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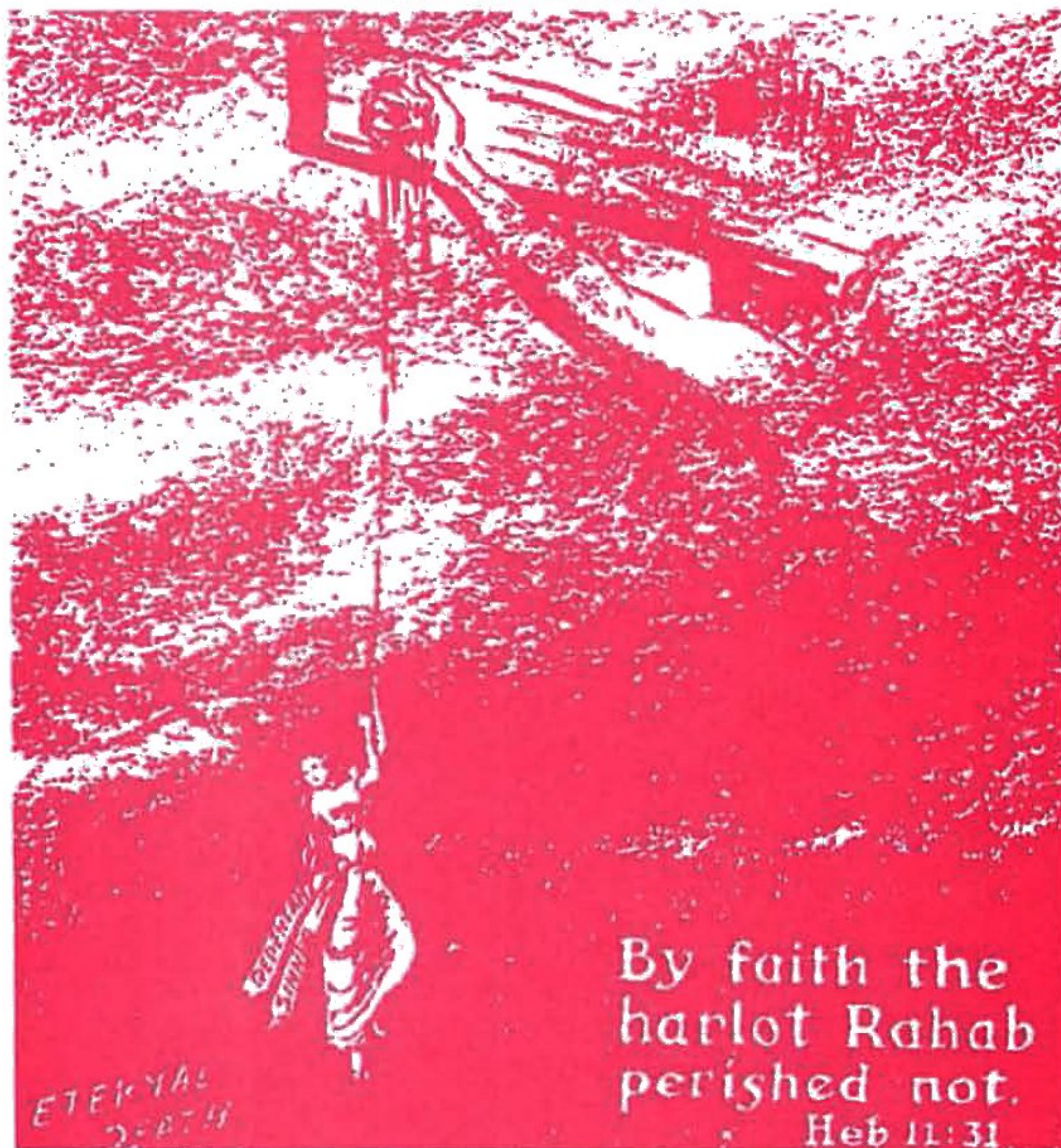


**W**hen Christ,  
who is our life,  
shall appear,  
then shall ye  
also appear with  
him in glory.  
COLOSSIANS 3:4

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## The Scarlet Cord



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“**A**nd ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake:  
but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.”

Matt. 10:22

“Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall  
kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.”

Matt. 24:9

The above texts testify loudly of the rampant hatred which has been leveled against Israel down through the ages and will escalate further in the closing days of this Church Age. Hatred against God's Chosen people is front and center in our day and even the most casual of observers should have no problem recognizing it. Matthew 10 records Jesus' instructions when He sent the disciples to minister specifically to the nation of Israel, and the animosity against them was surely manifest at the time then present. The prophecy of Matt. 24, however, describes such hatred deep into the tribulation period wherein it will escalate into massive martyrdom just prior to the end of this most devastating era. Jesus declared in V. 13, that "...he that shall endure unto the end, (of that time) the same shall be saved," meaning that there will be some who will physically survive this awesome time of judgment and will continue on, alive and well, into the millennium. Notice further the 1000 year reign of Christ will follow immediately for, "...this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (the end of time after the millennium) Matt. 24:14 The end recorded in V. 13 marks the complete end of the tribulation period and means that Israel as a nation will have been born in one day and will now fulfill the great commission, for it is at this time that the prophecy of Matt. 28:18-19 will actually be realized. Jesus will have come to power as King of kings, and Lord of lords, and this ministry of Israel will be fulfilled during the Millennium. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:"

The hatred against Israel at this present hour is quite obvious but the source of it may be a bit harder to comprehend. Jesus said "...ye shall be hated of **all men...**and ye shall be hated of **all nations...**" How can such statements be reconciled with the fact that there will be nations who most assuredly do not hate Israel but have rather measured up to the criteria demanded for becoming a sheep nation? "And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: ... Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, (Israel) ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:33-40 All nations of the world will be judged or evaluated as to how they have treated this very select people of God.

4 Likewise, how can all men be accused of hating Israel when Paul specifically tells us that every Gentile Christian owes a debt of gratitude to them? It is "...rather through their (Israel's) fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles,...Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, ...how much more their fulness? For I speak to you Gentiles,..." Rom. 11:11-13 The apostle also led the way in demonstrating love for his own people even to the point that "...I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:" Rom. 9:3

The key to Jesus declaration in regard to the hatred expressed by both individual men and the nations, lies in the little word "...of..." Israel shall be hated "...of all men...and of all nations," meaning that there are certain factions in every tongue, kindred, people, and nation who do bear such hatred, but that does not include the whole.

Sister Bodie wrote of the attitudes toward Israel immediately after she declared herself a nation in May of 1948. The quote below is from the June issue of that same year.

