

“If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.” Rev.3:3



“For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left His house and gave authority to #1) His servants, and #2) to every man his work, #3) and commanded the porter (gate warden) to watch.”Mk.13:34

Michael Johnson Ministries

Ministry Mission - Isa.

To be a voice of one crying in the wilderness, preparing the way of the Lord, making straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley (humble person) shall be exalted and every mountain and hill (proud person) shall be made low and the crooked (fraudulent, polluted, and deceitful) shall be made straight (exposed) and the rough places smooth.



“...narrow is the way that leads unto life...” Mt.

Ministry Assignment

Luke 1:16-17, Rev. 1:3

To turn back many to the Lord their God. To go before Jesus’ return in these last days in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous. To make ready a people prepared for the Lord. For the time is at hand!

Warning the Bridge is Out!

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Before we move ahead to #8 from document #1, we need to finish the subject on God's rule of authority and submission, so;

Let's move forward:

Everything pertaining to God has an **authority ruling** structure.

Sun **rules** the day,

Stars and moon **rule** the night.

A policeman has authority to **rule** over you,

Government has authority to **rule** over the policeman.

The Father (God) has authority to **rule** over the Son (*Jesus*),

Jesus has authority to **rule** over the church,

Spiritual leaders have authority to **rule** over leaders,

Leaders have authority to **rule** over laymen, and

The husband has authority to **rule** over his household.

The Greek word for '**rule**' literally means – "To lead, command with **official** authority", in other words, **appointed** by a higher power.

Someone who is a policeman is not better than you as a human being and neither is a husband better than his wife or children and just because a policeman or husband, or government leader, or spiritual leader has abused that authority in a wrong way does not change God's mind. You can not throw the baby out with the bath water.

God has a **precise authority** structure to be exercised in a **precise way** and He expects us **to line up** within that structure for our **own good** and **betterment**. Take the time now and read **Lev.10** and **Num.16**. They are two very sobering accounts of violation of God's authority rule. **In Lev. 10**, Aaron's two sons, Nadab and Abihu, thought they could usurp their father's authority, and go around him. **In Num.16** Korah, a descendant of Levi wanted a share in Moses' authority. His rebellion against authority was judged and it took a lot of other people with him. Why? Because disobedience or rebellion is extremely contagious, just as doubt and unbelief are. You can look also at **2Sam.6** and **Gen.9**. David's wife Michal had continued herself that it was OK to mock her husband's actions and chide him. She was struck barren all the days of her life. In **Gen. 9**, here we see the spiritual authority of a family lying naked, passed out, and completely drunk. Do you think that might constitute him being in the wrong? Even though the spiritual authority was in the wrong, two of his sons did not open their mouths about the matter and were blessed, the other son that had made known his fathers blunder, was cursed. **Prov.13:3** - "He that keeps is mouth keeps his life, but he that opens wide his lips will (*not maybe*) have ruin."

...Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb... because he fully followed the Lord...
Joshua 14:14

Most of you reading this have authority issues in your life. Some of you are getting steamed already at the very mention of the word authority. It is strongly recommended that you read beginning at **1Sam.chapters15 - 31**

and mark all of David's responses to the mistreatment by Saul towards him, you will not find one railing word come out of his mouth. And when all is said and done in **2Sam.1:14-15** – the conclusion of the matter. – “Then David said to him, **How is it** that you were **not afraid** to stick out your hand **to destroy** the Lord's anointed? And David called one of the young men and said, **Go cut him down**, So he struck him and he died. And David said to him, your blood is on **your own head** for your mouth has **testified against you** saying I have killed the Lord's anointed.”

Who in God's authority line of rule have you been tearing up lately with your mouth? **Prov. 13:3** – “He that keeps his mouth keeps his life, but he that opens wide his lips will have ruin.” Again I remind you, that Bible prophecy has already foretold of the rejection and refusal to submit to authority rule in our generation and this will grow worse and worse each passing day. **Jude 8, 2Peter2:10, 2Tim.3:1-5, Deut.31:29** - “For I know that after my death you will **utterly corrupt yourselves**, and **turn aside** from the way which I have commanded you, and evil will befall you **in the latter days**, because **you will do** what is evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger **through the work of your hands**.” This prophecy is not only a picture of Israel today, but of the church as well. This is unpleasant Bible prophecy that you **do not** want to find yourself on the wrong side. Use it to avoid the snares and pitfalls. Line up to the Word of God in obedience, not what everyone around you is doing, or what your intellect has deceived you in.

Let's look at **Gal.5:16&25** for a moment. **Vs.16** – “This I say then, **walk** in the spirit and you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.” The Greek word used here for walk is the normal word for walking.

Vs.25 – “If we live in the Spirit, let us also **walk** in the Spirit.” The Greek word in this verse is different. It's a military term that means **'to draw up in a line'**. God expects us to get in line with things of the Spirit and His Word. Ask any soldier in the military what would happen to them if they defied the authority structure of rule. Where do you think the rule of command came from that you see in the military? Remember when our country was founded, the Word of God was used to detail its early laws. Not so today. Military discipline of today is only a shadow of the early years. It's amazing to see that as the church has become compromising and lukewarm and disobedient to the Word of God, so has the rest of the world digressed. **As the leadership goes, so go the people.** We will look at this in more detail in the days ahead.

Heb.13:17 – “**Obey** (Greek word – *to convince, trust in, be persuaded, have confidence in*) **them that have rule** (same Greek word - *to lead and command with official authority*) **over you and submit** (Same Greek word for submit is used in **James 4:7** - “**Submit** yourselves to God.” which literally means *to obey, to subordinate, be in subjection to*. It comes from 2 other Greek words that mean **under** or **beneath** and **to arrange** or **assign in an orderly manner**), **yourselves, for they watch over your souls, as they that must give account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief for this would be unprofitable (or gainless) for you.**” It never ceases to amaze me the arrogance of people who read this verse of scripture, scoff at it and say; “All I need is me and Jesus”. Because this is what their denominational doctrine has taught them? Jesus is the very one who instituted the **authority line of rule** that they are rejecting. I want you to hear Jesus' non-passive response to people who **get offended** over the uncompromised Word of God and **refuse to submit and obey it**. This will always be the response of someone with **a religious spirit**; because religious people are stiff-necked and refuse to accept correction. **Matt.15:12,14** – “Then came the disciples and said to Him, do you know that the Pharisees **were offended** when they heard your statement? **Let them alone, they are blind (or deceived) leaders of the blind (or deceived). And if the blind (deceived) leads the blind (deceived), both will fall into the ditch**”. – Wow! By today's church standard that would be labeled as “cold, unloving, and unChristlike”. Only problem with that argument is, Christ is the one who said it, setting **an example** for us to follow. Jesus didn't even say well you need to go talk with them and tell them they need to repent of that and change their ways. No ... **“Let them alone they both will fall into the ditch”**. (see also Hosea 4:17)

When you come against someone with a religious spirit, that snaps at you like a Cobra, over trying to show them an absolute truth; don't argue, don't dispute. Don't plead ... "Let them alone". That's the Word of God.

Prov.8 – “Reprove not a scoffer, lest he hate you, reprove a wise man, and he will love you.”

Prov.62:6 – “He who **LOVES instruction** and **correction loves knowledge**, but he who **hates reproof** is **stupid**.” You can not help a stupid individual. I did not say that, God said it.

We have a lopsided view of **the Love** and **Goodness of God** within the modern church today. A balanced picture of God's love and goodness is Jesus taking a whip and over turning tables and the clearing out of defilement out of the temple; also of Jesus and John the Baptist looking at the religious but unrepentant hearts in **Matt.3:7**, **Matt.12:3,4**, that refused to change their mindset and saying **“You generation of vipers”**. Then in **Matt 23**, (which you need to read all of) **Vs. 27** – “hypocrites, for you are white washed tombs, which on the outside appear beautiful, but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness.” Some of you got offended when I said this in the first document. Here's where those words came from. **Vs.15** – “Hypocrites, you travel about on sea and land to make one proselyte (get someone saved) and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.” (Because of your deceptive denominational doctrines) **Vs.24** – “You blind (deceived) guides (Preachers) who strain at a gnat, (but you) swallow a camel.”

You need to confess – Repent – **and burn** the **“graven image”** you have carved in your mind as who you believe Jesus to be, and bring it into proper balance with the Word of God as to who, He says He is. And stop being critical of the messengers, Christ is sending out before the Rapture of the Church, crying “Repent”. “Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.”

Remember our check list on deception earlier, no absolute obedience then deception will follow. I have seen people for a thousand and one different reasons decide to shun the “corporate Body of Christ”. Telling themselves, “I do not need to be a member of a church body anywhere”. “I can worship God on Saturday or Sunday (which ever is your preference) right here at home”. There are two very big problems with that way of thinking;

#1) First of all that is one of the most selfish – self-centered statements anyone could make – why? Because everything God controls – gives. The sun gives light; clouds give rain, etc.... You have been given spiritual gifts and talents that others need in the Body of Christ in order to be a blessing to someone else's spiritual growth. You have a **self agenda**, not a Kingdom of God agenda. We will see at a later date how this type of mind set and the denominationalism of today, is a **working of the flesh** found in **Gal.5**, and you are going to be shocked! By the way, the Word of God says, “Those who do such things **shall not** inherit the Kingdom of God.” Stay tuned!

#2) When you choose to shun yourself from Corporate Worship within a church body and have a private “party” at home, where is God's line of authority? You are not submitted under the authority line of rule to a Pastor, violating God's word. You're a rebel. And I wonder how many others, you have defiled and brought along with your way of thinking. **Heb.12:15** – “See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that **no root of bitterness** springs up causing trouble, and by it **many be defiled**.” Oh! You read that it was OK in a book! I believe we discussed that topic of **“many books”** in the first document. There is only **One Book – Heed it**, your bitterness of past events is controlling you. Repent!, of this rebel attitude today before it is too late. Find the church where God desires to plant you, as imperfect as it may be, and not where you “want to go” or “how close to home”, and **submit** yourself to **Christ's ruling authority**.

Let me stop here for a moment and tighten this bolt of submission a little tighter and show you some other witnesses (*Scripture*) where this same Greek word is used, so that you may see that this is an **extremely important truth**.

The following verses all contain the same Greek word, as before, even though the translated English word varies.

1Peter 3:22 – “Who (*being Jesus*) is gone to heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels, and authorities and powers being made **subject** (*same Greek word*) unto Him.”

1Cort.15:28 – “And when all things are **subjected** (*same Greek word*) to Him then the Son Himself also will be **subjected** (*same word*) to the One (*being God the Father*) who **subjected** (*same word*) all things to Him (*Jesus*), that God may be all in all”

Do you see the picture that is beginning to be painted here? Jesus Christ **submitted** Himself to the **will of the Father** and went to the Cross. Authorities and powers were then made **subject** unto Him and now He is telling us to **submit** ourselves to the cross and His blood sacrifice in the same manner that He gave example in **absolute obedience** to the Word of God which includes, falling into our area of submission, to where we fit in His authority line of rule.

