

Building the Tower of Babel in Our Hearts

by Priscilla Van Sutphin



Introduction

**The Arms Are Disconnected from the Body
Building the Tower of Babel in Our Hearts**

Cases of Idolatry, Counterfeit Religion

Hannah & Samuel, Eli & Sons

Ahab, Jezebel & Elijah

Jezebel Never Apologizes

The Floating Axehead

Gideons

Idolatry Scriptures with Comments

The Pleading of Hosea

Jesus on Ambition: Another Kind of Idolatry

Covetousness vs Contentment

Others May, You May Not

Related Prophecies

© Copyright 2008

Introduction

“When anything that God made comes between man and his Creator, it is idolatry. Materialism is idolatry. Humanism is idolatry. Adulating some great gift or some gifted minister that God set in the Church to edify the body of Christ, is idolatry. God has created good things for man, and continues to give him wonderful gifts and blessings, that through these things he might discover God, and come to know Him better. "Hear ye Him" is the voice of scripture, as well as the voice of nature. What He made had its origin in the realm of the invisible, but it is not to be venerated as God. "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" (Heb.11:3).”

George Warnock [From The Garden of God
] <http://www.georgewarnock.com/>



"Cursed is the man who trust in man and makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the Lord." Jeremiah 17: 5

The Night before 9-11 occurred I received the following prophetic word from the Lord:

**The Arms are Disconnected from the Body
September 10, 2001**

[night before 9-11 disaster]

tearsofthefather@comcast.net

For a couple weeks, my shoulders have been what feels like dislocated. Sometimes it has been very painful, especially at first. Then of late it seemed to wane, then

tonight again it seemed worse. I went to lay down and read, and suddenly I heard, "**The arms are disconnected from the body**"

And I began to picture all the times I tried to get help when I was disabled and having to live on AFDC and the lack of help in the church. No one wanted to help, but a very few close friends. The help usually did not come from the church I was attending.

There is one woman who stuck by me through the whole time and, who has shown me the value of loving people even when they are not fully healed. She is like a surrogate mother to me; someone I desperately needed in my life. She did inner healing with me. She is a licensed Christian counselor/psychologist with 20 years of experience in this healing of the emotions. She helped not only with inner healing in prayer for me and counseling. But she and her husband supported me,

financially with \$400 a month when I was walking on water, when I had no income, and was on housing and medical.

She would bring me food. She bought me herbs when I needed them and didn't have the money which were a big part of my physical strengthening. She stood by me through thick and thin when no one else seemed to have the heart or time. I also thought of the many people I've known among the poor who have never seen Christians help them or each other. Then I thought of those who have helped others, most out of their poverty. In fact it seems to me that those are the ones who have had the biggest hearts; those who know what it is like to suffer and be in need - Those who know what it is like to have to say NO to your children so many times - Those who know what it is to cry yourself to sleep at night because you can't get decent medical care through Medical programs. Although they provided help, it

was not quality help like for those who pay
and it costs people who are poor - some
with their lives.

The body is quite dysfunctional if it's arms
are disconnected.

It means you can't touch someone when
they need a touch.

It means you can't lift to carry groceries
to a neighbor. I am having trouble
lowering my water bottle so I can
pour water into the pitcher. It
causes me pain when I do it. The
Lord's heart is broken over those
who need to see a powerful church,
a loving church, and when they
come, instead they often see
selfishness, backbiting, jealousy,
competition and pride. Our healing
comes through HIM - being with
Him, worshipping Him, talking to
HIM, study of His Word. It comes
through the many counselors,
pastors and church workers who
pour themselves out to others, who
impart their wisdom and kindness
and love to us.

We don't have to be perfect to help others, we just need His grace and to be healed enough ourselves, that we don't snap at others with our words, and injure them more. And there are those who already help, who are the arms of the church, who have been secretly, quietly doing what God has wanted the whole church involved in, but they are disconnected.

Then there are those whose literal arms seem disconnected. They go to church. They warm the pews. They read their bibles. They tithe. They give to others. They even pray and worship the Lord. But they don't reach out to others the way HE would reach out to whoever sought HIM. There are people everyday that we walk by who need prayer, who need encouragement, who need to know their value in the eyes of the ever-loving God. If everyone in our

congregations would reach out to ONE person in a three or even 6 month period and disciple them - imagine how our churches would grow !

Jesus said to love one another as I have loved you !

Then the Lord said to look up "complacency"

Websters has this definition: The quality or state of being satisfied, a calm sense of well being and security; Especially satisfaction or self-satisfaction accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies. Another is self-satisfaction, vanity. And yet another is passive acquiescence which I think says it the best.

One of the qualities of complacency is a self focus, not caring what is wrong with others, or their problems, but **just being**

satisfied that you don't have those problems. It is always easy when life gets easier to become complacent about the plight of others, to be so busy with life (your own), that you become numb to the needs of others around you. It can happen in the best of friendships, in marriages, in business relationships, in church relationships, and in families.

It takes effort to reach out. Reaching out is done with the ARMS. One principle of the kingdom, Jesus taught was that if you reach out to others, he will reach out to you. Where does it say this ? Well, first HE demonstrated it. He was always reaching out to others, to teach, to heal, to feed, etc. Secondly, it says it in Isaiah 58. Notice all the IF's ; if you do this, then...

Isa 58:5-14 NKJV

5 Is it a fast that I have chosen, a day for a man to afflict his soul ? Is it to bow

down his head like a bulrush, and to spread out sackcloth and ashes ? Would you call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD? 6 "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: **To loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh ? 8 Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.**

9 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' " If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, 10 **If you**

extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. 11 The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. 12 Those from among you Shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

13 "If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, 14 Then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, and

feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Didn't Jesus tell us to do unto others as you would have them do unto you ?

If my neighbor is hurting and I ignore it I could end up like that person without consoling, without a place to stay. (The Lord may have me ignore it in that I have to do what HE wants me to do. We all cannot be everything to everyone. Nor are we called to be the Savior.) The Lord alone is Savior ! So how do we find balance? By listening to the Lord. By putting up our decisions to Him, casting our cares on Him, for He cares for us, asking Him for wisdom and His word so we can obey and not be foolish. Some poverty is due to judgment. Some people don't break very easy. Some are stubborn in their pride, but love conquers all. Love is the greatest. If you

show people love, it will generate more love.

The Lord told me years ago, that the revival would come in the one-anothers ! There is the law of sowing and reaping, if you sow kindness, you will receive kindness. If you sow money, you will receive money. If you sow love, and mercy, you will reap love and mercy when you need it. **Think about how you would like to be treated, then treat others like that!** Too often in our society, we don't even take the time to think that ! We just do whatever "seems" best.

Building the Tower of Babel in Our Hearts ?

Priscilla Van Sutphin

Oct 21st, 2004

It seems of late that insanity has entered into the ranks of prophets, priests, and kings in the Kingdom of God. I can't tell you how disturbing this is to see people who have purported to have a heart for God, but willing to compromise to the place of rationalizing murder. For years I have watched Hollywood rationalize murder in their movies, little by little, laughing at carrying around a dead guy. And at first it "seemed" funny to some-not to me. But what I have seen, has grown and grown till the lines become skewed in the minds of observers now that keep their feet in the world.

It is inconceivable to me who went through two abortions before getting saved, and had to confess to murder and ask the Lord's forgiveness for taking their lives, and having images erased of the times as a nurse that I saw people making those decisions in the name of "rights".

Fortunately I never as a nurse was forced to work in an abortion clinic. I had enough blood on my own hands. I had to rationalize to murder those two babies, to begin with in my mind. I walked around with immeasurable guilt for years, and a tormented mind, which was already tormented from childhood abuses.

So now, after years of inner healing, repentance, and deliverance from the roots of murder, like pain, abuse, hatred, bitterness, resentments, rebellion etc., now I see people who call themselves Christian rationalizing a stand on abortion that I earnestly had to repent for and have no wish to take back any of that.

The truth is every day we murder people in the church with our words and heart attitudes - The person who blows up an abortion clinic is no better than the person who assists in killing babies. All is due to a

murderous spirit. From apathy to hate for homosexuals [hate the sin, not the sinner] to rationalizing murdering abusive husbands and wives, to abortion, to eating fetuses in one Asian nation I have seen this thing grow.

Our desire for revenge has no limits it seems and our desire for **SELF to be on the throne** continues to pervade our culture and the CHURCH of Jesus Christ, though it should not be so. Jesus said, " He who lives by the sword shall die by the sword". Saul of the O.T. was just such a man. But it breaks my heart to see the woundedness and lack of healing, and the compromise in the church of Jesus Christ. For so long I was a pagan and subject to the same temptations and appetites as everyone else. And our flesh still has to fight all that, but the spirit of Nicolaitans - I never thought to see amongst the prophets of God. Prophets are supposed to be praying

people, God's friends, those who KNOW THE WORD and know GOD's heart.

So how do we get so far off base as to think that God won't judge deliberate sinfulness ? There is a difference in a heart that is unhealed and doesn't really believe the full truth or understand the full truth, or the heart so wounded it takes so long to get healed, from the heart that is WILLFULLY disobedient and rationalizing murder.

I was a NEONATAL Clinical Nurse Specialist. So having had embryology as a biology major, at first, and having seen the development of the fetus in varying stages under the microscope, it only gave me MORE respect for LIFE and preserving it in the end, when I wasn't rationalizing my own selfishness. There is NO WAY you can rationalize that a fetus in the womb is not

a living human being. I have heard
HUMANISTS call the baby an "IT".

And I've heard them rationalize, that as a fetus, it looks like the fetus of a pig etc. But if you look at how the fetus develops step by step and the differentiation of cells in a human being step by step, there is NO WAY you could say that. Baby's move around - they suck their thumbs - they feel emotions in utero. And having been one who was in the womb, and whose mother tried to abort me three times, using mechanical, and chemical means, I can tell you that that murderous attitude on the part of a mother IS FELT by her child. It can affect them for the rest of their life.

There is NO rationalization that could convince me that abortion is "OK". Even in cases of rape, the baby, though hard to bear could be adopted out. So to step into

the realm of politics and say that supporting a woman's right to make a decision to murder is "OK", is not OK in my book. But then I'm just one of those fanatical Christian women that some on the left would like to crucify. I'm not saying that we shouldn't be compassionate to those that make mistakes in judgment. I'm not saying we should judge anyone, but that if we are going to take a stand for righteousness in this nation, then we cannot condone abortion "rights". **Hey dear one, you have the right to NOT have sex. You have the right to use birth control. You have the right to Help.**

Heck in this nation we can even leave the babies after birth, at a post office or hospital and not be prosecuted, if we are too young and feel too overwhelmed to take care of them. But **to use abortion as birth control is an assault on every woman.** For if they want to, they can like the Chinese

IMPOSE their humanistic values too on our society, and soon you would not have a right to even have a baby unless it turned out to be male, or maybe be limited to one or two, and any "mistakes" in judgment could be "handled" by the state ! And any baby not perfect enough or a drain on society would just be eliminated.

So the issue gets very complicated. You allow one murder, then the rationalization for MORE and MORE becomes less and less difficult. Why not just put everyone to sleep at 65. After all you can't live quality life much after that anyhow some might say ? Why not just euthanize everyone who gets cancer ? So as to save the government some money ? - Or the child with C.P - maybe we could just get rid of them and have a utopian society of people that all look alike and have no physical weaknesses? But oh yeah, that sounds a bit

like someone who lived in the
40's....uhhhhh HITLER ?

Cases of Idolatry & Counterfeit Religion

Judges 17 & 18

Priscilla Van Sutphin

Feb 27th, 2008

The Lord took me to these chapters in Judges about 16 years ago when I was forced to live with my mother after my divorce. It was not what I wanted, but because I was so sick at the time, it was the only choice God left to me. I had to be able to care for my son who was 12 at the time. During that time, my mother was actively involved in Unity Cult which is a new age religion, and was reading Edgar Cayce. She had lupus since getting involved with that cult, as my grandfather was a Pentacostal Holiness minister, though there was mixture in the family of

freemasonry, and she had judged the church. I never found out why, but always felt she was molested. She had much bitterness, and looked for answers after she got sick, in the occult.

God took me to these chapters in Judges I believe to show me the roots of witchcraft and why she had gotten involved in all that. I was puzzled greatly by why she would do such a thing and veer off in the direction she went. For many years in my childhood, we practiced Catholicism, and from catholic school I knew that the things my mother got involved in were not right. But I really was seeking some understanding from the Lord about it. Chapter 17 is all about personal idolatry in Israel, and chapter 18 is about tribal idolatry **that ended up eliminating the tribe of Dan from mention in Revelation.**

Judges 17 CJB [Complete Jewish Bible]

1 There was a man from the hills of Efrayim named Mikhay'hu. 2 He said to his mother, "You know the 1,100 pieces of silver that were taken from you — you pronounced a curse about it, and you told me about it? Well, the money is with me. I took it." His mother said, "May Adonai bless my son," 3 as he restored the 1,100 pieces of silver to his mother. Then his mother said, "I solemnly dedicate this money of mine to Adonai, in order for my son to make a carved image overlaid with silver. So now I'm giving it back to you."

Micah has a mother who is older and had this 1100 pieces of silver saved up, no doubt over some time. And He was an adult with a son old enough to be a priest - so not that young, and he stole the money from his mother. Obviously he was led by greed, and she, also, since she pronounced a

curse on whoever took it. The love of money is the root of all evil it says in the Word. So she finds out he took it when he no doubt was upset hearing her curses !

So he restores it and she says lets dedicate it to ADONAI, but then when he restores it, she only used 200 of the 1100 to make an idol dedicated to Adonai. Now maybe she remembered stories of idols in Egypt, we don't know, but later on it indicates that Micah already had a place devoted to idols, teraphim, so he was already into idolatry which is expressly forbidden by the ten commandments. They were NOT to make any graven images.

4 But he returned the money to his mother, and she took 200 pieces of silver and gave them to the metalworker, who made a carved image overlaid with silver which was put in Mikhay'hu's house. 5 This man Mikhah owned a house of God; so he made a ritual vest and household gods and

consecrated one of his sons, who became his cohen.

What is interesting to me here also is the alignment with the priesthood which they KNEW about, yet it is a sacrilege to make idols/teraphim, and he has his son dress like a cohen, and look like one, and have a temple, but they were disobeying God in making the idols, and it would seem, they represent a counterfeit type of religion - "a form of religion, but no power thereof", because they were not obeying the fullness of the Word of God taught to them. Also he is not from the priestly tribe, the Levites, so he's just making his own version of God and the law of the temple.

Jud 17:5 Lamsa version And the man Micah had a house of gods, and he made an ephod and a teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. [this version is

identical to the Hebrew version of the
O.T. for this chapter and verse]

The amplified also says:

[Judg 17:5 AMP And the man Micah had a house of gods, and he made an ephod and teraphim and dedicated one of his sons, who became his priest.]

Judg 17:5-6 NKJV The man Micah had a shrine, and made an ephod and household idols; and he consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

Teraphim

— givers of prosperity, idols in human shape, large or small, analogous to the images of ancestors which were revered by the Romans. In order to deceive the guards sent by Saul to seize David, Michal his wife prepared one of the household teraphim, putting on it the goat's-hair cap worn by sleepers and invalids, and laid it in a

bed, covering it with a mantle. She pointed it out to the soldiers, and alleged that David was confined to his bed by a sudden illness (1 Sam 19:13-16). Thus she gained time for David's escape. It seems strange to read of teraphim, images of ancestors, preserved for superstitious purposes, being in the house of David.

— Probably they had been stealthily brought by Michal from her father's house. "Perhaps," says Bishop Wordsworth, "Saul, forsaken by God and possessed by the evil spirit, had resorted to teraphim (as he afterwards resorted to witchcraft); and God overruled evil for good, and made his very teraphim (by the hand of his own daughter) to be an instrument for David's escape.",
[Bible Dictionary]

6 At that time there was no king in Isra'el; a man simply did whatever he thought was right.

This says a lot, that there was no one to lead them, so they were doing what they thought was right. **There are a lot of people today who do what THEY THINK is right because they are not taught, or taught rightly, or are rebellious, or don't want to wait for an answer from God. It reminds me of Ezekiel 34,**

Ezek 34:5-6 NKJV

5 So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered. 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching for them."

Back to Judges...

7 There was a young man from Beit-Lechem in Y'hudah, from the family of Y'hudah, who was a Levi. He had been staying 8 in Beit-Lechem, but he left there to find another place to live and came to the hills of Efrayim, where eventually he made his way to the house of Mikhah. 9 Mikhah asked him, "Where are you coming from?" He answered, "I am a Levi from Beit-Lechem in Y'hudah, and I'm looking for a place to live." 10 Mikhah replied, "Stay with me, and be a father and cohen for me; I will give you ten pieces of silver a year, in addition to your clothing and food." So the Levi went in 11 and agreed to stay with the man; the young man became like one of his sons. 12 After Mikhah consecrated the Levi, the young man became his cohen and stayed there in Mikhah's house. 13 Mikhah said, "Now I know that Adonai will treat me well, because I have a Levi for a cohen.

Now this begs for some understanding as well. A young man comes from Bethlehem of Judah, and then to the hills of Ephraim, and finds Micah the idolater, and Micah asks him to come and be his cohen, since he is a true Levite. He offers him silver and clothing and food. He becomes like a son to Micah. But it doesn't say he threw out the idols. In fact we find later that they were still there. So it would seem that the Levite also succumbed to idolatry also, compromised his walk to take the money and stay there and be provided for. And Micah thinks, now that he has someone who is real cohen to be the priest over his house of idols, that Adonai will bless him !!! WOW, that is a great delusion and delusion is the name of the game when we give into idolatry to money. **You can see it in the church today with popular TV evangelists and others placing so much emphasis on money,** and saying ludicrous things, like I got Psalm 67 tonight so if you give 67

dollars tonight, you will prosper in all that you give ! Such delusion has ensnared many, that they really believe their own lies. It is so sorrowful to God. There is a spiritual blindness that comes when we care too much for the created rather than the creator, like it says in Romans 1.

Now we will look at the tribe of Dan's fall to idolatry and the reasons illuminated that God gave me for many who fall to witchcraft.

Judg 18 AMP

1 IN THOSE days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Danites sought for itself an inheritance to dwell in, for until then no [sufficient] inheritance had been acquired by them among the tribes of Israel.

So up till now, the Danites had not gotten their sufficient inheritance and were

looking for land they could claim as their own which was their right.

2 So the Danites sent from the whole number of their tribe five brave men from Zorah and Eshtaol to spy out the land and to explore it, and they said to them, Go, explore the land. They came to the hill country of Ephraim, to the house of Micah, and lodged there. 3 When they went by the house of Micah, they recognized the voice of the young Levite, and they turned aside there and said to him, Who brought you here? And what do you do in this place? And what have you here? 4 And he said to them, Thus and thus Micah deals with me and has hired me, and I am his priest.

So the 5 men of the tribe of Dan go and spy out the land and come to the home of Micah the idol worshipper. Here they find the Levite who has become his priest.

5 And they said to him, Ask counsel, we pray you, of God that we may know whether our journey will be successful. 6 And the priest said to them, Go in peace. The way in which you go is before (under the eye of) the Lord.

They ask the priest to enquire of God for them whether their trip will be successful and the priest answers in the affirmative, and that they are in the eye of God. God is always watching over His own, so we are forever in His eyes, and always. He sees everything. One of His names is El Roi- God Who sees.

7 Then the five men departed and came to Laish and saw the people who were there, how they dwelt securely after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and feeling safe; and there was no magistrate in the land, who might put them to shame in anything or

injure them; and they were far from the Sidonians and had no dealings with anyone.

[There were no rulers in the land who might put them to shame for anything.

NKJV]

In other words, there were no rulers who would hold them accountable for anything, they could live secure without any interference from authority.

8 The five men came back to their brethren at Zorah and Eshtaol, and their brethren said to them, What do you say?

9 They said, Arise, let us go up against them, for we have seen the land, and behold, it is very fertile. And will you do nothing? Do not be slow to go and enter in and possess the land. 10 When you go, you will come to people [feeling] safe and secure. The land is broad [widely extended on all sides]; and God has given it into your

hands — a place where there is no want of anything that is in the earth.

Could it be when we have some idolatry in our hearts that God gives us over to it to test us? A backslider in heart is filled with his own ways it says. Romans gives us a picture of how when people choose to go their OWN way rather than His way, they are given over to delusion. Also remember LOT who wanted the best land over his uncle Abraham, and ended up in Sodom surrounded by perversion/idolatry of all kinds. Remember his wife who looked back, maybe longing for her THINGS, and turned to stone. There were also the children of Israel in the desert who never got to go into the promised land because of their complaining and idolatry, not only to things but to SELF and what SELF wanted. Even MOSES didn't go in, because he took things into his own hands instead of doing it God's

way in smiting the ROCK. He was supposed to SPEAK to the rock, not smite it.

Rom 1:19-25 NKJV For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man — and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature

rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

11 And there went from there of the tribe of the Danites, out of Zorah and Eshtaol, 600 men armed with weapons of war. 12 And they went up and encamped at Kiriath-jearim in Judah. Therefore they called that place Mahaneh-dan [camp of Dan] to this day; it is west of Kiriath-jearim.

[city of forests] 13 And they passed from there to the hill country of Ephraim and came to Micah's house.

14 Then the five men who had gone to spy out the country of Laish said to their brethren, Do you know that there are in these houses an ephod, teraphim, a graven image, and a molten image? Now therefore, consider what you have to do. 15 And they turned in that direction and came to the house of the young Levite, at the home of Micah, and saluted him. 16 Now the 600

Danites with their weapons of war stood at
Micah's gate.

[600 is the symbolic number for WARFARE
]

So the men who knew of the home with the
idols and priests, let the warriors know
they were there, and there is the
temptation offered, and they are
encouraged to think what they should do.
There's a test.

17 And the five men who had gone to spy
out the land went up and entered the house
and took the graven image, the ephod, the
teraphim, and the molten image, while the
priest stood by the entrance of the gate
with the 600 men armed with weapons of
war. 18 And when these went into Micah's
house and took the carved image, the
ephod, the teraphim, and the molten
image, the priest said to them, What are
you doing? 19 And they said to him, Be

still, put your hand over your mouth, and come with us, and be to us a father and a priest. Is it better for you to be a priest to the house of one man, or that you be a priest to a tribe and family in Israel?

So the men who actually offered went in themselves to steal the items. The priest asks "What are you doing ?" And they tell him to shut up basically, and come with them to be priest over many vs priest over one man's house...certainly more profitable.

20 And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people. 21 So they turned and departed and put the little ones, the cattle, and the baggage in front of them.

The priest's heart was glad of course, rather than just 10 shekels of silver a year, there is the prospect of MORE. No stopping to ask God what He thought. And

then which god would he have asked ?
hmmm.

22 When they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men who were Micah's near neighbors were called out and overtook the Danites. 23 They shouted to the Danites, who turned and said to Micah, What ails you, that you come with such a company? 24 And he said, You take away my gods which I made and the priest, and go away; and what have I left? How can you say to me, What ails you?

Behold what one idolater says to another -
like what's your problem ?

25 And the men of Dan said to him, Let not your voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows fall upon you and you lose your life with the lives of your household. 26 And the Danites went their way; and when Micah saw that they were too strong

for him, he turned and went back to his house.

The Danites threaten them and they are outnumbered so they turn around and go back to Micah's house.

27 And they took the things which Micah had made, and his priest, and came to Laish, to a people quiet and feeling secure, and they smote them with the sword and burned the city. 28 And there was no deliverer because it was far from Sidon, and they had no business with anyone. It was in the valley which belongs to Beth-rehob. And they rebuilt the city and dwelt in it.

OT:3919 vyll^ Layish (lah'-yish); the same as OT:3918; Laish, the name of two places in Palestine:KJV - Laish. Compare OT:3889.

OT:3918 vyll^ layish (lah'-yish); from
OT:3888 in the sense of crushing; a lion
(from his destructive blows):KJV - (old)
lion.

Beth Rehob basically means " Wide house"
or "BROAD house"

V. 28 says, they had NO BUSINESS with
anyone. And oftentimes people will choose
isolation when they want their OWN way of
life. Sometimes that happens just because
people have been beaten down a lot, but it
also happens when those who want to hide
their sins, set themselves apart so no one
will know what they are doing wrong.

Witchcraft in the past has often been done
in HIDDENNESS because it's too appalling
for anyone to know about, but also so they
would not be stopped. Many hideous things
are done in isolation like at the Bohemian
Grove.

29 They named the city Dan, after Dan their forefather who was born to Israel; however, the name of the city was Laish at first. 30 And the Danites set up the graven image for themselves; and Jonathan son of Gershom, the son of Moses, and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land. 31 So they set them up Micah's graven image which he made, as long as the house of God was at Shiloh.

Now you see something really startling. Not only did the tribe of Dan fall to the idolatry but here at the end we see that Jonathon, son of Gershom who was MOSES's son , and Jonathon's sons were priest to the tribe of DAN WITH THE GRAVEN IMAGE. Now you know from this that Gershom and Jonathon would have KNOWN that it was wrong to do such a thing because the traditions and laws were passed down through them. It is so easy

for our children even though raised rightly to be drawn away by the idolatry of this age, as it was then - surrounded by idolators, which is WHY GOD warned them before they went into the land to NOT fall prey to the idolatry. With idolatry come seducing demons leading people into error. Such is NOT to be taken lightly.

When man exerts HIS will above the Lord's will, there is compromise and delusion comes with it. Man's FLESH is IMPATIENT to wait on God for answers, or to wait for God to bless him, and in this many are ensnared into witchcraft. People don't want to WAIT. They want what they want NOW. This leads to rebellion out of self idolatry, and witchcraft. If I don't get it now...I just run to other gods to give me the answer is the idea here. And I can then get what I WANT. What I WANT becomes paramount in ALL idolatry, whether it is to alcohol, food, sex, greed

for money, or things. In New Age, you can just THINK positive thoughts about how you want something enough and it will just come to you they think. It never worked for my mother all the years she believed in it. Yet I never heard her give credit to God Almighty for anything.

Rev 21:8 AMP

8 But as for the cowards and the ignoble and the contemptible and the cravenly lacking in courage and the cowardly submissive, and as for the unbelieving and faithless, and as for the depraved and defiled with abominations, and as for murderers and the lewd and adulterous and the practicers of magic arts and the idolaters (those who give supreme devotion to anyone or anything other than God) and all liars (those who knowingly convey untruth by word or deed) — [all of these shall have] their part in the lake that

blazes with fire and brimstone. This is the second death. [Isa 30:33.]

When we give more devotion even to **MINISTRY** or a church leader than we do to **GOD HIMSELF**, that also is idolatry. When we look to prophets for words more than to **GOD**, we are practicing idolatry.