**"JEWS PUT OVER A JEWISH STATE. IS THAT NOT A STRIKING SIGN?** It's thrilling and significant. And they are going to make the world acknowledge them as a nation with a government. Truman has already done so, but Britain so far has not recognized its existence. In fact, they are helping the Arabs in their resistance against Israel. We surely cannot understand that attitude toward the people to whom they have

promised the land of Palestine. They are indebted to them for the help they obtained from them during World War I. Dr. Chaim Weizman, a Jewish chemist gave them the formula for the deadly explosive T. N. T. which changed the destiny of the war. For his payment he requested, "Palestine for his people, Israel," but up to the present --- they have refused to keep this solemn obligation. We say we cannot understand, that a once Christian nation would be so oblivious to their word in this respect, knowing that the Bible declares that Palestine belongs to Israel. God will judge Britain for this attitude. In fact, all the living nations will be judged according to their treatment of these ancient people. The Lord has a special place and favor for them in the coming age. They are a witness to the world that God is true and will fulfill His Word. He has declared that He would scatter Israel into all the world and He has done it, but He has also said, that He would gather them from all the world --- and this is what is before us now. The tide is turning. Israel is retracing her steps. They will finally get their land. It is secured to them by the edict of God --- The Word of the Living Eternal God has been declared --- and that Word cannot be broken. "The wandering Jew" is coming home, nevermore to wander."

The "resistance" against Israel in 1948 has escalated into unadulterated hatred in 2019. NPR published this headline: **"Minnesota Congresswoman Ignites Debate On Israel And Anti-Semitism"** Then follows the article explaining that, "... the House passed a resolution to condemn "anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, racism and other forms of bigotry" in an effort to tamp down the uproar over Minnesota Democratic Rep. Ilhan Omar's criticism of Israel... The resolution does not mention Omar by name but appears targeted at her recent remarks and their fallout. This is the second time the House voted on a resolution denouncing *hate speech* following controversial comments by Omar that lawmakers said played into anti-Semitic tropes, although she was not named in either measure." Many have complained that this measure was simply a "watered down" bill designed to denounce hate in general, but failed to come anywhere near leveling any kind of rebuke against Rep. Ilhan. It was meant to completely obscure the real issue, which was hatred against Israel. CBS, explained that Ms. Omar "A proponent of the BDS — Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions — movement aimed at putting economic and political pressure on Israel over its treatment of

Palestinians,... first tweeted...that money was driving U.S. politicians to defend Israel.” Despite the fact that the congresswoman has “apologized,” the conflict rages on because it seems that many more of her comments are forthcoming by the day, and some have even jumped to the congresswoman’s defense declaring her to be the victim.

Ours is a day of “political correctness,” and one dare not criticize “religion” of any group or faction. However, it must be emphasized that Jesus’ declaration concerning hatred toward Israel is that “ye shall be hated...**for my name’s sake...**” It surely cannot be said that this hatred is because Israel has now accepted her Messiah, for that has not come to pass, nor will it happen until well into the tribulation period. Hatred “...for my name’s sake...” is simply a reference to the fact that this Satanic hatred is directed against the **GOD** of Israel! This has been the case down through the ages, and it is clearly manifest throughout the book of Revelation as summed up in Rev. 16:9. “And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.” Men hate God and reject Him, **period!** Such animosity is then directed toward His people because God Himself is inaccessible to them.

God has always had a great controversy with the “gods of this world.” He denounced Baal, along with the gods of the Egyptians, the Philistines, the Canaanites, the Amorites and countless others. Today, it has been suggested that the Muslim god “Allah” is the same as Jehovah, The God of all creation, known to all Jews and Christians, but that is in no wise the case. Scripture is very plain in indentifying “the true God.” God chided Judah through the prophet Azariah, during the reign of Asa who was king in Jerusalem. “Now for a long season Israel hath been without the **true God**, and without a teaching priest, and without law.” II Chron. 15:3 Jesus defined Him in John 17:3, declaring plainly that, “... this is life eternal, that they might know thee the **only true God**, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” John gives us this account: “And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ.

This is the **true God**, and eternal life.” I John 5:20 The Son is identified with the Father in being The True God. Every false religion around the world has this one thing in common: They all deny Jesus The Son Of God! The foregoing verses emphatically explain that none can know the “true God” without going through the Son. There is no possible way these ungodly religions can be acquainted with The True God if they will not receive Jesus!

The test set forth by Isaiah would challenge Allah or any other god of this world to prove themselves. “Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. (Israel) Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be,... Shew the things that are to come hereafter, **that we may know that ye are gods**: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, (amazed or bewildered) and behold it together.” Isa. 41:21-23 Has the Muslim god or any other god of this world been held to this standard? Can any of them prophesy future events and then bring them to pass? The remainder of this chapter, along with Isaiah 44, presents one example of the fact that God can do what He told the prophets to do, for He prophesied of Cyrus the King of Persia who would liberate the Jews and restore the temple in Jerusalem after the Babylonish captivity. This is remarkable because such a prophecy was made long before Judah was even taken captive by Babylon. All the followers of these gods must hear God’s assessment of them: “Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you.” Isa. 41:24

Hatred against Israel is well documented around the world. There are many, such as Iran, Jordan, the Palestinians, and others, who have determined that they will not be satisfied until this nation has been completely annihilated. Reports out of Israel indicate that Syria is certainly no ally. Hatred also came to a boiling point in some cases when Pres. Trump moved the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. There were even factions in America who denounced it even though a bi-partisan bill calling for such a move had been passed a number of years ago. Paraguay followed the example of the American Pres., but then backtracked when another leader came to power and reversed the decision. That prompted Israel to close her embassy in Paraguay and tensions have been greatly strained

between those two countries since. Most of the problem is that, like Britain in 1948, modern nations also have chosen to support Palestinian hatred for Israel. Another firestorm was touched off when Pres. Trump openly acknowledged that Israel had a right to the Golan Heights. Consider the stand taken by the European Union as reported by Haaretz. "The position of the EU has not changed. The European Union, in line with international law, does not recognize Israel's sovereignty over the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967, including the Golan Heights, and does not consider them to be part of Israel's territory." These comments were in response to Israel's perspective when "Netanyahu called Trump's decision to recognize Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights "historic justice" and a "diplomatic victory," saying that "Israel won the Golan Heights in a just war of defense."

8 Many Christians well remember that historic '67 war when it was quite apparent that The Very God of Israel fought for her and brought forth an impossible victory in the midst of overwhelming odds. However, God's intervention was then, and is now, completely ignored by these international forces. Today it seems to matter very little what the issue concerning Israel might be; decisions sparked by intense hatred against them will continue.