Matt.7:21 - “Not everyone who says to Me Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he who **does the will of My Father.**”

James 1:22 – “Be **doers** of the word and not hearers only, **deceiving your own selves.**”

Not falling prey to deception is **your responsibility**, not God’s! Every promise of God’s, has to do with His part, and our part.

So then if you do not **lay your life down totally and completely**, giving up **your will** and **your way** **submitting** yourself to Christ and obeying His commands **as Christ submitted to His Father’s will** and obeyed His Commands, you will not, I repeat, **you will not** resist the devil, and he **will not** flee from you. You have given Satan and his powers and principalities legal right of access. Again, “Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only, **deceiving** your own selves.” **James 4:7** - “**Submit** (*same Greek word*) yourselves **to God** **resist** the devil, and he will **flee** from you.” – Three steps of sequence here. **Submit** to the complete authority of obeying His Word. This is why Jesus said in **John 14:30** – “Hereafter I will not talk much with you, for the prince of this world comes (*Satan*) and **he has nothing in Me.**” Jesus allowed **no access** by any means, not out in the wilderness, or ever, because He was **fully submitted** to obeying the Father’s will. Are You? If not, there is a lion waiting to have you, and yours, for lunch, and it will have nothing to do with “**The will of God**” – You caused it! **1Peter 5:8** – “Be sober. Be vigilant, your adversary the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.” **Rev. 12:9** – “And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the Devil and Satan, **who deceives** the whole world...” **John 10:10** – “The thief comes **to steal**, and **kill**, and **destroy**; I came that you might have life and have it abundantly.”

Satan is the “Master of Deception”, with one goal – to lure you into believing his lies and choose his deception over God’s uncompromised truth, so that he can drag you into hell, mocking you through out eternity, saying **you chose to believe a lie** over the absolute truth of the Word of God. If Satan twisted scripture with Jesus, he’s going to do it with you as well. Most of you reading this have twisted areas in your beliefs that you are completely blind too, and are saying right now, “No I don’t” – yes, you do. But if you will continue to go forward, these documents through the Word of God will expose these areas. Be like King David and confess and repent immediately. Then God will take you deeper and deeper into more grace and revelation. By God’s mercy and compassion towards you, you are receiving absolute truth through these documents, and if you refuse them, reject them, scoff at them in the same manner that Israel did to God’s prophets, the consequences for our generation will be to be left behind at the rapture of the church, with no more opportunity for repentance, and you will perish during the tribulation period. (*I will cover this in greater detail later.*) **Today** is your day of **repentance**, do it before it’s too late!

You may be saying about now...”This guy is really beginning to bug me.” “He’s just trying to scare me.” Hear the Word of God in what was said by the religious community about the Apostle Paul, and also what Paul preached. **Acts 24:5** – “For we have found this man a *real pest* and a fellow who *stirs up dissensions* among all the Jews (*or church folks*)...” **Acts 24:25** – “And as he was discussing **righteousness**, **self-control**, and the **judgment** to come, (*What was he discussing?*), Felix **became frightened** and said, **Go away for the present**, and **when I find time**, I will summon you.” **Acts 26:20-21** – “First to those in Damascus, then to those in **Jerusalem** and in all **Judea**, and to the **Gentiles** also (*that’s us*) I preach that they should **repent**, and **turn to God**, and **prove their repentance by their deeds**.” (*To do what?*) Again is this the salvation message that has been preached in the modern church? One of repentance, totally turning in a new direction towards God, letting your deeds prove out, or make plain your conversion? Walking in righteous holy living under self control or face the judgment of God? NO! A thousand times NO! – What’s the by-product because of the lack of this?

LUKEWARMNESS

Christ’s first word to the church was **Repent** and His last word to the church was **“Repent”**, not the great commission as many have preached. If you will look in your Bible and read **Rev.2&3**, **His message to** the seven churches of Asia, - five out of seven was “Repent or else”. This was given years after the “great commission”. In **Matt.28:19-20** – in what is known as “The Great Commission”, Jesus didn’t say go make converts by ‘praying a prayer of salvation’, but He said **“go make disciples”**, **“teaching** them to **observe** all that I have **commanded** you”. (*Teaching them to do what?*) In other words, teaching them God’s type of love, not man’s version of love. Paul preached a **No fluff** salvation message! Just straight up uncompromised **truth**. Wake up from your slumber hear the Word of God! ***I ask you again, ARE YOU, fully submitted, holding nothing back?*** If not, today without delay, crawl up on the altar and “present your body a living sacrifice” and die to your will, Today! Absolute obedience to the Word of God without compromise, all wrapped up in the 11th commandment of LOVE.

I know that some of you have heard **James 4:7** preached over and over again in an untold number of sermons, but **the root**, the **solid foundation**, the **magnitude** of the condition to the promise given has been missed. Again, I repeat, it’s not just ‘submitting to God’, it’s submitting to God in the same manner as Jesus Christ did to the Father with absolute obedience **in everything, period!!!**

James, a real preacher of the gospel was **not fearful of confronting sin**. He goes on to say in **verses 8-10**, which in no way sounds like the average church service of today, especially those of the charismatic circle who would deem this as **negative preaching**, not exhortation, “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. **Cleanse** your hands you sinners, **purify** your hearts you double minded (*compromising, lukewarm Christians*), grieve, mourn, and wail, change your laughter into mourning and your joy to heaviness. **Humble yourselves** in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up.” This was a message to believers to stop their iniquity (knowingly willfully sinning). **Ps.30:5** – “Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.” Many times people only quote part of a verse as truth and leave off the rest of it. Let’s look at the first part of this verse of scripture, in order to see its full implications. “For **His anger** endures but for a moment, in **His favor** is life; weeping endures for a night, but joy comes in the morning.” I’m going to get into this deeper later on, but here you have a picture of an angry Father chastising or spanking one of his children for bad behavior. Your Heavenly Father at given times would rather “destroy your flesh” than see your soul destroyed. Some of you are saying, ‘I just don’t believe that.’ Look at the Word of God, not what picture or image you desire to carve out in your mind. Hear the Words of the Apostle Paul to Pastor Timothy, **1 Tim.1:18-20** – “Timothy my son, (*spiritual son*) I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight a good fight, **holding on to faith** and a **good conscience** (*being absolutely clean before God and man*). Some have **rejected these** and so have **shipwrecked their faith**. Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom **I have handed over to Satan** to be **taught not to blaspheme**.”

1 Cor.5:4-5 – “In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I am with you in Spirit with the power of our Lord Jesus, deliver *such a one to Satan* for the **destruction of his flesh**, that his spirit **may be saved** in the day of the Lord Jesus.” I remind you that these were Christian brothers in the church.

The Apostle Paul loved enough to do this, because God loves enough to do this. Jesus, when He was at what has been called “The sermon on the Mount” in **Matt. 5:9-30** – “And if your right eye *makes you stumble*, pluck it out, and throw it from you, for it is better for you that *one part of your body* perish than for your whole body to be *cast into hell*. And if your right hand makes you stumble, *cut it off*, and throw it from you, for *it is better* for you that one *part of your body* perish, than for your whole body to be *cast into hell*.” This by today’s modern church standards is “radical Christianity” the Word of God, however calls it “normal Christianity” we will look at this more when we get to “the chastening of the Lord”.

Matt.24:4 – “**Take heed that no man deceive you.**” **Mk.13:5** – “**Take heed lest any man deceive you.**” **Lk. 21:8** – “**Take heed that you be not deceived.**” **Heb. 3:12** – “**Take heed brethren** (fellow Christians) **that there be not in anyone of you an evil heart of unbelief** (or disobedience) **in departing** (Greek word- to remove or desert-“deserter” –Judas) **from the living God.**” What part of take heed is hard to understand? Weeping will only endure for “a night” for the one who yields to chastisement and correction, and changes their behavior. When they do, “joy comes in the morning”, after you have submitted in obedience to His Word and endured through the consequences. Forgiveness of a sin will never negate the consequences of that sin. **Col. 3:25** – “For he who does wrong **will receive** the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.” You need to pay **very close attention** to this “admonition” –or warning – the example that was written “aforetime” for our instruction and learning. **Hear it! Heed it!**

Let’s take a look at some consequences in King David’s life for his disobedience.

2Sam.12:9-14 – “Wherefore have you *despised* (Hebrew word – to disesteem or to have a low opinion of, lack of respect) the Word of the Lord by **doing evil** (or being disobedient) in His sight. You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have slain him with the sword of the sons of Ammon.” **Notice here that God calls disobedience –“evil”.** We can also see this in **1Sam. 15:19** – with King Saul, “Why then did you **not obey** the voice of the Lord, but did rush upon the spoil and **did evil** in the sight of the Lord.” Is this you? Do you have such a low opinion or lack of respect towards the Word of God that you obey what you decide, and leave the rest?

Now look back to **2Sam. Vs10** –“Now therefore, **#1** (**consequence**) the sword **shall never** depart from your house (Why?), because you have **despised** Me (*same Hebrew word, when we do not esteem the Word of God by obedience to it, it’s treating Him, Jesus, the Word that became flesh, in the same manner, you can not separate the two*) and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. **Vs 11** – “Thus says the Lord, **#2** (**consequence**) Behold I will raise up evil against you from your own household; I will even take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sun” (*brood daylight*). **Vs. 12** – “For you did this secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel before the sun” (*in the open*).

If you do not want God to expose those hidden sins in the days ahead, be quick to confess and repent (*turn away from*) them today, getting them under the blood covering, and never going back.

Num.32:23 – “Be sure your sins will find you out.” **Prov.22:8** – “He who **sows iniquity** (*known, willful sin*) shall **reap vanity** (Hebrew word – *calamity, trouble*).” **Prov.11:18-19** – “...to him that **sows righteousness** (*obedience to the Word of God*) will be (*not maybe*) a sure reward, as righteousness tends to life, so he that pursues evil (*disobedience*) pursues it to his own death (*physical and or spiritual*).” **Gal.6:8** – “Sow to the flesh- reap destruction, sow to the spirit – reap life.”

Which are you sowing, - Known, willful, disobedience and unrighteousness, or absolute submission in obedience and righteousness?

Vs. 13 – And David said unto Nathan (*the prophet of God*) I have sinned against the Lord (David was *very quick* to confess and repent) and Nathan said to David, the Lord also has put away your sin, you will not die. **1John 1:9** – “**IF** we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to clean us from all unrighteousness.” **Prov. 28:13** – “**He that covers his sin will not prosper** (*‘Prosper’ is the same Hebrew word as in 2Chron.20:20– be powerful, prevail, succeed, make victorious*) **but he who confesses** (acknowledges) and **forsakes** (*‘repents’-turns away from-ceases to do*) **them shall have mercy**” – A conditional promise for mercy. Now back to **Vs. 14** – “However, because **by this deed** you have given occasion to the enemies of the Lord **to blaspheme**, #3) (*consequence*) the child also that is born to you will surely die.” Get a picture of that in your mind, - a completely innocent child was taken. God has right to every human life. He is the eternal self-existent one, He is Supreme Master Ruler. These are the Hebrew words used in **Ps. 8:1** – “O Lord, our Lord.”