When we worry more about money and things, than give devotion to **GOD**, then we are practicing idolatry. When we give money to ministries just so we can get money back, we are in **IDOLATRY** ! When we spend more time **DOING**, even in church than we do with **HOLY SPIRIT**, and relegate Him to 15 minutes of prayer on the way to work or home, then don't keep the Sabbath either, we really need to reexamine our priorities. We can be busy, yet **GOD** conscious and dependent on **HIM**. That is different than just being busy and not giving much thought to **God** at all. One of the strategies of the enemy that is so

effective is to get us busy doing things , so we have no time for worship or prayer. DISCONTENTMENT with God's timing and ways leads to witchcraft control and doing things in our OWN strength. May the LORD REMOVE all the idolatry in the hearts of His beloveds, and RESTORE the true Christian church, with JESUS as the only PREEMINENT ONE.

Hannah & Samuel, Eli & Sons

1 Samuel 1-4

Priscilla Van Sutphin

1 SAMUEL NKJV

The Family of Elkanah

1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim Zophim, of the mountains of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite. Ramathaim Zophim means - high place of watchers/to peer into the distance

Elkanah means "God has obtained",
Jeroham - compassionate, Elihu - God of
him,
Tohu - depress; abasement; Zuph -
honeycomb

Perhaps this name of this city gives us a
clue that there was a need for those in
this place to be WATCHFUL, as they were
on a high place, and vulnerable to
enemies ?

2 And he had two wives: the name of one
was Hannah, and the name of the other
Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but
Hannah had no children.

Hannah means FAVORED, Peninnah means *
paniyn (paw-noon'); or paniy (paw-nee');
from the same as OT:6434; probably a
pearl (as round): KJV = ruby

3 This man went up from his city yearly to
worship and sacrifice to the Lord of hosts

in Shiloh. Also the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the Lord, were there.

Hophni means: perhaps pugilist; a person who fights with the fists; a boxer, usually a professional. Phinehas means:

OT:6372 Piynechac (pee-nekh-aws'); apparently from OT:6310 and a variation of OT:5175; mouth of a serpent; Pinechas KJV - Phinehas.

Now that is significant as they both were fighting against the Lord's ways !

4 And whenever the time came for Elkanah to make an offering, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. 5 But to Hannah he would give a double portion, for he loved Hannah, although the Lord had closed her womb. 6 And her rival also provoked her severely, to make her miserable, because the Lord had closed her womb. 7 So it was, year by

year, when she went up to the house of the Lord, that she provoked her; therefore she wept and did not eat.

It was a great humiliation in that culture to not have children and considered a curse. So you can imagine how desperate Hannah would be, like Sarah. Then not only did she have grief over not being able to bear children, but her rival, the other wife, goaded her and mocked her on top of it. Yet in this little portion of scripture, I see a likeness of the LORD in Elkanah giving to Hannah a DOUBLE PORTION.

In Deut 21:15-17 NKJV it says:
15 "If a man has two wives, one loved and the other unloved, and they have borne him children, both the loved and the unloved, and if the firstborn son is of her who is unloved, 16 then it shall be, on the day he bequeaths his possessions to his sons, that he must not bestow firstborn status on the

son of the loved wife in preference to the son of the unloved, the true firstborn. 17

But he shall acknowledge the son of the unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a double portion of all that he has, for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.

Now this law in Deuteronomy pertains to the firstborn son, that even if that son is from the unloved wife, he will get the double portion. But here, Elkanah gives to Hannah, his beloved wife a double portion just out of his love for her.

Isa 61:7 NKJV Instead of your shame
 you shall have double honor,
And instead of confusion they shall rejoice
 in their portion.

Therefore in their land they shall possess
double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.

This verse is what makes me see it as a type of Christ and His bride - Elkanah and Hannah that is. He gives Hannah double, knowing the pain of her suffering.

Hannah's Vow

8 Then Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? And why is your heart grieved? Am I not better to you than ten sons?"

Oh my, how some men can say the wrong thing at the wrong time ! Surely he was a good man, but some men have a bit of self in the way of seeing through the feelings of a woman. I have to laugh reading his words. Like yes, it should be enough, but it wasn't in that culture, and he was minimizing her feelings as sometimes happens.

BUT if he represents the LORD, as I think, as a type, then it makes sense,

because HE of course is to us, much more than any 10 sons.

9 So Hannah arose after they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh.

SHILOH: tranquil; Shiloh, an epithet of the Messiah: [an identification of HIM]

Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the tabernacle of the Lord. 10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the Lord and wept in anguish. 11 Then she made a vow and said, "O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head."

This is the vow of a nazirite, for no razor to touch his head. And she is willing to give

up the child, though that would be VERY hard after not having a child in so long, but a sure vindication from the Lord in the face of her opponent Peninnah.

12 And it happened, as she continued praying before the Lord, that Eli watched her mouth. 13 Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she was drunk. 14 So Eli said to her, "How long will you be drunk? Put your wine away from you!" 15 But Hannah answered and said, "No, my lord, I am a woman of sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord.

Often this is the treatment of those who've felt so rejected - more rejection. The priest thinks she's drunk, but she is just overwhelmed with grief.

16 Do not consider your maidservant a wicked woman, for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief I have spoken until now." 17 Then Eli answered and said, " Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him." 18 And she said, " Let your maidservant find favor in your sight." So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

There is something about desperate prayer and self sacrifice that touches the heart of God like nothing else. God does listen to all of our prayers, but there is a watching I think sometimes and waiting for us to really cry out, maybe it's a level of FAITH and trust that He is looking for, that really reaches His heart. Maybe it was a level of humility, since she was bitter in heart, and she needed to rid herself of that bitterness to have what she wanted from the Lord. That too will stifle answers

to prayer. She knew she had overcome it would seem as she was no longer sad. Often when we get bitter, it is because we have pent up our emotions instead of releasing our pain and anger to the LORD in PRAYER. You have to get it out to someone, and who better, than the LORD HIMSELF ? This brings often an answer just laying it all out before the Judge of the earth.

Samuel Is Born and Dedicated

19 Then they rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord, and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. 20 So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked for him from the Lord."

I love that it says, the LORD remembered her. Sometimes when we go through difficult circumstances, we may feel like God has abandoned us, but He promised He would NEVER leave us or forsake us. So God remembered Hannah and she conceived a son. [Samuel means: OT:8050 heard of God]

21 Now the man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice and his vow. 22 But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "Not until the child is weaned; then I will take him, that he may appear before the Lord and remain there forever." 23 So Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him. Only let the Lord establish His word." Then the woman stayed and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

Why did Elkanah say "only let the Lord establish His word ? Eli had blessed her saying, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him" and Hannah had promised if she gave birth to give her son to God. It was God Who motivated Eli to speak and Hannah as well.

Lamentations 3:37-38 NKJV Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass, When the Lord has not commanded it? 38 Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that woe and well-being proceed?

24 Now when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls, one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the Lord in Shiloh. And the child was young. 25 Then they slaughtered a bull, and brought the child to Eli. 26 And she said, "O my lord! As your soul lives, my lord, I am the

woman who stood by you here, praying to the Lord. 27 For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted me my petition which I asked of Him. 28 Therefore I also have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives he shall be lent to the Lord." So they worshiped the Lord there.

Then Hannah, filled with the Spirit of God prays very powerfully a prophetic prayer/declaration:

Chapter 2: Hannah's Prayer (cf. Luke 1:46-55)

1 And Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the Lord; My horn is exalted in the Lord. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation. 2 "No one is holy like the Lord, For there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God. 3 "Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the Lord is the God of knowledge; And by Him

actions are weighed. 4 "The bows of the mighty men are broken, And those who stumbled are girded with strength. 5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, and the hungry have ceased to hunger. Even the barren has borne seven, And she who has many children has become feeble.

6 "The Lord kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up. 7 The Lord makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. 8 He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap, to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory. "For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and He has set the world upon them. 9 He will guard the feet of His saints, but the wicked shall be silent in darkness. "For by strength no man shall prevail. 10 The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken in pieces; From heaven He

will thunder against them. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth. "He will give strength to His king, and exalt the horn of His anointed."

Go to Luke 1:46 NKJV and compare Mary's declaration when she saw Elizabeth:

The Song of Mary

46 And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. 48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. 49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. 50 And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the

lowly. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things,

Mary would have grown up learning the story of Hannah and singing the scriptures.

11 Then Elkanah went to his house at Ramah. But the child ministered to the Lord before Eli the priest.

Oh what a hard thing that is to give up your child and the Lord knows. What a brave woman Hannah was ! After years and years of rejection to give up what you love most, your beloved son. How much strength does that take ? A truckload I know. And God is good to Hannah in return.
Let's go on...

The Wicked Sons of Eli

12 Now the sons of Eli were corrupt; they did not know the Lord. 13 And the priests' custom with the people was that when any

man offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come with a three-pronged flesh-hook in his hand while the meat was boiling. 14 Then he would thrust it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; and the priest would take for himself all that the fleshhook brought up. So they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there. 15

Also, before they burned the fat, the priest's servant would come and say to the man who sacrificed, "Give meat for roasting to the priest, for he will not take boiled meat from you, but raw."

16 And if the man said to him, "They should really burn the fat first; then you may take as much as your heart desires," he would then answer him, "No, but you must give it now; and if not, I will take it by force." 17 Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before the Lord, for men abhorred the offering of the Lord.

This was a great evil in the sight of the Lord. Eli's sons are defying the Living God and His instructions to the priesthood here and full of GREED.

Matthew Henry's commentary

(1.) "They profaned the offerings of the Lord, and made a gain to themselves, or rather a gratification of their own luxury, out of them. God had provided competently for them out of the sacrifices. The offerings of the Lord made by fire were a considerable branch of their revenue, but not enough to please them; they served not the God of Israel, but their own bellies (Rom 16:18), being such as the prophet calls greedy dogs that can never have enough, Isa 56:11. [1.] They robbed the offerers, and seized for themselves some of their part of the sacrifice of the peace-offerings. The priests had for their share the wave-breast and the heave shoulder (Lev 7:34), but these did not

content them; when the flesh was boiling for the offerer to feast upon religiously with his friends, they sent a servant with a flesh-hook of three teeth, a trident, and that must be stuck into the pot, and whatever that brought up the priest must have (v. 13,14), and the people, out of their great veneration, suffered this to grow into a custom, so that after awhile prescription was pleaded for this manifest wrong. [2.]

They stepped in before God himself, and encroached upon his right too. As if it were a small thing to weary men, they wearied my God also, Isa 7:13. Be it observed, to the honour of Israel, that though the people tamely yielded to their unwarrantable demands from them, yet they were very solicitous that God should not be robbed: Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, v. 16. Let the altar have its due, for that is the main matter.

Unless God have the fat, they can feast with little comfort upon the flesh. It was a shame that the priests should need to be thus admonished by the people of their duty; but they regarded not the admonition. The priest will be served first, and will take what he thinks fit of the fat too, for he is weary of boiled meat, he must have roast, and, in order to that, they must give it to him raw; and if the offerer dispute it, though not in his own favour (let the priest take what he pleases of his part) but in favour of the altar (let them be sure to burn the fat first), even the priest's servant had grown so very imperious that he would either have it now or take it by force, than which there could not be a greater affront to God nor a greater abuse to the people.

The effect was, First, That God was displeased: The sin of the young men was

very great before the Lord, v. 17. Nothing is more provoking to God than the profanation of sacred things, and men serving their lusts with the offerings of the Lord. Secondly, That religion suffered by it: Men abhorred the offerings of the Lord. All good men abhorred their management of the offerings, and too many insensibly fell into a contempt of the offerings themselves for their sakes. It was the people's sin to think the worse of God's institutions, but it was the much greater sin of the priests that gave them occasion to do so. Nothing brings a greater reproach upon religion than ministers' covetousness, sensuality, and imperiousness. "

(from Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible, PC Study Bible Formatted Electronic Database Copyright © 2006 by Biblesoft, Inc. All Rights reserved.)

Imperiousness: Arrogantly domineering or overbearing.

Samuel's Childhood Ministry

18 But Samuel ministered before the Lord, even as a child, wearing a linen ephod. 19 Moreover his mother used to make him a little robe, and bring it to him year by year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. 20 And Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "The Lord give you descendants from this woman for the loan that was given to the Lord." Then they would go to their own home. 21 And the Lord visited Hannah, so that she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. Meanwhile the child Samuel grew before the Lord.

Even as a child, Samuel dressed in his identity as a priest of the Lord. And the priest blessed Elkanah and Hannah each time he would see them for the sacrifice

they made of their son to the Lord. And for said sacrifice, **GOD BROUGHT BLESSING** upon Hannah of three sons and two daughters...5 children, the number of **GRACE**.

Prophecy Against Eli's Household

22 Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 23 So he said to them, "Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all the people. 24 No, my sons! For it is not a good report that I hear. You make the Lord's people transgress. 25 If one man sins against another, God will judge him. But if a man sins against the Lord, who will intercede for him?" Nevertheless they did not heed the voice of their father, because the Lord desired to kill them.

Wow, this is something. The young priests were laying with the women who assembled at the tabernacle door, no doubt seeking advice, and the Lord. So they perverted the priesthood and took advantage of these women in need, and the father rebukes them, but instead of listening, and instead of HIS doing something other than talking, it says they did NOT listen BECAUSE the Lord desired to kill them ! We know from the story of Moses that God can harden hearts like He did with pharaoh. This is so sad, but instead of repenting they continued on in sin, the Lord did not grant them grace, nor did they ask for it. Their hearts were hard. How disgraceful this is for the royal priesthood, to be doing such things, yet today it is still going on. **Men perverting their positions, and the character of the Lord, giving the church a bad name through distorting all that is holy, and lying with other men, women and even children.**

26 And the child Samuel grew in stature,
and in favor both with the Lord and men.
27 Then a man of God came to Eli and said
to him, "Thus says the Lord: 'Did I not
clearly reveal Myself to the house of your
father when they were in Egypt in
Pharaoh's house? 28 Did I not choose him
out of all the tribes of Israel to be My
priest, to offer upon My altar, to burn
incense, and to wear an ephod before Me?
And did I not give to the house of your
father all the offerings of the children of
Israel made by fire? 29 Why do you kick
at My sacrifice and My offering which I
have commanded in My dwelling place, and
honor your sons more than Me, to make
yourselves fat with the best of all the
offerings of Israel My people?'

Now Eli gets a warning from a no name prophet, the Lord rebuking him for allowing the sin to go on and on. He brings up the

greed, and being more afraid of losing his son's love, than the Lord's.

30 Therefore the Lord God of Israel says: 'I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the Lord says: 'Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed. 31 Behold, the days are coming that I will cut off your arm and the arm of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your house. 32 And you will see an enemy in My dwelling place, despite all the good which God does for Israel. And there shall not be an old man in your house forever. 33 But any of your men whom I do not cut off from My altar shall consume your eyes and grieve your heart. And all the descendants of your house shall die in the flower of their age.

Another wow judgment word comes from the LORD that Eli's whole house will be wiped out, all descendents being under a curse, shall die in the flower of their age.

34 Now this shall be a sign to you that will come upon your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they shall die, both of them. 35 Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever. 36 And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left in your house will come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and say, "Please, put me in one of the priestly positions, that I may eat a piece of bread."""

The man of God, tells him that both sons will die in a day, and that HE will replace the priesthood with a "FAITHFUL priest

who shall do according to what is in MY heart and My mind” When I read this, I suddenly felt it was JESUS that the prophet was talking about, because it says He will have the heart and mind of God, but also all will come and bow down to him, asking for provision. The only provision for the priests was the LORD Himself, and what was given in a portion of the offerings. Then it says He will build him a sure house, and the meaning for house has to do with FAMILY.

The original Hebrew word for sure is AMAN...

OT:539 /m[^]a* 'aman (aw-man'); a primitive root; properly, to build up or support; to foster as a parent or nurse; figuratively to render (or be) firm or faithful, to trust or believe, to be permanent or quiet; morally to be true or certain; once (Isa 30:21; interchangeable with OT:541) to go to the right hand: KJV - hence, assurance,

believe, bring up, establish, + fail, be faithful (of long continuance, steadfast, sure, surely, trusty, verified), nurse, (-ing father), (put), trust, turn to the right.

OT:541 /m[^]a* 'aman (aw-man');
denominative from OT:3225; to take the right hand road:KJV - turn to the right.

See OT:539.

Samuel's First Prophecy

3 Now the boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.

This is sad but expected in an environment of rebellion that there isn't much of the WORD of the LORD. It says there was NO widespread revelation. So apparently at other times there had been such.

2 And it came to pass at that time, while Eli was lying down in his place, and when

his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, 3 and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the Lord where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down, 4 that the Lord called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" 5 So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down.

The Lord makes His first call to young Samuel, and he is unfamiliar so he runs to Eli, thinking Eli is calling to him. Often just as we are lying down is when God speaks to us interestingly enough. When we turn away from busyness and work, and just rest it is easier to hear the Lord.

6 Then the Lord called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son;

lie down again." 7 (Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him.) 8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord had called the boy. 9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears.'

Finally Eli figures out what is going on and instructs young Samuel. " So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

11 Then the Lord said to Samuel: "Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. 12 In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house,

from beginning to end. 13 For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them. 14 And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

THAT is a heavy duty FIRST prophecy to get as a young man. Imagine being Samuel who'd not heard even the voice of the Lord before and finally he hears for the first time and it is such a hard word. Today, leaders would tell him perhaps that he is being
"too negative" for today people want tintillating words in too many places.

15 So Samuel lay down until morning, and opened the doors of the house of the Lord. And Samuel was afraid to tell Eli the vision.

Anyone could understand why Samuel would be afraid...

16 Then Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son!" He answered, "Here I am." 17 And he said, "What is the word that the Lord spoke to you? Please do not hide it from me. God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that He said to you." 18 Then Samuel told him everything, and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the Lord. Let Him do what seems good to Him."

Eli encourages him not to hide what the Lord has said, so Samuel coughs it up, but I'm sure it was a hard thing, since Eli had been like a father to him. And yet like Gideon, he had to tear down the idols in His father's house. Well in this case, just deliver the word that would accomplish it.

19 So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the Lord. 21 Then the Lord appeared again in Shiloh. For the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

This is quite a statement, that the Lord let NONE of his words fall to the ground. The Lord listened to ALL HIS PRAYERS, and executed all the words given him ! And we see as a result that all the people knew Samuel to be a true prophet of God. The Hebrew word for KNEW means they ascertained by SEEING. Then it says that the LORD APPEARED again in Shiloh.

OT:7886 hl)yv! Shiyloh (shee-lo'); from OT:7951; tranquil; Shiloh, an epithet of the Messiah: KJV - Shiloh.

4 And the word of Samuel came to all
Israel.

Not only did God see that his words didn't fall to the ground, but also that his words were distributed so that ALL ISRAEL heard them. So much for self promotion ! It is GOD who gives favor and assures that people hear.

The Ark of God Captured

Now Israel went out to battle against the Philistines, and encamped beside Ebenezer; and the Philistines encamped in Aphek. 2

Then the Philistines put themselves in battle array against Israel. And when they joined battle, Israel was defeated by the Philistines, who killed about four thousand men of the army in the field. 3 And when the people had come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why has the Lord defeated us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the

Lord from Shiloh to us, that when it comes among us it may save us from the hand of our enemies." 4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from there the ark of the covenant of the Lord of hosts, who dwells between the cherubim.

And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

Israel goes out to war with the Philistines and 4 thousand are killed.

The Elders seem puzzled. That seems astounding considering the circumstances in the temple. So the people get an idea... maybe if we bring the ARK with us, we will win ! hmmm And WHO is with the ark of the Lord ? Eli's two sons.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of the Lord came into the camp, all Israel shouted so loudly that the earth shook.

Now that is something that the earth
shook at the shouts of all Israel...still
reading on...

6 Now when the Philistines heard the noise
of the shout, they said, "What does the
sound of this great shout in the camp of
the Hebrews mean?" Then they understood
that the ark of the Lord had come into the
camp. 7 So the Philistines were afraid, for
they said, "God has come into the camp!"

And they said, "Woe to us! For such a
thing has never happened before. 8 Woe to
us! Who will deliver us from the hand of
these mighty gods? These are the gods who
struck the Egyptians with all the plagues in
the wilderness. 9 Be strong and conduct
yourselves like men, you Philistines, that
you do not become servants of the
Hebrews, as they have been to you.
Conduct yourselves like men, and fight!"

At the shout of the people the Philistines are scared knowing the stories of Egypt's defeat they are filled with fear, but they stir themselves up to fight, not knowing GOD had intention to use them to bring judgment on Israel.

10 So the Philistines fought, and Israel was defeated, and every man fled to his tent. There was a very great slaughter, and there fell of Israel thirty thousand foot soldiers. 11 Also the ark of God was captured; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, died.

So now 30,000 are killed, a great defeat for Israel, and not only that but the words the no name prophet spoke are fulfilled and those of Samuel and Eli's two sons are killed, and the ARK is taken captive by the philistines !

Death of Eli

12 Then a man of Benjamin ran from the battle line the same day, and came to Shiloh with his clothes torn and dirt on his head. 13 Now when he came, there was Eli, sitting on a seat by the wayside watching, for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city and told it, all the city cried out. 14 When Eli heard the noise of the outcry, he said, "What does the sound of this tumult mean?" And the man came quickly and told Eli. 15 Eli was ninety-eight years old, and his eyes were so dim that he could not see.

16 Then the man said to Eli, "I am he who came from the battle. And I fled today from the battle line." And he said, "What happened, my son?" 17 So the messenger answered and said, "Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has been a great slaughter among the people.

Also your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead; and the ark of God has been captured." 18 Then it happened, when he made mention of the ark of God, that Eli fell off the seat backward by the side of the gate; and his neck was broken and he died, for the man was old and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

Eli's heart trembled it says for the ark of the Lord. Do you suppose he was especially concerned, knowing that God was angry with him ? Imagine the anxiety that may have caused him. Then the messenger comes to share the bad news, and all Israel is upset to hear the ark had been captured by the Philistines. Then he finds out his two sons have been killed, and ark captured, Eli fell off the seat, not a normal consequence occurs, but his neck is broken, and he died. He had JUDGED Israel for 40 years. 40 is the number for trials and testings. Nothing is by accident

in the bible. God is patient with us, but His patience had been tested fully by these sons of Eli, and they didn't pass the test & their father is also now removed from his position for he did not restrain them.

Ichabod

19 Now his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, due to be delivered; and when she heard the news that the ark of God was captured, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and gave birth, for her labor pains came upon her. 20 And about the time of her death the women who stood by her said to her, "Do not fear, for you have borne a son." But she did not answer, nor did she regard it. 21 Then she named the child Ichabod, saying, "The glory has departed from Israel!" because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband. 22 And she said, "The glory has

departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured.”

There are people in the church today, who are unable to recognize that the **GLORY** of the Lord has departed from them. For the **GLORY** of God should be the norm in those that worship Him. But when sin has consumed the camp, there is no presence of God.

The glory DEPARTS. GOD IS GRACIOUS we know. And His mercy endures forever, but we should not **TAKE FOR GRANTED HIS GRACE** and **PATIENCE** with us. He judges the **HEART**, so we know that when He brings judgment, it is often because He has sent many messengers to warn and speak, yet they were not heeded.

PRAISE GOD for the blood of **JESUS**, because we do not live in Old Testament grace, but **NEW TESTAMENT GRACE**. God allowed Peter to fail again and again

and still LOVED HIM, and gave him grace to endure a tortuous death in the end. Actually He did the same for David in the Old Testament also ! But there were great consequences on David & his sons. Paul had GREAT grace on his life, for he had been religious and murderous, yet was turned into a firebrand by the LORD. IT WAS THE LORD'S DOING not Paul's. IT is GOD Who gives grace for us to be able to DO anything, to obey, to worship, to study, to pray, etc. So if we are anything at all it is because of HIM, not our efforts. APART from HIM, we can do NOTHING.

This is how we know that those who were judged here did NOT prevail upon the Lord for His grace and mercy. **We see that though DAVID made many mistakes, yet he had a humble heart to seek the LORD, knowing his weaknesses.** So though he endured consequences, he was favored

because HE SOUGHT THE LORD'S FACE.
GOD is not unjust. We are led away by our own desires James told us. YET GOD WHO IS LOVE, has greater grace for those of us who BELIEVE in the sacrifice made by His Son, and who live in GRACE, not under the law. This story is a testimony to the destruction that idolatry and rebellion to God's ways brings to our lives, and the unnecessary destruction that comes into our lives if we do not heed HIS VOICE or seek His face.

Ahab, Jezebel & Elijah

Priscilla Van Sutphin

Feb 8th, 2005

I was playing one cell and worshipping the Lord, singing...and I suddenly had an impression of Elijah hidden in the Rock as the Wind and earthquake and fire pass and how if WE are hidden in the ROCK of

Jesus, then none of those things will touch us either.

Then the Lord began to encourage my heart, how when Saul was chasing David to Naioth, in Ramah, that he had sent 3 sets of messengers and they wouldn't do as Saul said, as when they went, they came under the Holy Spirit in a prophetic anointing. So Saul goes himself with intent to murder, but look what happens in 1 Sam 19:

1 Sam 19:15-24 NKJV Then Saul sent the messengers back to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him." 16 And when the messengers had come in, there was the image in the bed, with a cover of goats' hair for his head. 17 Then Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me like this, and sent my enemy away, so that he has escaped?" And Michal answered Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should I kill you?'"

18 So David fled and escaped, and went to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth. 19 Now it was told Saul, saying, "Take note, David is at Naioth in Ramah!" 20 Then Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the group of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as leader over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. 21 And when Saul was told, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. Then Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. 22 Then he also went to Ramah, and came to the great well that is at Sechu. So he asked, and said, "Where are Samuel and David?"

And someone said, "Indeed they are at Naioth in Ramah." 23 So he went there to Naioth in Ramah. Then the Spirit of God

was upon him also, and he went on and prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah. 24 And he also stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

How is that for the Lord protecting you ? Is that not amazing that the Holy Spirit so humbled Saul that he laid down naked all day and that night and prophesied ? He would in NO WISE do that in the natural - it had to be supernatural. When you read this you want to say, " God can't do WHAT ?"

I am impressed as a couple friends have sent words about increase in revelation coming to us, that the Lord is speaking about this to show us the level of demonstration of His Spirit that is coming. Now with that anointing, also comes

opposition like that of Jezebel towards
Elijah.

I've always wanted to write something on
jezebel but hadn't yet, but I think it is
time to look at some parallels that will help
us through what is coming. Steve Sampson
has written two EXCELLENT books on
Jezebel...the first is " I Was Always on
My Mind" and the second is on "Confronting
Jezebel". Both are extremely important
books and well written showing most all the
characteristics. They can be obtained
through www.stevesampson.com [They are
the best I've seen]

Let's start with Ahab and Jezebel in the
beginning. In 1 Kings 16 it says:

1 Kings 16:30-33 KJV And Ahab the son
of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD
above all that were before him.

Now that is a mouthful to say that Ahab did more evil than all that went before him. This alone tells you the carnal nature of the man who took Jezebel to be his wife.

It continues:

31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. 32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

When God says something two times it is to emphasize it, and three times it is to really emphasize it even further...so twice he emphasized how much Ahab did to cause ANGER in God. Some people today don't

even think God ever gets angry so even this would be a paradigm shift for some.