Sis. Bodie concluded in 1948 that "The wandering Jew" is coming home, nevermore to wander." Israel's declaration of statehood was most assuredly a major sign of the fact that God had openly resumed His dealings with her as a nation. The '67 war also proved that same truth. The scriptural fact is also confirmed again that God will always defend Israel for "... all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:" Rom. 11:26 There are many who have believed and taught that May 1948 marked the fulfillment of Isaiah 66:8 "Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." However, the criteria presented in the remaining verses of this chapter come nowhere close to describing the Israel of today, even some 70 plus years later. The new "born again" nation portrayed by Isaiah will be a spiritual nation, which will bring joy, comfort, and nourishment to the nations around her. "Rejoice ye with



Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations;... For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck,.. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice,... and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies. For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.” Isa. 66:10-15 Beginning in 1948, and continuing through some very troublesome years to this present time, none of the points of excellence ascribed to Israel in this passage have yet been fulfilled! There is no rejoicing for her. Gladness for any success she may have had is unheard of. The peace promised to Jerusalem is nothing but a myth, for that city is nothing short of a powder keg even at this present hour. Rather than enjoying the comfort of the Lord, there is tremendous unrest and trouble, and though all nations would do their best in taking everything they can from this people, including their land, they are in no wise interested in drawing spiritual nourishment from them which is the meaning of the phrase “...That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations;...”

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One day, every jot and tittle of these promises to Israel will be fulfilled, but that day has not yet arrived. Isaiah 66:8 plainly informs us that “...as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.” That travail is a reference to the great tribulation, which will in fact produce this infant nation. Yes, she has been rebellious throughout the ages. She rejected her Risen Messiah at the beginning of this age. God has set her aside nationally during the “...times of the Gentiles...” Lk. 21:24 But God has not, and will not, forsake His people. Paul plainly declared that “... all Israel shall be saved:...” as noted above. This will happen when Israel as an infant nation accepts Christ as Her Messiah. He will then deliver them and march forth in judgment against all those who have persecuted His Own Chosen People.

It is painful to watch, but Israel as a nation remains collectively a people in gross unbelief. Reports out of Israel indicate that at least some of them are actually applauding the

efforts of Ilhan Omar in criticizing Israel. There can be no doubt that many are doing this because they are very much against the government of P.M. Netanyahu and Israel's alliance with Pres. Trump. Once again, the entire world must be put on notice that God "... removeth kings, and setteth up kings..." Dan. 2:21 It is no accident that the P.M. has apparently won his fifth term in office and as with all rulers around the entire world, God has His reasons for putting him there. Our interest is in seeing Israel come to her rightful place on God's program. Scripture further instructs us to "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good." Psa. 122:6-9 The peace of Jerusalem will not come until Israel bows down in repentance as a nation before their Messiah, and this is exactly how all Christians should pray today. Much suffering is ahead for this nation, but we look forward to the glorious day when Israel shall lead the nations in righteousness as described by Isaiah. God promised long ago that "...the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath;..." Deut. 28:13

Such a promise seems almost impossible when we consider the tremendous hatred against Israel today, but because scripture asserts that she will be restored, we know without doubt that it will come to pass. Thus we too can look up and rejoice, even in this present hour of unrest for the entire world and intense hatred for Israel, because all of these are specific signs of Jesus' soon return. This is the message which Jesus imparted to us for these last days. "And when these things **begin** to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, (Israel) and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye **see** these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand." Lk. 21:28-31

**Behold, I come quickly:  
blessed is he that keepeth  
the sayings of the prophecy  
of this book." Re 22:7**

## SIN AND THE FOREKNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Leslie Barroweliff

"KNOWN unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world"-Acts 15:18.

There is a strong tendency in many schools of thought today to adjust the Scriptures to the so-called enlightened mind of modern civilization. This process is not new. It is the same scheme as that adopted by Satan in the Garden of Eden when he said to Eve "Yea, hath God said?" Truly the devil is the unapproachable master in the art of deception! He does not need to change his weapons, though adept he is at changing his methods. The same old smooth-tongued manner of speech; the same disarming cultured tones; the same defiant blast as he smiles with his lips and snarls with his eyes; the same deceiver as ever---Satan, the arch-enemy of God! "Yea, hath God said?" He wanted rid of Adam and Eve. He wanted rid of this new race of creatures God had brought into existence. He wanted rid of God. He did not get his own way, though it surely seemed he had! And his methods are the same today: a pat on the back, a cheery word, a little flattery and down the victim goes. The force of education has opened many avenues for mankind. This, the adversary, has been quick to turn to his own advantage. A certain American missionary devised a system to enable people to learn to read in the short space of a few weeks. This he did that they might read the Scriptures. But what has he found? That instead of their minds being watered with the pure word of Life they are being deluged with the words of evil. Foul literature disseminated by the godless and vassals of Satan is being absorbed greedily by these people. They have learned to read and will read anything. So Satan sees they are well supplied. "Let us educate the people. Teach them to read. Then give them to read what we want them to **think!**" So Satan worked. He still works; and he's determined to expunge from the minds of men every thought and trace of his utter defeat at the Hands of God. His method is simple in the extreme. Get rid of the Truth! Replace it with a lie that will satisfy, and the deed is done. And the lie he is propagating today is the same as the lie he

told Eve ---"Yea, hath God said?"

Then, it was the forbidden tree; today it is another Tree ---the Cross of Calvary! It does not matter whether you look upon that Cross as an "X" or a stake, or a "T" or a Latin cross, a Greek cross or any other shape. It is the FACT of the Cross that Satan wants rid of. And to get rid of it he has confused the issue and caused bewilderment and misunderstanding because somehow folk do not see (or cannot or will not see) how it fits in; that is, how it fits in with THEIR way of thinking. Suppose for a few minutes we consider the Cross from GOD'S way of thinking. Oh, yes, we can do this because what God thinks about the Cross is written in His Word. If you really believe the Holy Bible is the Word of God, the very Word of God, not a book about Him or a book containing His Word, then you must believe the Holy Bible declares to us what God thinks! And what God thinks about the Cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is told in the length and breadth of its pages. While I am quite satisfied in my own mind what style of Cross was used to crucify our beloved Lord; I  
**12** do not propose to deal with that aspect now. It matters very little. What does matter is that Jesus Christ the Son of God was nailed to a Cross to redeem the sons of men. That does matter. And because it matters so very much to you and me it must matter much more to God because it was His Son who was nailed there.

What does the Cross of Christ mean to God? First: it means this: That a way of salvation has been found for men. To accuse God of a sadistic propensity is surely the height of impudence and irreverence. Yet such is the accusation hurled at God and us by many who ought to know better! "Why," they say, "you accuse God of deliberately scheming to have His Son publicly hanged that you might justify your own conclusions!" We do nothing of the kind! What we do say is that God planned to bear away the sin of mankind in the only way it could be borne away and was willing to pay the price. He did not deliberately create man to fall for the one purpose of having Jesus crucified. The suggestion is the fruit of a sin-soddened mind.