Sin will never affect just you. Ever heard a non-Christian say; “Go to church, are you kidding? There’s nothing there but a bunch of hypocrites!” I have heard numerous Pastors and others make negative comments about the individuals who say this. **WAKE UP, HYPOCRITE!** You’re the reason that they are blaspheming!! Clean your “defiled temple”!

Do **not** ever **deceive yourself**, that because of this age of the dispensation of grace (*that gives you time and space to repent*), that **judgment delayed** is **judgment denied**. Confess and repent completely today of all sin or face it at the judgment bar of God. **GET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER, TODAY**, “**produce fruit in keeping with repentance**”, before it’s too late. King David’s chastening and consequences were directly related to his sin. Gal.6:7 – “**Be not deceived, God is not mocked**, for **whatsoever** a man sows (*or does, good or evil*) that shall he also reap (*or be returned to him*)

Let’s continue:

1Peter 2:13 – “**Submit** (same word) yourselves to every ordinance of man for the **Lord’s** sake (for *who’s* sake?), whether it be to the king as supreme or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evil doers and the praise of those who do right (*all submission is contingent upon them not asking you to violate the Word of God in disobedience*). For **such is the will of God** that with well doing you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil (*being free in Christ does not make you above the law of the land*), but use it as servants of God, **honor** the king (*or the office*). Servants (*or employees*), be **subject** (*same Greek word*) to your master (*or employer*), with all fear (*or respect*), not only to the **good and gentle**, but also to those who are **unreasonable and harsh**. For this is **thankworthy** if a man for conscience toward God **endure grief** and **suffer wrongfully**. For what credit is there if when you sin and are harshly treated you endure it with patience? But if **when you do what is right and suffer for it** and you **patiently endure** it, this finds favor with God and is acceptable to Him. For even here unto are you called, because Christ also suffered for us **leaving us an example** that **we should follow in His steps**.” (*Do as He did, Period!*) **He that says he abides in Him ought himself also walk, even as He walked. 1 John 2:6**

Acts 23:2-5 – “...you shall **not speak evil of a ruler** of your people” I wonder of all of you who are reading this now can say you have obeyed this command in the Word of God about our new President or past Presidents? Are you now justifying your disobedience; or are you repenting and submitting in obedience to the Word of God?

If your type of submission is not as Jesus left the example of, **it is sin, and as sin, it damns the soul. Confess** (*acknowledge*) **Repent!** – Change your way of thinking; you’ve had **wrong information** – causing **wrong beliefs** – causing **wrong decisions** – leading to **wrong results**.

Hear me!!! **“He who has ears to hear let him hear.”**

You do not have to be a missionary martyr to find suffering and persecution. People suffering today for the most part, is not because of obedience to Christ, but through their own **stupid decisions** and **choices**. With the lukewarm condition of the church today, all you have to do in order for suffering and persecution to find you, (*and you don't have to look for it, it will find you*), is to begin to teach or preach or witness or walk in a completely uncompromised Gospel of Jesus Christ, in **absolute obedience** to the Word of God, and hello, suffering and persecution will be knocking on your door.

You may be saying to yourself about now, I've got enough problems as it is. I don't need to heap any more trouble on my plate. I'll just keep going along as I've been going. Well, my friend, if you claim the name above every name – Jesus Christ, and you **refuse to repent** and change your rebellion to the Word of God, then because of your stubbornness to change, we are once again back to **1 Sam.. 15:23** which says “**Rebellion** is as the sin of **witchcraft** and **stubbornness** as **idolatry**”. According to the Word of God you are now looked upon as a **sorcerer** and an **idolater**. You won't submit to obeying His Word, the ultimate authority, and you're too stubborn to do away with your own opinions and live up to the Word of God, so your intellectual opinion has taken precedence over the Word of God, therefore your opinion has become your god.

Hear the Word of the Lord. – Obey His commands! Submit, as Jesus submitted **in everything** to the will of the Father.

Rev.22:14-15 – “Blessed are they that **do His commandments**, that they **may have right** to the tree of life, and may **enter in** through the gates into the city.

For without are dogs, and **sorcerers**, and whoremongers, and murderers, and **idolaters**, and **whosoever loves and makes a lie**.” You're lying to yourself right now, by trying to justify your actions. Repent of this mind set, **change!** Take it to the Cross of Christ, and the Blood of the Lamb, you can do nothing outside the Cross.

You may be saying ... “well, I don't believe that”.... So now you are going to change what the Word of God says even when it is being shown to you in front of your face, in black and white. Hear the Word of the Lord: **vs.19** – “And if **any man** shall **take away** from the words of this book of prophecy (*in other words...make scripture say something it isn't saying*), God shall **take away** his part **out of the book of life** and **out of the holy city**, and **from the things** which are written in this book”. Hell will be full of preachers from this current church age guilty of this very thing.

My friend, you can not **take away a part** unless you **first had a part**. No matter what your denomination or your intellectual thinking has taught you. I will deal with this in more detail in the days ahead, but for now, let's shift gears and look at “**denying the Lord**”.

2Tim. 2:11-13 – “**It is a faithful saying (or completely trust this) for if we be dead with Him (this means when you come to Christ you crawl up onto the altar and everything about you dies, you have no more rights, you were bought with the blood of Christ, and your will and way is to die) we shall also live with Him (the fulfillment of the promise if we meet the conditions of the promise) verse 12) If (denoting a condition) we suffer we shall also reign with Him.**” “**If we deny (Greek word here for deny means to disavow, to abnegate-which means to renounce, or to give up claim) Him, He will deny us**”.

This is the same Greek word used in **Matt.10:33** – “But whosoever shall **deny** Me before men, him will I **deny** before My Father in heaven.”

This has a much broader meaning than you ever thought possible, just as submission does. The Bible says that **John 1:14** - “**Jesus is the Word that became flesh and dwelt among us**”. When you do not obey the Word of God uncompromisingly before men, you are **denying the Lord** before men, because you are not living out what He (*the Word that became flesh*) commanded you to do; to be light always burning in the darkness, just as the lamp stand in the tabernacle (*which is symbolism in the Old Testament of the Holy Spirit*) is to burn constantly.

Ex 27:20 – “And you **shall command** the children of Israel, that they bring to you, *pure olive oil beaten* for the light, **to cause the lamp to burn always.**” Let’s look at an example. Let’s say you are at work, and on your lunch break sitting around with the guys or gals. (*Notice I said on your own time – not your employer’s time. He is paying you to do a job, so do it, or heaven labels you as a thief, for stealing time.*) Others at the table start talking about abortion and they say things like...”I really don’t see anything wrong with it, after all if you got raped you wouldn’t want that monsters baby.”...or “No one knows when life really begins.” ... You hear all this discussion yet you remain silent. Knowing the Word of God says in;

Lev.13:14 - “Life is in the blood”.

Ps 139:13 - “For You did form my inward part, You did weave me in my mother’s womb.”

So you deny “the Word that became flesh and dwelt among us” in your silence, so in the eyes of Jesus you have denied Him before men, because you are **fearful** of persecution or scorn, or ridicule, or possibly even the threat of losing your job, or maybe it’s just apathy on your part. You may be saying, “well there’s nothing wrong with being fearful”, depending upon your context, yes and no. Courage is not the absence of fear, it is overcoming the fear. Hear the Word of God. **Rev.21:7-8** – “He **that overcomes** shall **inherit all things**, and I will be his God and he shall be my son. But the **fearful** and unbelieving (*unfaithful-disobedient*) and the **abominable (defiled)** and **murderers**, and **whoremongers (sexually Immoral)** and **sorcerers**, and **idolaters** and all **liars (teeny tiny white lies)**, shall have their part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” Look at the order of sequence, as to where God listed being fearful – Number One! Overcoming fear brings unspeakable reward. Not overcoming the fear has a price far greater than you ever want to pay. That’s the Word of God.

Remember **Lk.14:25-27 - Luke 14:25-30, 33-35** – “**If anyone(Who does that leave out?) comes to Me and does not hate (or love less than) his own father, mother, wife, children, brother, sister, and yes even his own life, he CANNOT be My disciple. Whoever (Who does that leave out?) does not carry his own cross (a symbol of suffering, shame, persecution, and a denying and dying of self-will, before the victory) and come after Me (obey Me in absolute obedience) CANNOT be My disciple.**

Your silence is deafening in the portals of heaven. Jesus cries out ...You are light; you are light, shine in the darkness. Speak My words. Do not deny Me....You then shove the promptings of the Holy Spirit away, take another bite of your lunch, finish your work day, go to church on Sunday and sing ‘Amazing Grace how sweet the sound’, listen to a watered down, compromising sermon on a type of grace the Bible does not teach, get up on Monday, go to work and repeat the same process.

Let’s look at another example. **1Tim.4:4-5** – “**For every creature of God is good and nothing to be refused IF it is received with thanksgiving. For it is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer**” Do you do this, have a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing over your food every time you eat? Oh, you do it at home, but not in public before men. So once again you are **denying the Lord before men**, because you are fearful and you refuse to obey Him before men by the command to give thanks. There is also another truth in this verse (*that has been completely missed*); when you thank God before you eat, by blessing and prayer it becomes a “clean and sanctified” meal by the Word of God. The opposite is also true; when you don’t do it, whatever you eat is unclean and cursed. You don’t want to believe that? Read the verse again, and pay attention to the word **IF (A conditional promise)**! Could this be, part of the reason the United States **leads the world** in heart disease and cancer for all of the **unclean and cursed** food being eaten simply because it was not “sanctified by the Word of God and prayer with thanksgiving prior to eating it? We are a nation of covenant breakers, not covenant keepers. **Selah! Pause and think about that.**

It’s the Word of God, **Hear it, Heed it, Obey it!**

“Let your light shine before men.”

Do I have another Bible verse for that?? Another witness, you ask? **Rev. 3:8** – “**I know your works** (*God knows ever secret thing about you even those things you’ve kept hidden from others*) **behold I have set before you a open door and no man can shut it** (*it does not say YOU can’t shut it*) **for you have a little strength** (*means few in number*), **and have kept** (Greek word here is to *guard from loss or injury*) **My Words and** (*and is a conjunction meaning a continuation of the same thought*) **have not denied My name.”** *His Words and obedient actions and not denying His Name*, go hand in hand, they can not be separated.