1 Kings 16:33 KJV And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him. So here is the THIRD emphasis...of God's provocation and anger by Ahab.

In order to understand the anger of God about the idolatry here to BAAL it is good to take a good look at what was involved in Baal worship.

Idolatry often in the O.T. is called ADULTERY towards God because we are to be married to GOD, and anything that takes our affections away from God is adultery as in a marriage. The first commandment and the second have to do with this:

Ex 20:2-6 NKJV "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 "You shall have no other gods before Me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image — any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; 5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, 6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

BAAL

(ba' -al:) (ba` al; or Baal): The Babylonian Belu or Bel, "Lord," was the title of the supreme god among the Canaanites. Remember that Esau married a Caananite and his mother was very upset at this.

I. Name and Character of Baal:

-In Babylonia it was the title specially applied to Merodach of Babylon, which in time came to be used in place of his actual name. As the word in Hebrew also means "possessor," it has been supposed to have originally signified, when used in a religious sense, the god of a particular piece of land or soil. Of this, however, there is no proof, and the sense of "possessor" is derived from that of "lord." The Babylonian Bel-Merodach was a Sun-god, and so too was the Canaanite Baal whose full title was Baal-Shemaim, "lord of heaven." The Phoenician writer Sanchuniathon (Philo Byblius, Fragmenta II) accordingly says that the children of the first generation of mankind "in time of drought stretched forth their hands to heaven toward the sun; for they regarded him as the sole Lord of heaven, and called him Beel-samen, which means 'Lord of Heaven' in the Phoenician language and is equivalent to

Zeus in Greek." Baal-Shemaim had a temple at Umm el-Awamid between Acre and Tyre, and his name is found in inscriptions from the Phoenician colonies of Sardinia and Carthage.

II. Attributes of Baal.:

-As the Sun-god, Baal was worshipped under two aspects, beneficent and destructive. On the one hand he gave light and warmth to his worshippers; on the other hand the fierce heats of summer destroyed the vegetation he had himself brought into being.

Hence, human victims were sacrificed to him in order to appease his anger in time of plague or other trouble, the victim being usually the first-born of the sacrificer and being burnt alive. In the Old Testament this is euphemistically termed "passing" the victim "through the fire" (2 Kings 16:3; 21:6). The forms under which Baal was

worshipped were necessarily as numerous as the communities which worshipped him. Each locality had its own Baal or divine "Lord" who frequently took his name from the city or place to which he belonged.

Hence, there was a Baal-Zur, "Baal of Tyre"; Baal-hermon, "Baal of Hermon" (Judg 3:3); Baal-Lebanon, "Baal of Lebanon"; Baal-Tarz, "Baal of Tarsus." At other times the title was attached to the name of an individual god; thus we have Bel-Merodach, "the Lord Merodach" (or "Bel is Merodach") at Babylon, Baal-Melkarth at Tyre, Baal-gad (Josh 11:17) in the north of Palestine. Occasionally the second element was noun as in Baal-Shemaim, "lord of heaven," Baalzebub (2 Kings 1:2), "Lord of flies," Baal-Hamman, usually interpreted "Lord of heat," but more probably "Lord of the sunpillar," the tutelary deity of Carthage. All these various forms of the Sun-god were

collectively known as the Baalim or "Baals" who took their place by the side of the female Ashtaroth and Ashtrim. At Carthage the female consort of Baal was termed Pene-Baal, "the face" or "reflection of Baal."

III. Baal-Worship.:

-In the earlier days of Hebrew history the title Baal, or "Lord," was applied to the national God of Israel, a usage which was revived in later times, and is familiar to us in the King James Version. Hence both Jonathan and David had sons called Merib-baal (1 Chron 8:31; 9:40) and Beeliada (1 Chron 14:7). After the time of Ahab, however, the name became associated with the worship and rites of the Phoenician deity introduced into Samaria by Jezebel, and its idolatrous associations accordingly caused it to fall into disrepute. Hosea (Hos 2:16) declares that henceforth the God of Israel should no longer be called

Baali, "my Baal," and personal names like Esh-baal (1 Chron 8:33; 9:39), and Beelinda into which it entered were changed in form, Baal being turned into bosheth which in Heb at any rate conveyed the sense of "shame."

IV. Temples, etc.:

-Temples of Baal at Samaria and Jerusalem are mentioned in 1:18; where they had been erected at the time when the Ahab dynasty endeavored to fuse Israelites and Jews and Phoenicians into a single people under the same national Phoenician god. Altars on which incense was burned to Baal were set up in all the streets of Jerusalem according to Jeremiah (Jer 11:13), apparently on the flat roofs of the houses (Jer 32:29); and the temple of Baal contained an image of the god in the shape of a pillar or Bethel (2 Kings 10:26-27).

In the reign of Ahab, Baal was served in Israel by 450 priests (1 Kings 18:19), as well as by prophets (2 Kings 10:19), and his worshippers wore special vestments when his ritual was performed (2 Kings 10:22). The ordinary offering made to the god consisted of incense (Jer 7:9) and burnt sacrifices; on extraordinary occasions the victim was human (Jer 19:5). At times the priests worked themselves into a state of ecstasy, and dancing round the altar slashed themselves with knives (1 Kings 18:26,28), like certain dervish orders in modern Islam

VI. Forms of Betal. - Baal-berith

1. Baal-berith: ba`al berith; Baalberith, "Covenant Baal," was worshipped at Shechem after the death of Gideon (Judg 8:33; 9:4). In Judg 9:46 the name is replaced by El-berith, "Covenant-god." The covenant was that made by the god with

his worshippers, less probably between the Israelites and the native Canaanites.

2. Baal-gad: Baal-gad ba`al gadh; Balagada, "Baal [lord] of good luck" (or "Baal is Gad") was the god of a town called after his name in the north of Pal, which has often been identified with Baalbek. The god is termed simply Gad in Isa 65:11 the Revised Version, margin; where he is associated with Meni, the Assyrian Manu (AV "troop" and "number").

3. Baal-hamon: Baal-hamon ba`al hamon; Beelamon is known only from the fact that Solomon had a garden at a place of that name (Song 8:11). The name is usually explained to mean "Baal of the multitude," but the cuneiform tablets of the Tell el-Amarna age found in Palestine show that the Egyptian god Amon was worshipped in Canaan and identified there with the native Baal. We are therefore justified in reading

the name Baal-Amon, a parallel to the Babylonian Bel-Merodach. The name has no connection with that of the Carthaginian deity Baal-hamman.

4. Baal-hermon: Baal-hermon ba`al chermon; Balaermon is found in the name of "the mountain of Baal-hermon" (Judg 3:3; compare 1 Chron 5:23), which also bore the names of Hermort, Sirion and Shenir (Saniru in the Assyrian inscriptions), the second name being applied to it by the Phoenicians and the third by the Amorites (Deut 3:9). Baal-hermon will consequently be a formation similar to Baal-Lebanon in an inscription from Cyprus; according to the Phoenician writer Sanchuniathon (Philo Byblius, Fragmenta II) the third generation of men "begat sons of surprising size and stature, whose names were given to the mountains of which they had obtained possession."

5. Baal-peor: Baal-peor ba`al pe`or;
Beelphegor was god of the Moabite mountains, who took his name from Mount Peor (Num 23:28), the modern Fa`ur, and was probably a form of Chemosh (Jerome, Comm., Isa 15). The sensual rites with which he was worshipped (Num 25:1-3) indicate his connection with the Phoenician Baal.

6. Baal-zebub: Baal-zebub ba`al zebhubh;
Baalmuia Theos ("Baal the fly god") was worshipped at Ekron where he had famous oracle (2 Kings 1:2-3,16). The name is generally translated "the Lord of flies," the Sun-god being associated with the flies which swarm in Palestine during the earlier summer months. It is met with in Assyrian inscriptions. In the New Testament the name assumes the form of Beelzebul Beelzeboul, in AV: BEELZEBUB (which see).

(from International Standard Bible
Encyclopaedia, Electronic Database
Copyright (c)1996 by Biblesoft)

Part 2 - Lessons from Jezebel, Ahab and Elijah

As chapter 17 begins we get introduced to
Elijah...

1 Kings 17 NKJV Elijah

Proclaims a Drought

And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants
of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD God
of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there
shall not be dew nor rain these years,
except at my word."

2 Then the word of the LORD came to him,
saying, 3 "Get away from here and turn
eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith,
which flows into the Jordan. 4 And it will
be that you shall drink from the brook, and

I have commanded the ravens to feed you there."

How would you respond if the Lord told you to go by the Colorado river, or the Missouri river, and the ravens would feed you there ? Wow is what I'm thinking. OK Lord, as long as You are with me...I'll do anything.

5 So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. 6 The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the brook. 7 And it happened after a while that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

Ok Lord, but you know I'm on this Atkins diet thing...so can it just be meat and broccoli ? :)

8 Elijah and the Widow

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 9 "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you." 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink." 11 And as she was going to get it, he called to her and said, "Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand."

12 So she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

Ok...now it gets more interesting. The Lord tells him that the woman has been

commanded to feed him. As he goes, he asks for a drink of water when he sees her, then some bread. Her response is not exactly full of faith. It interesting to me that He sends her to the widow in Sidonia which is where Jezebel came from. This woman is NOT a Jew, but a gentile. God seems to love to do things in seemingly impossible situations. So a gentile unbeliever is charged to feed him in a famine, and when he is under stress, having decreed to Ahab the famine.

13 And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring it to me; and afterward make some for yourself and your son. 14 For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.'"

15 So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for many days. 16 The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

17 Elijah Revives the Widow's Son

Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned the house became sick. And his sickness was so serious that there was no breath left in him. 18 So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to kill my son?"

See how easily, even when miraculous events occur, that we forget faith, or it is easily forgotten how much God has done for us ? She feels punished, mentioning her sins, and asks Elijah if he is really there to bring such punishment that she deserves. But note his response:

19 And he said to her, "Give me your son."
So he took him out of her arms and carried
him to the upper room where he was
staying, and laid him on his own bed. 20
Then he cried out to the LORD and said,
"O LORD my God, have You also brought
tragedy on the widow with whom I lodge,
by killing her son?"

Note he didn't hesitate, but took the boy
into his own arms and takes him up to his
room and cries out to the Lord for him and
the mother.

21 And he stretched himself out on the
child three times, and cried out to the
LORD and said, "O LORD my God, I pray,
let this child's soul come back to him." 22
Then the LORD heard the voice of Elijah;
and the soul of the child came back to him,
and he revived.

This three times to me seems like an
alignment to the resurrection...three days,

but here three times he stretched himself out. And the boy's soul was returned to him as God answered Elijah's prayer of faith. Also note he didn't just start speaking, "No he is alive and is not dead" but out of COMPASSION pleads for the life of the son, asking GOD to revive him. We have so many admonishments to how to pray, but God answers quickly the pure in heart.

23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives!" 24 Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now by this I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is the truth."

NOW I know you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is true she says. It takes a building up of consistent fruit seen, to engender TRUST in who you are. Some people think people

should just listen to them because they had a vision. But the proof is in the pudding my mom used to say. Does what you say happen. Is there consistency to what the FRUIT of your words say ? What kind of love, patience, and kindness is there displayed in your life ? This is how people measure it. They will trust if they see that consistency. You see the compassion of Elijah. His heart is aligned with God's heart. What breaks God's heart breaks his heart. All of this is important because these are gentile unbelievers. Later in the scriptures Yeshua makes referance to the Pharisees of their unbelief, and mentions the widow at Zarepeth to them in regards to faith.

1 Kings 18 NKJV Elijah's Message
to Ahab

And it came to pass after many days that the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go, present

yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the earth."

So now God is calling him to come out of hiding and to present himself before Ahab. Thus may He in this hour have us to do the same - to come out of hiddenness to go to some Ahabs in the church. And it says HE will now "send rain on the earth". In order for rain to fall now, it is necessary for the spirit of Ahab to be confronted.

2 So Elijah went to present himself to Ahab; and there was a severe famine in Samaria. 3 And Ahab had called Obadiah, who was in charge of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly. 4 For so it was, while Jezebel massacred the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah had taken one hundred prophets and hidden them, fifty to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water.)

Note it says **Jezebel MASSACRED the prophets, not just that she hated them.** With jezebel always comes a **MURDEROUS** spirit. I have felt words of knowledge for that spirit by sudden pain in the chest like someone stabbing you. Then I know what to pray against.

5 And Ahab had said to Obadiah, "Go into the land to all the springs of water and to all the brooks; perhaps we may find grass to keep the horses and mules alive, so that we will not have to kill any livestock." 6 So they divided the land between them to explore it; Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself. 7 Now as Obadiah was on his way, suddenly Elijah met him; and he recognized him, and fell on his face, and said, "Is that you, my lord Elijah?" 8 And he answered him, "It is I. Go, tell your master, 'Elijah is here.'" 9 So he said, "How have I

sinned, that you are delivering your servant into the hand of Ahab, to kill me? 10 As the LORD your God lives, there is no nation or kingdom where my master has not sent someone to hunt for you; and when they said, 'He is not here,' he took an oath from the kingdom or nation that they could not find you. 11 And now you say, 'Go, tell your master, "Elijah is here"'! 12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from you, that the Spirit of the LORD will carry you to a place I do not know; so when I go and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he will kill me. But I your servant have feared the LORD from my youth.

You have to see some humor in this...here is Obadiah, trying to hide prophets, and he sees the "troubler" of Israel as Ahab sees him, asking him to tell Ahab that Elijah is here. What stood out to me was the part where Obadiah says Ahab has sent people all over the world to try and catch Elijah.

This is the vengeance people will have against the Elijah prophets about to come forth in this hour. It is **characteristic of Jezebel and Ahab spirit to continue to pursue after someone with vengeance.**

Just as Saul sought after David to kill him. But our trust like Elijah, must be in the LORD our GOD WHO is Mighty to save. They will be relentless in their hatred for the apostolic and prophetic companies coming forth, and all who lift up the name of Yeshua ! That is why He is working to increase our faith and to impart the Spirit of Might which gives us **COURAGE.**

13 Was it not reported to my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the LORD, how I hid one hundred men of the LORD's prophets, fifty to a cave, and fed them with bread and water? 14 And now you say, 'Go, tell your master, "Elijah is here."' He will kill me!"

Fear is taunting Obadiah...fear of death.

15 Then Elijah said, "As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely present myself to him today." 16 So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him; and Ahab went to meet Elijah. 17 Then it happened, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, "Is that you, O troubler of Israel?"

This is just like the Ahab-jezebel complex of the flesh to accuse the messenger of God as being a troubler, instead of one who has the heart of God. The person who gives into their flesh opens the door to Ahab or Jezebel spirits, and they will twist the truth around to accuse you. When someone is accusing you, it is usually them who has the problem in such a case.

18 And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house

have, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD and have followed the Baals. 19 Now therefore, send and gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table."

This is where the lesson gets good. Elijah is NOT intimidated by Ahabs words. Instead he says, YOU are the one who is the troubler. Now, I challenge you to gather all your prophets of Baal and Asherah to Mount Carmel. So instead of intimidation there is confrontation and a challenge to let GOD judge between you and I.

20 Elijah's Mount Carmel Victory
So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel. 21 And Elijah came to all

the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions?"

Elijah charges the people of Israel - why are you doubleminded...much like today's generation.

CARMEL - (kar' -mel) (karmel, or, with article, ha-karmel, "fruit garden"; Josephus, ho Karmelos, Karmelion oros): Certainly this is the place where the true fruit was demonstrated in the lives of the prophets, or "where the rubber met the road".

If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word. 22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I alone am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. 23 Therefore let them give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire

under it; and I will prepare the other bull, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire under it. 24 Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD; and the God who answers by fire, He is God."

The GOD Who answers by fire, He is truly God. I believe with what is coming, we will also make this challenge to the many who are so unbelieving in the church and in the world around us. Also note the odds - there was only one of him, & Obadiah who feared the Lord, and massive amounts of false prophets and double-minded people. So God is able to save with few like in Gideon's story. We need not be intimidated by the numbers against us.

So all the people answered and said, "It is well spoken."

25 Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one bull for yourselves and prepare

it first, for you are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under it." 26 So they took the bull which was given them, and they prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even till noon, saying, "O Baal, hear us!" But there was no voice; no one answered. Then they leaped about the altar which they had made.

27 And so it was, at noon, that **Elijah mocked them and said, "Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is meditating, or he is busy, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is sleeping and must be awakened."**

This can't help but make you laugh. Elijah had to have gotten all his instructions from the Lord, maybe God even showed him ahead what would happen in a vision. We are not told how God spoke to him. It's just evident that He had. Now he is mocking their god, and confident in Who his God is - that HE will answer !

28 So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them.

This is sad. It is common in some cultures to rub a coin on your skin till you bleed and are bruised as a means of driving out demons. In this case to offer sacrifice to the demons.

29 And when midday was past, they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice. But there was no voice; no one answered, no one paid attention.

I can picture angels holding back demonic interference in this whole scenario.

What is amazing is the odds. Today we wouldn't dare many of us go into an area that is mostly pagan and challenge other people's beliefs. I know Heidi Baker does this regularly in Muslim villages in Africa.

She gets stones and dust thrown at them, and they just keep worshipping on the back of the truck, and then ask for the deaf and dumb, the blind to come and demonstrate the reality of the LOVE of Jesus. But **picture Elijah and Obadiah as the only real believers there.** 950 prophets of Baal and Asherah, and those others who have practiced syncretism, and here God comes mightily ! It would be like one of us, just going into a Mormon temple and proclaiming the truth - Challenging them to raise the dead or something ! **We have made God too SMALL !** But of course Elijah didn't do this presumptively but at the Word of the Lord.

30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come near to me." So all the people came near to him. And **he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.**

This is the commission of the Elijah prophets...to REBUILD the altar of GOD, to turn hearts to worship and obey HIM, rather than idols, and serving demons. John the Baptist was an Elijah prophet who called Herod and all Israel to righteousness, before the coming of the LORD JESUS. **And so we are called in this hour to REBUILD the ALTAR of the LORD, reestablishing worship to Him. The same was for Moses, another deliverer.**

31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Israel shall be your name."

32 Then with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD; and he made a trench around the altar large enough to hold two seahs of seed. 33 And he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood, and said, "Fill four

water pots with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood."

12 is the number also of apostolic government. The Elijah's come to establish God's order, to worship the Most High God alone, and to serve Him. God desires obedience, not sacrifice the Word says.

He has them fill **4 water pots**. This is a number that we've been seeing a lot in this hour in triples. 4 is the fourth man in the fire. EMMANUEL - GOD WITH US. NO MATTER WHAT COMES, He is with us in this hour. There are other meanings **The fourth letter in the Hebrew is Daleth and means DOOR**. There are four winds, four seasons, etc. In this case four sides to the altar which they built a moat around to pour in the water.

34 Then he said, "Do it a second time," and they did it a second time; and he said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a third time.

There is something in this threes. It was the third day He rose up from the dead. Here three times they add water making it more and more impossible. Just as with Lazarus, waiting four days till his flesh would stink and be rotting. **GOD LOVES TO COME IN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS.**

35 So the water ran all around the altar; and he also filled the trench with water.
36 And it came to pass, at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near and said, "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that You are God in Israel and I am Your servant, and that I have done all these things at Your word. 37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that You are the LORD God, and that You have turned their hearts back to You again."

When we boldly proclaim the TRUTH, I believe God is SO pleased with the faith in it. The Word says that without FAITH it is impossible to please Him. So He is about right now stretching our faith so that we will believe for the impossible situations in people's lives and see miracles.

38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood and the stones and the dust, and it licked up the water that was in the trench. 39

Now when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is God!" 40 And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!" So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there.

Elijah doesn't hesitate here - they see the power of GOD and are turned from

unbelieving to believing and he commands them to kill the prophets of Baal and Asherah, and thus the false prophets are dealt with. This is much like Moses when he came down and found the children of Israel in idolatry, and Joshua and those who stood for the Lord killed the idolators.

Today there is judgment being executed on the very same thing - idolatry. But we don't want to be politically incorrect and say that God could be judging. Hmmmm Banda aceh was a place where a muslim extremist group called the NAM had beheaded many Christians.

Right after the demonstration of God's power on Mt Carmel, comes the end of the drought...

The Drought Ends

I Kings 18: 41 Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain." 42 So Ahab

went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees, 43 and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And seven times he said, "Go again."

Seven is the number of completion. It was the seventh day that God rested after creation of the heavens and earth. Here **7 times Elijah sends his servant to check for rain. This is the persistence of PRAYER.**

Sometimes it takes more than once. I remember Francis Mac Nutt saying that praying for healing in some people is the same. You need to not give up, and keep going back, and going back to pray more. I have been seeing this with a young woman I'm praying for. Each time we pray, she gets better physically, each time, tumors shrink more, heart strength gets better,

and each time more spiritual revelation, and more emotional healing too. **Too often we are impatient and want the quick-fix or we give up thinking it must not be God's will to heal if we don't see something happening right away.**

44 Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, "There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!" So he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.'"

Think about the above for a minute. Picture a man on top of a mountain, looking out to the sea. How easy would it be to measure a cloud the size of a man's hand that is arising out of the sea do you suppose ? Also, why is it rising out of the sea ? Is that normal ? I know about condensation arising but this is not anything I've ever seen. I've seen tornadoes off

the coast of California, even three at a time but never saw them form. When something seems different or not understandable in reading it's good to go check out the meanings as there may be something hidden in the words that are symbolic or types.

Cloud:

OT:5645 `ab (awb) (masculine and feminine); from OT:5743; properly, an envelope, i.e. darkness (or density, 2 Chron 4:17); specifically, a (scud) cloud; also a copse: KJV - clay, (thick) cloud, thick, thicket. Compare OT:5672.

OT:5743 `uwb (oob); a primitive root; to be dense or dark, i.e.

to becloud: KJV - **cover with a cloud.**

OT:5672 `abiy (ab-ee'); or `obiy (ob-ee'); from OT:5666;

density, i.e. depth or width: KJV - thick (-ness). Compare OT:5645.

OT:5666 `abah (aw-baw'); a primitive root; to be dense:

KJV - be (grow) thick (-er).

HAND:

OT:3709 kaph (kaf); from OT:3721; **the hollow hand or palm** (so of the paw of an animal, of the sole, and even of the bowl of a dish or sling, the handle of a bolt, the leaves of a palm-tree); figuratively, power: KJV - branch, foot, hand ([-ful], -dle, [-led]), hollow, middle, palm, paw, power, sole, spoon.

OT:3721 kaphaph (kaw-faf'); a primitive root; to curve:

KJV - **bow down (self).**

SEA:

OT:3220 yam (yawm); from an unused root **meaning to roar**; a sea (as breaking in noisy surf) or large body of water; specifically (with the article), the Mediterranean Sea; sometimes a large river, or an artificial basin; locally, the west, or (rarely) the south:KJV - sea (X

-faring man, [-shore]), south, west (-ern, side, -ward).

The hand here reminds me of the hand of God's power and we see that the meaning in KJV is to bow down oneself, which is what Elijah was doing, so the hand of God in response to the one who bows himself down in worship to the Almighty, and coming out of the sea - roaring waters. In this hour, there are but a remnant who really choose to bow down fully to the Lord. But it is in that bowing down, and humbling oneself, that the Lord shows Himself it would seem. Water often stands for the Ruach Ha Kodesh [Holy Spirit] . And Sea like used in Revelation symbolic for the sea of peoples of the earth. Abundance of rain came after He bowed himself down and prayed seven times. The rain cloud began as a small hand arising out of the sea, but suddenly in the next verse we see darkness and more clouds. **When you sow to the**

heavens in worship and prayer, God rains
down His glory.

45 Now it happened in the meantime that the sky became black with clouds and wind, and there was a heavy rain. So Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel. 46 Then the hand of the LORD came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Now could Elijah have done this without being filled with the Spirit ? I think not unless angels were carrying him, but it says the hand of the Lord came upon him and he outran a chariot. And he did it in the rain. Supernatural strength and power came with the heavy hand of the Lord. And I believe it will for those of us who will receive the anointing before the coming of Messiah again. The Lord God of Israel gives strength and power to His people it says in

Isa 40:29 NKJV He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

1 Kings 19 AMP Elijah Escapes
from Jezebel

1 AHAB TOLD Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had slain all the prophets [of Baal] with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.

Isn't she sweet ? [sarcasm] Now if ever someone was blind it was Jezebel. Here God had done a mighty thing, yet like many in this hour, she would not acknowledge it.

Stubbornness is as idolatry it says in the Word. And here you see that concept full blown. She's not budging. She threatens to murder Elijah.

2 Then he was afraid and arose and went for his life and came to Beersheba of

Judah [over eighty miles, and out of Jezebel's realm] and left his servant there.

This is kind of amazing after the great victory that happened but I know That feeling of intimidation that comes with someone who carries this spirit. It is a VERY intimidating murderous spirit, and makes you tremble with fear. Some people wonder why Elijah ran, but I can totally identify with him in this area, knowing the manifestation of fear that has come on me with confronting this spirit. I have felt the crushing head pain, and spirits of death and destruction on my head so bad I wanted to bang my head against the wall.

I was vulnerable to it as my mother had practiced witchcraft and I had openings in my own life through lack of full sanctification and when it would come, it

would paralyze you. You'd feel sick like when you get the flu...the beginning headache. And the Lord showed me how spirits of death and destruction come from her hatred and murderous spirit, and infirmity and witchcraft control and mind control etc. Jezebel was the daughter of a Baal priest so moved in manipulation and High level of witchcraft control as we see from her actions . She was "religious" but in a pagan form of religion. She is the epitomy of the **"form of religion with the WRONG power thereof."** [play on words]. People under attack from this spirit will often feel crushing head pressure/headache and get sick. Or sometimes that crushing chest pain, like being stabbed in the chest, from the murderous spirit that comes through those moving in it. I have seen it in alignment with cancer in the body and **the Lord once said to me, that jezebel in the church is like cancer in the human body.**

Sometimes God will punish those moving in it by throwing them on a sick bed like He allowed to happen to me. I grew up with it, and I had begun moving in that control in my young adult years through much pain and rage I'd had over all the abandonment and abuse in my life. It is not an easy thing to overcome this nest of vipers that have entered into your life through all that abuse. And there is no overnight cure unless the Lord does a mighty miracle.

There are precious few in the church who know how to help those who have grown up into it. And there are too many moving in the flesh within the church who are practicing the control to be of help.

Authority comes with HOLINESS and submission to GOD in all areas of our lives.

There are degrees of authority just as there are degrees of glory.

3 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a lone broom or juniper tree and asked that he might die. He said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am no better than my fathers.

I have heard people discuss why would Elijah get to this place of lack of faith. If you have ever been under her full attack you would be able to identify with Elijah.

There is an intimidating fear that comes against you, and a horrific pain from demonic attack of murder, death, destruction and witchcraft where you feel like if you don't get relief you'd rather die. The pride of intimidation is very strong with jezebel. [for more on pride see the article at

<http://www.upstreamca.org/pridevshumility.html>]

The Lord in Job 41 Verse 8 says "Lay your hand on him. Remember the battle-never do it again." { Once stung by

pride, you won't do it again} Verse 9) "

Indeed

any hope of overcoming him is vain. Shall not one be over-whelmed at the sight of him?" This is referring to leviathan which stands for pride because at the end of that chapter the Lord says, such are all the children of PRIDE.