God made man in His own image and His own likeness:

perfect, sinless, and innocent. The entrance of sin was not planned by God. He knew it would happen. He could have prevented it, but you would never have known the blessing of eternal life if He had done so nor would you have known what it means to become child of God. Certainly God foresaw the fall of Lucifer. Likewise, He also foresaw the fall of Adam. He also foresaw the need of redemption and so He planned to meet that need; and the need was met at Calvary. This is the offence to the modern mind just as it was in days gone by. The Cross has always been an offense to man. It has always proved a distasteful thing to those unopened eyes and sin-sealed hearts. The Christ Who taught the Beatitudes, the Christ Who fed the hungry multitudes, the Christ Who wept at Lazarus' tomb or prayed perspiring blood in Gethsemane: yes, Him they will accept. But One cast out, rejected, torn and bruised and bleeding, a sacrifice for sin, a Lamb ordained before Adam was formed, a Lamb ordained to die and such a death!---No! Never! They will have the Teacher but not the Saviour. They want the Crown but not the Cross. But the Crown must rest upon the mitre; and the mitre meant to Christ the Cross. And so He came to die.

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It was not in Gethsemane's wooded glade nor yet by Galilee's well-trod shore; it was not on Sinai's burning clefts nor yet on Olivet's majestic slopes that our redemption was secured; but on Calvary where stood a Cross bare and rude bearing our Substitute Divine. There on a Cross extended by nail-pierced Hands and Feet the Saviour of our souls fought that great fight and in His death prevailed o'er death and brought to dead mankind Eternal Life. His Blood, the source from whence flowed the mighty power to cleanse our souls and make them white; His Blood, the One supreme, the only Sacrifice. He paid in full for all mankind. He paid; we enter in; and none can bar our way into that blessed, thrice blessed abode. For now we are the sons of God. To enter is our right. O let us not fear to stake what God has freely given. Let us not hesitate before that Golden Gate as though to enter were some presumption on our part. To do that is to doubt the Word of God, to ascribe to Him some base, unworthy act. "Come unto Me and be at rest" is His invitation with this

glorious promise of acceptance; "Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out." These are the words of our blessed Lord.

Shall we then hold back from full possession? Shall we decline the proffered blessing of Almighty God? Nay; Heaven is ours with all its glorious provisions, because Christ is ours and we are Christ's and Christ is God's! O Glory! Hallelujah!

14 Second. Now that is a glorious and blessed Truth: by faith in Christ's redeeming work we become the sons of God. Born again by His Spirit we are henceforth His own. He has assured us we are forgiven fully and forever. Not one jot or tittle of condemnation remains. We are justified forever. Nevertheless, even as Christ Himself was tempted when He was veiled in the flesh, so are we still subject to the thrusts of our old adversary ---we still may feel his blows. Jesus was not exempt from temptation though the Eternal Son of God. No more are we immune from such testing and trying since we became the sons of God. The devil found in Christ a Man Who could and did withstand him, One Who prevailed at every step. Now we, too, may prevail: not in our own, strength or might but in His alone. How is this effected in our lives? Through the cross. Always only through the Cross. When the Lord of Glory died upon that awful Tree, He died alone. And yet He was not there alone in the reckoning of Almighty, God. For "by the faith of the operation of God" we who believe were baptized into Christ's death as He hung upon that Tree. We are crucified with Christ. We died. We do not die daily for sin. We died once when Jesus died. And having died, sin has no more dominion over us. The penalty of the law for sin is death. We died with Christ, so the penalty has been fully exacted. Lawfully we are free.

Nevertheless, the law does not forbid a man to live again, and as Christ is risen from the dead, so indeed are we! We are alive in Him for evermore. With Paul we can say "I am crucified with Christ" (that is the end of our old man) "nevertheless I live and yet not I but Christ liveth in me (that is the New man) and the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God Who loved me, and gave Himself for me." There we are: Sons of God! Risen and glorified! This new man is sin-less and perfect before

God forever. It is the Christ of Glory. So when temptations come upon us it is not the new man that is tempted but the old man, who, we say, died at Calvary; He is the one who would keep on sinning. He is the one who still walks after the flesh. But we count him dead. We say "Nay, but I am crucified with Christ. I can heed Satan no more. A dead man listens not nor hears." And as we thus reckon even as God reckons we find experimentally true what is judicially true --- we are free from sin's dominion because we died with Christ.

And when the Tempter comes our way,  
We do not argue nor debate;  
But simply turn to him and say,  
"Look, there! At Calvary I died;  
"You've come ... too late!"

And in despair he turns way; dead men can sin no more. So we prevail through Christ our God because we died with Him. Therefore we perceive:

1. Through His death on the Cross, Christ redeemed us by the shedding of His Precious Blood.

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2. Through our death with Christ on the Cross, we are justified forever.

3. Through this union with Christ in His death and Resurrection, we have Union

4. This union is by God established and we are God's for evermore.

This was the purpose of God in Christ Jesus our Lord before the foundations of the earth were laid. God purposed it: God carried it out.

Now all this is true because Christ died on the Cross. Had He died any other way, the glorious purpose of God could not have been accomplished, because death by any other means would have excluded the imputation of our sins to Christ and rendered His death negatory for salvation. But He died on the Cross; hence, cursed for our sakes. He there shed His Blood giving His life for our sins. Thus in vicarious suffering He bore our sins away and God is able justly to forgive and pardon us freely by His grace. The debt of sin has been fully paid. God is vindicated --- the Just One

and True; we are vindicated the Justified of God. Thus every mouth is stopped, every foe is silenced. The Cross answers all and in it we glory. For the Cross is God's way of salvation made possible by His Faith and Grace. Now we see:

1. The Love of God is revealed through the Cross as it is written in John 3:14-17. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." John 3:16-17 And again in I John 4:10, "Herein is love, not that we loved -God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

2. The wisdom of God is revealed in the Cross of Jesus as it is written by Paul in I Cor. 1:17-24. "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel not with wisdom of words, **16** lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God: "

3. The justice of God is revealed in the Cross of Jesus Christ as it is written ---"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly; for scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die; but God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." Rom. 5:6-9 And in Isaiah 53:4-6, we read, "Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with



his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

We were reconciled to God by the death of His Son; we are saved from the wrath to come.

"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!" Rom. 11:33

In conclusion, let us see what all this means to us. It means that the penalty demanded by the law of God, has been fully exacted for every soul of man through the death of Jesus Christ on the Cross. God's holy law has been upheld and yet the sinner has been set free because Grace is mightier than the law. The law could only condemn. Grace alone could justify. And the law took its course and death entered in; but Grace took a hand and lo! We are saved! Not by our might, or merit or wisdom, but by the Grace and the Faith of God freely bestowed upon us. How wonderful salvation is as devised and perfected by God. No saint need fear the penalty of sin, no saint need fear God will change His mind. Our security is in the Blood of Jesus and God can never renounce that sacrifice. As the hymnwriter so aptly wrote:

Payment God will not twice demand,  
First at my bleeding Surety's Hand  
And then again at mine.  
NO! The work is done!