When you know the Word and deny it by not speaking it before men, it is the same as denying Jesus Christ before men, **period!!**, and how much more in **knowing the Word**, and **not living out the Word!** Is your disobedience, causing the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme? **Selah! Pause and think about this.**

Some of you after reading this document which is the Word of God; will take it to heart, you’ll repent of your intellectual mindset of the past. You’ll believe it as truth, but because of fear of persecution, family and friends scoffing at you, or being expelled from your church denomination, or removal as a leader there, you will not forward these documents to someone else who is in deception and needs to hear them. You will remain status quo, quietly feeding off of the teaching, and receiving it unto yourself, but you will not be a light to others, and there by **denying the Lord** that bought you. **Mt.10:33** – “But whosoever shall deny Me before men, him will I deny before My Father in heaven.”

My prayer is that you will be ‘**men and women of courage**’, ‘redeeming the time’, because I hear and see the door in heaven opening by the hand of Christ as the Father is about to tell the Son...Go get your bride,...ready or not! (*We will discuss this later in the days ahead.*)

Let’s look at **2Peter2:1-2 & 15** that pertain to our current subject matter, “**Denying the Lord**”, we’ll discuss the rest of 2 Peter 2 at a later date. “**But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who privily bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them** (the only ones Jesus ever bought, was the saved because the Greek word used here means ‘to purchase or redeem’ same word used in **1 Cor.6:20 and 7:23** –“You are bought with a price.”) **and bring upon themselves swift destruction.**” These false prophets and teachers were teaching and preaching a watered down, compromised, lukewarm, feel good obedience to the Word of God, and a type of Grace the Bible doesn’t teach, and in doing this they were giving people a **false sense of security** and peace in their **disobedient lifestyle**. “**And many** (the majority of the church) **shall follow their pernicious** (Greek word used here – ‘*spiritual low or ruin*’) **ways: by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.**” In other words, those who preach and teach a complete uncompromising Gospel will be prey for them to speak wrongfully towards. **Isa.5:14-15** – “And justice is turned away backward, and righteousness stands a far off for **truth is fallen** in the streets and uprightness cannot enter. Yes, **truth faileth**, and he that **departs** from evil makes **himself a prey.**” Are you “the prey” for someone else or are you the one who’s pecking on the prey? **Selah! Pause and think about that.** **James 4:17** – “Therefore to the one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.” God only holds you accountable for what you know; Grace will cover your ignorance. Just not willful ignorance. For we are commanded to grow in Grace and knowledge.

About now you might be saying ...how could anyone bring in damnable heresies and deny the Lord? Listen and I will repeat it again! Simply by **teaching** and **preaching** a lukewarm, compromising discipleship, full of fluff and **twisted meanings** of scripture that do not line up with the “**sum of His Word**”, but sounds very pleasing and acceptable to your ears. So in denying the complete and whole truth, they ‘deny the Lord’ the ‘Word that became flesh’ that bought them! **Get it!** Denominational church’s pulpits are full of the fulfillment of this prophecy in our day, and “many are following their spiritual ruin”. Denominational doctrines that do not

come into line with “the sum of His Word – completely – Old and New Testament – are “seducing spirits and doctrines of demons”

1Tim4:1-2 – “Now the Spirit expressly (*or explicitly*), that in **latter times** (*that’s today*) some shall depart (*desert or fall-away – you can’t desert or fall away from something you were not first a part of, i.e. – military, etc.*) from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons. Speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their **conscience seared** with an iron.”

How does one sear his conscience? I’m glad you asked. Simply by hearing the truth and not obeying the truth. When you hear and don’t obey, you put a burn mark on your heart; **marked compromise**, leading to more deception. If you do not confess and repent of this, it will follow again and again with seared burn marks on your heart, fueled by your disobedient, refusal to submit to the uncompromised Word of God and obey it. Therefore like Judas, day by day, the heart becomes harder and more deceived until your time and space to repent is gone forever. Just as a son of the covenant; Esau sold out (*deserted*) his birthright (*salvation*) through compromise and disobedience. **Heb.12:17** – “For you know how that afterwards (after what? – *Salvation*) when he would have **inherited the blessing** he was rejected, for he found **no place for repentance**, though he sought it carefully with tears.”

Will you now confess and repent over your disobedience to God’s “authority rule”, or “submission”, or “denying the Lord” or will you sear your conscience?

WAKE UP! WAKE UP! - COME OUT OF YOUR SLUMBER! Before it’s TOO LATE!

With this brought to light, it should now open your eyes to the complete depth of meaning to **2Peter 2**. It grieves me to the heart of my soul the way this verse of scripture has been preached and taught. Even some very well known expositors of the Word have missed it.

All right, let’s look back to where we were,--**Submit** – to obey, to subordinate, be in subjection to.

1Peter 2:18 – “Servants (*employees*) be **subject** (*same Greek word*) to your masters (*employers*)....” When was the last time you didn’t do...when, where, how, or what your employer asked you to do? Was that Jesus’ type of submission to His Father?

Luke 2:51 – “And He (*Jesus*) went down with them (*His parents, Mary & Joseph*) and came to Nazareth and was **subject** (*same Greek word*) to them...” Jesus whether it was to His heavenly Father or earthly parents, He immediately obeyed and was under their authority and in subjection to them. Are you in subjection to your parents as Jesus was, young people?

1Peter 5:5 – “**Likewise you younger, submit** (*same Greek word*) **yourselves unto the older, yes all of you be subject** (*same Greek word*) **one to another** (*in other words, each of us find our place in the proper order of authority rule and submit*) **and be clothed with humility** (*remembering that God has placed you wherever you are and do not get puffed up for any reason*) **for God resists** (*or opposes*) **the proud and gives grace to the humble.**” Remember grace is an empowerment to obey. The more you obey the more grace increases in your life to obey. God extends to everyman a measure of faith and grace at your salvation experience. You are then expected to “grow in faith” and “grow in grace”. In other words as you in the beginning of your faith begin small steps of obedience, God then empowers you to greater steps thus you grow from faith to faith by the empowerment of grace in your obedience to the Word of God.

Some of you know that when God repeats something in the Bible more than once we need to perk up and listen, He’s saying this is **very important** to Me so it needs to be **very important** to you.

That being the case, what kind of truth do you suppose He is trying to impress on us if it’s repeated **four times!!!**

Some of you are going to be shocked, but hang on you will get through it!

#1) **Eph. 5:15-17, 21-24** – “**Therefore be careful** (a warning being issued – Listen!), **how you walk, not as unwise men but wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil** (or disobedient). **So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.** (That’s what you have been reading). **Submitting** (same Greek word) **yourselves one to another in the fear of God** (again find where you fit in God’s structure of rule, and authority, and as Christ as your example of subjection do likewise).

#2) **Eph. 5:21-24** - Wives **submit** (same word) yourselves unto your own husbands **as unto the Lord**, for the husband is the head of the wife even (or just in the same way) as Christ is the head of the church, and He is the savior of the body. Therefore as the church is **subject** (same Greek word) unto Christ, so let the wives be to their husbands in **everything** (what does everything leave out?) (Remember we are not talking about submitting to an ungodly act of disobedience of the Word of God - no submitting is commanded there). In our church age of lukewarmness, ladies beware of the example being set before you. The modern church is in no way submitted to Christ as He gave example.

#3) **1 Peter 3:1** – “Likewise you wives be in **subjection** (same Greek word) to your own husbands, that **if they obey not the Word** (Bible), they also may without the Word (Bible) be won by the behavior of their wives.” Look at this verse of scripture very closely ladies. In God’s eyes if you are married to an unbelieving husband, or one who is backslidden or wayward, or just plain wrong it is of greater value (or God esteems it higher), for you to witness to your husband with Christ like submission, in obedience to His Word, by your actions, more than to verbally witness with your mouth. **Selah! Pause and think about that!** That’s the Word of God.

#4) **1 Peter 3:5** – “For after this manner in the old time (Old Testament times) the **holy** women also (what type of women?), who **trusted** in God (who did what?), **adorned** themselves (How in God’s eyes were they greatly adorned?), being in **subjection** (same Greek word) unto their own husbands.”

Let me pause here for a moment to give some of you time to smooth down the hackles raised up on the back of your neck and take a deep breath. I’ll deal with husbands “love” at a later date. Husband’s love is not the context here, submission is.

Ladies, I know you probably have heard the story of the young boy whose father told him to sit down and be quiet. The boy obeyed but on the inside he was still standing ramrod straight and running his mouth. This is not Godly submission, this is not Christ’s example of submission.

Doing what your husband has asked, while at the same time chiding him with “I’ll do what you want but this is wrong, wrong, wrong.” “This is crazy; this is going to lead to a disaster.” “I don’t know what you are thinking, how could this possibly be from God?” “Are you kidding me?” “You want us to do what?” “Oh, I’ll follow, but God only knows where this is going to lead”. This is not Godly submitting according to the Word of God. Did we see Jesus dragging His cross down the road to Calvary repeating what was just said above? *No, absolutely not!* We will cover at a later date that because of the **lack of proper Christ like submission and Christ like love** is one of the main reasons for the mess of the modern day family. **“As the leadership goes, so go the people.”**

This is the final and most sobering scripture we are going to look at concerning submission. If it does not rattle you into taking a long hard honest look at your walk with Christ, then may God have mercy on your soul.

Rom. 13:1-2 – “**Let every person** (who does ‘every’ leave out?) **be subject** (same Greek word) **to the governing authorities.** For there is **no authority except from God** and those which exist are established by God. Therefore whosoever **resists authority** has opposed the ordinance of God and they that **resist will**

(not maybe) **receive to themselves damnation.**” No matter what your denomination has taught you, this is the Word of God, Period! ‘Plus nothing –Minus nothing’. God’s authority rule and submission are extremely important in God’s eyes, in or out of the church walls. No matter who is doing what around you, “draw up in a line” and obey the Word of God, or the cost will be a far greater price than you ever wanted to pay.

In these examples that I have so painstakingly given about God’s authority rule and submission, for them to be truly obedient submissions according to the Word of God, they must always be exactly as Christ’s example to us, or it is sin. Rest assured you will in no way succeed in this life of submission unless it is taken to the cross with the power of the blood of Christ and the Holy Spirit daily. There will be times you will agonize in submitting just as Christ agonized in the garden, sweating great drops of blood, saying “**not my will but thine be done**”.

I exhort you to hear the words:

Heb. 12:2 - “**Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross**”. Now the Greek word for *endure* – means *to stay under, remain, have fortitude, persevere*. The same Greek word used in **Matt.24:13** – “But he that shall **endure** to the end, the same shall be saved.” Salvation of the Cross of Jesus Christ is not a “tippy-toe, through the tulips” walk. **Look at the Cross! Look at the Cross!** Staying under the blood covering, remaining “**IN Faith**”, enduring to the end **in faith**, will require fortitude and a persevering obedience to the Word of God. Beginning in faith is a wonderful thing. Ending in faith is the joy that is set before you. “For by grace are you saved **thru faith**”, beginning and ending **in faith** has always been, and always will be the salvation message of Jesus Christ our Lord.