Jezebel is the fruit of the flesh magnified making self lord, thus pride is at it's pinnacle in the one who allows this spirit in. Thus we all have a bit of jezebel to deal with in our lives for the battle for all of us is overcoming our flesh. So be careful who you go around calling that ! We are not to align with the accuser. We are to be light in the darkness. **We are also NOT to align ourselves with jezebel. Revelation and Timothy make it clear.**

2 Tim 3:4-5 NKJV ...traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather

than lovers of God, 5 having a form of
godliness but denying its power. And
from such people turn away!

When someone is more concerned with their
own prosperity than yours, and is selfishly
motivated to exalt themselves, but don't
have time to pray for you or do anything to
help others then where is our
discernment ? Truly people can be
immature in the Lord and still learning their
lessons and being sanctified. But when this
goes on and on, there needs to be
confrontation. **Too often we've just bowed
out rather than confront out of fear.** But
then David also RAN from Saul who had
this spirit.

Rev 2:20-23 KJV Notwithstanding I have
a few things against thee, because thou
sufferest that woman Jezebel, which
calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and
to seduce my servants to commit

fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

BACK TO ELIJAH...

4 As he lay asleep under the broom or juniper tree, behold, an angel touched him and said to him, Arise and eat. 5 He looked, and behold, there was a cake baked on the coals, and a bottle of water at his head. And he ate and drank and lay down again.

God can provide SUPERNATURALLY in any given situation. Here Elijah awakes, and an angel has touched him to awaken him ! Have you ever felt that ? I did once, and it was a bit startling, but I'd asked to be awakened and was afraid I wouldn't wake. The angel had to have prepared the food and brought him water. No matter what the circumstances, God will take care of His own, and **will fulfill His plan for you as you yield to Him.**

6 The angel of the Lord came the second time and touched him and said, Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you.
8 So he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and nights to Horeb, the mount of God. Even after this he fell asleep again ???
WOW, that is tired ! See the patience of the Lord in this...He doesn't harshly rebuke him because he's fallen asleep. He knows

how exhausted he is. The amazing thing is it says he WENT in the strength of that food for 40 days and nights...traveling by foot to the mountain of the LORD. With GOD, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. I saw a story once on TV how a little girl was sustained by the Lord in a concentration camp in WWII when they had run out of food for prisoners, and a month later Western armies entered the camp. She never lost weight nor felt weak. GOD sustained her !

9 There he came to a cave and lodged in it; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, What are you doing here, Elijah? 10 He replied, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. And I, I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

When God asks you something, it is NOT because He doesn't know the answer, but is awaiting for a moment of truth and honesty. And for you to take a look at the answer and WHY you are doing what you are doing ! Elijah answers, how zealous he has been and I - I alone am left !!! And they are pursuing me GOD to kill me !!!

11 And He said, Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord. And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; 12 And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire [a sound of gentle stillness and] a still, small voice.

A STRONG wind indeed if it rent the mountains and broke in pieces rocks, and

yet the Lord is here saying. HE was not in the wind. Then an earthquake, but HE was not in the earthquake, then a FIRE, but HE was NOT in the fire !!! But yet HE WAS THERE IN THE STILL SMALL VOICE

! What is God saying here ? **When troubles come, IT IS NOT FROM HIM but the work of the enemy in this instance.**

HE came in the still small gentle voice.

God is NOT a harsh taskmaster in his dealings with us normally. Especially when you have just done an amazing thing for His sake and followed His instructions !!! When we get attacked after OBEDIENCE to Him. It is from the enemy !!! **GOD IS TENDER towards those who love Him and obey HIM !**

13 When Elijah heard the voice, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, What are you doing here, Elijah?

The Lord now challenges ELIJAH again, as if to say, **WHAT ARE YOU REALLY DOING HERE. THINK a moment ! What is the real issue Elijah ?**

14 He said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts, because the Israelites have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and slain Your prophets with the sword. And I, I only, am left, and they seek my life, to destroy it. Elijah answers in his humanness...**I ALONE** am faithful and have had to run because they want to kill me. Like LORD, can't YOU see what is happening...? He still is not "getting it". He has fear and self pity in the answer. How do we know this ? Wasn't Obadiah also with him on the mountain ? And wasn't it Obadiah who had hidden 100 of the LORD's prophets in caves to keep them from Jezebel ? So he is NOT the only one. He was not alone,

but in hearing her intentions, a spirit came upon him of intimidation and witchcraft that made him forget even what he had just done for the Lord and BY the LORD !
So he ran all the way to Horeb !

Often we as prophets get in that place to of defeatism and despair when confronted with Jezebel forces. It is very difficult when you have no prayer support or emotional support to withstand the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune ! That spirit of Jezebel is a powerful force and very intimidating and with it brings affliction and torment and a murderous spirit...He said...they seek to kill me. I have felt the stabbing pains in my chest when around that spirit...it is usually God's way of warning me that it is present, so I can PRAY. The stabbing pains are from a MURDEROUS spirit the Lord showed me !
The other thing that comes with that is death and destruction that feels like an

anvil on your head and grip on the back of your neck and will give you major headache if you don't FIGHT by going and lying down and turn on the WORSHIP to get in the very PRESENCE OF GOD. THEN HE WILL DEAL WITH IT !

15 And the Lord said to him, Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. 16 And anoint Jehu son of Nimshi to be king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah to be prophet in your place.

It was proper according to Gideon's story that if men had fear to be counted exempt from duty in war. Here Elijah is told to anoint a new king and a new prophet of GOD. I think possibly that if he had not run, he would not have been replaced ! And then below he is told that JEHU will do the job of slaying jezebel and her

cohorts, and that whoever JEHU doesn't
slay, ELISHA WILL.

17 And him who escapes from the sword of
Hazael Jehu shall slay, and him who
escapes the sword of Jehu Elisha shall
slay.

It is also possible to me, that this was
done not because of any lack on Elijah's
part so much as a TYPE of what God would
do also in these times. The reigns are given
over to those that will not be AFRAID to
go forth and do ALL HE says to do ! **They
will not run from adversity but face it
knowing the Lord is on our side, like
DAVID.**

18 Yet I will leave Myself 7,000 in Israel,
all the knees that have not bowed to Baal
and every mouth that has not kissed him.
**7 is the number of completion and rest,
and perfection and 1000 stands for**

symbolically, Divine completeness and the glory of GOD ! As a sign to us, as all the bible is for our edification and learning. God says, **I will leave for Myself a remnant who will not bow to BAAL. Thus in these times there will be a remnant who will not bow to the BAAL of this hour which will be SATAN in the body of antichrist !** Kissing has to do with intimacy with another. God's kisses are His revelation. So those not in bed with antichrist and the spirit of this age which is also like BAAL, will be **overcomers.**

19 So Elijah left there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, whose plowing was being done with Twelve yoke of oxen, and he drove the twelfth. Elijah crossed over to him and cast his mantle upon him. 20 He left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, Let me kiss my father and mother, and then I will follow you. And he [testing Elisha] said, Go on back. What have I done

to you? [Settle it for yourself.] 21 So Elisha went back from him. Then he took a yoke of oxen, slew them, boiled their flesh with the oxen's yoke [as fuel], and gave to the people, and they ate. Then he arose, followed Elijah, and served him. [2 Kings 3:11.]

Again here, we see a reflection of what is to come for us in this hour. When Elijah comes to Elisha, he is **PLOWING** with **12 YOKE OF OXEN** ! and it says **HE** drove the **12th** !!! The end times apostolic age is upon us. 12 is the number of apostolic government and Elisha a type of the end times prophetic company of apostles who will walk with the **LORD** like Enoch did, and here Elisha is the one **DRIVING** the 12th oxen. Plowing is related to sowing seed, and **HARVEST**. Then it says Elijah came to him and cast his mantle upon him ! So we see, that this is the **FIRST** time that Elijah put his mantle upon him, and yet to

come is when Elijah is taken up, and throws his mantle to Elisha...DOUBLE anointing. I believe, though I can't state unequivocally, that this apostolic age will surpass the former. That there will be DOUBLE anything we have seen or more.

See: Isa 61:1-9 NKJV The Good
News of Salvation

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me,
Because the LORD has anointed Me To
preach good tidings to the poor; He has
sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To
proclaim liberty to the captives, And the
opening of the prison to those who are
bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year
of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of
our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To
console those who mourn in Zion, To give
them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for
mourning, The garment of praise for the
spirit of heaviness; That they may be

called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins,
They shall raise up the former desolations,
And they shall repair the ruined cities, The
desolations of many generations. 5

Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
And the sons of the foreigner Shall be
your plowmen and your vinedressers. 6 But

you shall be named the priests of the
LORD, They shall call you the servants of
our God. You shall eat the riches of the
Gentiles, and in their glory you shall boast.

7 **Instead of your shame you shall have
double honor, And instead of confusion
they shall rejoice in their portion.
Therefore in their land they shall possess
double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.**

8 "For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate
robbery for burnt offering; I will direct
their work in truth, And will make with

them an everlasting covenant. 9 Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles, And their offspring among the people. All who see them shall acknowledge them, That they are the posterity whom the LORD has blessed."

There will be an outpouring such as has NEVER been seen before. GREAT GRACE the Lord has been promising. GRACE is his unmerited mercy, but it is also in the GREEK, HIS POWER ! Power to overcome, Power to do miracles and witness without fear, in the POWER of HIS MIGHT. He keeps comparing it to a rollercoaster ride !!!

JEZEBEL NEVER APOLOGIZES

Nov.9th, 2007

By Priscilla Van Sutphin

www.upstreamca.org

tearsofthefather@sbcglobal.net

I remember when I wanted to confront my mother on the things that were so painful for me, her abandonment of me as a newborn, which I didn't even know about till my aunt clued me in after my divorce some 15 years ago, and all the back and forth between her and foster homes. I remember trying to just talk to my mom about the things I FELT. She refused to apologize for anything. It was just too much for her to admit she had failed.

In Steve Sampson's book " I Was Always on My Mind" he speaks in Chapter 3 of Jezebel being the Ultimate of Flesh in Control. He says:

" There is no place that the flesh rules more ruthlessly than through the jezebel personality.

The commonly used term Jezebel, was in actuality the name of the wicked Queen Jezebel, the wife of King Ahab, in the Old

Testament. She was the daughter of a Sidonian king who made a trade agreement with Israel's King Ahab. Part of the agreement included Jezebel, the daughter. Because of the control she exercised and the tactics she used to exert illegitimate and wicked control over people, her name has become synonymous with the spirit of control.

Jezebel is a product of the flesh that opens the door to an evil spirit. Paul called witchcraft a work of the flesh (Galatians 5:20). It is behavior that operates through a person to control by the use of manipulative, domineering and intimidating tactics. Although not restricted to either sex, it often is acknowledged to be more prevalent in women; but there is no question that it functions just as proficiently through men.

Where it functions through women, the Jezebel spirit seems to serve as Satan's answer to a male-dominated world, to give a false protection in a world where a woman seemingly never gets her rights, and the protective LOVE of a FATHER and a husband. Out of the lack of love, she rebels against the whole unloving system, and becomes just like it. The controlled becomes the controller; the oppressed becomes the oppressor. Whether male or female, controllers are almost always motivated out of INSECURITY."

He makes many other good points, and I highly recommend his book which you can get at www.steveSampson.com.

This never apologizing is related to lack of REPENTANCE noted in Revelation.

Rev 2:20-23 NKJV

20 Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman

Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. 22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. 23 I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

Jezebel never repented in the Old Testament either, and in the end was thrown out the window, died and was eaten by dogs as the prophet predicted.

The lack of repentance is a function of
PRIDE.

There was a woman I used to know slightly who used to come to prayer meetings at

the church I attended. She walked with an air of superiority always about her. I had no idea what I had done to offend her but for some reason she had it out for me during a time I had taken in a young man and his wife who needed deliverance from Satanism.

I was not allowed by apt. Standards to have them there, and when they stayed beyond what I felt was right, they had to leave, and went back east, ended up being youth leaders in a church in New York. But somehow through this inter-relationship with this couple, perhaps they complained to her, I don't know, but she just had an arrogance towards me, as though I was the lowest of the low which I certainly am, but she surely disdained me.

One Sunday I was driving to church, and she was right behind me. I instantly got apprehensive. It was raining, and as I put

on the brake at the bottom of the hill, I could not stop ! I went through the stoplight, thankfully missing getting into a wreck, and very frightening to not be able to stop when putting on the brakes. Later I realized it was that spirit on her, that was likely the culprit.

As I got to church, and started to take my seat, she looked back at me with disdain, and did this hand posturing thing of swiping her hands as if brushing something off her shoulders. The look from her was as if looks could kill. I could not believe her arrogance. I tried to forgive her for all this, but in my heart she intimidated me.

Much later, just last year one time I attended another church, and who was there but this woman. When I saw her, I felt God was urging me to go repent to her of anything she thought I may have done to hurt her. I did that in front of Kathy,

the pastoreess, as I wanted to her to be witness to it. I told her " I'm sorry for anything I did to you that hurt you. Will you forgive me ?" She refused. She bluntly said "NO"! I still felt even after years, a bit shaky from the encounter with her, and went back to my seat. But in this way, it was also revealed to Kathy what had hold of her.

And just as I went back to my seat, another witness to it, came over to assure me I did the right thing, and to just let go in my heart. Which I felt I could do now completely. It was really sad.

Why sad ? Because if you don't repent of your unforgiveness, you are holding on to bitterness, and bitterness will keep you out of heaven. This is why the bible cautions us...

Prov 5:3-5 NKJV For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, And her mouth is smoother than oil; 4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword. 5 Her feet go down to death, Her steps lay hold of hell.

Prov 22:24-25 NKJV Make no friendship with an angry man, And with a furious man do not go , 25 Lest you learn his ways And set a snare for your soul.

Prov 22:24-25 THE MESSAGE

Don't hang out with angry people; don't keep company with hotheads. 25 Bad temper is contagious - don't get infected.

Job 21:25-26 NKJV Another man dies in the bitterness of his soul, Never having eaten with pleasure. 26 They lie down alike in the dust, And worms cover them.

And in the New Testament:

Rom 3:14-18 NKJV

14 "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness ." 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood; 16 Destruction and misery are in their ways; 17 And the way of peace they have not known." 18 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Heb 12:15-17 NKJV... looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; 16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. 17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

Bitterness defiles everyone. A bitter jezebelic person will slime everyone in the body and without. They will ruminate on old

wounds, having never forgiven or resolved things in their hearts, never repenting of their part in it. And they will rehash over and over how they have been wounded even to the same person over and over, condemning, and gossiping about those who hurt them. It is one thing to talk to those who can help you get free. It is another to be carrying a huge load of bitter root judgments, and unforgiveness. This stands out like a sore thumb around those who are more healed. REFUSAL to repent or forgive is something Jesus had plenty to say about in His words also:

Matt 6:14-15 NKJV

14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Jesus makes it clear here, that if you do not forgive that you will not be forgiven by the Father when you stand before Him. Bitterness brings torment of soul. It is a robber and a thief. It will keep you from advancing in your walk with the Lord or in any area of your life prospering His way. You may prosper from the hand of the devil, but not from God.

Matt 18:34-35 NKJV

34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. 35 "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Along with the idea of forgiveness, there is the apology...a repentant heart will be quick to forgive and quick to apologize for any **PERCEIVED WRONG.**

Matt 5:23-26 TLB

23 "So if you are standing before the altar in the Temple, offering a sacrifice to God, and suddenly remember that a friend has something against you, 24 leave your sacrifice there beside the altar and go and apologize and be reconciled to him, and then come and offer your sacrifice to God. 25 Come to terms quickly with your enemy before it is too late and he drags you into court and you are thrown into a debtor's cell, 26 for you will stay there until you have paid the last penny.

There are times even when you try to apologize, or humble yourself, taking on an apology for something you really didn't do to hurt anyone, that no matter how you try that you cannot make peace with some people. But at least if you do your part, you are no longer held in bondage or obligation in the eyes of the Lord. You will be free.

When I was a child there was much pain, much abuse. Growing up with that kind of family, even in the foster home also, there was a jezebelic spirit that no one seemed to ever apologize for wrongs done. My mother was most definitely a good example of jezebel in action. And because I judged her, I became like what I judged. But I was willing to repent. I was willing to apologize for wrongs done, once the Lord got ahold of me. There was a strong fear of the LORD build into me as a child through some of my Catholic background.

The Word says that the FEAR OF THE LORD is the beginning of wisdom.
Job 28:28 NKJV And to man He said,
'Behold, the fear of the Lord , that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.'"

Prov 9:10 NIV "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom ,and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

It is usually our fears of punishment, fear of rejection and PRIDE that keep us from apologies. Fear and PRIDE are the things that undergird CONTROL/ Jezebel. It is so simple to say I'm sorry. And I know that in most alcoholic homes, that I'm sorry never comes. In an alcoholic family, there is way too much insanity and pride to ever hear an I'm sorry.

My ex grew up in such a home, and so there was no example ever set for that apologizing either. This causes so much harm to children who grow up thinking THEY are the cause of all the problems, just because adults they live with don't know how to be adults and apologize.

If you didn't learn from your parents, then you can learn from others in the church who did grow up in healthier families, and learn to say I'm sorry, or I apologize for what I did. It goes a long way in the heart of a child, to be able to forgive their parents for pains caused, sharp words, or perfectionism, if we will just say, I'm sorry and repent to them for those things.

None of us is perfect like God, so we have made mistakes along the way. God needn't apologize as He is perfect in all His ways.

But since we are NOT GOD, it's a good plan, even if there is a perceived wrong, that you really didn't feel you did, to apologize. The meek inherit the earth !

Attributes of the Flesh From Steve's book:

1. legalism
2. a bad disposition
3. self-centeredness

4. lack of discipline
5. boasting
6. stubbornness
7. idolatry and covetousness
8. impulsiveness
9. passivity
10. PRIDE

Things about Jezebel:

1. She is religious
2. she is intimidating
3. She uses illegitimate authority
4. He gets what HE wants
5. He is manipulative
6. He gets others to do his dirty work
7. She surrounds herself with eunuchs
8. She emasculates men or if male degrades women
9. She is relentless, furiously determined
10. He or She destroys the prophetic - actually she moves in divination {python spirit} which will try to strangulate the true prophetic in others.

11. Makes excuses for sin including all sexual sins/perversion
 12. She is jealous
 13. He always knows better than you, what is good for you
 14. She is MURDEROUS - often will feel like I'm having a heart attack when attacked by this spirit - comes from murderous spirit
 15. She is a thief - if you give to her, you will live in poverty and lack
- Her characteristics are in our FLESH and it is what God purposes to remove through sanctification throughout our walk with Him.

Article on Pride vs Humility:

<http://www.upstreamca.org/pridevshumility.html>

The Floating Ax Head

May 23rd , 2004

Priscilla Van Sutphin

2 Kings 6:1-6 NKJV And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us.

The sons of the prophets are asking for better living accommodations as there isn't enough room in Elisha's dwelling. Also I think this might represent the prophets who've been caged up in one place, or hiding go out among the trees - the men of the earth.

2 Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell." So he answered, "Go."

Unity in all participating in building a new house for the prophets, or maybe even a new house or foundation for the Lord !

3 Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go." 4 So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. 5 But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed."

Elisha in this is a type of Christ, and the prophets are saying, please come with us ! [as we go confront those you are sending us to !] The iron ax head falls into the water. I was told that Ax heads when used alot, the wood at the joint of the handle will shrink, and that real axe men will soak their axes in OIL at the end of the day so that that junction swells and holds the ax head securely. But in this case, that has NOT been done. Axe head had not been soaked in oil; Therefore the ax head flies off while trying to hack on a perhaps hard wood tree. We know that OIL stands for the Holy Spirit. So proper

use of the axe-head requires soaking in the presence of the Holy Spirit DAILY ! - Going in His power and not our own !

6 So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. 7 Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it.

We'd discussed some things about 2 Kings and the death of jezebel. I was led to the above scriptures and contemplating them when I had a vision of a man chopping at a tree, but the wood is hard like the axe bounced off, but the axe-head fell into the water. Then I was pondering it, and how the axe was borrowed so the guy needed to get it back. So Elisha says to throw a stick [a Branch] in and the axe head levitates to the top of the water so it can be grabbed up. I feel the branch

thrown in the water is representative of Jesus: the Branch, that needs to be restored to headship in the church. It is the stick/branch that secures the ax-head so it can be put back on the handle. And the ax-head representing proper authority that is able to uproot the idolatry in the church and in the world.

Years ago the Lord showed me the end times army would be like Gideons.

(see: [Gideons](#))

Gideon's first task was to tear down the idol of DAGON in his father's house. Dagon according to legend was the father of BAAL. This end times army is up against the harlot church whose head is the Jezebel spirit. Jezebel was a worshipper of Baal and induced her husband Ahab into it.

Trees are likened to men, and this one was hard wood, which reminded me of the pride

of man. What came immediately was Job 41 how leviathan has a tough coat that cannot be penetrated. Leviathan is the spirit of PRIDE. And here is an axe-man [Gideon means "cutter of trees"] taking the ax to the hard tree, and the ax-head falls off. We cannot do our job and be effective if our ax head is not soaked in the OIL of the HOLY SPIRIT.

The proper anointing will enable the Gideons to go forth and do what they are called to do to bring down the roots of false doctrine in the church. The whole thing of Gideon being in the winepress, sifting wheat, has symbolically to do with searching in Scriptures to bring forth pure doctrine according to Conner's book on symbols and typology in the Bible.

[[Conner's Symbols and Types](#)]

We'd just been praying for the Gideons and Jehu's to be empowered with the

Spirit of Might, and be brought forth by the Lord. Jehu of course was commissioned to kill jezebel. When he arrived, he called to the Eunuch's to throw her down ! There is witchcraft in the Father's house today that needs to be thrown out the window and annihilated. And there is a heap of witchcraft to be dealt with in the world, but we can't be very effective if our own house is filled with control witchcraft and selfishness.

You surely don't want to be opposing someone like the jezebel spirit without being cleansed and filled up yourself. We need to be relying HIS strength and wisdom, and not our own.

The axe is held in the palms of your hands. We'd just been contemplating why jezebel's palms of her hands were not eaten by the dogs. Several thoughts came:

- 1) we are inscribed in the palm of
HIS HANDS.
- 2) Jezebel had bloodied hers with the
killing of prophets, so that even those
palms of her hands were not fit for dogs
to even eat ! I don't doubt that beheading
may have been the means.
- 3) Lord also pointed out to me how for
centuries, true doctrine has been eaten
away by the locusts, like it says in JOEL.
So that the raising of the axe head in
order to secure it again to an axe handle
for the cutting of trees, has to do also
with RESTORATION of what has fallen in
the waters, and been lost. Lost anointings,
lost courage in facing/confronting the sin in
the church.
- 4) The cutting edge of the blade that
whittles away hardness of trees can be
likened to the [blade of righteousness].
Apostolic power requires apostolic
HOLINESS which we can only receive by
being in His presence...hence the OIL.

5) Trees are likened to men a lot in scripture, but can also represent the structures of men.

God is whittling away at trees in his church. He is RESTORING our lives and RESTORING the church to what it was meant to be, for it very quickly got off course in the first centuries. He is going to RESTORE apostolic power. When apostolic power came to the church, the FEAR OF THE LORD was restored and the church GREW. Men fell dead at the words of the prophetic apostle Peter. The proper fear of the LORD was reestablished in people. 3000 were saved in a day etc. Ezekial 34 talks about God restoring true shepherds and removing hirelings.

Beheading - addendum to The Floating Ax-Head

Also we had discussed the Nick Berg video I watched...which was probably NOT a good idea for me, but was sent me by a well intentioned friend. It caused me to go into travail, and wailing and weeping. In a sense I felt also I was crying for what lies ahead. And there were other things I did, like repent for the cutting off of heads of Native Americans here in California. [They got \$5 per head for them in gold rush days which is abominable in the sight of God. - I had just read that detail also in an article online about California] And as I had my head tucked in a pillow screaming and weeping after the video, The Lord said to me, " Imagine if that were your son !" " Imagine If you were a Native American mother watching it happen to your son. Seeing his head sold in a shop by white gold prospectors !" And I was wailing some more and repenting for the sins of that generation, and pray God will wash the blood off our land and replace

it with His blood in terms of redeeming the people of California.

I also felt when I watched it that there was something symbolic about it that God wanted to say. He often uses events to speak to me. David lobbed Goliath's head off when he killed him with Goliath's own sword ! Seems to have been a thing in the middle east to cut off heads. Samuel cut off the head of the Amalekite king in front of Saul, because Saul had not done it.

Here we have a young American Jewish boy who went to help the people who were there, and he gets beheaded by those called "extremists".

He had an Israel stamp on his passport the news said. Since then the vision of New York by an online friend came describing the Empire State building collapsing and

water flooding out of it into the streets,
and I feel the whole head chopping thing
has to do with removing those in authority
who are not meant to be there, and the
bringing down of the EMPIRES of MEN in
the church. Judgment begins in the house
of the Lord.

The prophet in the story of Elisha, whose
axe-head fell off, may represent those
whose oil has been quenched. Lost
anointings are rampant in the church due to
false doctrine being taught and the
quenching of the Holy Spirit by spirits of
control like Jezebel. Jezebel spirit always
tries to kill the prophet's anointing. A
spirit of divination is always involved with
jezebel, in trying to even BLIND the
prophets to what God is showing them, and
to steal from them. Remember how John
the Baptist was beheaded by the spirit of
jezebel in Herod's wife Herodias ?

It was the eunuchs that threw jezebel out the window...the very ones she emasculated and whose fruitbearing ability was "cut off" were the ones who responded to Jehu and threw the witch out. To be capable of this act God will call many to in taking off the head of the jezebel spirit, means that you cannot harbor bitterness in your heart towards those in authority. But must walk in humility and forgiveness, the enemy having no place in you. You cannot be one who walks in VENGEANCE. But rather that you have GOD's heart in the matter. Then you will be able to deliver HIS WORDS in the manner HE WILLS. And they will have the intended effect. We WAR NOT against flesh and blood, but powers and principalities and spiritual wickedness in heavenly places !

GIDEONS: The End Times Army
Priscilla Van Sutphin

Many years ago the Lord spoke to me that this end-time generation would be like "Gideons in His hands". He prompted me to read about Gideon at the time, and although, at the time I saw some things, that showed what He meant, through the years, He made the vision clearer and confirmed it through the words of other prophets, and seers.

Judges 6:1 to 6:6 paints the picture of what was going on in the land at Gideon's time. There had been 40 years of peace and rest after Deborah's reign, but again Israel began idolatry to Baal, so the Lord had them under judgement by giving them into the hands of Midian. Starvation (representing blight of their spiritual poverty), was the judgement on Israel. "The Midianites would encamp against them", verse 4 says, and "destroy the produce of the earth and leave no sustenance for Israel". Our own country's

spiritual blight would seem obvious. Many in our land, and in the church have bowed down to the gods of New Age-Hinduism, and to Baal, or Satanism.