We are saved, we are justified. The foreknowledge of God has prevailed for our salvation. All glory be to His Holy Name!

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- \* Truth unites the people of God. Error divides them.
- \* When faith gets a grip on God's promises there is no such thing as failure.
- \* To believe Christ lives within is to abide in constant victory.
- \* We know the Bible is inspired. because it inspires us.

# REFLECTIONS REFLECTIONS

*...From the Editor*

“**B**ut Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.” Gal. 4:26

There are actually three mothers of which every believer must be aware, if he would ever reach full spiritual growth and development. Adam called Eve “...the mother of all living.” Gen. 3:20 Paul described the earthly Jerusalem as a mother “...in bondage with her children,” declaring that those Jews who were bound by the law are children of the bondwoman Hagar. Gal. 4:24-25 The third mother is Jerusalem, which is above which Paul likens to the covenant of Divine Grace.

18 Eve is indeed the mother of all living, by virtue of the fact that all men born into this world are members of Adam’s race. Those men are also predestinated to die, for scripture plainly declares that “... in Adam all die,...” I Cor. 15:22 Hebrews 9:27 likewise affirms that “...it is **appointed** unto men once to die,...” However, God has not left us without hope. We are free to choose another mother. Jesus declared plainly that all Eve’s children “... must be born again.” John 3:7

Furthermore, Paul tells us here that there is a choice to make even after that, and again we have the right to choose our own mother. The apostle asserts in the above text that the heavenly Jerusalem is “...free...the mother of us all.” This is an established fact. Just as Eve is the mother of all living, so also mother grace, beautifully portrayed by Sarah who bore all the children of promise, is the mother of all who are born from above. The “...all” here includes both Jew and Gentile, and Paul wrote this entire epistle in an effort to convince these Gentile believers that righteousness, even after the new birth, does not come through the law. They have been born from above, and therefore have been born free! This was true of the Galatians as well as all Christians. The problem is that some of these who have been “born free” actually choose to be children of the bondwoman, even though Peter boldly depicted the law as “...a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?”

Hagar could in no wise bring life and freedom to her son

Ishmael. Instead, when she was alone in the wilderness, with no life giving water available for him, "...she went, and sat her down...a good way off,...for she said, Let me not see the death of the child....and lift up her voice, and wept." Gen 21:16 The law can produce neither life nor righteousness. Not only so but when Christians choose Hagar as their mother, it is a veritable insult to mother grace. Paul described the gravity of law keeping thus. "I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain." Gal. 2:21

Many of us rejoice greatly in The Lord for the godly mothers whom He gave to us those many years ago. Let us also magnify and extol the glorious virtues of Mother Grace and bask in the marvelous liberties she has brought to us. She has not only given us supernatural life from above, along with freedom from sin, the flesh, the law, and Satan, she has also given us our birthright and the freedom to pursue all the Divine promises and provisions found in the Abrahamic Covenant! Christians who choose to be children of Hagar literally rob themselves of that freedom. Let us therefore deliberately choose our real heavenly Mother and actively follow her divine instructions for life and eternal prosperity.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT:**

### **Living Waters Tabernacle Youth Camp July 21-24, 2019**

Youth Camp will be held at Highlands Camp and Retreat Center in Allenspark, CO, near Estes Park. Each day there will be Bible studies for all ages, supervised recreation, and evening Church services.

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Forms and additional information will be available at [www.livingwaterstabernacle.com](http://www.livingwaterstabernacle.com). We invite you to join the saints for this annual gathering to give glory and honor to God and be strengthened and renewed by His Spirit.

## DRY BONES AND SPIRITUAL BONE MARROW FAILURE

Dr. Vicky Moots

“**T**he hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones, And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.” Ezek. 37:1-2

The first ten verses of this chapter are relative to the story of Ezekiel in the Valley of the dry bones.

V.11 declares plainly that “...these bones are the whole house of Israel:...” However, I would like to use this example of the dry bones and their healing in an application to us as individuals and to the church.

The latter part of verse 2 exclaims, “... Lo, they were very dry.” These bones represented a body that was once living and moist and joined together but dried up and fell apart. The vultures, worms and other animals cleaned off all the meat (the muscles, tendons and ligaments) and the bone marrow dried up.

**20** They had obviously been dead for a long time and seemingly beyond hope of living again, as far as the natural is concerned.

Bones are usually very moist, having an abundant blood supply and filled with an amazing substance called marrow. Job 21:24 relates to this, stating “His bones are moistened with marrow.”

Bone marrow produces all the cells in the blood and is located in the center of the bone. It is basically a factory that manufactures the immature forms of blood cells, called stem cells. The body sends signals to the bone marrow to trigger these cells to mature and be released into the blood stream as they are needed.

There are 3 basic types of blood cells (a trinity) which are required by the body. The **red cells** carry the oxygen in the blood to all the other cells in the body. The **white cells** are part of the immune system that help fight off infection. The **platelets** are necessary to help form clots and control bleeding in case of injury.

Healthy bone marrow (moist bone) is necessary for life. If the bone marrow dries up and fails to produce adequate numbers of any of these cells, a person would soon die.

When a person is sick, a doctor usually orders a test called a CBC (Complete Blood Count,) which measures the numbers of these 3 cell types. If the numbers are very low, then it may be necessary to do a bone marrow biopsy to try and determine the cause. For this test a doctor must take a special needle called a “Jamshidi;” needle to drill through the outer bone into the core to obtain a sample of marrow for analysis. This needle is sharp on 2 edges and hollow in the middle and very strong.

In cases of severe trauma or serious illness resulting in shock, in which fluids need to be infused rapidly into the body, a similar needle called an *intraosseous* needle can be forced into the center of the bone where the bone marrow is located to deliver those fluids. A large amount of fluid can be infused in a short period of time.

Proverbs 17:22 asserts that “a merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit **drieth** the bones” (the bone marrow). Proverbs 3:8 declares that the fear of the Lord is health to our navel and marrow to our bones.

The nation of Israel lost their fear of the Lord and began to serve the gods of the nation’s surrounding them. They no longer had a merry heart (the joy of the Lord), and their bone marrow began to dry up.

If we fail to put God first in our hearts and allow the cares of this life to take priority, we will soon dry up and become lifeless, no longer able to stand against Satan.