No where does it say He will finish what He did not author. Some of you have started works He did not author for you. It is not to say that it is not a good work, it very well could be, it may not be a part of the race He wants you to run. Therefore you are out of His will in doing it. You have a **specific race** to run, **find it** and run to win. **Do it now!** The final hour is upon you!

Being in the proper order of rule and obedience to God’s line of authority will not always be a pleasant experience, but it is where the power and favor of God rests through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Why have I spent so much time on this subject of submission?

#1) – It’s the main reason why lukewarm watered down, compromising, feel good, tickling ear, fluffy, slap happy preaching is in, the majority of our churches today and has taken root.

#2) – If you do not understand Gods authority structure of rule and submission, you’re going to take these documents and throw them out with yesterday’s garbage instead of letting them renew your walk with the Lord. Hear! For it is written ***John13:20** – “Truly, truly, I say unto you, he who receives *whomever I send* receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.” Who are the ones Jesus truly sends? Look at the fruit. These individuals will understand God’s authority rule structure and not try to worm their way around but will submit to it.

#3) - Enabling you as Paul said in **2Tim. 2:5**, – “...to complete and finish your race without getting disqualified.”

#4) - It’s life! **Deut.30:19-20** – “...choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants (*How?*), by **loving** the Lord your God, by **obeying** His voice, and by **holding fast** to Him (*three things*), for this is **your life** and length of days.”

O.K., Take a deep breath, go get you a cup of water and let's move on. I said we would look at #8 on the list from document #1, but first, let's look at a verse of scripture in **Isa.61:3** – which is part of the ministry mission God has called me too. Notice the last part of this verse, “...**so they shall be called oaks of righteousness**, the planting of the Lord that He may be glorified.”

Starting back in the early part of this decade, as I traveled around I began to notice dead trees along the side of the roads where I was traveling, they consisted mostly of oak trees. This continued year after year until at the end of 2007 going into 2008 I began to see a lot of a blown over oak trees with their root systems exposed, as well as the dead oak trees. This really began to get my attention in the early part of 2007 when a large oak tree that stood beside a neighbors pond, blew over into the water, I also began to notice that there was an unusual amount of extra *windy days*. This will make more sense when you read the 2nd attachment from Nov, 2005, sent with this set of documents. In late 2007 there were two massive oak trees that blew over on our property that sat above an underground spring. There was rottenness in part of the root systems that wasn't visible until they were uprooted by the wind. One of these oak trees was approximately 70-80 years old, as best that I could count of the rings. The other tree was approximately 20 years younger. At this point I realized that indeed the Lord was trying to show me something.

You might be saying about now, how many bricks, short of a full load, is this guy to think that God talks to him through blown over trees. I understand your skepticism, but if you will closely study not only the lessons that Jesus taught his disciples through parables, but the books of the prophets in the Bible, you will see that it was common place for this kind of dialog teaching.

Anyway in mid October of 2007 I was preaching in a small church in northwest, middle Tenn. Down the road from that church there was a fruit tree in full bloom, next to a dead fruit tree, and another fruit tree that was dormant, but not dead. I began seeking the Lords face on all this for an answer. On my way back home the next day I “*accidentally*” missed my exit at Crossville/Jamestown and had to go to the next exit which was **Genesis Rd**. Yes, that's right Genesis Rd. Half way down that road I passed a very old and very small apple orchard that had, in the middle of it, eight trees in various stages of bloom, anywhere from full bloom to only a handful on any given tree. Now remember this is in late October. I knew then without a shadow of doubt that the Lord was putting together a picture puzzle similar to **Jer.13**, - read it.

Let's list the puzzle pieces we have so far; Numerous:

#1) Dead standing oak trees in different areas

#2) Increase of windy days

#3) Blown over oak tree into pond of water

#4) Blown over oak trees over top of a spring of water

#5) Rotten root parts exposed after oak trees are blown over

#6) Blooming fruit tree in different part of the state

#7) Eight blooming fruit trees on Genesis Rd. (#8 in the Bible is representative of new beginnings, not to mention Genesis Rd.-“In the beginning”of Gen. 1 actually reads on the first day of Tishre; which is the first day of the seventh month-Feast of Trumpets- Rapture of the Church)

Then in the fall of 2008 another large oak tree blew over at the same neighbors pond as the before, only going in a different direction, as a matter of fact, all of the blown over oak trees, close to our house, fell in different directions. So as Daniel did in Dan.8:15-17, I sought the Lord even more, for the meaning and He began to give me understanding.

#8) Oak trees blown over in different directions.

After many days and weeks spent in prayer and fasting, this is what the Lord showed me. This is a very sobering picture, and has brought me, many a day, to tears, but to ignore it would be blasphemy of the Word of God. He settled me in on **Isa.5.** (*You need to take a long hard look at all of chapter 5.*) Judah was the righteous remnant. If God instituted this judgment upon His covenant children Israel, don't ever deceive yourself, Gentile Church, that you are somehow exempt from such a thing. This is the Word of God. **Hear It! Heed It!**

For now, let's look at **verse 13-16 & 24-25** – **“Therefore My people** (Who's people – pay attention here) **are gone into captivity** (This Hebrew word means – stripped to reveal, advertise) **because they have no knowledge** (Of who God says He is, only the false image they have carved out in their own minds because of the teaching of Israel's shepherds or prophets) **their honorable men are famished and their multitude dried up with thirst.** (completely blind to their true condition, once again because of the shepherds) **Therefore hell has enlarged herself and opened her mouth without measure** (for who? His covenant people) **and their multitude (many) and their (self deceived) glory and their (self deceived) pomp (or splendor) and he that (is self deceived) rejoices, shall descend into it. And the common man will be brought down, and the mighty man (or men of high degree- champions) will be humbled, and the eyes of the proud will be humbled. But the Lord of Hosts, will be exalted in judgment, and the Holy God will show Himself Holy in righteousness.”** Here is a picture of God's covenant children becoming proud and haughty in their prosperity and disobedience, just like today's modern church.

Rev.3:17-18 – “Because you say I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, and **you know not** (because of deception) you are **wretched, miserable, poor,** and **blind,** and **naked:** I counsel you to buy for **Me gold tried in the fire,** that you may be rich...” (*Obey the Word of God uncompromised.*)

You have the “common man” (*or woman*) the men (*or women*) of high decrees and the proud, all are going to be humbled by the Hand of God. Does that leave anyone out? Hear the Word of the Lord concerning His covenant children; this is you church, **“Have ears to Hear”!**

Ezk.16:48-50 – “As I live declare the Lord God, Sodom, your sister, and her daughters, **have not done as you and your daughters have done.** Behold this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom, (*first and foremost*) **PRIDE (swelling arrogance), fullness of bread,** and **abundance of idleness** was in her and in her daughters....And they were **haughty (or be lofty, or lifted up),** and committed abominations before Me, therefore I took them away as I saw fit.” Homosexuality is not even listed here. Why?, because **PRIDE** will open the door to every other sin. Our world is not full of homosexuality yet, but it is full of prideful and haughty people. The governments of the world, including our own, are full of prideful and haughty people. Why?, because our churches are full of prideful and haughty people. Why?, because the church's pulpits are full of prideful and haughty people. As the leadership goes, so go the people. So it was with Israel, so it is with the modern church today. Hear the Word of the Lord; from the church pulpit to the church pews, from the affluent to the common man, the day is not coming, it is upon you now.

Jer.49:16 – “Your **idolatry** and the **pride of your heart** has **deceived** you, you who live in the clefts of the rock and who occupy the height of the hill. Though **you make your nest** as high as the eagles; **I will bring you down** from there declares the Lord.”

Jonah 2:8 – “You that observe **lying vanities (idols – intellectual idolatry) forsake** your own mercy.”

Are you building “your life”, your way, or your life, His way, are you doing “your thing”, your way, or **His thing,** His way, are you building “My Church” and not **His Church,** hear the Word of the Lord. **Dan. 5:30-34,37** – “The king reflected and said, Is this not Babylon the great, which **I myself have built** as a royal residence, by **the might of my power,** and for **the glory of my majesty?** While the word was in the king's mouth, a voice **came down from heaven,** sayingto you it is declared; sovereignty **has been removed from**

you, and you will be driven away from mankind, and your dwelling place will be with the beasts of the field. You **will be given** grass to eat like cattle, and seven periods of time (7yrs.) will pass over you, **until you recognize** that the Most High is **ruler over the realm of mankind**, and **bestows it on whomever** He wishes. **Immediately** the word concerning him **was fulfilled**, and he was driven away from mankind and began eating grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with the dew of heaven, until his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like bird claws. But at the **end of that 7 year period**, I Nebuchadnezzar raised my eyes toward heaven and **my reason returned to me**, and **I blessed the Most High**, and praised and honored Him who lives forever....for all **His works are true**, and **His ways just** and **He is able to humble those who walk in pride**.” Do you dare to even consider to continue in the path you have been going?

Jer.25:28-29 – “And it will be (*not maybe*), **if they refuse** to take the cup (*or message*) from your hand to drink, then you will say to them, Thus says the Lord, **you shall surely drink!** For behold, **I am beginning** to work **calamity in this city**, which is called **by My Name**, (*whose name?*) and shall you be completely free from punishment? **You will not** be free from punishment, for **I am summoning a sword** against **all the inhabitants** of the earth, declares the Lord of Hosts.”

Hear His Word! Heed His Word! Today! – Repent or Else!

Now let's look at **vs.24-25 of Isa.5**– “Therefore as the *fire devours* the stubble and the *flame consumes* the chaff, so their root shall be **as rotteness** and **their blossom** shall go up as dust, because they have *cast away (or compromised)* the **law of the Lord** of Hosts and despised (Hebrew word – *to scorn or blaspheme*) the Word of the Holy One of Israel (*translation: treated lightly absolute obedience to the Word of God*)

Therefore is the anger of the Lord kindled **against His people** and He has **stretched forth** His hand against them and has smitten them, and the mountains trembled, and their corpses lay like refuse in the middle of the streets.(remember Katrina-which means purity or purify-And every man that has this Hope in Him purieth himself, even as He is pure-How?-Seeing you have purified your souls in **obeying the Truth through the Spirit**. 1Jn 3:3, 1Peter 1:22) For all this **His anger is not spent, but His hand is stretched out still.**”

Ezk. 9:4-6 – “...go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem and put a mark on the **foreheads** of the men (*or women, or children*) who sigh, and cry over (*or take action against*) **all the abominations** (*ungodly acts or acts of disobedience*) which are being done in its midst. And to the others....go through the city after him and strike , do not let your eye have pity, and do not spare utterly slay old men, young men, maidens, little children, and women, but **do not touch** any on whom is the mark and you shall start in **My Sanctuary!** So they started with **the elders** who were *before the temple*.” Which group are you in? The marked, **The Obedient and uncompromising**, or the unmarked, **The disobedient and compromising?**

1Peter 4:17-18 – “For the time has come **that judgment must begin at the House of God;** and *if it first begin with us*, what shall the end be of them **that obey not** the Gospel of God? And *if the righteous barely are saved*, where shall the **ungodly** and **sinner** appear?” - These are two groups of people here, who are the sinners?

