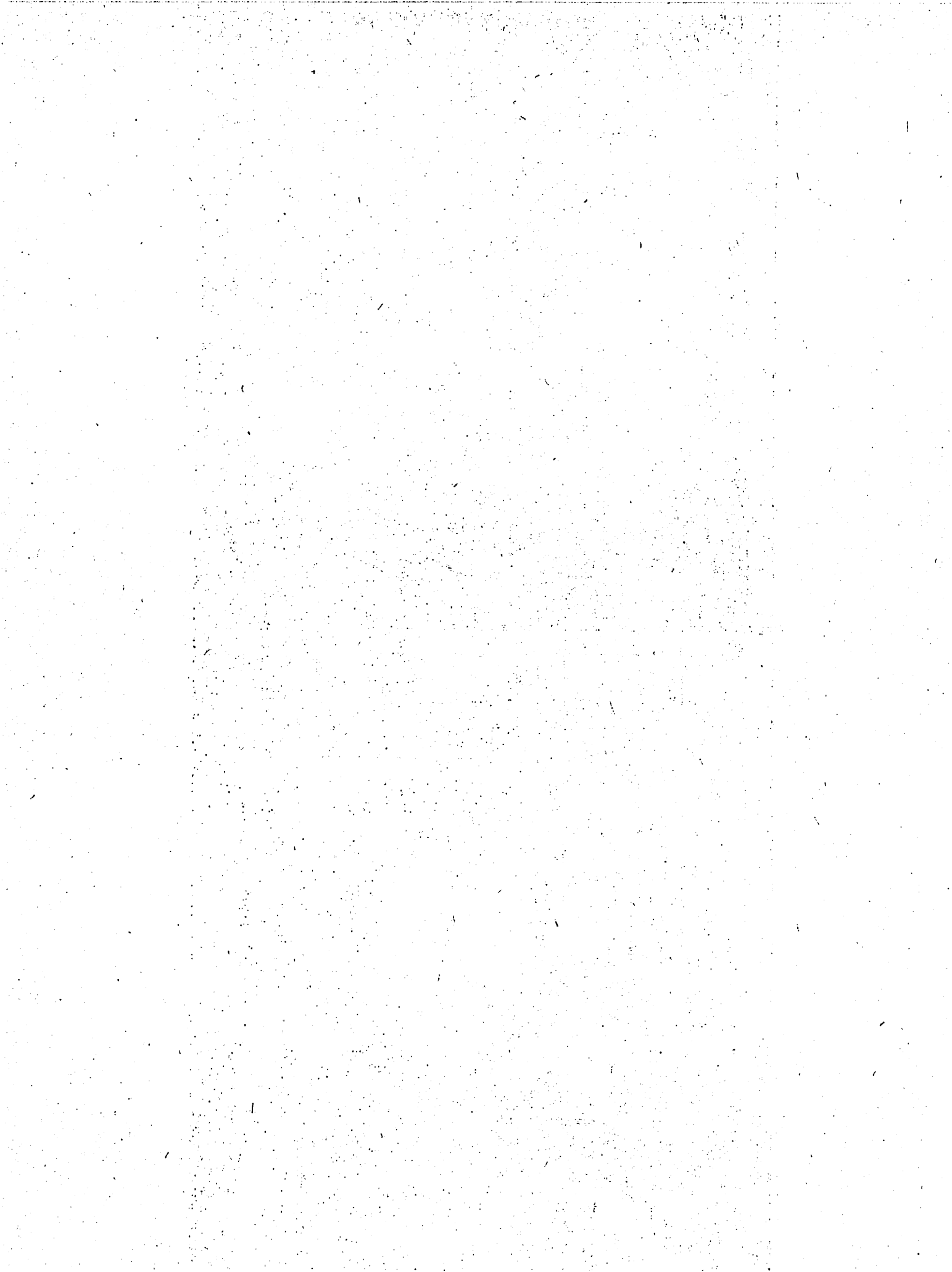
"BEHOLD, I BRING YOU GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY," — LUKE 2: 10

JOHN THE BAPTIST BORN TO HERALD THE COMING OF CHRIST

MATT. 3: 1-12
MARK 1: 1-8
LUKE 3: 1-20
JOHN 1: 6-8

JESUS AN ANGEL GO TO JERUSALEM

WRATH, FACTIONS, SEDITIONS, HERESIES, ENVYINGS, MURDERS, ETC. T



MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB OF GOD
REV. 19:7
THE MARRIAGE SUPPER
REV. 19:17

ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION
MATT. 24:15

MYSTERY BABYLON
REV. 17:1-18
REV. 18:1-24

TROUBLE (3 1/2 yrs.)