God asked Ezekiel very pointedly in V. 3, “can these bones live?” The answer is in verse 4. God tells Ezekiel to speak to the bones and say, “Oh, ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.”

The word of God has the power to give or restore life. It is “quick, or living, and powerful,” and as noted in Heb. 4:12 “... sharper than any 2 edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow.” It is like the sharp two-edged intraosseous needle that can pierce into the marrow and infuse life into someone who is dying. The word of His Grace gives resurrection power to those who yield to its cutting and piercing of the soul. It is able to both **diagnose** and **bring healing** for spiritual bone marrow failure.

In a living body, the bones are held together by joints, connected by ligaments and surrounded by muscles attached by the tendons to allow movement enabling the body to function.

The dry bones in the valley not only needed to be moistened

with marrow but to be joined together as a body and then to be given breath. This is promised in verse 6, “And I will lay sinews upon you and bring flesh upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you and ye shall live...”

This can only be accomplished by the lifegiving word of God’s Grace, which is able to build us up as stated in Acts 20:32. “And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.” Ephesians 4:15, 16 shows us how this takes place. “But speaking the truth in love may grow up into Him in all things which is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body fitly joined together (with all the ligaments and tendons) and compacted by that which every joint supplieth.”

The word of God **pulls us together** as a body and **builds us up** in order that we may stand in the evil day. **But**, to have life we must have breath, even as Ezekiel’s dry bones in the valley.

In verse 7 Ezekiel prophesied, or spoke God’s word “... to edification, and exhortation, and comfort,” (I Cor. 14:3) and the bones came together. However, there was no breath in them.

**22** Then Ezekiel prophesied to the wind and the breath came unto them, and they lived and stood upon their feet an exceeding great army.

Paul wrote in II Timothy 3:16 that, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God...” (God breathed). In the physical body, inspiration is part of the breathing process and means “to inhale or take a breath.” God’s word is breathed into us by the Holy Spirit, causing it to become real and living in our hearts not just words on paper. God literally breathes into our souls the breath of life (as He did into Adam’s physical body) through His word. We can then breathe out God’s word by the power of the Holy Spirit to give life to someone else.

Does **your** life seem like it is falling apart and you just can’t seem to get it back together? Are you drying up and suffering from spiritual marrow failure?

Let the word of God penetrate into your dried up bones and fill them with life-giving marrow and allow the Holy Spirit to quicken the word to your heart. His Grace will build you up and give you strength to stand.

Yes, those dry bones can live again!!

(This message given at the 2019 Denver Pres. Day Convention)

## *Attitude to Shepherds*

Lillian Gruver

“**A**nd we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.” I Thess. 5:12

These words of exhortation were written in view of the coming of the Lord, for that is the truth emphasized in this epistle. They were given to saints who are ensamples. Ch. 1:7 An ensample is something to be followed, a pattern. If this is true, then we who are looking for the Lord's return, will surely want to heed the above words of entreaty, given to those pattern people. Let us notice, also, that these exhortations are the first of twenty given in this chapter. This fact shows us that our attitude toward our leaders is an important part of our qualification for the first-rank trip to glory. How, then, can we treat them lightly?

The word "know" means "to recognize, to be acquainted with." We recognize those whom God has set over us in the Lord by their labor among us. They preach the Word, pray for the sick, encourage the faint and comfort those in sorrow. Sometimes it is necessary for them to admonish, or correct us by the Word of God but always they seek the good of all the people. As we become better acquainted with them, we find that the dear Apostle Paul is their example, and they follow him as he followed Christ. In so doing, they are ensamples to the flocks today, not lording it over God's heritage; but they are put in front as protectors, while feeding them on the pure Word of God.

Paul says "...esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake." Yes, when we appreciate the value of their work we have the deepest regard for them and honor them in their places. He said also, "Remember them that have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God; whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation." Heb. 13:7 In other words, do not forget them: but pray for them, support them and encourage them, by letting the word which they **preach**, work effectually in our lives. We are **safe** in following their faith, for

if we ponder, or look attentively at the results of their conduct, or manner of living, we find that they live by this Gospel which they preach, and God has given them some lasting results, or fruit, in the lives of His people. "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Heb. 13:17 In this verse, we see what a responsible place is given to our pastors. They watch, or keep **guard** over our souls; for, like Paul, they desire to present every one perfect in Christ Jesus. Therefore, we read, "Obey..." or ... "give ear to, " and yield yourselves to them; for the Word they preach, if taken in, will get us ready for translation. Yes, and then they can give account with joy. However, if we turn a deaf ear and refuse to yield, and we cause them grief, that will be hurtful to us. We will cease to be useful here, and will not receive God's best in glory. Let us seek to be to our leaders, their "hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing. " I Thess. 2:19

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### GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

I know not when He sends the word  
That tells me fervent prayer is heard.  
I know it cometh soon or late –  
My part is but, to pray and wait.  
I know not if the blessing sought  
Will come in just the guise I thought.  
I leave all care with Him above.  
Whose Will is always one of love.  
Anon

\* Someone said of Mr. Spurgeon's sermon on one occasion, that it was not very striking. He replied: "I did not try to strike anybody. I wanted to feed the sheep.

\* "It is not the workman that we have hired with whom we love to talk, but the Workman whose work we are.



## THE LORD FIRST IN OUR LIVES

Anita Clark

The Lord desires to be number one in our lives. From the very beginning of the Bible we see His desire for this full fellowship with mankind.

When God was about to deliver Israel from Egypt, He instructed them concerning the first Passover. Exodus 12:1-13, notice Vs. 2, "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months, it shall be the first month of the year to you." Later He instructs them as to what they are to bring as a sacrifice to Him. Vs.5, "Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year." No old sheep who was about to die would do. Only the best was acceptable for God. All the Egyptians who did not slay the firstborn lambs and apply the blood suffered the death of their firstborn son, and the first born of all their cattle also.

Israel was also to offer to the Lord "the first ripe fruits, ... and the first born sons shalt thou give unto me" (Exodus 22:29). They had to bring an offering to redeem the first born son. Chapter 23:19 of Exodus speaks further of the "first fruits", "The first of the fruits of the land shalt thou bring into the house of the LORD thy God.." In Exodus 29:38 & 39, God tells them concerning the burnt-offering, which was a continual offering, "Now this is that ye shall offer on the altar: two lambs of the first year...One in the morning and one in the evening." 25

In Exodus 40:2, the LORD spoke to Moses saying, "On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation." When the preparation of the tabernacle was finished, God ordered it to be set up at this exact time, no doubt emphasizing that His things were to come first in their thoughts and in all of their lives.

When the Lord outlined the various Feasts which Israel was to celebrate in their year in Numbers 23:4, He set forth Passover as the first feast each year in the first month. Then, the others were to follow on their exact times. This was to be perpetual before the Lord.