Let's let the Word of God answer that question.

James 5:19-20 – “My **brethren** (speaking of Christians) *if any among you strays from the truth* (or backslides in to disobedience to the Word of God) **and one turns him back**, (through repentance of the sin or sins, leading to his backslidden condition) **let him know that he who turns a sinner** (the disobedient Christian) **from the error of his way will save his soul from death** (or hell) **and will cover a multitude of sins**” (or eliminate future sins from taking place).

Ps.125:3 – “For the rod of the wicked will not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous (or unless the righteous) put forth their hands unto **iniquity** (known willful sin).”

2Sam.7:14 – “I will be his Father and he will be My son. If he commits **iniquity** I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes (or blows) of the children of men.”

Ps.89:30-32 – “If his children forsake My law (compromised obedience) and walk not in My commandments, then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their **iniquity** with stripes.”

Take note that all three of these scriptures refer to iniquity – not unknown things, but willful sinning. Knowing those things of right from wrong, being obedient or disobedient, and doing the wrong or disobedient action anyway. I would venture to say not many, if any, of you reading this document have these verses of scripture underlined and high-lighted in your Bible. Why?, because you have become conditioned to the fluffy-feel-good preaching of our day.

Make no deceptive mistake, the stinging chastising hand of God will move upon this church generation as their eyes have never seen before giving them the opportunity to, **Matt.3:2** - “**Repent** for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand”, so that they can, **Luke 3:8** - “**Produce fruit** in keeping with repentance”, because **Luke 3:9** - “The axe is laid at the root of the trees”, and **Luke 3:17** - “His winnowing fork is in His hand to clean His threshing floor.” **Rev.1:3** – “For the time is at hand.”

Now let’s look at the meaning of the puzzle pieces;

- 1) The oak trees falling in different directions – is speaking of what’s ahead that will touch everyone – no exceptions.
- 2) The oak trees in the water and out of the water are speaking of those in and outside of His Church
- 3) The older and younger oak trees are speaking of the older and younger generations.
- 4) The wind is the Spirit of God blowing on His church with an exposing and chastising hand.
- 5) The exposed rotten roots of the blown over trees is the hidden sin that has defiled your garments. Confess and repent of it immediately or God will expose it publicly. - Change your walk, today!
- 6) The blooms on the trees are to bring forth fruit, either produce fruit or the blooms will be blown away as dust, and you will be cut down and thrown into the fire; in other words, you will be left behind at the rapture of the church, only to perish during the tribulation period.
- 7.) The trees being in different locations and properties shows that God is going to treat each defilement, according to the individual, and each individual depending on how they respond, will determine their own outcome.
- 8) Genesis Rd. and the 8 blooming trees – means that it has begun!

Now let’s look even closer at #8 on that list concerning this chastening.

Israel’s journey is the churches journey; the next years will be marked by “**suddenly**” in every direction. This pertains to things in or out of the church body. The **stinging** chastising hand of the Lord will be upon **His children**, to “destroy the flesh if necessary, in order that the soul be saved,” none of His own will be exempt. His hand of chastisement will be upon the Apostles, the Prophets, the Teachers, the Evangelists, the Pastors, the Leaders and the Laymen. **Dan. 11:35** - “Now those of understanding **will fall**, in order to **to refine**, and **to purge** and to **make white** to the time of the end.” **Rev.3:18** – “I counsel you to **buy of Me gold tried in fire** (*absolute submission in obedience to the Word of God*) that you may be rich, and white raiment, that you may be clothed, and that the **shame of your nakedness** does not appear and **anoint your eyes** with eye salve, that **you may see.**” **Rev.16:15** – “...Blessed is he that **watches and keeps** (*guards from lost or injury*) his garments,

lest he walk naked and they see his shame.” How do you shorten your stay in this chastising? Immediately open your mouth and confess the sin (*acknowledge*) and Repent of the sin, (*turn totally away, never return*). Saying when the Lord calls to you, **1Sam. 3:10** - “Speak Lord, for **your servant hears.**”(see **Heb.4:12**) When you hear; instantly obey, no delay, for those who choose to hang on to the things of Egypt (*sin*) will perish with the cattle of Egypt and be left behind. And those who choose to walk in covenant, no blindness or deception of any kind, or no defiled garments of disobedience of any kind, will not see their cattle destroyed as well as being in the raptured remnant. **Ex.9:1-4** - “Then the Lord said to Moses, Go to Pharaoh (*government*) and tell him, thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews, Let My people go that they may serve Me. **If you refuse** to let them go and still hold them, Behold, **the hand of the Lord will fall** upon your **livestock**, which are out in the field, upon the **horses**, the **donkeys**, the **camels**, the **herds**, and the **flocks**, there will be a **very severe plague**. But the Lord will **make a distinction** between the livestock of Israel (*the obedient righteous remnant*) and the livestock of Egypt (*the disobedient lukewarm*) and **nothing shall die of all that belongs** to the sons of Israel.”

Depending upon where you are currently in your obedient walk with the Lord, you could see “all that belongs to you” removed or lost, partially removed or lost or none of the above. **Ps.94:12-13** - “Blessed is the man whom You chasten, O Lord, and teach him out of Your law (*or Word*), that You may grant him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit is dug for the wicked.” **Ps.84:11** - “For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord will give grace and glory, no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.”(see **Dan.6:28** and **Jer. 15:11**)

Acts 17:31- “Therefore having overlooked the time of ignorance, God is now declaring to men, that **all everywhere** should **repent**, because He has **fixed a day** in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed.”

Isa.10:5-6 - “O Assyrian the rod of **My** anger, and the staff in their hand is **My** indignation. **I** will send you against a **hypocritical nation** and against the people of **My** wrath (*this is His covenant children*) and I will give him charge to **take spoil**, to **take prey**, and **to tread them down** like the mire of the streets.”

Hab.1:12 - ”...You O Lord has appointed them to Judge and O Mighty God, you have established them for correction.”

Isa.26:9 - “For when Your judgments are in the earth the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.” God is not out of mercy, but He is out of time. (*We will look at Gods time table when we look at His appointed times, the seven Feasts. This will completely remove the mystery of “no man knows the hour or the day”.*)

Rev.3:19 - “As many as I love I *rebuke* and *chasten*; **be zealous therefore and repent.**” **Heb. 12:5-6, 10-11** - “And **you have forgotten the exhortation** which speaks to you **as children**, My son **despise not** the **chastening** of the Lord, nor **faint** when you **are rebuked** of Him, for whom *the Lord loves* He **chastens and scourges every son** (*those saved*) whom He receives. **IF** you **endure** chastening, (*note the conditional promise*), God deals with you as with sons....but, **IF you are without chastisement**, whereof all sons are partakers, then you are **illegitimate children** and not sons”(never saved to begin with) “For they (*our earthly father*) **disciplined** us for a short time as seemed best to them. But He (*our Heavenly Father*) **for our good**, that we might be **partakers** of His Holiness. Now **no chastening** for the present seems to be joyous, **but grievous**; nevertheless **afterward** it yields the **peaceable fruit of righteousness unto those which are trained by it.**” Are you willing to be trained?

Lev. 26:23-25,27-28,31 - “And **IF** you will **not be reformed** by Me by these things, but determined to **walk contrary** to Me, then I also will walk **contrary unto you**, and will punish you seven times more for your sins, and **I will bring a sword** upon you, that will **execute vengeance for My covenant**, and when you are gathered together within your cities, **I will send** the pestilence among you and **you will be delivered into** the hand of

your enemies. And **IF** you will not for all this, hearken unto Me, (*in absolute obedience*) but walk contrary unto Me, then **I will chastise you seven times more** for your sins. And **I will lay waste** your cities and will make your **sanctuaries desolate** (*or churches*), and I **will not smell** the savour of your sweet odours” (*no answered prayers, He’s not listening*). Why? **Isa.59:2** - “Your iniquities (known, willful sin) **have made a separation** between you and your God and **your sins have hidden** His face from you, so that **He will not to hear.**”

Mal.2:7-14,16 - There is weeping and groaning at My altar, yet to no avail, Why? Because of unfaithfulness to obey My complete Word, **“being partial”, “with many stumbling in it”, and “have profaned the covenant”, “Judah (the house of praise and worship) has dwelt treacherously and an abomination has been committed”**....for **“Judah (the house of praise and worship) has profaned My Holiness”**... **“The Lord will cut off the one who does this. And regards not the offering anymore.”**, **“Therefore keep a watch upon your spirit”,** that it may be controlled by My Spirit, **“that you deal not faithlessly.”** (Or disobediently) Charismatic’s, you who pride yourselves on being Judah the house of praise and worship, need to heed this warning.

Lev. 26:40-42. - . But, ...”**IF** they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their forefathers in **their unfaithfulness** (compromised walk) which they committed against Me, and that also **they have walked contrary to Me**, and that I also have **walked contrary to them**...**IF then** their uncircumcised hearts be humble and **THEY THEN ACCEPT THE PUNISHMENT** (consequences)of their iniquity, **THEN I WILL REMEMBER MY COVENANT.**” **Col.3:25** - “For he who does wrong **will receive the consequences** of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.” Confession and forgiveness of sin will never negate the consequences. Walk through the consequences, being thankful that your heavenly Father loves you enough to chasten you.

Hear the Word of the Lord!

Isa. 59:18-10 – “According to their deeds, so He will repay, wrath to **His adversaries**, (Re-read Heb.10:26-31 to refresh your memory to God’s adversaries.) recompense to His enemies **to the coastlands** He will make recompense. So they will **Fear the name of the Lord** from **the west** and His glory from the rising of the sun (or east), for He will come like a rushing stream, which the **wind of the Lord drives**. And a Redeemer **will come to Zion**, and to those **who turn** (or repent) from transgression (or sin) declares the Lord.”(He comes to whom?)

Deut.28:47-50 – “Because you did not serve (in absolute uncompromised obedience in all things) the Lord your God, with joyfulness and gladness of heart, **for the abundance of all things**, therefore you will **serve your enemies** whom **the Lord shall send against you**, in hunger, thirst, nakedness, and in the **lack of all things**, and He will (not maybe) put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you. **The Lord** will (not maybe) **bring a nation against you from a far**, from the end of the **earth, as the eagle** swoops down a nation **whose tongue you will not understand**. A nation of **fierce countenance**, who will have **not respect for the old**, nor show **favor to the young**, and he will **besiege you in all your towns** until your high and lofty walls **in which you trusted come down** throughout your land, and it will (*not maybe*) besiege you in all your towns throughout your land which the Lord your God has given you. And it will (*not maybe*) come about that as the Lord **rejoices over you to do you good**, and to multiply you, so the Lord will **rejoice over you to destroy you** and to bring you to nothing, and you will be plucked from off the land you go to possess. And among these nations (*of where you are, or find yourself*) you will find **no ease**, neither will the sole of your foot **find rest**. **The Lord** will give you **a despairing heart**, eyes weary for longing, and an **anxious mind**. Your life will hang in doubt before you, and **you will fear** day and night and will have no assurance of your life.”