So it says, the Israelites cried out to the Lord, and as a result, God sent a no-name prophet, (as He is about to do in this age). The prophets will be a faceless people, devoid of fame, to speak truth to this generation and ours and to convict us of our disobedience, like John the Baptist. Just as John came before the first coming, the spirit of Elijah (John was called the Elijah to come by Jesus) will be poured out on them to turn the children's heart to our heavenly Father, and His heart to us, via their prayers and worship. The Zondervan Bible Encyclopedia says there was DISUNITY in Israel at the time of Gideon, and so there is NOW in today's body of Christ. The Lord has called this younger generation (generationX-which is

NOT x'd out by God) "HIS
SHOWBREAD".

In Judges 6:11, it says, "Now the angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon (which means cutter of trees) threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites.

So Gideon was in the winepress, threshing wheat. Have you ever pictured that? Something about that went beyond what I've ever heard preached, and then it finally came through the Lord, and Conner's book on "Interpreting Symbols and Types". As stated before the winepress is where proper study of the word brings forth true doctrine so God has had today's Gideons, in the word releasing illumination of scripture separating the bread of the Word getting into the deeper roots of the Word of God, seeking God for

understanding not just what man has told them. So when it is time to come forth, like David, they will be filled up with the Word, just as Gideon had his sword.

(Although he didn't have to use it at FIRST.) They will be filled with God's wisdom to help others apply it to their lives. Several are already on the scene causing a stir tearing down idols. Those steeped in tradition may not like the looks of these when they come forth like a John the Baptist but they will bend I believe , because of the MANIFEST power of God on them.

John the Baptist sure did not look like the average guy in Jerusalem at the time. And both he and Elijah stirred things up real good. They really angered a lot of unbelievers. Note that the priests who had been hidden at Elijah's time were in caves, like David hiding. John the Baptist was definitely a "wave-maker" ? He shouted,

he was not shy about declaring the TRUTH to those who were walking in darkness.

You cannot be complacent and be in this army ! In Zephaniah 1:12 NKJ it says" And it shall come to pass at that time that I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and punish the men who are settled in complacency, who say in their heart, ' The Lord will not do good, nor will He do evil' ."

The first chapter talks about cutting off the idolatrous PRIESTS, and those who have not sought Him. This is not an army for the fearful -as shown in the history of Gideon in Judges.

According to Kevin Conner "Interpreting the Symbols and Types in the Bible" , **THRESHING** symbol of separation, trampling under foot, chastening, and judgement

(see Is.41:15, Micah 4:13, Hab 3:12, Amos 1:3, Is 21:10 and Jer. 51:33, 2Ki 13:7)

WINEPRESS is symbolic of that place where true doctrine is produced from proper study of God's Word. (other scriptures : Nu 18:27-30, Deut 15:14, Is 5:2, Matt.2: [However if evil wine then false doctrines pressed out of God's Word.]

So the Lord is calling these Gideons, and commissioning them for HIS work. In Judges 6:12, it says, " And the angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, 'The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!' " Gideon was startled at the words of the angel of the Lord, after all, he was hiding ! Gideon's reaction here , is a lot like Moses. He proclaims his unfittedness for such a title. He also says that if God is with us, where is He ? Where are His works of old, the miracles and healings ?

Today's teens have been wondering the same thing.

The Gideons God is raising up will be thought by the "churched" to be the "least likely" To lead in revival by the more "sophisticated" and "educated" church members. They will proclaim to be the least in their Father's House; the rebellious, and the discarded, the weak and afflicted. And so this is not a new idea of the Lord, as He sent His own Son in the humility of a stable birth, and out of the town of Bethlehem, which was thought to be the least in the kingdom of Israel. They may come to us with tatooes and earrings in their noses.

And then there are the testimonies of great heroes of the past like Hudson Taylor and David Brainerd, who were weak and sickly much of their time of service.

And like Gideon, God will make today's army of men and women, boys and girls

what HE wants them to be by HIS GRACE and the POWER of the Holy Spirit. The LORD will affirm them. "Surely I will be with you" He told Gideon. (Judges 6:16) In verse 17, Gideon asks for a sign that it is the Lord who came to him. So, this generation will know to test the Spirit of the Lord who talks to them. (Those who are His chosen Gideons)

In Judges 6:22, it says "Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the Lord. So Gideon said, "Alas, O lord God ! For I have seen the Angel of the Lord face to face." This generation of Gideons will also see the Lord face-to-face. In verse 24 it says that Gideon built an altar in that place and called it after the Lord Who is our Peace (Jehovah Shalom).

One summer a young man and his mom stayed with me for the teen conference at our church, and the last night of the

conference, he had a vision of JACOB preaching in that church, and the Lord was saying, " In this place", then he had the vision again, later the same evening and this time there was more detail. Jacob (Jesus is called the Portion of Jacob in Jeremiah) was preaching in the church, and he instinctively knew there was an attack of the enemy on that church, but God's light was shining in the side windows of the sanctuary and would drive out the attack. Also the Lord was saying, " In this place, I will.." [like a ticker tape going across the screen] Two weeks later, I was reading in Haggai, and the Lord quickened this as the verse from Haggai 2:9 which says " And in this place I will bring peace, says the Lord."

Haggai 2:6-7 NKJ says, "For thus says the Lord of Hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will shake all

nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' , says the Lord of Hosts." Now I realize this was a vision not just for our church, but for the Church in America.

These 'Gideons' will proclaim and impart the Lords' peace. Jesus is known as the Prince of Peace, and his peace is not like 'world peace', but the peace which passed all understanding, an inner peace which made Paul able to say "To live is Christ, to die is gain", a peace which brings ability to forbear, and perservere and to love which endures and never fails.

The first commission the Lord gave Gideon was to tear down the idol in his father's house, and so these modern 'Gideons' will be instumental in bringing down the idolatry in our churches, through prayer, worship, and preaching the TRUTH of the Word of

God. It says, and in it's place, Gideon built an altar to the TRUE God. And so these 'Gideons' will do this, by God's grace, and our hearts will be the altar. Where will His resting place be? In the hearts of men, not in buildings made of clay or stone, said the Lord.

In Judges 6:27 it says , that Gideon tore down the idol in the night (in hiddenness) because he was afraid of retribution from the men of the city which also speaks of his awareness of the wicked nature of idolaters, and his ability to discern. While others are in the church, busy planning, or being distracted, these Gideons will be giving their hearts to the lord in prayer or praise to bring down the powers of darkness and rulers of darkness in heavenly places. Rulers, and terrors are also brought down by worship that is represented in the one anothers. By that I mean working in the opposite of the prevailing spirit. For example if greed is a

prevailing spirit then they would sow seeds of righteousness, by doing things for no pay.

It is the nature of spiritual warfare to work in the opposites another example would be where there is drivenness, to rest and be like Mary and not Martha.

Verse 6:30 of judges shows the attitude we have when our idols are smashed; a) we are angry at first b) we have prideful, murderous attitudes sometimes towards those who convict us or correct us. [they wanted to kill Gideon the MY way, not God's way gang] But the true fathers in spiritual Israel will stand up for the TRUTH and REPENT. And they will be protective of these sons of Israel.

Malachi says that the spirit of Elijah will return the fathers' heart to the children and the children's hearts to the father.

Just as Elijah slaughtered the prophets of Baal and removed the evil in Israel, so did Gideon. And just as Elijah was up against Jezebel, and Ahab, so it is also with the "Gideons" of today. They are battling these spirits in the church, and in their own lives, on their knees and in WORSHIP, and with the Word of the Lord. The spirit of witchcraft has entered into the church today in many forms; control, domination, Wicca, New-Age/Hinduism, and satanism by mixing it all up with Christianity which is called syncretism. And it **MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE CHURCH SO THAT GOD WILL BE THE ONLY ONE IN CONTROL.**

Just as Joash (means: God has given) changed Gideon's name to Jerubaal (let Baal contend), so when these spiritual 'Gideons' are anointed, God will give them a new name which is symbolic for the release of revelation, according to Conner.

The church will quickly change her

attitudes towards these 'Gideons' when they are anointed, for they will be like Gideon in their God-given ability to deliver those held in "spiritual starvation." And like Elijah they are up against tremendous witchcraft in these end-times and God is now in a process of training them and preparing them for service.

Look at Micah 4:6-7 NKJ

"In that day," says the Lord, " I will assemble the LAME, I will gather the outcast, and those whom I HAVE AFFLICTED; I will make the lame a remnant, and the outcast a strong nation; So the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion from now on, even forever."

He is training them in spiritual warfare, and He will give them great authority over demons, and over all manner of sicknesses and disease. There will be no question that God has ordained them when the glory

comes upon them. NO ONE will doubt the authority given them by God Almighty. Isaiah 60: 1-2 NKJ says. Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold great darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be SEEN upon you."

In Luke 9: 1-6 , the Lord commissioned the 12 apostles, and gave them authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. When the glory of the Lord comes upon the Gideons, (to it's fullest), the apostolic anointing will be restored to the church of Jesus Christ. These Gideons will be fully submitted to the will of the Lord Jesus, NOT to mans traditions, once the Lord has brought them through the 'fire' of His purging. He will encompass them about with His power, in LOVE, HUMILITY, and FORGIVENESS. He will have FULL

**POSSESSION of their lives. (Judges
6:34)**

Judges 6:36-37 shows Gideon testing the Lord's word to him. The Lord said the end-times would be a time of great apostasy, as shown in 2 Tim 3:1-3; "But know this, that in the last days, perilous times will come; for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, PROUD, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, UNHOLY, UNLOVING, UNFORGIVING, SLANDERERS, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure, rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying its power. And from such people, TURN AWAY !

This end-times army will also want to be sure of who they are following. And God has and will be patient with them, as He was with Gideon. He is building their

faith, to do the greater things, as with Gideon, who thought himself incapable to do anything noble they will be humble when God gets through with their training.

Many of today's 'Gideons', here in the U.S.A. have a great deal to overcome of the world, because of the affluence and pride of the U.S. and the conditions of this nation. So God has been training them in the SCHOOL of REJECTION, PERSECUTION, and AFFLICTION, AND MAKING THEM OF NO REPUTATION LIKE JESUS. They are in the process of dying to SELF. The church needs to be patient with God's 'Gideons', just as He is. We need to pray for discernment to even be able to recognize the calling on them, and to have the same love for them which God has and help to nurture, heal and uphold them.

In Judges 7:2 NKJ it says: "And the Lord said to Gideon, 'The people who are

with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel CLAIM GLORY FOR ITSELF against ME, saying ' My own hand has saved me.' "

This is critical with us too, in that many think by their many prayers, or their special worship, or intellect and insight, they have effected change in the spirit, when everything we do is enabled by the Lord, and without HIM we could do nothing. Much of the church today is steeped in PRIDE. We even have the gall to boast of our knowledge of the Word which if you read Job, it should deter that kind of thinking. And, many who boast of knowing the word don't know the LIVING WORD: know not the sweet communion Jesus, the Father and Holy Spirit. God is looking for those who will not take the glory for themselves.

God is also weeding out those who would be too fearful for the job. At Gideon's time,

this conformed to the Mosaic laws for military exemption (Deuteronomy 20:1-8). And just as God made it clear in Gideon's time that the victory was HIS, and not one of superior might in Israel, so again this end-times battle belongs to the Lord. Zechariah 4:6 NKJ." Not by might, not by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord ! " Over two-thirds of the army left Gideon because of their fear. This is also significant and representative, I believe of the great "falling away" of the church in end-times. They will succumb to the fear of man especially with the persecution and rejection that is coming.

Judges 7:5-7 has always been a puzzle to many , but I believe that those who lapped (only 300) putting their hands to their mouths, remaining upright, alert to danger and ready for action , represent those who don't give in to carnality, especially to the accuser. There is a

possibility here that comes to mind as I type this out, and that is the MOUTH is symbolic of our testimony, these drink water, in this case it may be the water of adversity, and they remain upright in right standing with God, not giving in to the accuser, alert to the wiles of the enemy, not sinning with their mouths. In Rick Joyner's book, the Final Quest, the enemy's troops ride in on the backs of those who are professing Christians. The war in the church has already started. Some have been deluded into thinking they are supposed to be the judges dividing who are sheep and who are goats, but Jesus said, the ANGELS would come and separate them, and the Word says HE is the only JUDGE. Yet there are those who have already aligned themselves with the accuser like in the Spanish Inquisition full of pride, bitterness, fear, and suspicion. Most of these brothers and sisters are UNHEALED people who think they are doing

God a favor, doing HIS service like Paul did when it was his fervor to persecute Christians.

The rest of those who drank, lapping with their mouth to the water like an animal may represent those too carnal for the Lord to use, for His glory. The Lord knew they would end up in the position of taking the glory for themselves, as He indicated in what He said "lest Israel claim glory for itself.." Many in the past have done this as many in the present do now. The Lord said, "BE HOLY AS I AM HOLY !" David knew his fleshly nature, when he said, " I am but a beast before you".

God is looking for vessels willing to empty themselves of all flesh to do HIS work those committed to walking in holiness and to HIM alone. He has called the youth of this nation (in a word to me) " A HOLY NATION UNTO GOD!" and His

"SHOWBREAD". The showbread was in His presence on the table all the time. And there were 12 loaves representing the 12 tribes, which represents the UNITY that should be in the church. It will come through the youth. I have seen it in my son and his friends...how they hold each other up, how they stick together and help each other financially, emotionally, whatever as most of them come from homes with some form of neglect or abuse, very wounded, yet they are supportive to each other. God is looking for those who will not compromise His Word and who will give Him ALL the glory.

Matthew 7:13-14 NKJ "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it."

Just as in the time of Deborah, God used a woman to lead an army, and with Gideon and others, used the "least" to confound the wise in their own opinion, today, God is assembling an army of those thought to be the least likely by the formal church to lead an army. He's spoken to me that these will be LIKE GIDEONS, not skilled orators, with a bunch of educational degrees, but those humble ones, that never had any such ambitions, such as to lead an army. (It is not that He only uses non-educated people, but that knowledge has a tendency to puff-up and the proud He will NOT use). God delights in using the weak to confound the strong, and the foolish ones to shame the wise. He has done it so many times before in such forms as David Brainerd, Smith Wigglesworth, Kathryn Kuhlman, Aimee Semple MacPherson, Madame Guyon, King David, Peter, James and John, etc.

These were people who died to self, who lived only to serve HIM. His Majesty does not look at people like the bulk of humanity looks at people, Praise God ! He looks at the heart of man. Just as David spent years in the caves and running from Saul, today's Davids and Gideons, etc. have also been in running from the spirit of Saul in the church, which has tried to stomp out their gifting and their very lives in some cases. We do know Saul had a spirit of MURDER, right ?

The fearful were excluded, then... Judges 7:9-11, the Lord sends Gideon into the enemy's camp to spy out the land, and cautions him, if he is afraid to also take Purah, his servant and tells him that in doing so, "his hands will be strengthened to go down against the camp." Purah means BRANCH. Whose name is also the Branch of David? Jesus, the Branch, the Mighty Warrior will go down with the end-times

warriors as well. He will be with them to strengthen and protect them. He will be their invincible army as it says in Habbakuk 3:19 Amplified..

" The Lord God is my strength, my personal bravery and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet, and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make spiritual progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility] !

Judges 7:13-14 shows that a dream is revealed in the enemy's camp that indicates Gideon will defeat them. And so God will pour out fear in the camp of the enemy in these end-times as well. Daniel 12:4 Amp states:

"But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book until the time of the end. [Then] many shall run to and fro and search anxiously [through the Book], and

knowledge [of God's purposes as revealed by His prophets] shall be increased and become great. "

God has promised, as stated in Daniel and Joel to pour out His Spirit on all people. "Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions, even on My servants both men and women, will I pour out My Spirit in those days." Joel 2:28-29
NIV

God has already given many congregations a foretaste of what is to come. Kansas City fellowship , several years ago now, had the power of God fall on the children with manifestations of praise and prophecy. In Benny Hinn's church in Florida, the Holy Spirit fell on the children and they were praising the Lord, and among those who were sick and cripples, many were healed.

When Gideon heard the dream in the camp of the enemy and their interpretation, it says he worshipped. This also will be the response of the Gideon generation to revelation and the presence of their Lord. They will worship Him in Spirit and in truth. Worship is a valuable method of offensive and defensive standing. Satan has been busy with this generation, diverting their worship to himself. In Dean Sherman's book, "Spiritual Warfare for Every Christian" he recounts the word of the Lord to him about Papua, New Guinea, after days of fasting and prayer, because their usual methods of prayer walking and witnessing had failed to bring the usual fruit. The Lord told him " PRAISE is the key to breaking down the forces of darkness which have held this city since the beginning of time! These forces have never been challenged." There were strong forces of witchcraft over this city just as there is over our cities today.

The true army of God will be loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to the Gideons who will lead them. They will be obedient to God and to their true spiritual leaders. In Joel again, It says, "They will not break ranks when they plunge through defenses ." They will be orderly And UNIFIED in heart and purpose. They will NOT be divisive (A house divided against itself cannot stand) or yield to the competition in the church . They will be perfectly submitted to the Lord Jesus Christ, forbearing and loving people and counter to all the spirits of Jezebel , Ahab, and witchcraft control stand for. God is about to blow all devisiveness, and competition, hesitation, doubt, and disobedience away by the wind of His Spirit. We had better be willing to put our face to the wind of the Holy Spirit's healing, if we want to receive the glory that comes after that.

In Judges 7:16-18, it describes the weaponry of Gideon. Verse 16 says, "Then he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet into every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and torches inside the pitchers."

a) The trumpet is a symbol of gathering together, and the coming of Christ. In Revelation, it is representative of prophetic utterance. These Gideons will be a prophetic company of peoples. They will be careful how they use their words. The Bible says life and death are in the power of the tongue. They will speak only what the Father is saying. They will NOT move out of impulse to have a word, or other fleshly ways, and certainly NOT to satisfy tintillating ears. Like their Father in heaven, they will NOT show partiality.

b) The empty pitchers represent the human body, or vessels with pure motives;

void of flesh, void of selfish motives, void of seeking the approval of man. They will be only concerned with doing the will of the Father. They will be moved by love and compassion, not power, greed, or recognition, or money. They will not compete with one another. They will walk in unity, and with respect for one another out of that love and compassion. The awakening that is coming will remove the dissension in the true church, and the fear of being left out and overlooked that undergirds it.

c) The torches inside the pitchers Fire represents the Holy Spirit. Because they will have removed their outer garments of attachment to this world, and all flesh will have been burnt off through His FIRE, and through persecution, affliction and rejection. They will, like Gideon, be filled with the Holy Spirit that He might move through them at HIS will. Knowing the

Word of God, they will be intimate with their Savior, and depend solely on the Holy Spirit's guidance; (Not in psychology, methods, or theology)

As the army drops the pitchers to break on the ground, so our flesh needs to be broken, to fall off and die. Here we have a beautiful representation of the will of the Father to fill us with His light, the light of His Spirit. If we will only be willing to count the cost of discipleship, and die to our flesh and the world, we will be eligible for this army of Gideons. Some think that somehow they have to work at it in their own self-reliance, and that they can accomplish this through their own ways, but this is impossible. The only thing we can rely on is God to change us. But the requirement for us is to sit at His feet and ask for the inner healing and deliverance we need to be ready for what He wants us to do. We cannot abandon our first love.

We need to be like Ruth, sitting at the feet of Boaz and HE will GUIDE US in all HIS ways. Jesus said, "Unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." Matt 18:3 NKJ Little children need to be told what to do. They have to have willing hearts, ears and hands, and to be taught and led. The Lord does the rest.

Can you imagine the paradigm shift Gideon's men had to adjust to? First God sends 90 percent of the army away, then, another large percent of what was left, then Gideon takes away their shields and gives them a trumpet and a pitcher with a torch instead, and if that isn't enough, then he sends them down with this stuff to surround the enemy's camp and says you won't have to fight just blow the horns and drop the pitchers. Wonder what was going through their heads? God delights to do

the same in every generation, He is always doing a new thing and those too **INFLEXIBLE** for the new thing are set aside. He is always ready to pour wine into **NEW WINESKINS**. The wind blows where **IT** wills.

Gideon's warriors wore their swords at their sides. It was only after having to pursue the enemy's army, that they had to use them. The main battle was won for them by the Lord. The Lord and His armies will again fight for us, if we will just worship Him. Our sword is the Word of God! The Bible says "Desire the pure milk of the word." 1 Peter 2:2 It is strength to our bones. Well, I used to be an OB clinical nurse specialist, and there is an alignment in the spirit to that in the physical right?

Mother's natural milk contains immune bodies, not obtained in any other way

except through nursing. They strengthen the infant against diseases. And while the infant is nursing, he is also getting nurturing, being held by mother. God's name is El Shaddai, the many breasted One. These immune bodies strengthen the infant against diseases the mother has had. And they decrease their susceptibility to colds and other viruses, while they are nursing. Mother's milk also contains the largest number of white cells of any other body fluid. White cells are produced in the marrow of the bone, and are used in the body to fight germs and foreign bodies; invaders. Like mother's milk, the Word of God strengthens our defense system spiritually against the enemy. The IGA (an immune globulin) is significantly greater in those who are breastfed.

Mother's milk also contains **LYSOZYME** which is 300 times more abundant in human

milk than in cow's milk. Lactoperoxidase is an enzyme which aids in killing streptococcal infection. This is also in mother's milk and NOT in formulas. The incidence of infection and extent of allergy is decreased in those infants who are breastfed for at least one year.

So the Word of God implanted in us is our defense system against the enemy of our souls as well, and as we dwell and meditate on the word, it is like the infant who nurses. We not only get strength to our bodies, but to our emotions from the nurturing truth of the word of God and strength to our spirit.

Paul chided the Corinthian church for still requiring milk, instead of having moved on in maturity to the meat of the word. I believe this is true for many churches today as well. It is every believer's responsibility to read, study, meditate on,

search, and dwell on the Word of God. In many churches I've attended the word is barely taught, man's opinions seem to be of greater concern.

Joshua 1:7-8 NKJ says "Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

It is not only in the reading of it, but **the doing of it**, as James cautions us, that there is the blessing. Many today lift up the Word up as the pharisees did, who Jesus chastized saying, *"You search the*

scriptures, for IN THEM you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. " It is in the coming to HIM that we learn how to apply what we read, and to draw strength for service from His Holy Spirit, as well as direction and guidance. In coming to Him, He pours out His love in our hearts, by the Spirit. THAT is our life-giving strength. Without Him we are nothing. With him we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. And in dying to our own selfishness, we will be able to say like Paul, "To live is Christ, to die is gain." JESUS bids us come, and says to us like to Peter, when he stepped out of the boat onto the water, " It is I , do not be afraid."

The Lord has said to me that just like the birth of babies, there are some that come out on their own, and then some require a C-section. So there are

intercessors, who cry out night and day to catalyze the birth of those who won't or are unable due to the depth of their woundedness to come on their own. Either way, the only route to healing is to be nurtured at His breast. To come unto Him, the Lover of our souls...and be made new. This is a long process for some of us who have gone through such violence in our lives. But it is worth the pressing into Him, to get the prize of fellowship with Him forever. Remember, no pain, no gain. Our pain is our **GAIN** in the spiritual kingdom.

IDOLATRY Scriptures with Comments

2003

Priscilla Van Sutphin

www.upstreamca.org

1 Sam 15:23 NKJV For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is

as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

Why is stubbornness associated with idolatry, one might ask ? Is it not that when we are stubborn, we are holding on to what we want, or what we think our opinions ? or what we think is best to do ?

1 Cor 10:14-16 NKJV Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. 15 I speak as to wise men; judge for yourselves what I say. 16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

Paul says to FLEE from idolatry. When you have been to a place where idols are worshipped, and we all have as India is not the only place, or China, with it's Buddhism, then you understand what

idolatry can do. America has idols too; Idols of money, lust, greed, wanting things, pride, convenience, ministry, jobs, people, and self and it has mounted up to heaven. Below you will see in reading the scriptures what the consequences of idolatry are, and see if it is not our trouble now. Land becomes desolate, dry, unable to grow food. There are storms, violence, bloodshed, and God's hand becomes against us. He says He will turn His back to us if we don't repent. He has been responsive to our prayers and most especially, prayers of repentance, not just for blessing, but for **MERCY**.

Gal 5:19-22 NKJV Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the

like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

In the old testament the word adultery is used interchangeably with idolatry. When self is put before God all the abominations are loosed in the land. Is not our alcoholism an addiction (idol). Have not drug abuse, and sex become idols ?

Col 3:1-11 NKJV If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. 5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil

desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. 8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, 11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Covetousness is idolatry Paul says covetous is wanting what others have ; your neighbors things, or your neighbors wife per the 10 commandments. We have gone insane with covetousness here. People

steal and rob to get what they don't have
just to have what others have.

Rev 9:20-21 NKJV

But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

The lost do not realize that they are worshipping demons, when they bow to a statue. Their ancestors once had encounters with spiritual forces and called them "gods" not realizing they were demons. So worshipping idols is worshipping demons. Why else would a mother in India kill her children before the statue of a "god" if not demonically motivated ? All the

time she is thinking she is doing right.
That is strong delusion, when we are made
in the image and likeness of God. God once
told me that the highest form of
witchcraft is to disdain LIFE. It was
after telling me how mothers in China were
murdering their children.

Rev 2:20-23 NKJV Nevertheless I have
a few things against you, because you allow
that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a
prophetess, to teach and seduce My
servants to commit sexual immorality and
eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 And I
gave her time to repent of her sexual
immorality, and she did not repent. 22
Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and
those who commit adultery with her into
great tribulation, unless they repent of
their deeds. 23 I will kill her children with
death, and all the churches shall know that
I am He who searches the minds and

hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

Sexual immorality is related to idolatry because it is wanting what we want for the moment what "feels good", and not wanting to obey a God, Who "limits us". God is not a killjoy ! He wants what is best for us.

And the bible teaches that those who sin sexually, sin against their own bodies. God

made marriage as the appropriate relationship for having sex because sex alone is not relationship. He made woman for man but to share with forever, not only sex, but our hopes, joys, pains. He made woman as a companion to man and they are helpmates to one another. When we join ourselves to someone, we join ourselves to ALL that is a part of them, soul and body.

There have been terrible consequences for sexual sin. There is a law of sowing and reaping. We may not have to take

punishment for our sins because of the blood of Jesus. But our bodies wear down for the anxiety produced from sharing all the spiritual ungodliness of all whom we lie with. We suffer from the diseases attained by intercourse. Sex is a poor substitute for the real relationship and awesome experiences we can have with the Lord through communion with HIM. He is a jealous God, and He wants NO other gods before Him. Shame is also stressful. And yet we have been willing to forfeit heaven for a time of pleasure, when heavens pleasures are far beyond those of this earth, and in the process, we hurt the Son of God who made us and gave ALL He had, Who died for us and suffered immeasurably for us. The good news, is that because Jesus died, we can be redeemed from the curse of sin. We can be forgiven of our sins. The author of 1 John cautions us that he who loves HIM, obeys Him.