THE GREAT TRIBULATION
(70th. - Seven)
OF DANIEL
9:24
9:26,27

THE BEAST & FALSE PROPHET
REV. 19:20

CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE
REV. 19:20

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST RETURNS TO REIGN OVER HIS KINGDOM ON EARTH
(RIGHTEOUS)
ON EARTH
REV. 19:11-21: ISAIAH 40:10

HEAVENLY RIGHTEOUSNESS COMING DOWN UPON THE EARTH

"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done ON EARTH, as it is in HEAVEN"
MATT. 6:10

1000 YEAR KINGDOM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS ESTABLISHED
REV. 20:6

NATURE RESTORED
ISAIAH 11:6-9

THE SAINTS SHALL TEACH GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS
REV. 5:10
LIFE SPAN EXTENDED
ISA. 65:20

FIRE FROM HEAVEN
REV. 20:9



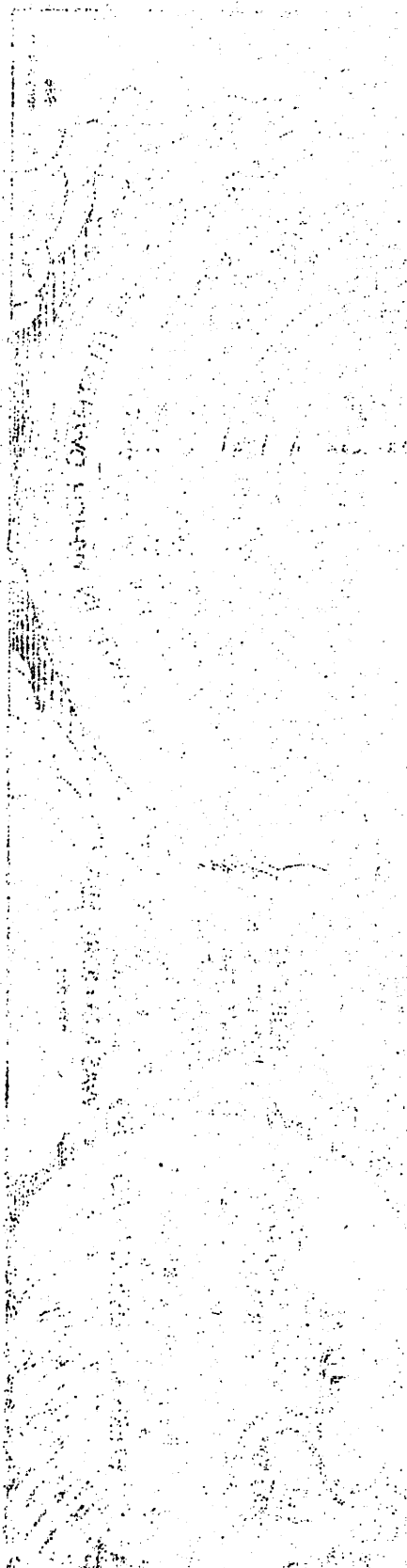
IS A CONSUMING FIRE
HEB. 12:29

SATAN'S LAST STAND AS HE DECEIVES THE NATIONS

SATAN IS LOOSED FOR A LITTLE SEASON
REV. 20:7-10

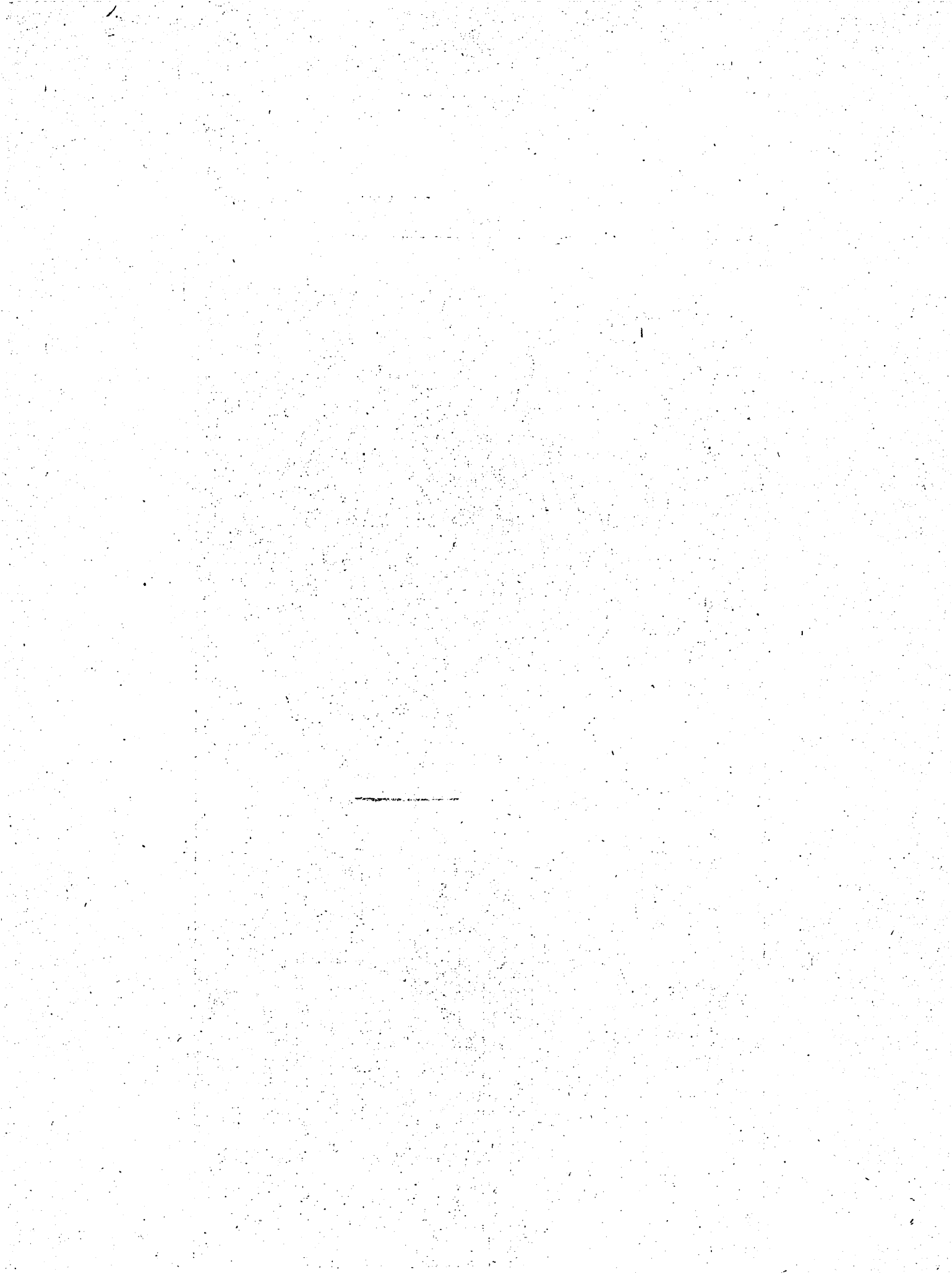
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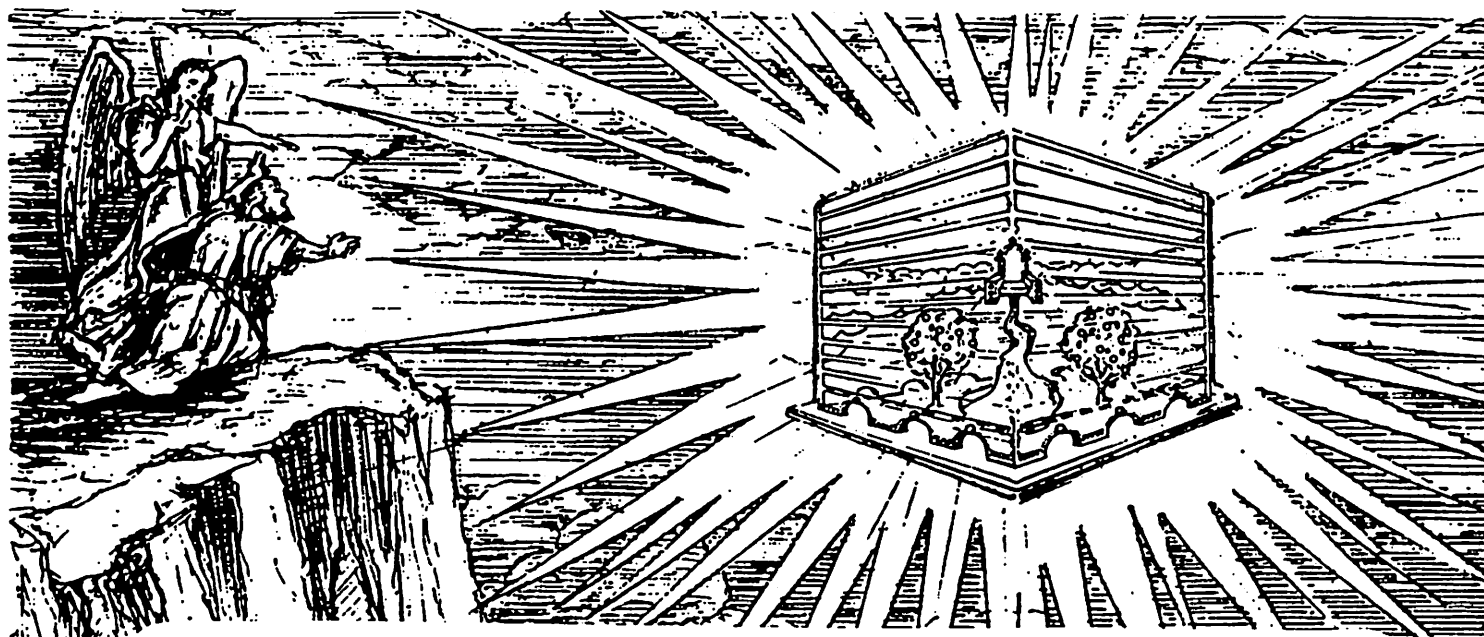
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JESUS said "I am ALPHA and OMEGA"

Revelation 1:8