Jer.25:14,17-18,28-29 – “For many nations and great Kings shall make slaves of them (*China, Japan and others own most of Americas debt, not to mention the oil*). **Pro.22:7** – “...*the borrower is servant to the lender*) and I will (not maybe) recompense them **according to their deeds** and according to **the work of their hands**.

Then I (Jeremiah) took the cup at the Lords hand and made all the nations (*or places*) drink it to whom the Lord had sent me. Jerusalem and cities of Judah, (*being the guiltiest because their privileges were the greatest*) its Kings and Princes, (*speaking of those in government rule*) to make them a desolation, a hissing and a curse... And it will be (*not maybe*), if they refuse to take the cup from your hand to drink, then you will say to them, thus says the Lord of Hosts, you shall surely drink! For behold, I am beginning to work calamity in this city which is called by My name and shall you be completely free from punishment? You will not be free from punishment, for I am summoning a sword against all the inhabitation (*who does all leave out?*) of the earth.”

Prov.16:4-5 – “The Lord works out everything to his own ends, even the wicked for a day of disaster. Everyone that is **proud** in heart is an **abomination** to the Lord (*the proud in heart are those who refuse to submit themselves totally to the will of the Father in a absolute obedience, to the Word of God*) **be sure** of this, they **will not go unpunished**”

Jer.6:11-13 – “...pour it out on the children in the street and on the gathering of young men together, for both husband and wife shall be caught in it, the aged and the very old. **Their houses shall be turned over to others, their fields and their wives together.** For I will stretch out My hand against the inhabitants of the land, declares the Lord, from the least of them even to the greatest of them, **everyone is greedy for gain.** (*or given to covetousness*), (*who does everyone leave out?*).

Isa.5:8-10 – “Woe to (*if the Bible is sending a ‘woe’ your way, it is serious*) **those who add house to house and join field to field until there is no more room**, so that you have to live alone in the midst of the land. In my ears says the Lord of Hosts, of a truth, many **houses shall become desolate, even great and fine ones without occupants.** For ten acres of vineyard will yield only about eight gallons of wine and ten bushels of seed will produce only one bushel in return.” (*In other words your money is not going to go as far as it use to. The prices of everyday commodities, that use to be reasonable, are now out of proportion and greatly inflated. Sound familiar?*)

I remind you now, as I often will, **that what God has done in the past, is what He will do today and tomorrow**, get that locked into your brain. As has been stated before, God’s judgments do not carry partiality with them.

Col.3:25 – “But he who has done wrong shall receive for the wrong which he has done, and there is no respect of persons.”

You may be saying ...no wait a minute, this stuff is Old Testament judgments, we are in the New Testament church, the Bible says in, **Gal.3:13** - “That Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law.” That’s exactly correct, but not within the context of your thinking in how you have been taught. Remember early on we talked about **wrong information** led to **wrong beliefs** causing **wrong decisions**, creating **wrong results**.

There are probably not 1 in 10,000 Christians that truly understand what is being said here. “He that has ears to hear let him hear.” The curse that is being spoken of here is **judgment**, quick, immediate, precise judgment. Now bear with me, and I’ll explain it so there will be no mistaking it.

In the Old Testament, if you were caught in the act of adultery, you were taken out that day and stoned to death. The offended spouse was free to remarry that evening.

In **Joshua 6 & 7**, you have in symbolism, a type of the tithe. A fellow by the name of Achan, took some of the devoted things (*tithes*) from the 1st city Israel conquered. **Joshua 6:17-19** –“And the city shall be under the ban (*God’s tithe never has and never will be yours*) at and all that is in it **belong to the Lord**... But as for you, only keep yourselves from the things under the ban (*or tithe*), lest you covet them and take some of the things under the ban (*or spend them yourself*), so you would make the camp of Israel accursed and bring trouble on it. But all the silver and gold and articles of bronze and iron (*the tithe*) are holy to the Lord, they shall go into the treasury (*the church*) of the Lord.” Our tithe is to be the **first of the first** of our income; **Ex.22:29** - “You **shall not delay** to offer the first of your ripe fruit.” **Ex.23:19** - “The first of the first fruits of your land you shall

bring into the House of the Lord your God.” God desires nothing of the second or third, but the first. You see after you get paid, the first check you write is the tithe, not if there’s any left or even the 3rd or 4th it’s the first of the first, and you are going to see God’s mindset on the matter. Israel was defeated before their enemies because of this. Joshua fell on his face before God, and God told him to get up, His covenant had been violated or disobeyed.

Find the perpetrator. Also, notice in verse 12, that what was the Holy tithe or “devoted things” before Achan took them (*or you spend it*) has now become a cursed thing. **Jos.7:10-12** –“...rise up! Why is it that you have fallen on your face? (*in prayer and petition*) Israel has sinned, they have **transgressed my covenant** which I command them (*disobeyed the Word of God*) and they have even taken some of the things under the ban (*the tithe*) and **have both stolen** and deceived. Moreover they have also put them with their own things. Therefore the sons of Israel **cannot stand before their enemies**, for **they have become accursed**. **I will not be with you anymore** unless you **destroy the things** under the ban from your midst.”

Jos7:24-25 – “And Joshua and all Israel with him, took Achan, son of Zerah (*Achan, by the way means, troublesome. How important is it what you name your children? Very!*), and the silver, the garment, the wedge of gold (*the tithe*), his sons, his daughters, his oxen, his donkeys, his sheep, his tent (*or house*) and all that he had...and Joshua said, Why have you brought trouble on us? **The Lord will trouble you this day**. And all Israel stoned him with stones and those with him and afterwards burned their bodies with fire.” Again it was swift, immediate judgment. The law is very clean, quick and precise. You don’t tithe, you say. Then thank God your under grace right now, I will come back to this tithe issue at a future day. I assure you, you do not have the whole truth about Biblical tithing.

What I want you to see in these two examples is that judgment came quickly. Now because of the blood of Christ and the age of the dispensation of grace, you now are given time and space to repent before judgment of the law. God will always extend mercy (*time or space to repent*) to you, because of Christ, before judgment; always. It does not alleviate the judgment, it only delays judgment, if you do not repent and cease from the infraction or sin. **Rev.2:21-22** – “I gave her **space to repent** of her fornication (*spiritual adultery*), and she repented not. Behold I will cast her into a bed (*of judgment*) and them that commit adultery (*spiritual adultery*, - I’ll come back to this in the days ahead) with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.”

This, my friends, is the curse of the law, not what most of you believe because of what you have been taught. **Wrong information=wrong beliefs=wrong choices=wrong results** All other curses are alive and well. Do not deceive yourself into believing a lie.

You may be saying; Wait a minute, I’ve been taught that the Bible says, **Rom.8:1** - “There is therefore now no more condemnation (*damnation or judgment*) to them which are in Christ Jesus.”

That is exactly correct, but the finish to that verse is the condition to the promise. “**Who walk not after** the flesh (*or in disobedience*), but after the Spirit (*or obedience*)

Gal.5:25 – “If we live in the Spirit let us also **walk** (*draw up in a line*) in the Spirit.” “Jesus said if you love me keep My commandments”, obey My Word. People want the blessings of Abraham, but not the curses. All that you see going on right now before your very eyes and on the news of this financial disaster, is written in the Law of God, His Word. You think you can scoff at His Word and not obey it fully and puff yourself up and say I’m under grace!

Hear the Word of God, not mans opinions, **Luke 20:18** – “Whosoever will fall upon that stone (*Jesus*) will (not maybe) be broken, but on **whomsoever it will fall**, it will grind him to powder.” **Jer.23:29** – “Is not My Word like fire? And like a hammer that breaks the rock to pieces?”

Here is a **picture** of Christ given to both Daniel and John **Dan.7:9** and **Rev. 1:12-17** – “And I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me. And having turned I saw seven **golden lampstands** (*churches*) and in the

middle of the lampstands one like unto the Son of Man (*Jesus*) clothed in a robe reaching to the feet; and girded across His breast with a golden girdle. His head and His hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes were as a flame of fire. And **His feet like unto fine brass** (*brass is symbolic of judgment*) as if they burned in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters, and He had in His right hand seven stars (*angels*) and out of His mouth went a **two-edged sword** (*The Word of God, notice 'a', singular, sword*) and His countenance was as the **sun shining in its strength**, (*See Acts 9:3-6*) And when I saw Him **I fell at His feet as dead**, and He laid His right hand upon me, saying Fear not, I am the first and the last.”

Let’s look also at **Rev. 2:18** – “And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; these things says the Son of God, who has His eyes **like unto a flame of fire**, and **His feet like fine brass**.” Remember what we said in document #1 about symbolism in the Old Testament? **Ex.30:18** – “You shall also make a laver of brass (*symbol of the Word of God*) and **his foot** (*King James uses a personal pronoun, which is correct*) also of brass, for washing, and you will put it between the tabernacle and the altar, and you will put water in it.” **Ex.38:8** – “And he made the **laver of brass**, and the **foot of it brass**, and of the looking glasses (*or mirrors*) of the serving women, who served at the door of the tabernacle.” **Eph. 5:26** – “That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing **by The Word**.”

What’s the point in all this? When you don’t take a bath and wash but instead hang on to your sin or disobedience, just as the outside of the laver was made of brass symbolizing judgment, so when you don’t allow the Word of God to wash you through confession and repentance of a sin, but instead hang on to it, **“Judge yourself that you be not judged”**, then just as the brass on the outside of the laver symbolic judgment, and if the Priest walked past the laver into the Holy Place without washing, God killed him and there was no ‘appeals court’ **Judgment delayed is not judgment denied**.

John was seeing Jesus, not as the Lamb of God, but as Judge, and it literally scared him to death. He was not bowing in reverential fear as I have heard Pastor after Pastor preach. You had better get a balanced picture of Jesus; **The Lamb**, **The Lion**, and **The Judge** before it’s too late. Receive it now, because rest assured, one day you will see it at the Great White Throne Judgment of the deceived dead.

Now let’s continue with **Hebrews 10:26-31** – “For **if** we (*believers in Christ*) go on sinning willfully (*this means you know it’s a sin, but you just keep doing it over and over again*) **after receiving** (or coming to) the knowledge (Greek word used here for *knowledge is saving knowledge, getting saved*) of the truth **there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, but a certain terrifying expectation of **judgment** (Greek word used here is *tribunal of law or damnation*) and the fury of a fire which will **consume the adversaries** (*or breakers of the law of God*). Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses, (*These were children of the covenant.*) **How much severer** punishment do you think he will deserve who has **trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant** (How? – By continuing in the same sin.) by which he **was sanctified** (*this doesn’t say by which you can be sanctified this is speaking of one who has been sanctified*) and has done **despite** (*or insult*) the **Spirit of grace**? For we know Him who said vengeance is mine, I will repay, and again; **The Lord will judge His people**. It is a **terrifying thing** to fall into the hands of the living God.”