Rev 2:14-17 NKJV But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. 15 Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. 16 Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

The Nicolaitans (From Ungers Dictionary)
The general voice of antiquity accuses them of holding the lawfulness of eating things offered to idols, and of mixing in and encouraging idolatrous worship; and as they are charged with denying God to be the creator of the world, and attributing its existence to other powers, they could unquestionably, on such grounds, permit themselves so to act, and thus far it is probable that the accusation is not ill-

founded. The community of women was another doctrine which they are said to have adopted, and their conduct seems to have been in the highest degree licentious"

1 John 5:19-21 NKJV And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

1 Thess 1:9-10 NKJV For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Unfortunately our human flesh is prone to idolatry so there is a constant war between flesh and spirit. Alcoholism is a form of idolatry. Just try taking away a drink from someone who is drunk as I had occasion to do before I was saved and working a second job as a barmaid while in my youth. Oftentimes, an alcoholic will give up one idol for another: it is the nature of the beast. Saved or unsaved, we are not so different. Sometimes we trade alcohol or other former addictions for religion. Oh how religious a converted alcoholic or drug addict can become! We turn all our former escapism to religion instead of drugs or alcohol. We suddenly develop a disdain for others who drink or do drugs, thinking ourselves better and forget from whence we came.

We are sure to read our bible daily, to pray for one hour, to worship. And become just as rigid as Lot's wife after turned to stone about some things. Pride

has an ugly way of weaseling itself in if we are not healed from all the pain of childhood. Religion is just as wicked as the alcoholism, actually more, because it covers sin. So now we know to do right, but are too proud to admit when we blow it. Thus we perpetuate our sins if we don't submit to the healing of the Lord. Fear of intimacy is usually an accompaniment to the pains unhealed from childhood. It affects our relationships with others as well as with God. For example, we are not willing to trust enough so we don't reach out to others who might hurt us.

2 Cor 6:15-16 NKJV And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

The Corinthian church was full of ex-idol worshippers and were having some problems with people continuing in their old ways. Sanctification takes time, and people perish without knowledge of right and wrong.

1 Cor 12:2-3 NKJV

You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 10:27-33 NKJV If any of those who do not believe invites you to dinner, and you desire to go, eat whatever is set before you, asking no question for conscience' sake. 28 But if anyone says to you, "This was offered to idols," do not eat it for the sake of the one who told

you, and for conscience' sake; for "the earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness."
29 Conscience," I say, not your own, but that of the other. For why is my liberty judged by another man's conscience? 30 But if I partake with thanks, why am I evil spoken of for the food over which I give thanks? 31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. 32 Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, 33 just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

1 Cor 10:19-22 NKJV What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything? 20 Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. 21 You cannot

drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

1 Cor 8:10-12 NKJV For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? 11 And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

1 Cor 8:1-7 NKJV Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. 2 And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know. 3 But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him. 4 Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is

nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one. 5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live. 7 However, there is not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat it as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

This scripture above makes it clear that knowledge also is an idol to some. Many compulse in their lives on seeking knowledge and become "puffed up" that is called intellectual pride. That is one of the major strongholds of freemasonry among other things like humanism. So although the Spirit of knowledge is a blessed gift from God, whereby we learn through Him

knowledge we could not get any other way. Knowledge from books, science and the like can lead to such a prideful attitude.

Encouraged in all of academia is a competitive spirit. The Bible says **Compete ye not with one another**. Competition is just a form of pride having to be better than others. When the truth is that there will always be someone better than you intellectually, and there will always be those less intelligent, but our focus should be on God, and His Word and on **treating others as we would like to be treated**.

Rom 2:22 NKJV You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

The apostle here is referring to a Pharisee spirit in people that was portending to hate idols, yet sliding a bit of money under their belt from the tithes of the saints, more than should have been allotted. As Tozer

stated, we have to be the same person outside the pulpit as we are in front of it !

Acts 21:25 NKJV But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written and decided that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality."

Acts 15:28-29 NKJV For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: 29 that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.

Acts 17:16-17 NKJV Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the

city was given over to idols. 17
Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue
with the Jews and with the Gentile
worshippers, and in the marketplace daily
with those who happened to be there.

It is a hard thing to see cities mainly full
of idol worshippers. I have seen that in
India. I could hardly stay in the building
where we bought sarees. I could feel the
emptiness of the people without Jesus. It
was weighing on my soul so strongly, I had
to get out of there and pray, so I asked to
go to the car where I could pray and cry
out for their souls; it is an overpowering
thing. It provokes you to prayer and
action.

But it is the same here in America...just
watch the TV....souls given to idolatry
abound throughout the world. For years, I
have reached out in my neighborhood, but
it is hard to see souls so idolatrous to dead
religion and clinging to what is stagnant and

dry, and to see youth and children, caught up in witchcraft and rebellion.

In the Old Testament, when it says "that day" it refers to the day of the Lord the end times and so when you see the "in that days" we are very close now to that time.

Zech 13:2 NKJV "It shall be in that day," says the LORD of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land.

Zech 10:1-2 NKJV

Ask the LORD for rain in the time of the latter rain. The LORD will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, grass in the field for everyone. 2 For the idols speak delusion; The diviners envision lies, and tell false dreams; They comfort in vain. Therefore the people wend their way

like sheep; They are in trouble because there is no shepherd.

The showers refer to spiritual showers of the Holy Spirit what an awesome verse ! Note also the people are like sheep without a shepherd. In some circles of Christianity the shepherds are too busy building their own kingdom to really care or take time for the sheep and so zealous for admiration that they won't delegate either so that there are enough sub-shepherds to help tend the sheep.

Hab 2:18-3:1 NKJV "What profit is the image, that its maker should carve it, The molded image, a teacher of lies, That the maker of its mold should trust in it, To make mute idols? 19 Woe to him who says to wood, 'Awake!' To silent stone, 'Arise! It shall teach!' Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, Yet in it there is no breath at all. 20 But the

LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him."

Mic 1:7 NKJV All her carved images shall be beaten to pieces, and all her pay as a harlot shall be burned with the fire; All her idols I will lay desolate, For she gathered it from the pay of a harlot, and they shall return to the pay of a harlot."

Jonah 2:8-9 NKJV "Those who regard worthless idols forsake their own Mercy. 9 But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD."

I never noticed this word for God before MERCY. Note it is capitalized. So one of His names is Mercy ! Hallelujah, I am so grateful for that ! I have needed much mercy and He is the Source of everything we need. As we get caught up in idolatry we forsake the very One Who is MERCY

and all that we need in life. We have claimed that this nation is built upon godly principles, but we have turned very far away from what the founders imagined.

Amos 5:25-27 NKJV "Did you offer Me sacrifices and offerings In the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? 26 You also carried Sikkuth your king and Chiun, your idols, The star of your gods, which you made for yourselves. 27 Therefore I will send you into captivity beyond Damascus," Says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.

If you worship idols instead of God Himself you are in captivity for sure and delusion is a hard thing to shake without humbling yourself and being brutally honest with God and yourself.

Hos 13:2-4 NKJV Now they sin more and more, And have made for themselves

molded images, Idols of their silver,
according to their skill; All of it is the
work of craftsmen. They say of them,
"Let the men who sacrifice kiss the
calves!" 3 Therefore they shall be like
the morning cloud and like the early dew
that passes away, like chaff blown off
from a threshing floor and like smoke from
a chimney. 4 "Yet I am the LORD your
God Ever since the land of Egypt, and you
shall know no God but Me; For there is no
Savior besides Me.

This makes me so glad to be under His
grace. Note the anger of God for these
things. Thank the Lord that your name is
written in the Lamb's book of life.

Hos 12:10-11 NKJV I have also spoken
by the prophets, And have multiplied
visions;

I have given symbols through the witness
of the prophets." Though Gilead has
idols--

Surely they are vanity--Though they
sacrifice bulls in Gilgal, indeed their altars
shall be heaps in the furrows of the field.

The Lord here reminds us that He has
appointed prophets so that man can hear
from God without looking to idols or
demons. Psychics here from demons,
demons offer information, not revelation.

So if you go to a psychic you bow to
demons, not God. I know churches here in
California, where congregants mix
Christianity with witchcraft. Sometimes
bigger churches have this problem if they
don't have cell groups, because there is no
accountability. No really getting to know
each other.

People who don't want to obey the
commandments of God are drawn to such
places where they can feel safe, and get

5% of God when they want a good feeling, but do not want to give their lives 100% to Him. There is also the issue of impatience. If you read Judges 17 and 18, they are about personal idolatry, and corporate idolatry. It says in the 18th chapter, that the tribe of Dan was looking for land and they sought out a place where noone would tell them what todo. Later their name is struck from the list of 12 tribes of Israel . Look at the list of 12 in Revelation. It is no longer there. A serious lesson for us all. See below the consequences spoken of.

see

http://www.upstreamca.org/cases_idolatry.html

Hos 8:4-7 NKJV "They set up kings, but not by Me; They made princes, but I did not acknowledge them. From their silver and gold they made idols for themselves-- That they might be cut off. 5 Your calf is

rejected, O Samaria! My anger is aroused against them--How long until they attain to innocence? 6 For from Israel is even this: A workman made it, and it is not God; But the calf of Samaria shall be broken to pieces. 7 "They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind. The stalk has no bud; It shall never produce meal. If it should produce, aliens would swallow it up.

Hos 4:16-19 NKJV "For Israel is stubborn Like a stubborn calf; Now the LORD will let them forage Like a lamb in open country. 17 "Ephraim is joined to idols, Let him alone. 18 Their drink is rebellion, they commit harlotry continually. Her rulers dearly love dishonor. 19 The wind has wrapped her up in its wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

Hos 4:12 NKJV My people ask counsel from their wooden idols, and their staff

informs them. For the spirit of harlotry has caused them to stray, And they have played the harlot against their God.

A spirit of harlotry is the category of demons from whence comes false religions, cults, etc. The spirit of error is alive and well on planet earth. Perversion also is a twisting serpent. It is not just about sex, but twisting the truth to what we want it to be. It is the nature of Satan.

Ezek 44:10-13 NKJV

"And the Levites who went far from Me, when Israel went astray, who strayed away from Me after their idols, they shall bear their iniquity. 11 Yet they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, as gatekeepers of the house and ministers of the house; they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them. 12

Because they ministered to them before their idols and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity, therefore I have raised My hand in an oath against them," says the Lord GOD, "that they shall bear their iniquity. 13 And they shall not come near Me to minister to Me as priest, nor come near any of My holy things, nor into the Most Holy Place; but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed.

The Lord reminded me of how hard it is for people with witchcraft on them to receive from the Spirit. Generational curses, ancestral curses, and control make it difficult because in hearts given over to witchcraft/control is also so much pride. And maybe it is a problem too because there could be the tendency also to use power to serve themselves. The Lord showed me once that the thing that got cults going after the great awakening

(J.W.'s and Mormons got their start then)
was a PRIDE IN THEIR OWN
REVELATIONS. They didn't think they
could be wrong if they experienced
something, well neither did Mohammed !
After 40 days of fasting an angel appeared
to him and gave him the Koran. See the
similarities with Mormons? Joseph Smith
got the Book of Mormon when he put his
hat on he would see Egyptian hieroglyphic
type writing and the interpretation under
it. Joseph Smith was in Freemasonry and
a diviner. So he already had some strikes
going against him, but He thought because
of this "experience" that it had to be
GOD.

One thing you will notice with people who
have a lot of witchcraft background or a
spirit of witchcraft on them, they will not
easily participate in WORSHIP. You will
find them standing and not singing or
moving, nor moved by the Spirit to tears.

Sometimes witches come to congregations who are moving in the spirit to cause division and to destroy the church. So we need to be aware of such devices. And to pour out LOVE in those who come, because Love is as strong as DEATH it says in Ecclesiastes.

Ezek 37:23 NKJV They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

Ezek 36:25-31 NKJV Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone

out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. 28 Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. 29 I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. 30 And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations.

Do you see in this and other scriptures the relationship between famine, no crops, etc. or destruction of crops and idolatry? More and more of China is right now becoming desert it is greatly affecting them. India also has been hit with lack of rain, or floods that destroy. Crops have failed this and previous years in parts of America and

many other places in the world. The physical things reflect spiritual things.

Ezek 33:25-27 NKJV "Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "You eat meat with blood, you lift up your eyes toward your idols, and shed blood. Should you then possess the land? 26 You rely on your sword, you commit abominations, and you defile one another's wives. Should you then possess the land?" '

Ezek 30:13 NKJV 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also destroy the idols, and cause the images to cease from Noph; There shall no longer be princes from the land of Egypt; I will put fear in the land of Egypt.

There's another consequence; we are given over to fear.

Ezek 23:37-39 NKJV For they have committed adultery, and blood is on their hands. They have committed adultery with their idols, and even sacrificed their sons whom they bore to Me, passing them through the fire, to devour them. 38 Moreover they have done this to Me: They have defiled My sanctuary on the same day and profaned My Sabbaths. 39 For after they had slain their children for their idols, on the same day they came into My sanctuary to profane it; and indeed thus they have done in the midst of My house.

The pagans of India in THIS day have sacrificed their children to idols. It has been in the newspaper in the last year. One mother heard a voice telling her to kill her children, then she would have her prayers answered ! So she took her children to the temple and murdered them there before the idol. We need to be praying for such situations. In Afghanistan

it is common practice to hand their own children upside down for punishment and to beat them. Children at the border have drawn pictures of such things, with their mothers turning their heads crying. Muslims serve a Satan through calling Allah "God" when it is the moon-god of their ancestors they worship. They say it is the same God as Judaism, but it is a delusion. And are we any different when we neglect and abuse our own children or kill our unborn...there are parents here who have killed their children and spouses. The violence has increased throughout the world

Ezek 23:29-31 NKJV They will deal hatefully with you, take away all you have worked for, and leave you naked and bare. The nakedness of your harlotry shall be uncovered, both your lewdness and your harlotry. 30 I will do these things to you because you have gone as a harlot after

the Gentiles, because you have become defiled by their idols.

Ezek 18:14-17 NKJV

"If, however, he begets a son Who sees all the sins which his father has done, and considers but does not do likewise; 15 Who has not eaten on the mountains, Nor lifted his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, Nor defiled his neighbor's wife; 16 Has not oppressed anyone, Nor withheld a pledge, Nor robbed by violence, But has given his bread to the hungry And covered the naked with clothing; 17 Who has withdrawn his hand from the poor And not received usury or increase, But has executed My judgments And walked in My statutes--He shall not die for the iniquity of his father;

Did you know that buddhists also practice satanism ? Did you know that little children have been ritually abused in Asian

countries by buddhist monks and nuns ?
There is one young woman I worked with
who saw a buddhist monk call demons that
looked like a dragon & a snake INTO
himself before molesting her as a young
child. He did what he saw ancestors do to
appease their "gods". We should weep over
these things. Yet how many in the church
have gotten caught up in syncretism or
SINcretism as I might spell it, mixing
other religions with Christianity as if
LIGHT had anything to do with DARKNESS
!

Ezek 16:35-38 NKJV

'Now then, O harlot, hear the word of the
LORD! 36 Thus says the Lord GOD:
"Because your filthiness was poured out and
your nakedness uncovered in your harlotry
with your lovers, and with all your
abominable idols, and because of the blood
of your children which you gave to them,
37 surely, therefore, I will gather all your

lovers with whom you took pleasure, all those you loved, and all those you hated; I will gather them from all around against you and will uncover your nakedness to them, that they may see all your nakedness. 38 And I will judge you as women who break wedlock or shed blood are judged; I will bring blood upon you in fury and jealousy.

Women who break wedlock were killed !

Ezek 14:3-5 "Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put before them that which causes them to stumble into iniquity. Should I let Myself be inquired of at all by them? 4 Therefore speak to them, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Everyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the LORD will

answer him who comes, according to the multitude of his idols, 5 that I may seize the house of Israel by their heart, because they are all estranged from Me by their idols." '

Ezek 5:13-17 NKJV 'Thus shall My anger be spent, and I will cause My fury to rest upon them, and I will be avenged; and they shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it in My zeal, when I have spent My fury upon them. 14 Moreover I will make you a waste and a reproach among the nations that are all around you, in the sight of all who pass by. 15 So it shall be a reproach, a taunt, a lesson, and an astonishment to the nations that are all around you, when I execute judgments among you in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I, the LORD, have spoken. 16 When I send against them the terrible arrows of famine which shall be for destruction, which I will send to

destroy you, I will increase the famine upon you and cut off your supply of bread. 17 So I will send against you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you. Pestilence and blood shall pass through you, and I will bring the sword against you. I, the LORD, have spoken.' "

Ezekiel 6:1-7 NKJV

Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 2 "Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy against them, 3 and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD! ' Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, to the hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys: "Indeed I, even I, will bring a sword against you, and I will destroy your high places. 4 Then your altars shall be desolate, your incense altars shall be broken, and I will cast down your slain men before your idols. 5 And I will lay the corpses of the children of Israel

before their idols, and I will scatter your bones all around your altars. 6 In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate, so that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, your idols may be broken and made to cease, your incense altars may be cut down, and your works may be abolished. 7 The slain shall fall in your midst, and you shall know that I am the LORD.

These scriptures look alot like those that talk about the day of His WRATH. For those who are faithful to Jesus Christ, there will be no wrath, but for those who are unfaithful and idolatrous, there is judgment awaiting.

Jer 50:38 NKJV A drought is against her waters, and they will be dried up. For it is the land of carved images, and they are **insane with their idols.**

Did you know that INSANITY is a punishment for IDOLATRY ? How many people in the U.S. are on prozac, and all kinds of other antidepression or anti-insanity meds ? It is a stupendous number. It is a terrible thing that FREEMASONRY that does nothing but worship idols is so strong in the United States ! Maybe as many as 50,000 someone heard from the LORD are freemasons in the Southern Baptist Convention. That is NOT counting all those in Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Anglican, Charasmatic and Pentacostal denominations.

HOW CAN GOD NOT JUDGE WHEN WE
PRETEND TO BE HOLY AND TO SERVE
HIM BUT ARE SERVING SO MANY
OTHER GODS ?

Do you know that freemasons who are shriners take an oath to ALLAH ? Did you

know that they bow to BAPHOMET? Does this look innocent to you



They also bow to RA and ANUBIS [god of death], gods of Egypt ! They bow to Buddha and Brahma ! Did you know FREEMASONRY is based on KABALLAH ?

Jer 18:15-17 NKJV "Because My people have forgotten Me, they have burned incense to worthless idols.

And they have caused themselves to stumble in their ways, from the ancient paths, to walk in pathways and not on a highway, **to make their land desolate and a perpetual hissing**; Everyone who passes by it will be astonished and shake his head. I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back and not the face in the day of their calamity."

This is quite the opposite of Him shining His face upon us, yet we spit in His face bowing to such awful idols of demons !

Jer 16:18 NKJV And first I will repay double for their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable idols."



Brahma



Buddha



Anubis

Jer 14:22 NKJV Are there any among the idols of the nations that can cause rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Are You not He, O LORD our God? Therefore we will wait for You, since You have made all these.

Jer 8:19 NKJV Listen! The voice, the cry of the daughter of my people from a far country: "Is not the LORD in Zion? Is not her King in her?" "Why have they provoked Me to anger with their carved images--with foreign idols?"

Jer 2:5 NKJV Thus says the LORD:
"What injustice have your fathers found in
Me,
that they have gone far from Me, Have
followed idols, and have become idolaters?"

Isa 57:12-13 NKJV I will declare your
righteousness and your works, for they will
not profit you. When you cry out, **let your
collection of idols deliver you.** But the
wind will carry them all away, a breath will
take them. But he who puts his trust in Me
shall possess the land, and shall inherit My
holy mountain."

God even mocks those who worship them
saying, **LET THEM DELIVER YOU !**
Then He says, the wind will carry them all
away but for whomever follows JESUS,
there shall be safety and abundance of all
he needs. In the desert temptation of the
LORD SATAN offered him the kingdoms of

this world if HE would just bow down to him and worship him.

That is brazen pride, but it shows HE has the rulership over this world - He is the prince of the air. But there is ONE MUCH GREATER than he, who rules over ALL CREATION. We need to keep our EYES ON THE CREATOR in this hour !

Isa 45:16-18 NKJV They shall be ashamed And also disgraced, all of them; **They shall go in confusion together, Who are makers of idols.** 17 But Israel shall be saved by the LORD With an everlasting salvation; You shall not be ashamed or disgraced Forever and ever. 18 For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the LORD, and there is no other.

Here is another consequence, that once you give in to idolatry comes confusion with it, and then DELUSION like it says in Romans 1. Deception builds till it becomes delusion and terrible twisting of anything that is truth seems impossible to overcome. But GOD WHO IS EL GIBOR, the MIGHTY ONE of ISRAEL can deliver such if they are willing.

Isa 31:6-7 NKJV

Return to Him against whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. 7 For in that day every man shall throw away his idols of silver and his idols of gold--sin, which your own hands have made for yourselves.

The Lord is so good to always have an open door to ANYONE who calls on HIM. For it says that ALL who call on the name of the LORD WILL BE SAVED !

Isa 19:3-6 NKJV The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst; I will destroy their counsel, and they will consult the idols and the charmers, the mediums and the sorcerers. 4 And the Egyptians I will give into the hand of a cruel master, and a fierce king will rule over them," Says the Lord, the LORD of hosts. 5 The waters will fail from the sea, and the river will be wasted and dried up. 6 The rivers will turn foul; The brooks of defense will be emptied and dried up; The reeds and rushes will wither.

Isa 19:1-2 NKJV The burden against Egypt. Behold, the LORD rides on a swift cloud, And will come into Egypt; The idols of Egypt will totter at His presence, And the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst. "I will set Egyptians against Egyptians;

Everyone will fight against his brother, and everyone against his neighbor, City against city, kingdom against kingdom.

Isa 2:20-21 NKJV In that day a man will cast away his idols of silver and his idols of gold, which they made, each for himself to worship, to the moles and bats, to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the crags of the rugged rocks, from the terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.

Isa 2:17-18 NKJV The loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be brought low; the LORD alone will be exalted in that day, But the idols He shall utterly abolish.

Even that which is within in us as an idol like our OPINIONS will be brought low in the day of the LORD. EVERY knee will bow

and every tongue will confess that Jesus
Christ is LORD !

Ps 135:15-18 NKJV The idols of the
nations are silver and gold, the work of
men's hands. They have mouths, but they
do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do
not see; They have ears, but they do not
hear; nor is there any breath in their
mouths. **Those who make them are like
them;** So is everyone who trusts in them.
I have seen in India people suffering from
blindness, deaf and dumbness due to the
idolatry. More and more here are having
similar judgments. **May the LORD HAVE
MERCY** on all who are ignorant of HIM.
The Lord is coming to give them a chance
to repent before the great and terrible
day of the LORD. He is so kind to give
many more and more chances to repent.
But where will we be in **AMERICA** unless we
repent ? We consider these other heathen

countries yet every day on TV there is such abominations to the LORD.

Ps 115:3-8 NKJV But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases. 4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. 5 They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; 6 They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; 7 They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat. 8 Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them.

Ps 106:36-40 NKJV They served their idols, which became a snare to them. 37 They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons, 38 And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the

idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood. 39 Thus they were defiled by their own works, and played the harlot by their own deeds. 40 Therefore the wrath of the LORD was kindled against His people, so that He abhorred His own inheritance.

Ps 97:7-9 NKJV Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, Who boast of idols.

Worship Him, all you gods. Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice

because of Your judgments, O LORD. For You, LORD, are most high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods.

Ps 96:4-6 NKJV For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. 5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. 6 Honor and majesty

are before Him; Strength and beauty are
in His sanctuary.

Ps 31:5-8 NKJV Into Your hand I
commit my spirit; You have redeemed me,
O LORD God of truth. I have hated those
who regard useless idols; But I trust in the
LORD. I will be glad and rejoice in Your
mercy, for You have considered my trouble;
You have known my soul in adversities, And
have not shut me up into the hand of the
enemy; You have set my feet in a wide
place.

1 Chron 16:25-26 NKJV For the LORD is
great and greatly to be praised; He is also
to be feared above all gods. For all the
gods of the peoples are idols, but the
LORD made the heavens

1 Kings 21:25-26 NKJV But there was
no one like Ahab who sold himself to do
wickedness in the sight of the LORD,

because Jezebel his wife stirred him up.

26 And he behaved very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites had done, whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.

The spirit of JEZEBEL today is in the halls of the harlot church. She is trying to kill the true prophets and giving false hope to an idolatrous church. She is castrating everyone who believes in the LORD JESUS CHRIST and trying her best to subdue the true prophets and apostles.

1 Kings 16:26 NKJV For he walked in all the ways of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin by which he had made Israel sin, provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their idols

1 Kings 15:11-13 NKJV Asa did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did his father David. 12 And he banished the

perverted persons from the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. 13 Also he removed Maachah his grandmother from being queen mother, because she had made an obscene image of Asherah. And Asa cut down her obscene image and burned it by the Brook Kidron.

Deut 32:21-22 NKJV They have provoked Me to jealousy by what is not God;

They have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation.

22 For a fire is kindled by my anger, and shall burn to the lowest hell; It shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

This is a clue to the end of the world by
FIRE...foundations of the mountains...are
VOLCANOES perhaps ?

Deut 29:17-19 NKJV and you saw their
abominations and their idols which were
among them--wood and stone and silver and
gold); 18 so that there may not be among
you man or woman or family or tribe, whose
heart turns away today from the LORD our
God, to go and serve the gods of these
nations, and that there may not be among
you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood;

He associates bitterness with idolatry
because when we are bitter, we have
idolatry to our unforgiveness,
stubbornness, & pride in wanting vengeance
our way.

Lev 26:27-35 NKJV 27 'And after all
this, if you do not obey Me, but walk
contrary to Me, 28 then I also will walk

contrary to you in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. 29

You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters.

30 I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and cast your carcasses on the lifeless forms of your idols; and My soul shall abhor you. 31 I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas.

32 I will bring the land to desolation, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.

33 I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste. 34 Then the land shall

enjoy its sabbaths as long as it lies desolate and you are in your enemies' land;

then the land shall rest and enjoy its sabbaths. 35 As long as it lies desolate it shall rest--for the time it did not rest on your sabbaths when you dwelt in it.

Lev 26:1-2 NKJV 'You shall not make idols for yourselves; neither a carved image nor a sacred pillar shall you rear up for yourselves; nor shall you set up an engraved stone in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the LORD your God. 2 You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary: I am the LORD.

Lev 19:4 NKJV 'Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molded gods: I am the LORD your God.

Gen 31:34-35 NKJV Now Rachel had taken the household idols, put them in the camel's saddle, and sat on them. And Laban searched all about the tent but did not find them. 35 And she said to her father, "Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise before you, for the manner of women is with me." And he searched but did not find the household idols.

Gen 31:19 NKJV Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel had stolen the household idols that were her father's.