In Numbers 15:20-21, He instructed Israel to "Offer up a cake of the first of your dough... ye shall give unto the LORD."

Why did God emphasize their giving first to Him? Because he was training them to put Him first in everything they did. In the first five books of Moses “first” as pertaining to their attitude toward God and His things is used 130 times.

In Isaiah 44:6, it says, “Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and His redeemer the LORD of Hosts; I am the first, and I am the last and beside Me there is no God.” This was His desire from the creation of the world and of mankind, to have them worship Him and put Him first. This is foreign to the thoughts of humanity. Throughout the ages, God has sought for a people who would put Him first, and love Him supremely.

Consider again Ex. 22:9, wherein God asked for the first born son to be given unto Him, and in answer to that in Luke 2:7, Mary “brought forth her first born son” and in obedience to the Law of God, in Vs. 22 “... they brought Him to Jerusalem, to present Him to the Lord. (as it is written in the Law), Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord.” (Luke 2:22-23). Even in His birth all that pertained to the command of  
**26** the Law by God was fulfilled. He was truly the first begotten of the Father. Think about this --- Jesus, the first born, because of His dedication to the Father’s will and obedience to the death of the cross, “brought many sons to glory” (Hebrews 2:10).

Think about Jesus, the firstborn, born in Bethlehem, where all the Passover lambs used in the Temple worship at that time were born and raised. Remember the people could not provide their own Passover lamb but had to buy it from the Temple authorities. And, of course, Jesus was of the lineage of the house of King David, so by God’s enabling was born in Bethlehem, the city of David.

Think of the shepherds, who may have been the very ones raising the lambs who would be offered in the Temple. The Plan of God is so marvelous!

The first step toward God for the unbeliever is to receive Christ as their personal Savior. Our sins today are passed over because we have accepted Jesus as the Lamb of God, our sacrifice, our Savior. John the Baptist exclaimed as he saw Jesus walking toward him, “Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin

of the world” (John 1:29).

Jesus speaks in Matt. 6:25-34, of the fact that we aren't supposed to allow anxiety over our natural needs, such as clothing and food to overwhelm us. He cites the fact that God watches over the “fowls of the air,” and decorates the world with beautiful flowers (Vs. 28), which “toil not nor spin: And yet ...Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.” In Vs. 31, He entreats us, “Therefore take no thought . Saying what shall I eat? Or, What shall we drink? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.”

The word “seek” used in verse 32, where it states that the Gentiles “seek all these things,” means in the original Greek, “To search, to demand, or to crave,” but verse 33, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God,” the word “Seek” is a word which especially is used by “Hebraism speaking of our worship of God, to desire, endeavor, enquire or to require,” His things.

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This word “first” used in this verse means in the Greek language, “first in place, or order of importance.” God wants dedication of each believer to Himself, putting Him in first place, seeking Him first. “Dedication” means -“complete devotion and faith in someone or some thing.”

In II Corinthians 8:1-5, Apostle Paul speaks with delight about a group of believers in Macedonia, who when Paul and his followers were taking up an offering for the poor in Jerusalem, were so generous to give out of their poverty. He says in verse 2, “How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality” and in verse 5, “And this they did, not as we had hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God..” The emphasis in this portion is not on what they gave in the offering, but what they gave before the offering was taken up - that of their yielded hearts. Think of Christ Who fully gave Himself to redeem us, and think of how we should fully give to the Lord, giving Him first place in our lives first of all.

The early church began to worship on the first day of the week after Jesus arose from the grave on the first day, Sunday (Matthew 16:9). In Acts 20:7, we see the disciples came together on the first day of the week. II Corinthians 16:2, Apostle Paul speaking again of the offering for the poor Christians in Jerusalem, says, "Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by in store as God hath prospered him." Since Christ rose on the first day, Sunday, the Christians began to meet together on the first day. When I was a child, all the stores were closed on Sunday. Probably, the majority of the town people went to church. Recently, I asked a child in my neighborhood if she would come to Sunday School. She replied, "No, I can't come because that's my Dad's day off and we have to spend time with him." Now presently, there are so many activities on Sunday, sports, play practice and other things that more and more people are not giving worship time to God. We are not "legal" about worship on Sunday, for truly, we should be worshiping every day of the week, but it is important that we give God first place, and that we meet with the saints of God in worship and edification of the Word of God. God has ordained that we function as a group, where the gifts of the Spirit and ministry gifts can operate, so we will grow up into Christ in all things.

We will close with Revelation 2, where the Lord is talking to the Ephesian Assembly. In verses 2-3, He lists all their accomplishments, - "works, labor, patience, can not bear them which are evil, found false teachers to be liars, borne, has patiently labored for the Lord, and have not fainted." All these characteristics are notable and wonderful, but the Lord speaks and says, "Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because thou has left thy first love." (Vs. 4). The word "left" means "forsake, lay aside, put away or yield up." This shows that at one time they had this preeminent love for Jesus, but it seems that they were more occupied with their good works than with yielding to Jesus and showing Him their love and fellowship.

Many Bible teachers misinterpret what it means to "leave our first love." The word "first" means in the Greek - "foremost in time, place order or importance, best, chiefest, first of all, former."

It is not speaking of that love we had the moment we were born again, for truly that was a very immature love. We only loved Jesus as our Savior, which is wonderful, but when first born again we are babes in Christ. Note: I Corinthians 3:1; I Peter 2:2.

To grow into this love for Christ, it takes some time. Also, it requires being filled with the Holy Spirit and a study of the Word, our Spiritual food to grow to maturity and develop this deep profound love for Jesus. God wants nothing to take place in our lives except or above our love for Jesus Christ. He's coming soon and He will take away a company of believers, His bride, who love Him first and supremely. He will do this work in us. Let Him. BE READY - PUT HIM FIRST!

(Given at the Denver Pres. Day Convention)

### WAIT ON THE LORD

I will wait on the Lord  
When the wind blows strong;  
I will trust in Him  
When the day seems long;  
As I wait on Him  
He will give me rest;  
In every trial and every test.

So I trust in Him  
For I know that He  
Will always give the victory.  
He will give me strength  
To run the race  
Until .I see Him face to face.

Beulah Clark

## *Palms Of Victory*

A.S. Copley

“**A**nd when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.” Matt. 21:1-5

30 This is a wonderful portion of Scripture. It is not only a bit of biography in the Life of Christ, but it is freighted with typical and dispensational teaching. The Gospel by Matthew abounds with types, symbols, and parables. Matthew quoted only one of the two verses in Zechariah 9, because only a part of his prophecy could then be fulfilled, and that but as a shadow. The substantial fulfillment of the prophecy is yet future.