This is not reverential fear, it means fear. **Ps.119:20** – “**MY flesh trembles** (Hebrew word – *to be erect, bristles*. – ever seen the hackles raised on the back of a dog?) **for Fear** (Hebrew word – *in the sense of feeling great terror of fear*) **of thee, and I am afraid** (Hebrew word – *to fear or frighten*) **of Your judgments**.” Jesus speaking to **His disciples** said in **Matt.10:28** – “Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul, but rather Fear Him who is able to **destroy both soul and body in hell**.” Are you going to have a **reverential fear** towards someone who is about to take your life? No it is Fear – Real Fear! I’m coming back to this subject at a later date, but this is one of the main reasons that the modern church does not obey the Word of God – **No Fear of Him**. Never mistake or misunderstand the difference between having a spirit of fear and the Fear of God.

The Greek word for judgment in this verse is the same word used in these other three verses, which leaves no doubt of what is being said. – “Damnation”

2Peter 2:4 – “For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness to be reserved unto **judgment**.”

2Peter 3:7 – “But the heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the **Day of Judgment** and destruction of ungodly men.”

Rev. 14:7 – “Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God**, and give glory to Him, for the hour of **His judgment** is come...”

This is the Word of God, not a man’s opinion. **Hear it! Heed it! And take warning from it.**

At what kind of price do you desire to hang on to your disobedience? Rise up every morning from this day forward thanking God for loving you enough to chasten you, to refine and to purge and to make your garments white, no matter what the cost. **Gen.3:12** – “And the man said, the woman you gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree and I ate.” In the garden and now, man has been blaming others for their situations, not wanting to take accountability for their own actions. The government, Wall St., their spouse, their friends, Their Pastor, their boss, their fellow workers, and some even dig up the bones of the deceased in order to keep blaming them.

“It’s just not my fault! We cry.

When we blame God - we separate ourselves from the only power that can help us.

When we blame others - our relationships become strained and unfruitful.

The flesh Blames and -

Never affirms ----- it assaults

Never restores ----- it wounds

Never solves ----- it complicates

Never unites ----- it separates

Never smiles ----- it frowns

Never forgives ----- it rejects

Never forgets ----- it bitterly remembers

Never builds ----- it only destroys

Only curses the darkness----- Never lights a candle

Prov.12:18 - “Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”

Prov.13:3 – “He that keeps his mouth keeps his life, but he that opens wide his lips will have ruin.”

Gal.5:24 – “And they that are Christ’s have (*not- ‘maybe will’*) crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

During bible days crucifixion was the most merciless form of death and is the exact picture given to us of how to deal with the flesh. That which is dead does not rear its head up again and say “I’m back” – it’s dead; crucified mercilessly. Crucify your flesh today and stop the blame game. Surrendered and crucified areas produce fruit or evidence that they are surrendered and crucified. Self-deception would be believing in the opposite. Where are you right now?

Hear the Word of the Lord, for it is written **Jer.2:7-8**– “I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof, but when you entered, you defiled My land, and My inheritance you made an abomination. The priests said not, where is the Lord? And they that handle the law knew Me not (*professed Christ but do not possess Christ*) pastors also transgresses against Me, and the prophets prophesized by Baal (*or by the graven image they carved out in their own minds*) and walked after the things that do not profit.”

You probably have not yet read the Nov. 2005 documents. When you do, pay special attention to the “table of different articles”. The Wind of God may have already blown your table over once, and you didn’t realize what

was going on. **DO NOT** attempt to put things back the way they were. ‘Let the husbandman do His work’. Let me also bring to your attention from the document titled “Clouds” – ‘This is how the days ahead will be, I will speak and then remove My conscious presence of My self, to see if you will obey Me.’ Faith is the currency of heaven, you get nothing without it. You must act and do before you see anything. Because after you see it, faith is not required. You may be asking; ‘What abomination (*or acts of disobedience*) are on my table of articles?’ If you don’t know today (*or currently*) you will tomorrow (*or in the days ahead*). Take them to the Cross of Christ, and crucify them, do not try to explain it away, lest the consequences of such actions will be a price far greater than you ever wanted to pay. **2Chron.16:9** – “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, (*Why?*) **to show Himself strong** (*in your weakened circumstances*) in the behalf of those whose heart is perfect towards Him.” **Ps.5:12** – “For You Lord, will bless (*not maybe*) the righteous (*the right living ones through Christ, that obey His commands*), with favor, You will surround him as with a shield.” **2Tim.2:21-22** – If a man (**conditional promise**) purge (*clean out, get rid of*) himself from these (*from what? – Iniquities – vs.19 – evil, wrong doing, unrighteousness*) he shall (*not maybe*) be a vessel unto honor, sanctified useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. Now flee youthful lusts (*which encompasses more than sexual*) pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, with those **who call on the Lord from a pure heart.**”

Whether you are a person ruled by your flesh or by the Spirit, days of trouble will reveal it. It will reveal what is really in you, not the mask you have been wearing in public. The flesh man will cry out, Lord deliver me from this! Remove it, take it away! The Spirit man will cry out Lord, be glorified in this! Show yourself strong; teach me out of Your law!

In which camp are you?

A very small percentage of you reading this understand the significance of the observance, or the keeping of the Seven Feasts. I’ll get into this in more detail later, but for now:

During this Holy Week of the feast of Passover, Unleavened Bread and First Fruits (*April 9-15 in 2009*) is a fulfilled bible prophecy picture of the death,-burial,-and resurrection of Jesus Christ. You may be saying; ‘observance of such things was under the law and we are under grace’. That’s because of what you have been taught based on a Western mind set concerning “Law”. You see in Hebrew the word **Torah** (which is the first five books of the Bible) means “*teaching (unto life), instruction, or law*”. It comes from the Hebrew word ‘**varah**’ which means – “*to take aim and hit the mark*” as in an archer. In this light you would do well to understand that in the New Testament ‘to sin’ is the Greek word **hamartia** – “*any act contrary to the will and Law of God*”. It comes from the Greek word **hamartano** which means – “*to miss the mark*”. Coincidence? I don’t think so!

Let’s look at just one or two points concerning the Feast of Unleavened Bread. **Ex.12:14-17** – “So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord (*as a feast to who?*), throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel (*or stoned to death*). On the first day there shall be a Holy convocation, and on the seventh there shall be a Holy convocation for you. No manner of work shall be done on them, but that which everyone must eat, that only may be prepared by you. So you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this same day I will have brought you out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance.”

Why was God’s judgment so harsh concerning the leaven? Because the leaven represents the pride and arrogance of men who think that they can set themselves above the Law of God and by the modern church standards of today the eating of leavened bread during this (*Passover*) festival week, is laughably unimportant.

God however is giving a very real picture to all generations. He is saying that He has zero tolerance for sin.

1Cor.5:6 – “Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven (*sin-pride*) leavens (*or puffs up, contaminates*) the whole lump?”

So in a nutshell... What is the message behind the keeping of the feast? That after Passover (*redemption*) is to be followed by a Holy life and right living (*righteousness*). Take some time to reflect and ask your self.... ‘Am I an example of one of the first fruits of Christ?’ ‘Am I walking in the fullness of His will?’ ‘Am I teaching others by my very life to “observe all things whatsoever He has commanded”? or ‘Am I one of those who winks at sin and breaks the Law of God with a smile on my face, smoothing over my conscious with, “after all, we are just sinners saved by grace”?’

Heavenly Father, help us to be aware of current sins in our lives. Remind each of us that as a Christian we represent Jesus Christ on this earth, and our name is intimately wrapped up in Jesus’ reputation. Thank you that He arose on the day of the Feast of First Fruits to bring life to millions

I know that this has been a “full” and challenging document, one that should keep you very busy in the process of refinement and purification, and we will get deeper into this chastening of the Lord next time. So until next time;

May the blessings of God be upon you as you obey Him fully.

Until He Comes,
Michael Johnson

Michael Johnson Ministries
E-mail; fromthewall@yahoo.com

P.S. 98% of this document was penned in Feb. 2009, however, due to computer problems, and a ruptured appendix with emergency surgery on Mar. 8th, our 34th wedding anniversary, things got a little delayed. I will share the testimony of this experience at the proper time in the season ahead.





“Many are called, but few chosen.” Mt.22:14

M

Ezk.3:10, 11, 17, 25-27 “...all My words that I shall speak unto you receive in your heart and hear with your ears, and go get you to them of the captivity, unto the children of your people, speak to them and tell them, Thus says the Lord God; whether they hear or refuse to hear....I have made you a watchman unto the house....therefore hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me.” “....behold, ropes will be put upon you and you will be bound with them so that you can not go out among the people. And I will make your tongue cleave to the roof of your mouth so that you cannot be a reprover of the people, for they are a rebellious house. But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth and you will say to the people, thus says the Lord God, he who hears let him hear, he who refuses to hear let him refuse, for they are a rebellious house.” Amos 7:14-15 “...I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit and the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy to my people....”

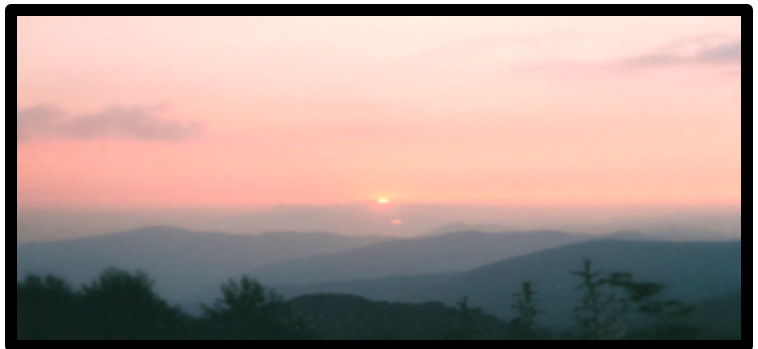
In 2005 after 22 years of growing fruits and vegetables, and the most prosperous year in farming ever, the Lord instructed Michael to leave their 100 acre farming operation by selling and/or giving everything away, and go to a place that He would show him.

So in the spring of 2006 Michael and his wife Donna did just that. They walked out with the clothes on their back, pictures, and items of ministry, “To make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

They currently live on the Cumberland Plateau in the small mountain community of Mt. Zion in Grandview, Tn. near Crossville



“Some sow the seed, some water, but it is God who gives the increase.” (1Corth. 3:6



“...Hebron became the Inheritance of Caleb...because he fully followed the Lord...” Joshua 14:14