Ps 24:3-5 NKJV Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Isa 66:17 NKJV "Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves, to go to the gardens after an idol in the midst, eating swine's flesh and the abomination and the mouse, shall be consumed together," says the LORD.

Isa 66:3-4 NKJV "He who kills a bull is as if he slays a man; He who sacrifices a lamb, as if he breaks a dog's neck; He who

offers a grain offering, as if he offers swine's blood; He who burns incense, as if he blesses an idol. Just as they have chosen their own ways, And their soul delights in their abominations, 4 **So will I choose their delusions, and bring their fears on them; Because, when I called, no one answered, when I spoke they did not hear; But they did evil before My eyes, and chose that in which I do not delight."**

This last part is a blazing indictment on our hearts in AMERICA because so many are blind. Yet the God of Jeshurun, comes on the wings of the winds, offering HOPE for all Who turn to CHRIST JESUS out of His great love for us !

"The PLEADING of Hosea"

March 30th, 2007

Priscilla Van Sutphin

The Lord wanted me to read Hosea the other evening and as I did, I was struck again with so much of it, how it is like us in America today.

Hosea 1 Amplified

1 THE WORD of the Lord that came to Hosea son of Beeri in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam son of Joash king of Israel.

Hosea means salvation Beeri his father's name means **Expounder**

2 When the Lord first spoke with and through Hosea, the Lord said to him, Go, take to yourself a wife of harlotry and have children of [her] harlotry, for the land commits great whoredom by departing from the Lord.

Which of you prophets is up for this assignment ? Just kidding but really, if

God told you this, wouldn't the church today utterly reject you? I don't doubt there are some who might have been told to do this. Imagine how Hosea felt. Here is another situation of prophetic mime - acting out in your life what God is saying/doing. Indeed our own land in America and many other lands resembles Israel here, committing great whoredoms, and departing from the Lord. There is however always a remnant.

3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, and she became pregnant and bore him a son.

Gomer means completion. Diblaim means twin fig trees which I find interesting since Israel is represented in scriptures also as a fig tree or olive tree.

4 And the Lord said to him, Call his name Jezreel or God-sows, for yet a little while and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel and

visit the punishment for it upon the house of Jehu, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. [2 Kings 10:11.]

5 And on that day I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel.

6 And [Gomer] conceived again and bore a daughter. And the Lord said to Hosea, Call her name Lo-Ruhamah or Not-pitied, for I will no more have love, pity, and mercy on the house of Israel, that I should in any way pardon them. 7 But I will have love, pity, and mercy on the house of Judah and will deliver them by the Lord their God and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by equipment of war, nor by horses, nor by horsemen. [Isa 31:8; 37:33-35.]

Judah means PRAISE and HE says He will deliver them but not by physical force of their own, but HIS. Those who truly

worship HIM, will abide in the shadow of
His wings.

8 Now when [Gomer] had weaned Lo-
Ruhamah [Not-pitied], she became
pregnant [again] and bore a son. 9 And the
Lord said, Call his name Lo-Ammi [Not-my-
people], for you are not My people and I
am not your God.

**That seems pretty clearly utter rejection.
Another meaning given for LoRuhamah is
NO MERCY.**

10 Yet the number of the children of
Israel shall be as the sand of the sea,
which cannot be measured or numbered;
and instead of it being said to them, You
are not My people, it shall be said to
them, Sons of the Living God! [Rom 9:26.]

11 Then shall the children of Judah and
the children of Israel be gathered together
and appoint themselves one head, and they

shall go up out of the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel [for the spiritually reborn Israel, a divine offspring, the people whom the Lord has blessed.] [Isa 11:12,13; Ezek 37:15-28.]

So here He shows that He will reject Israel and yet He will once again have mercy and RESTORE them. The New King James Version says **COME UP** out of the land which caught my eye.

OT:5927 **COME UP**

`alah (aw-law'); a primitive root; to ascend, intransitively (be high) or actively (mount); used in a great variety of senses, primary and secondary, literal and figurative (as follow): KJV - arise (up), (cause to) ascend up, at once, break [the day] (up), bring (up), (cause to) burn, carry up, cast up, shew, climb (up), (cause to, make to) come (up), cut off, dawn, depart, exalt, excel, fall, fetch up, get up, (make

to) go (away, up); grow (over) increase, lay, leap, levy, lift (self) up, light, [make] up, mention, mount up, offer, make to pay, perfect, prefer, put (on), raise, recover, restore, (make to) rise (up), scale, set (up), shoot forth (up), (begin to) spring (up), stir up, take away (up), work.

OUT OF

OT:4480 min (min); or minniy (min-nee'); or minney (constructive plural) (min-nay'); (Isa 30:11); for OT:4482; properly, a part of; hence (prepositionally), from or out of in many senses (as follows): KJV - above, after, among, at, because of, by (reason of), from (among), in, neither, nor, (out) of, over, since, then, through, whether, with.

LAND

OT:776 'erets (eh'-rets); from an unused root probably meaning to be firm; the earth (at large, or partitively a land): KJV - common, country, earth, field, ground, land, nations, way, wilderness, world.

Jezreel

OT:3157 Yizre` e'l (yiz-reh-ale'); from
OT:2232 and OT:410; God will sow;
Jizreel, the name of two places in Palestine
and of two Israelites: KJV - Jezreel.

Hosea 2:1 [HOSEA], SAY to your
brethren, Ammi [or You-are-my-people],
and to your sisters, Ruhamah [or You-
have-been-pitied-and-have-obtained-
mercy].

1 Peter 2:9-10 NKJV

9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation, His own special
people, that you may proclaim the praises
of Him who called you out of darkness into
His marvelous light; 10 who once were not
a people but are now the people of God,
who had not obtained mercy but now have
obtained mercy.

2 Plead with your mother [your nation];
plead, for she is not My wife and I am not

her Husband; [plead] that she put away her [marks of] harlotry from her face and her adulteries from between her breasts, [Isa 50:1.] 3 Lest I strip her naked and make her as in the day she was born, and make her as a wilderness and set her like a parched land and slay her with thirst.

So God is saying PLEAD with Israel that she would repent, so I don't have to send the judgments I have delegated for her, including stripping her of her wealth, and letting famine come to her. Honestly people in all the words He's given me and to others, this seems we are at the same place.

4 Yes, for her children I will have no love nor pity nor mercy, for they are the children of harlotry. 5 For their mother has played the harlot; she who conceived them has done shamefully, for she said, I

will go after my lovers that give me my food and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my refreshing drinks.

Do you see how God uses Gomer as an object lesson, a symbol of Israel's own idolatry and adultery as God calls it. Has He not spoken the very same things to us ? Has HE not pleaded also with us to turn once again to HIM and repent of our wickedness ?

He likens her to a PROSTITUTE who goes after men to sleep with them for what she can get from them. Often we treat God the same way, only looking to Him for what we can get out of HIM, instead of honoring HIM for WHO HE IS, and how He deserves. We begin to take advantage sometimes of our relationship just like men and women take for granted each other in relationships after a while.

6 Therefore, behold, I [the Lord God] will hedge up her way [even yours, O Israel] with thorns; and I will build a wall against her that she shall not find her paths.

7 And she shall follow after her lovers but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them [inquiring for and requiring them], but shall not find them. Then shall she say, Let me go and return to my first husband, for then was it better with me than now.

Is this not a bit like Romans one, where He says, people worshipped the creature rather than the Creator, therefore He turns them over to strong delusion and lets them backslide in their OWN way ?

8 For she has not noticed, understood, or realized that it was I [the Lord God] Who gave her the grain and the new wine and the fresh oil, and Who lavished upon her

silver and gold which they used for Baal
and made into his image.

Has not America done the same ? She has been blessed beyond all the nations of the earth, yet she has become unthankful and prideful in her own prowess and abilities as if they were not given her from GOD HIMSELF. She had grown in people, in wealth and resources, yet instead of it drawing us close to GOD, we have gone after other gods, allowed in other people of other religions who have tempted many then to bow to other gods, and we GAVE in to the temptation. We weren't grateful or thankful for what God gave us, but we have sought after entertainment, money, sex, self, and bowed to other gods like Buddha, Horus, Allah, Krishna, Brahma. All along the path through those who have practiced freemasonry in the land also bow to these gods. We have not confronted the apostasy as we should, and now even in

the church we see the mixture, and people not set apart for holiness, but acting no different from the world in many places.

People mixing Christianity with Freemasonry, with New Age, witchcraft.

9 Therefore will I return and take back My grain in the time for it and My new wine in the season for it, and will pluck away and recover My wool and My flax which were to cover her [Israel's] nakedness. 10 And now will I uncover her lewdness and her shame in the sight of her lovers, and no one shall rescue her out of My hand. 11 I will also cause to cease all her mirth, her feast-making, her New Moons, her Sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts and appointed festive assemblies. 12 And I will lay waste and destroy her vines and her fig trees of which she has said, These are my reward or loose woman's hire that my lovers have given me; and I will make [her plantations] an inaccessible forest, and the

wild beasts of the open country shall eat them.

Have we not said to Him that our belongings belong to us instead of to HIM, holding on to fleeting things of this earth rather than clinging to Him ? So then He says, He will remove those things HE has given us.

13 And I will visit [punishment] upon her for the feast days of the Baals, when she burned incense to them and decked herself with her earrings and nose rings and her jewelry and went after her lovers and forgot Me, says the Lord. 14 Therefore, behold, I will allure her [Israel] and bring her into the wilderness, and I will speak tenderly and to her heart.

So the reason HE brings Judgment is not to destroy but to take her to the wilderness where then when they realize

what they have done, they can **TURN TO HIM**, and He promises to speak **TENDERLY** to our hearts. A prophetic friend of mine was once told by the Lord **"My JUDGMENTS are my LOVE greatly provoked"**. And above basically says this.

15 There I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor [troubling] to be for her a door of hope and expectation. And she shall sing there and respond as in the days of her youth and as at the time when she came up out of the land of Egypt. [Ex 15:2; Josh 7:24-26.]

So as she is brought to despair and judgments, He says, I will give back to her her **VINEYARDS**, and make the place of trouble a place where **I will open a door of hope and expectation, which is what He has been saying to us**. And **SHE SHALL SING THERE. SHE SHALL WORSHIP** in other

words, as when she was first saved from her bondage.

16 And it shall be in that day, says the Lord, that you will call Me Ishi [my Husband], and you shall no more call Me Baali [my Baal]. 17 For I will take away the names of Baalim [the Baals] out of her mouth, and they shall no more be mentioned or seriously remembered by their name.

Then He says, when HE does this, You will call me HUSBAND, and no longer call GOD The name of BAAL. YOU will no longer serve the wrong gods. He will show us that these gods are not gods, and remove their worship from our lips. This is specific to Israel, but also to us since we are grafted in.

18 And in that day will I make a covenant for Israel with the living creatures of the

open country and with the birds of the heavens and with the creeping things of the ground. And I will break the bow and the sword and [abolish battle equipment and] conflict out of the land and will make you lie down safely.

He's speaking of the Millennial reign here. No longer will Israel have to go to war or defend herself.

19 And I will betroth you to Me forever; yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in steadfast love, and in mercy.

This is all the work of the MESSIAH, Who has come and is to come again.

20 I will even betroth you to Me in stability and in faithfulness, and you shall know (recognize, be acquainted with, appreciate, give heed to, and cherish) the Lord. 21 And in that day I will respond,

says the Lord; I will respond to the heavens [which ask for rain to pour on the earth], and they shall respond to the earth [which begs for the rain it needs], 22
And the earth shall respond to the grain and the wine and the oil [which beseech it to bring them forth], and these shall respond to Jezreel [restored Israel, who prays for a supply of them].

23 And I will sow her for Myself anew in the land, and I will have love, pity, and mercy for her who had not obtained love, pity, and mercy; and I will say to those who were not My people, You are My people, and they shall say, You are my God!
[1 Peter 2:9,10.]

What a wonderful promise if only ISRAEL and JEWS everywhere would take it up and understand. Just today Simantov sent an article in newspaper in Israel about an
older

Rabbi who died a year ago and said he had seen Messiah. He wrote the name of Messiah on a piece of paper but told them strictly not to open it for a year. NO doubt according to the message Yeshua gave him. On the paper was the name of Yeshua/ JESUS in Hebrew. **This Rabbi said he saw Yeshua before he died. PTL !**

Hosea 3 AMP

3:1 THEN SAID the Lord to me, Go again, love [the same] woman [Gomer] who is beloved of a paramour and is an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins [used in the sacrificial feasts in idol worship].

Raisin cakes were used in Baal worship, worship of the Queen of heaven, Ishtar, Astarte, etc. Again Hosea's life is reflecting what God wants to say of Israel. This is what He often does with prophets,

and to some and even to them, sometimes it makes no sense. But God will give understanding with time as we ask.

2 So I bought her for fifteen pieces of silver and a homer and a half of barley [the price of a slave].

30 pieces of silver is what JESUS was bought for and here he pays half that and 15 is the number of spiritual rest, and law fulfilled. Barley was always the least of the grains. The price of a servant was thirty shekels, it says in one commentary...

Matthew Henry's comments

But the prophet here visited his wife with fifteen pieces of silver, a small sum, which yet she must be content to live upon a great while, so long as till her husband thought fit to restore her to her first estate. She shall also have a homer and a half of barley, for bread-corn, and that is all she must expect till she be sufficiently

humbled, and, by a competent time of trial, satisfactory proof given that she is indeed reformed. Let her be made sensible that it is not for her own merit that her husband makes court to her; it is but a lame price that he values her at.

The price of a servant was thirty shekels, Ex 21:32. This was but half so much; yet let her know that it is more than she is worth. God had given Egypt for Israel's ransom once, so precious were they then in his sight, and so honourable, Isa 43:3-4.

But now that they have gone a whoring from him he will give but fifteen pieces of silver for them, so much have they lost in their value by their iniquity.

Note, Those whom God designs honour and comfort for he first makes sensible of their own worthlessness, and brings them to acknowledge, with the prodigal, I am no more worthy to be called thy son. Time

was when Israel was fed with the finest of the wheat, but they grew wanton, and loved flagons of wine, and therefore, in order to the humbling and reducing of them, they must be brought in the land of their captivity to eat barley-bread, and be thankful they can get it, and to eat that too by weight and measure, whereas they did not use to be stinted. Note, Poverty and disgrace sometimes prove a happy means of making great sinners true penitents. (from Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible: New Modern Edition, Electronic Database. Copyright (c) 1991 by Hendrickson Publishers, Inc.)

Indeed when our pride is too lifted up, God has ways of humbling us, as He did Joseph, and many others to make them fit for what He called them to. Moses spent 40 years in the desert.

3 And I said to her, You shall be [betrothed] to me for many days; you shall not play the harlot and you shall not belong to another man. So will I also be to you [until you have proved your loyalty to me and our marital relations may be resumed].

4 For the children of Israel shall dwell and sit deprived many days, without king or prince, without sacrifice or [idolatrous] pillar, and without ephod [a garment worn by priests when seeking divine counsel] or teraphim (household gods).

5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return and seek the Lord their God, [inquiring of and requiring Him] and [from the line of] David, their King [of kings]; and they shall come in [anxious] fear to the Lord and to His goodness and His good things in the latter days. [Jer 30:9; Ezek 34:24.]

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of WISDOM the bible says, and we must

always walk in it, lest we lift ourselves up above His thoughts, His will, HIS desire. Here the prophet speaks they shall come in ANXIOUS FEAR to the LORD and to His goodness and good things in the LATTER DAYS. In other words, the difficult times they are thrown into humbles them and makes them to seek HIS FACE more, that they will come to HIM, and look to HIM versus their own ways of doing things in this hour. This is what He has indeed been doing.

Dan 4:37 AMP

37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, Whose works are all faithful and right and Whose ways are just. And those who walk in pride He is able to abase and humble.

Hosea 4 AMP HEAR THE word of the Lord, you children of Israel, for the Lord has a controversy (a pleading contention)

with the inhabitants of the land, **because there is no faithfulness, love, pity and mercy, or knowledge of God** [from personal experience with Him] in the land.

That's a mouthful, and so much like the harlot church today not that any of us are yet perfected. Who of us has enough love ? We have nothing that we are not given by HIM. We cannot DO anything well apart from HIM.

2 There is nothing but [false] swearing and breaking faith and killing and stealing and committing adultery; they break out [into violence], one [deed of] bloodshed following close on another 3 Therefore shall the land [continually] mourn, and all who dwell in it shall languish, together with the wild beasts of the open country and the birds of the heavens; yes, the fishes of the sea also shall [perish because of the drought] be collected and taken away.

4 Yet let no man strive, neither let any man reprove [another--do not waste your time in mutual recriminations], for with you is My contention, O priest. 5 And you shall stumble in the daytime, and the [false] prophet also shall stumble with you in the night; and I will destroy your mother [the priestly nation]. [Ex 19:6.] 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you [the priestly nation] have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you that you shall be no priest to Me; seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children. 7 The more they increased and multiplied [in prosperity and power], the more they sinned against Me; I will change their glory into shame.

Is this not much like America ? We have increased in wealth and power and forgotten that it was GOD WHO blessed us. And who does He indict ? The PRIESTS

and the false prophets ! You may say this is extreme, re the indictment of violence but I personally know, and wish I hadn't of one pastor who was murdered because he knew too much of the sins of some false prophets. He was purportedly taken out in a boat and drowned. This was grievous when I found out, and I hardly could sleep for days, asking the Lord for justice. Sometimes it is a very hard thing to see through people.

Imagine how the LORD feels seeing these things all the time.

8 They feed on the sin of My people and set their heart on their iniquity. 9 And it shall be: **Like people, like priest; I will punish them for their ways and repay them for their doings.** 10 For they shall eat and not have enough; they shall play the harlot and beget no increase, because they have forsaken the Lord for harlotry; 11 Harlotry and wine and new wine take away

the heart and the mind and the spiritual understanding.

12 My people [habitually] ask counsel of their [senseless] wood [idols], and their staff [of wood] gives them oracles and instructs them. For the spirit of harlotry has led them astray and they have played the harlot, withdrawing themselves from subjection to their God.

There is not to be any mixture with idolatry and witchcraft like there is in the church today. **You cannot mix following Christ and freemasonry, or witchcraft, or new age, or astrology or Buddhism.** One church in town of the Presbyterian persuasion pays a high price for its worship leader who is homosexual and teaches that **ALL** ways lead to God; Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, etc. They make the mistake that all these have the same God. It is the religion of the

harlot New World Order. **Tolerance of everything, peace at any cost.** The pope has bowed to this, many other denominations of Christianity have bowed to the swastika and have no courage to stand on CHRIST alone. They have bowed to fear of man. They love their lives too much. The swastika is a symbol seen much in India and it means "**all religions are one**". So it matters not which you pick. But there is only ONE NARROW ROAD for those who follow Christ, and it doesn't include syncretism with all these other gods men have made for themselves.

13 They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains, and they burn incense upon the hills and under oaks, poplars, and terebinths, because there the shade is good. Therefore your daughters play the harlot and your sons' wives commit adultery.

Contrary to Muslim claims, the word "Allah" is never found in the Bible in either Hebrew and Greek. The closest word we find is the Hebrew "alah" (which means to go up, ascend, climb and is never applied to God). Buddha never claimed to be God, and Hinduism embraces hundreds if not thousands of gods. Horus whom every freemason bows down to is an ancient Egyptian "god". But the new testament tells us that these are demons that people bow down to.

1 Cor 10:20-22 NKJV Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons . 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons ; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons . 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

14 I will not punish your daughters when they play the harlot nor your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery, for [the fathers and husbands] themselves go aside in order to be alone with women who prostitute themselves for gain, and they sacrifice at the altar with dedicated harlots [who surrender their chastity in honor of the goddess]. Therefore the people without understanding shall stumble and fall and come to ruin.

No need to say much here, but **years ago the Lord had me lie on my side for a week and read through Ezekiel, and at the end of the week gave me a word about how the pastors and many others had bowed to adultery with other men, other women and even to children in pedophilia.** A wise friend once said, when you see religion in the pulpit then usually there is often some sexual sin.

15 **Though you, Israel, play the harlot and worship idols**, let not Judah offend and become guilty; come not to Gilgal, neither go up to Beth-aven [contemptuous reference to Bethel, then noted for idolatry], nor swear [in idolatrous service, saying], As the Lord lives. 16 For Israel has behaved stubbornly, like a stubborn heifer. How then should he expect to be fed and treated by the Lord like a lamb in a large pasture?

Just like in Is 58 where the Lord chastizes Israel for making fasts that are not at all the point, here **he says why should you expect to be treated like a LAMB when you act like a stubborn cow ?** Why do you think you should be treated softly when you have been so stubborn and idolatrous.

17 Ephraim is joined [fast] to idols, [so] let him alone [to take the consequences].

18 Their drinking carousal over, they go habitually to play the harlot; [Ephraim's] rulers [continue to] love shame more than her glory [which is the Lord, Israel's God].

19 The resistless wind [of God's wrath] has bound up [Israel] in its wings or skirts, and [in captivity] they and their altars shall be put to shame because of their sacrifices [to calves, to sun, moon, and stars, and to heathen gods].

Have not our nation's leaders also loved shame more than the glory of GOD ? Have they not bowed down to Molech at Bohemian GROVE, and to Allah, and to Reverend Moon, etc... all **for money and fame, and power** ? Who of our senators, to whom many I have written over many issues bothered to respond or DO something about the poisoning of our fields and food, about the killing of innocents, or the traps being set by the NWO ? **Oprah whom many adore as our mother goddess,**

has not even responded to the killing of pastors in India, or the humiliation and human rights violations there, or to the issues about contamination of our foods. The APATHY of the leaders and those in power and position is atrocious. **WHO WILL STAND UP FOR ME AGAINST THE EVILDOERS SAYS THE LORD ?**

Ps 94:16 KJV Who will rise up for me against the evildoers ? or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?

We have mixture not only among government leaders but church leaders and prophets, and the whole body of Christ. How many, I wonder, in the church dabble with astrology and think that reading their horoscope is ok ? While many still call resurrection day EASTER which is the adulteration of ISHTAR - the QUEEN OF HEAVEN. This goes back to the semiramis and Nimrod story.

<http://www.math.uwaterloo.ca/~rbutterw/essays/Easter.html>

From wikipedia

Aspects of Ishtar

Ishtar is a mother goddess, fertility goddess, the goddess of spring, a storm goddess, a warrior goddess and goddess of war, a goddess of the hunt, a goddess of love, goddess of marriage and childbirth, and a goddess of fate. She was also an underworld deity, her twin sister being Ereshkigal, the Goddess of Death, but her dominant aspects are as the mother goddess of compassion and the goddess of love, sex and war.

As the goddess of love, Ishtar was irresistible. Her lovers were legion and she was the matron of courtesans and prostitutes. Ishtar herself was the 'courtesan of the gods' and she was the first to experience the desires which she

inspired. Sovereign of the world by virtue of love's omnipotence, Ishtar was the most popular goddess in Assyria and Babylonia....

The name is Semitic in origin, and is cognate with Canaanite `Ashtoreth (e.g. Biblical Hebrew עשתרת). She is referred to in the Bible as Ashtoreth or Anath, and the name Esther is an apparent late borrowing of Akkadian "Ishtar" into Hebrew.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ishtar> Two more good sources:

<http://www.christiananswers.net/q-eden/edn-t020.html>

<http://www.lasttrumpetministries.org/tracts/tract1.html>

Part II

Hosea 5 AMP

1 HEAR THIS, O you priests! And listen, O house of Israel! And give ear, O house of the king! For the judgment pronounced pertains to you and is meant for you,

because you have been a snare at Mizpah
and a net spread upon Tabor [military
strongholds on either side of the Jordan
River]. 2 The revoltors are deeply sunk in
corruption and slaughter, but I [the Lord
God] am a rebuke and a chastisement for
them all.

Hos 5:1-7 Matthew Henry Commentary

1. They had been very ingenious and very
industrious to draw people either into sin or
into trouble: You have been a snare on
Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor (v.
1), that is, such snares and nets as the
huntsmen used to lay upon those mountains
in pursuit of their game. When the worship
of the calves was set up in Israel the
patrons of that idolatry, and sticklers for
it, contrived by all possible arts and wiles
to draw men into it and reconcile those to
it that at first had a dread of it. Note,
Those that allure and entice men to sin,
however they may pretend friendship and

good-will, are to be looked upon as snares and nets to them, and their hands as bands, Eccl 7:26.

Re: revolters deeply sunken into corruption and slaughter:

Those who have themselves apostatized from the truths of God are often the most subtle and barbarous persecutors of those who still adhere to them. Nothing will serve them but to make slaughter (it is the blood of the saints that they thirst after): and with the serpent's sting they have his head; they are profound to do it. O the depth of the depths of Satan, of the wickedness of his agents, of those that have deeply revolted! Isa 31:6

5:2 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from Me; for now, O Ephraim, you have played the harlot and have worshiped idols; Israel is defiled. 4 Their doings will not permit them to return to their God, for

the spirit of harlotry is within them and they know not the Lord [they do not recognize, appreciate, give heed to, or cherish the Lord].

“In reading this passage from Hosea, I thought about the spiritual forces of evil behind pornography and sexual addiction. Hosea’s mission was to bring God’s message of love and reconciliation to his people, who had been rebellious through idol worship and sexual sin, among others. God used prostitution as a metaphor for the “spiritual adultery” that his people had been committing. One of the striking aspects of the people’s rebellion was the involvement of the “spirit of harlotry.”

The spirit of harlotry played a role in enslaving the people’s heart . When the people consulted their idols, the spirit of harlotry caused them to stray from God .

The people’s lack of understanding regarding the evils of what they were

practicing would eventually lead to their injury (14).

I believe that evil spirits such as spirits of harlotry are also behind sexual addictions.

We know from this and other scriptures that there are different kinds of evil spirits that seem to specialize in various sins (Acts 16:16, Luke 13:11). When we look at pornography, or visit a prostitute, or fornicate with a lover, or call a phone sex number, we open ourselves up to the influence of whatever evil spirits are behind that particular avenue. While they can't make us sin, they can certainly can promote and even orchestrate the temptations that come across our paths. We can be sure that such spirits will work to enslave us to sinful desires, lead us astray from God and damage us as much as possible. "

http://www.porn-free.org/Devotions/devotion_spirit_harlotry.htm

I found this online and thought it good to relate to what is happening also in the church today with **seducing spirits luring people away from the truth of the Word** into various forms of "harlotry", whether it's sexual sin, or focus on money and success of the world, all it pulling people away from focus on GOD.

5:5 But the pride and self-reliance of Israel testifies before his [own] face. Therefore shall [all] Israel, and [especially] Ephraim [the northern ten tribes], totter and fall in their iniquity and guilt, and Judah shall stumble and fall with them. 6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the Lord [inquiring for and requiring Him], but they will not find Him; He has withdrawn Himself from them.