That event is commonly called Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. It was just seven days before the resurrection of Christ. Because the multitude strewed branches and garments on the ground before Him and waved palm branches, exclaiming, "Hosanna in the highest," this day is termed Palm Sunday. Most folk have no conception of the meaning of that spectacular circumstance. As intimated, it is a shadow of the coronation of Jesus as the King over Israel, the lineal heir to the throne of David. That is why the crowds exclaimed, "Hosanna to the Son of David." "Hosanna" means, "Save, we pray Thee." Their exclamations of praise were unto Jehovah. What a wonderful day that must have been, but it was only a picture of a far more wonderful day which will be the beginning of unending days for Israel. The high praises were only surface deep, for four days later the same people crowned Jesus with thorns. He had to buy the right to reign, by purchasing subjects for His Kingdom through His atoning death. He died as a transgressor to save transgressors.

## CHRIST'S DOMINION EPITOMIZED

“And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set Him thereon.” - Matthew 21:7

That was a picture of the day when Jesus will be acclaimed and crowned King. The ass and colt speak of lowliness and peace. The beasts may have been white, like the "white horses" of Revelation 19: 11, 14, which symbolize mighty strength for battle. In our lesson, there are two animals, the mother and her colt. The King could not ride on both. Why then the two? Someday, and we believe it will be soon, Jesus will be crowned King of kings and Lord of lords. A company of saints, one in heart and soul with Him, will be crowned also with Him. They will be known as "the Lamb's wife." The figure of the Queen was not present in our lesson. She was only suggested by the fact of the colt going along. The pronoun "Him" is not in the original. It was supplied by the translators, for it is in italics. It reads thus – "... And they set thereon." The language leaves it open for the Spirit to supply the King's wife. This indicates the close union of the full overcomers with the King as their Bridegroom. They cannot be separated from Him. Even now, while in preparation for that glorious day, they are going along side by side with Him.

“And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way." Matt. 21:8

What a spectacular hour! But when that picture will be fulfilled in majestic reality, the multitudes will be vastly greater. There will be the highly honored Queen company from every nation, kindred, people, and tongue. Rev. 5:9. There will be the innumerable blood-washed company of Rev. 7:9-17. There will be the 144,000 of Rev. 7:1-8, besides the out-resurrection worthies of the Old Covenant. Matt. 27:52,53 What a throng!

“And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." Matt. 21:9.

That was great and grand and glorious, but of short duration. John in vision saw the antitype thereof and exclaimed, saying,

“And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready.” Rev. 19:6, 7  
What a time of unspeakable and unparalleled demonstrations that will be! Lord, haste the day. Then when Jesus descends, accompanied with the armies of Heaven, the Jews will receive Him and hail Him with loud reverberating hosannas and acknowledge Him to be the promised Son of David; and they will yield to Him as their Savior and King. The new Heaven and the new earth will be here.

“And when He was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?” Matt. 21: 10.

32 Jehovah caused that scene that day, epitomizing a far grander and more glorious one. Not only will the Heavenly Jerusalem rejoice, but the earthly Jerusalem will be moved indeed, when they see the sign of the Son of Man coming in the Heavens. Instead of exclaiming, “who is this?” they will shout, “LO, THIS IS OUR GOD; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.” Isa. 25: 9

“And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves.” Matt. 21:12.

That was the only time that Jesus did such a thing in the temple. The whole day and the whole scene was typical of His Kingly authority and power. He showed forth His authority in the temple. When Jesus shall be revealed to Israel, “...then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.” Dan. 8:14 His Presence will cleanse it, even as this picture foreshadows. The temple, the sanctuary, belongs to the King and His Father. The mercenary fellows made money on the creatures which were brought there for the sacrifices. They speculated on sacred things. But Jesus drove them out with a scourge in His hand, an expression of the power of His word of authority. The King elect acted as if He were already on the throne.



“And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.” Matt. 21:13.

Today, what is supposed to be God's house is made a place of amusement. The sanctuary is turned into a lecture room, and the basement is used for chicken dinners, dancing, and religious raffling. The fire is in the stove rather than in the pulpit. The chief aim now is to get joiners and cash. It is no longer required to be born again to become a member. Simply give the preacher your hand, your name and address, and agree to support the church. That is all. Oh, how little reality there is in religious circles generally! Preachers and people are ashamed of true humility, afraid of divine power, shun real spiritual life, and persecute those who possess these rare traits. They prefer pious religious forms and sham.

“And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple; and He healed them.” Matt. 21:14.

Jesus' ministry during the preceding years was in homes and on street corners and in the markets and on seashores. He was not wanted in the synagogues nor in the temple. His healing service was also prophetic. Malachi announces that “. . .unto you that fear My Name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings.” When He comes, He will grant healing to the nation of Israel. The coming age will open with stupendous miracles, of which the present wonders are only an earnest. 33

“And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, and said unto Him, Hearest Thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings Thou hast perfected praise?” Matt. 21:15,16.

Some must praise Him as King, but the priests and scribes refused to do it. Hence, the spirit of praise took hold of the youth. So it is today. The regular orthodox endorsed organizations have no real heart thanksgivings to Jesus as the King. They have no desire for Him to reign. Therefore, the common people, the poor, and the children, come to the front with high sounding praises to

Him. The needy and weak, the sick and suffering, come to Jesus in simplicity, cry out to Him, and get wonderful answers and blessed results. Of course, they "...rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:" I Pet. 1:8

### JESUS' REIGN DELAYED

"And He left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and He lodged there. Now in the morning, as He returned into the city, He hungered." Matt. 21: 17, 18

These verses and the remainder of the chapter indicate the postponement of the Kingdom, because Israel would not receive their King. "...He hungered" for fruit from the fig tree, the Jewish nation, but found none. That hunger will be satisfied when the King returns. During these nineteen hundred years, the Gentiles who believe comfort and satisfy the heart of Jesus. Note verses 28-32. Oh, may we ravish His tender heart to the uttermost, by our loyal service to Him and by fervent wholehearted worship and adoration of Him. Let us keep the word of His patience by looking steadfastly for His advent and by being prepared to meet  
**34** Him.

The Lord refused to tell the inquisitive priests and elders by what authority He did those wonders. He knew that they knew, but would not acknowledge it. He never wasted words by arguing with critics, and neither should we. Let us say what God bids us say, and leave the results with Him. We cannot convince the wise (?) and critical. We can only instruct the teachable, comfort the distressed, and feed the hungry. We can believe and receive, in spite of men and demons. When we will have been caught away by translation power and glory, then our critics will know by what authority we have taught and wrought. "Surely I come quickly: Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Rev. 22:20.

- \* Some folks would use the law to coerce others to accept grace.
- \* Upon the cross of Christ we see, How God can save and righteous be.
- \* "You may be too big for God to use you; but you cannot be too small."



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