This is another devastating comment that applies to our generation also, for the pride and self reliance of Americans and American Christians has been an abomination in the sight of God. We keep Him out of the church many times because we have our OWN programs, our own thoughts on what should be taught or said, and do not RELY on HIM but rely on ourselves. Even when He shows up, we may only give him a minute or two, before His voice is shut out to make way for announcements, special songs, and what the preacher has prepared. We do NOT bow before the glory of God when He does show, in the form of speaking prophecy through someone, or words of knowledge for healing. In most services I'd say in this nation, there is no reliance on the HOLY SPIRIT for what to do next. No dependency on Him which is SELF RELIANCE.

7 They have dealt faithlessly and treacherously with the Lord [their espoused Husband], for they have borne alien children. Now shall a [single] New Moon (one month) devour them with their fields.

What does it mean, they have born alien children ? It could mean the literal, but I tend to think also that it is figurative. For **when idolatry comes in, it births in our offspring, false attitudes against God, so we are NOT raising up our children in the praise and admonition of the Lord , but the praise and admonition to a pastor, to a church, to money, etc. It will cause them to be alien to CHRIST JESUS.**

5:8 Blow the horn in Gibeah and the trumpet in Ramah [both lofty hills on Benjamin's northern border]. Sound the alarm at Beth-aven: [the enemy is] behind you and after you, O Benjamin [be on your guard]! 9 Ephraim shall become a

desolation in the day of rebuke and punishment. Among the tribes of Israel I declare what shall surely be.

10 The princes of Judah are like those who remove the landmark [the barrier between right and wrong]; I will pour out My wrath upon them like water. [Deut 19:14; Prov 22:28.] 11 Ephraim is oppressed; he is broken and crushed by [divine] judgment, because he was content to walk after idols (images) and man's [evil] command (vanities and filth).

Have we removed the landmark - the barrier between right and wrong ?

Have we even taught right from wrong which is the charge to the priests of the Lord in Ezekiel 47 ? For years in churches, I NEVER heard anyone talk about witchcraft.

I never heard one pastor speak from the pulpit about staying away from astrology,

and anything relative to witchcraft. This is absurd in an age where it is ever increasing,

As if just talking about it might induce people to do it. When in fact many are lured into doing it from the media around them. It is in cartoons from Disney to advertisements from Los Vegas, where in one, these handsome men are frolicking and they call themselves "Bacchus" and friends. **Who is Bacchus ? The god of alcoholism/ wine and partying.**

12 Therefore I am like a moth to Ephraim and like dry rot to the house of Judah [in My judgment against them]. 13 When Ephraim saw his sickness and Judah saw his wound, then Ephraim went to Assyria and sent to [Assyria's] great King Jareb [for help]. Yet he cannot heal you nor will he cure you of your wound [received in divine judgment].

Wow, this to me is like what is happening in America at the moment to which I hope God will bring a stop. I am like a MOTH He says. Moths eat away at clothing. Then He says and like dry rot to Judah. What is dry rot ?

From Wikipedia: **Dry rot would appear to be an oxymoronic term seemingly indicating decay of a substance without the presence of water.** However, its historical usage dates back to the distinction between decay of cured wood in construction, i.e. dry wood, versus decay of wood in living or newly felled trees, i.e. wet wood[1]. The term has been applied to the decay of timber in buildings and other wooden structures by certain fungi, the decay of crop plants by fungi and the deterioration of rubber. In addition, the term can be used as a metaphor for grave underlying problems within a large organization (such as political corruption in government or low

morale in the armed forces) that show no symptoms until a sudden, catastrophic failure, much as dry rot of wood in ships caused catastrophic failure.

The term is most commonly used in reference to the decay of building timbers.

It refers to damage inflicted by either: *Serpula lacrymans* (formerly *Merulius lacrymans*) predominantly in the United Kingdom and northern Europe; and/or *Meruliporia incrassata* (which has a number of synonyms, including *Poria incrassata* and *Serpula incrassata*) in North America. Both species of fungus cause brown rot decay, preferentially removing cellulose and hemicellulose from the timber leaving a brittle matrix of modified lignin. Eventually the decay can cause instability and collapse in houses, wooden ships' hulls, and other wooden structures.

When applied to these fungi, the term is a somewhat misleading misnomer as both species require an elevated moisture content to initiate an attack on timber (28-30%). Once established, the fungi can remain active in timber with a moisture content over 20% - in the same way as other timber decay fungi using the brown rot decay mechanism.

This is NOT a pretty picture. God likens men to trees, so dry rot in a tree - fungus destroying it. Fungus among us = The yeast of the pharisees. **Men thinking they know better than God what to do.** Men hiding their sins and not walking in holiness.

14 For I will be to Ephraim like a lion, and like a young lion to the house of Judah. I, even I, will rend and go on [rending]; I will carry off and there will be no one to deliver. 15 I will return to My place [on high] until they acknowledge their offense and feel their guilt and seek My face; in

their affliction and distress they will seek,
inquire for, and require Me earnestly,
saying,

This clearly shows that **REPENTANCE IS REQUIRED** for God to return and act on our behalf once we have turned away from Him. He **ALLOWS THEM TO FEEL THEIR GUILT** by His absence, lifting the Holy Spirit **IS** something He does when we get carried away in our pride sometimes. If you become religious, and don't repent, this becomes a permanent condition where you don't hear from God, you fake it to make it kind of thing. That is a very sad place to be. God wants to restore, so He allows judgment and separation to draw us back to His arms of **LOVE**.

Hosea 6 AMP

1 **COME AND** let us return to the Lord,
for He has torn so that He may heal us;

He has stricken so that He may bind us up. 2 After two days He will revive us (quicken us, give us life); on the third day He will raise us up that we may live before Him. [Isa 26:19; Ezek 37:1-10.]

This is probably one of the most famous passages of Hosea, and definitely a favorite of mine. **He WILL BIND US UP.** He will pour His balm on our wounds if we will just return to Him, no matter what we have done, because we are of a **BETTER COVENANT.** **We CAN come before His throne of GRACE and ask for help.**

Then in verse 2 there is the infamous verse, that many have taken to mean each day is like thousand years with the Lord and this hour is the third day when God is restoring us that we may live before Him. It is also a reminder of His own sacrifice. After two days, HE was raised up, and like Him, He intends to raise us up after we go through our wilderness times. Only ours,

may be not just once. He is gentle in His dealings with us most of the time, and is patient to wait on us to change and continues to woo us with His love and admonitions to a place of perfect UNION with His Holy Spirit.

6:3 Yes, let us know (recognize, be acquainted with, and understand) Him; let us be zealous to know the Lord [to appreciate, give heed to, and cherish Him]. His going forth is prepared and certain as the dawn, and He will come to us as the [heavy] rain, as the latter rain that waters the earth.

This first part reminds me of Ephesians 3:17-19 in the New Testament. If we will just worship Him, and praise Him, and return our hearts to HIM, then we can be filled with the glory of GOD. This is the promise here...HE will come to us as the heavy rain. **The Kabod of the Lord is**

heavy. It makes the air heavy around us.

So like the rains that water the earth,
Holy Spirit waters us with His presence as
we repent and focus on the Lord.

6:4 O Ephraim, what shall I do with you?
[says the Lord] O Judah, what shall I do
with you? **For your [wavering] love and
kindness are like the night mist or like the
dew that goes early away.** 5 Therefore
have I hewn down and smitten them by
means of the prophets; I have slain them
by the words of My mouth; My judgments
[pronounced upon them by you prophets]
are like the light that goes forth.

**Don't let anyone tell you the Lord has no
feelings. Listen to the words here, which
are like a lover who has been spurned. So
many times we ALL like sheep have gone
astray, not listening to the voice of our
Lover. So like He says in verse 4, our love
has been fickle at times, going between**

Him and the World, and things around us. We entertain other "lovers". So then he says, His judgments are like the light that goes forth. Lightening is a representation of God's judgments in the earth, symbolically.

6 For I desire and delight in dutiful steadfast love and goodness, not sacrifice, and the knowledge of and acquaintance with God more than burnt offerings. [Matt 9:13; 12:7.]

**More than sacrificing money God desires
OUR HEARTS !**

He wants steadfast love, the same way a woman wants her husband to be steadfast in his love for her, or a man wants a woman to be steadfast in her love for him.

Someone in relationship may think that what they do matters more than who they are ! A big mistake ! Nothing in a relationship can make up for cruelty and

harshness. It reminds me of how alcoholics always try to give gifts to make up for their blowing it. They will bring flowers or a little gift and think it makes up for hours of cruelty and abuse. In the same way, **God does not desire sacrifice and burnt offerings more than our LOVE and KINDNESS towards Him and towards each other.**

6:7 But they, like [less-privileged] men and like Adam, have transgressed the covenant; there have they dealt faithlessly and treacherously with Me. 8 Gilead is a city of evildoers; it is tracked with bloody [footprints]. 9 And as troops of robbers lie in wait for a man, so the company of priests murder on the road toward Shechem; yes, they commit villainy and outrages. 10 I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel! There harlotry and idolatry are found in Ephraim; Israel is defiled. 11 Also, O Judah, there is a

harvest [of divine judgment] appointed for you; when I would return My people from their captivity [in which they are slaves to the misery brought on by their own sins],
The Lord's indictment through Hosea He makes clear is also for the PRIESTS who are supposed to be the teachers and above reproach. "murder on the road toward Shechem, commit villany and outrages ! "

Villain: Websters 3rd definition: a deliberate scoundrel or criminal

Villainous: 1 a : befitting a villain (as in evil or depraved character) <a villainous attack> b : being or having the character of a villain : DEPRAVED <the villainous foe> 2 : highly objectionable : WRETCHED
synonym see VICIOUS

Outrage: 1 : an act of violence or brutality
2 a : INJURY, INSULT b : an act that violates accepted standards of behavior or

taste <an outrage alike against decency and
dignity -- John Buchan>

3 : the anger and resentment aroused by
injury or insult

I know we have probably beaten to death
the outrages in the church of America and
all over the world really, if it be known.

But EVIL is what HE is saying for the
priests. **Are spiritual leaders today those
who fit these descriptions ?**

What would you call it when a person gives
their tithes for years, but when they need
help, they are refused by their pastor,
whose lifestyle they've supported for years
on end ? What do you call it when men
pray witchcraft prayers, praying for
anyone who confronts them, to DIE, or
calling down destruction on them and
cursing them ?

Jesus said, if you hate someone it's the
same as MURDER. And what would you call
it when a missionary from another nation

comes to a church and the pastor takes up an offering for him, then secretly keeps it for himself ?

Hosea 7

1 WHEN I would heal Israel, then Ephraim's guilt is uncovered, and the wickedness of Samaria; how they practice falsehood, and the thief enters and the troop of bandits ravage and raid without.

When I would heal you, then I would uncover your guilt. Now that is a mouthful.

It is exactly how God works things. So often when we feel we are abused and have suffered. God shows us our own culpability.

For **we are not led astray except by our own desires it says in James**. Yes He also wants to heal what other have done to us, but in order for us to forgive them, we have to see how HE has forgiven US.

Like it says in the second half of the verse, once we let in a falsehood, giving in and practicing it, then the THIEF enters and troops of bandits ravage and raid our souls.

It surely is a picture of how the enemy works on us. If he can get us to swallow just a little lie it would seem, to give in to a "white lie" [of which there are none] then it opens the doors for other liars [bandits and robbers].

2 But they do not consider and say to their minds and hearts that I [earnestly] remember all their wickedness. Now their own doings surround and entangle them; they are before My face.

Who would not consider that the Lord sees everything and knows all our wickedness?

Hypocrisy and the pride of our hearts blinds us & will make us think so. He says now their doings are before My face. How

it grieves the heart of God when we don't come to Him with our sins, and when we buy a lie that makes us think He doesn't see or will ignore it.

7:3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.
4 They are all [idolatrous] adulterers; their passion smolders like heat of an oven when the baker ceases to stir the fire from the kneading of the dough until it is leavened.

5 On the [special] day of our king the princes made themselves and him sick with the heat of wine; [the king] stretched out his hand with scoffers and lawless men.

So often in scripture God aligns leaven or yeast with pride. So He says, their passion [for doing evil] smolders like heat of an oven when the baker ceases to stir the fire.

So like leaven makes the bread rise, pride rises in their hearts when they turn from

God and to wickedness which is idolatry to
SELF.

7:6 For they have made ready their heart,
and their mind burns [with intrigue] like an
oven while they lie in wait. Their anger
smolders all night; in the morning it blazes
forth as a flaming fire.

Once a wicked person gives in to anger,
they cannot get it off their mind. Just
like the yeast it rises and increases into
rage.

7:7 They are all hot as an oven and devour
their judges; all their kings are fallen;
there is none among them who calls to Me.
8 Ephraim mixes himself among the peoples
[courting the favor of first one country,
then another]; Ephraim is a cake not
turned.

Wickedness attacks the righteousness in
others. It does not turn to GOD. Then God

accuses Ephraim [double blessed] of mixing himself with one pagan nation after another. Interesting as that is what has happened here in the USA. Such that at the convocation for the fallen students. **A muslim cleric spoke first, then a Buddhist, then others, and no mention was made of JESUS CHRIST.** Then He says, Ephraim [sort of like us as we have been SO blessed] is like a cake unturned. A cake unturned is puffy on one side. Just like pride puffs up.

7:9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knows it not; yes, gray hairs are sprinkled here and there upon him, and he does not know it.

Indeed STRANGERS have devoured our strength adding gods of this world in the mix and to be politically correct, we have to bow down to those within instead of them bowing down to our GOD. Why would

He say, gray hairs are sprinkled here and there upon him and he does not know it ???

Hos 7:8-16 Comment from Matthew Henry
Yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him (are sprinkled upon him, so the word is), that is, the sad symptoms of a decaying declining state, which is waxing old and ready to vanish away, and the effects of trouble and vexation. Cura facit canos-Care turns gray.

10 And the pride of Israel testifies against him and to his face. But they do not return to the Lord their God, nor seek nor inquire of nor require Him in spite of all this.

Still with trouble facing them they do not turn to GOD.

11 Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart or understanding; they call to Egypt; they go to Assyria.

**Instead they turn to the strength of
foreigners.**

12 As they go, I will spread My net over them; I will bring them down like birds of the heavens. I will chastise them according to the announcement [or prediction made] to their congregation [in the Scriptures].

[Lev 26:14-39.] 13 Woe to them, for they have wandered from Me! Destruction to them, because they have rebelled and trespassed against Me! Though I would redeem them, yet they have spoken lies against Me.

I will bring them down like BIRDS of the heavens. This made me think of the 10,000 birds that fell over China two years back I think. It was a strange phenomenon, and until I read this, I was wondering about the meaning. 1000 is Divine Completeness and the Glory of God.

X 100 which represents the sure elections
of His GRACE.

He will SURELY bring down all that is man
made in governments and institutions with
His judgments in the earth. He has
promised it in the Word. He says though I
would redeem them if they repented, yet
they've spoken lies against ME.

WOW. I wonder how often we have
bought lies in our thoughts, thinking He is
too little to do something about the evil in
the world. We need to see GOD as much
BIGGER than all the enemy intends. We
need a supernatural FAITH.

14 They do not cry to Me from their
heart, but they wail upon their beds; they
gash and distress and assemble themselves
[in mourning] for grain and new wine; they
rebel against Me. 15 Although I have
chastened them and trained and
strengthened their arms, yet they think
and devise evil against Me.

We as a nation have done this. We've cried for the things we see around us, [not speaking of remnant believers here, but the nation as a whole] yet have not turned back to GOD who for so long strengthened us as a nation. **Our leaders seek Molech and other gods of the freemasonry genre, give tribute to ALLAH and Buddha, Rev. Moon, and others, but do not wish to speak the NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES.**

16 They turn back, shift, or change, but not upwards [to the Most High]. They are like a deceitful bow; their princes shall fall by the sword for the insolence and rage of their tongue. This shall be [cause for] their derision and scorning in the land of Egypt.

We have in the past boasted to be a nation founded on Judeo-Christian principles, yet the other nations in this hour have not seen these principles in our leadership.

Thus it has been a cause for our derision and scorn among the nations, as it was in Israel, and is for them this day as well.

Hosea 8

1 SET THE trumpet to your lips! [The enemy] comes as a [great] vulture against the house of the Lord, because they have broken My covenant and transgressed against My law. 2 Then they will cry to Me, My God, we [of Israel] know You!

God orders the PROPHET to set the trumpet to his lips...to sound an ALARM.

And says

The enemy is coming as a great vulture [bird of prey] against the house of the

LORD,

Because they have broken the covenant.

OT:5404 - eagle

neshar (neh'-sher); from an unused root meaning to lacerate; the eagle (or other large bird of prey): KJV - eagle.

Again He shows that He brings judgment to DRAW THEM BACK INTO HUMILITY to SEEK HIM.

8:3 Israel has rejected the good [with loathing]; the enemy shall pursue him. They set up kings, but not from Me [therefore without My blessing]; they have made princes or removed them [without consulting Me; therefore], I knew and recognized [them] not. With their silver and their gold they made idols for themselves, that they [the silver and the gold] may be destroyed.

He refers back to the days when Israel desired to have Kings like other nations rather than judges [prophets] to rule them. **They were impatient and wanted to LOOK LIKE OTHER NATIONS.** So they did not

have the blessing of God because of this.

WOW !

When we reject the prophets now, it seems to say a lot then on how God looks at this. And here HE is bringing it up to them after many, many years.

8:5 Your calf [idol], O Samaria, is loathsome and I have spurned it. My wrath burns against them. How long will it be before they attain purity? 6 For this [calf] too is from Israel; a craftsman made it; therefore it is not God. The calf of Samaria shall be broken to shivers and go up in flames.

Apparently the calf in Samaria he is speaking of is that old god of Baal.

Bovine whole-burnt offerings were an important part of Baal worship. In the Hebrew Bible, the golden calf (עגל הזהב) was an idol (a cult image) made by Aaron for the Israelites during Moses'

unexpectedly long absence. In Hebrew, the incident is known as "Chet ha'Egel" (חט העגל) or "The Sin of the Calf". It is first mentioned in Exodus 32:4. In Egypt, whence the Hebrews had recently come, the Apis Bull was the comparable object of worship, which the Hebrews were reviving in the wilderness. Among the Egyptians' and Hebrews' neighbors in the Ancient Near East and in the Aegean, the Aurochs, the wild bull, was widely worshipped, often as the Lunar Bull and as the creature of El.

Wikipedia

I've noted this symbol for one of the advertisements on TV of a pharmaceutical company I think. But can't remember clearly.

7 For they sow the wind and they shall reap the whirlwind. The standing grain has no heads; it shall yield no meal; if it were

to yield, strangers and aliens would eat it
up.

8 Israel is [as if] swallowed up. Already they have become among the nations as a vessel [of cheap, coarse pottery] that is useless.

Wow, this is surely how the nations think of them now, and of us.

9 For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass taking her own way by herself; Ephraim has hired lovers. 10 Yes, though with presents they hire [allies] among the nations, now will I gather them up, and in a little while they will sorrow and begin to diminish [their gifts] because of the burden (tribute) imposed by the king of princes [the king of Assyria]. 11 For Ephraim has multiplied altars for sinning; yes, to him altars are intended for sinning.

At that time, they tried to get help from Syria. Not a good thing then or now. God just presents that no matter what they do, His judgment is on them, and it cannot be reversed until they TURN TO HIM. That has been the cry of the prophets for this nation as well.

8:12 I wrote for him the ten thousand things of My law, but they are counted as a strange thing [as something which does not concern him].

Ignoring God = BAD, Listening to God = GOOD

13 My sacrificial gifts they sacrifice [as a mere form]; yes, they sacrifice flesh and eat it, but the Lord does not accept them.

Now He will [earnestly] remember their guilt and iniquity and will punish their sins.

They shall return to [another] Egypt [Assyria]. [Deut 28:68.]

So He is saying they only PRETEND to the throne of GOD, like hypocrites pretend to honor Him. But in their hearts they are far from Him.

14 For Israel has forgotten his Maker and built palaces and idol temples, and Judah has multiplied fortified cities; but I will send a fire upon his cities and it shall devour his palaces and fortified buildings.

[Amos 1:4,7,10,12,14; 2:2,5.]

This brings back images of Sodom and Gomorrah. I will send a FIRE upon his cities.

In one of Rosie Lovejoy's Lion of Zion revelations she saw this nation destroyed by FIRE.

Hosea 9

1 REJOICE NOT, O Israel, with exultation as do the peoples, for you have played the harlot, forsaking your God. You have loved [a harlot's] hire upon every threshing floor

[ascribing the harvest to the Baals instead of to God]. 2 The threshing floor and the wine vat shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail them. 3 They shall not remain in the Lord's land, but Ephraim shall return to [another] Egypt and they shall eat unclean food in Assyria. [Ezek 4:13.]

He promises captivity which to me seems indicative of the captivity of their hearts by others. Sort of in the same way Saul of Tarsus was blinded on the road to Damascus because he was blind in his heart.

4 They shall not pour out wine offerings to the Lord, neither shall they be pleasing to Him. Their sacrifices shall be to them as the bread of mourners; all who eat of them shall be defiled, for their bread shall be [only] for their appetite; it shall not come into the house of the Lord [to be offered first to Him].

Remember that earlier God told them that the knowledge [relationship with] God is better than sacrifice.

5 What will you do on the day of the appointed solemn assembly or festival and in the day of the feast of the Lord [when you are in exile]? 6 For behold, they are gone away from devastation and destruction; Egypt shall gather them in; Memphis shall bury them. Their precious things of silver shall be in the possession of nettles; thorns shall be [growing] in their tents.

Destruction after destruction is prophesied over the nation of Israel; Exile, famine, devastation death, stripping of their goods.

9:7 The days of visitation and punishment have come; the days of recompense have come; Israel shall know it. The prophet is [considered] a crazed fool and the man who is inspired is [treated as if] mad or a

fanatic, because of the abundance of your iniquity and because the enmity, hostility, and persecution are great. [Luke 21:22.]

This is also true today. Those who give words of judgment are considered immature, crazy, off balance, prophets of doom, and many other and worse things. They are hated, persecuted, prayed against, even with death by those in "authority".

8 Ephraim was [intended to be] a watchman with my God [and a prophet to the surrounding nations]; but he, that prophet, has become a fowler's snare in all his ways. There is enmity, hostility, and persecution in the house of his God.

9 They have deeply corrupted themselves as in the days of Gibeah. The Lord will [earnestly] remember their iniquity; He will punish their sins. [Judg 20.]

Even the prophets came against other prophets and no longer true watchmen. They became like a fowler's snare, which is a thief to those they minister to. Teaching wrong principles in order to have favor from flesh. Thus they are a fowler, who also steals the eggs from a bird's nest, so one who steals the LIFE from the body of Christ by false teaching and false prophesying. He says they have corrupted themselves, and God will remember their sins. Honestly for those who confess them, our sins are NOT remembered, RIGHT ? So to remember them means they are NOT forgiven.

10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the first ripe fruit on the fig tree in its first season, but they went to Baal-peor and consecrated themselves to that shameful thing [Baal], and they became detestable and loathsome like that which they loved.

11 As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird; there shall be no birth, no being with child, and [because of their impurity] no becoming pregnant. 12 Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them so that not a man shall be left; yes, woe also to them when I look away and depart from them!

Indeed **woe to us when we are looked away from by God**. Reminds me of Isaiah though. Isa 22:4-5 NKJV Therefore I said, "Look away from me, I will weep bitterly; Do not labor to comfort me because of the plundering of the daughter of my people."
5 For it is a day of trouble and treading down and perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the Valley of Vision — Breaking down the walls and of crying to the mountain.

Unfortunately this is what they did NOT do like Isaiah, so they were plundered.

13 Ephraim, as I have seen with Tyre, is planted in a pleasant place, but Ephraim shall bring out his children to the slayer.

14 Give them [their due], O Lord! [But] what will You give? Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.

What an awful thing. Can we say we are not under this curse considering what just happened in Virginia? We have murdered our own babies in the womb, and now for many years have lost youth to guns, gangs, idolatry to entertainment and sexual impurity. Miscarriage is a curse, for not caring for the children we have.

15 All their wickedness [says the Lord] is focused in Gilgal, for there I hated them; for the wickedness of their [idolatrous] doings I will drive them out of My house [the Holy Land]; I will love them no more; all their princes are rebels. [Hos 4:15; 12:11.]

16 Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit. Yes, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even their beloved children. 17 My God will cast them away because they did not listen to and obey Him, and they shall be wanderers and fugitives among the nations.

He did carry out this judgment and they did become wanderers through all the nations of the earth. Once the Lord showed me that if we would not turn to Him, and go forth to the nations, because of our comforts, that HE would take us to those nations unwillingly like Thomas the apostle went to India as a slave it is said.

St. Thomas the Apostle, also known as Dydimus, landed in Cranganore in 52 A.D. Even though India, with its strict barriers of the caste system, the apostle in the span of 20 years visited and encouraged small village communities again and again. This apostle founded seven churches at

different centers in Kerala on the Malabar Coast. **These Christians became the foundation of the Church in India and are known as St. Thomas Christians.**

Hosea 10

1 ISRAEL IS a luxuriant vine that puts forth its [material] fruit. **According to the abundance of his fruit he has multiplied his altars [to idols];** according to the goodness and prosperity of their land they have made goodly pillars or **obelisks [to false gods].**

2 Their heart is divided and deceitful; now shall they be found guilty and suffer punishment. The Lord will smite and break down [the horns of] their altars; He will destroy their [idolatrous] pillars. 3 Surely now they shall say, We have no [actual] king because we fear not the Lord; and as for the king, what can he do for us?

3 They have spoken mere words of the lips, swearing falsely in making covenants;

therefore judgment springs up like hemlock
[or other poisonous plants] in the furrows
of the field.

According to the amount He blessed them,
now He judges them. They are guilty of a
divided heart like many now who bow to
God and MONEY. And just like now, many
speak the right words, but in their hearts,
they are idolatrous. Just google "Georgia
Guidestones" and also see what is written
on them if you don't believe this could
apply to America.

4The inhabitants of Samaria shall be in
terror for the calf [idol] of Beth-aven [the
house of idolatry, contemptuously meaning
Bethel], for its people shall mourn over it
and its [idolatrous] priests who rejoiced
over it [shall tremble] for the glory of
[their calf god], because it is departed
from it.

5 [The golden calf] shall also be carried
into Assyria as a tribute-gift to the

fighting King Jareb; Ephraim shall be put to shame and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel [to set up calf worship and detach Israel from Judah]. As for Samaria, her king and her whole monarchy are cut off like twigs or foam upon the water.

This whole chapter is judgment for their idolatry.

6 The high places also of Aven [once Beth(el), house of God, now (Beth-)aven, house of idolatry], the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed; the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their [idol] altars, and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us! And to the hills, Fall on us! [Luke 23:30; Rev 6:16; 9:6.]

Photo of Molech - large owl structure that our political and other elite, & freemasons worship at Bohemian Grove in northern

California. Just google Bohemian Grove to see it. Alex Jones also has information on it on his site.



9 O Israel, you have [willfully] sinned from the days of Gibeah [when you all but wiped out the tribe of Benjamin]! There [Israel] stood [then, only] that the battle against the sons of unrighteousness might not overtake and turn against them at Gibeah [but now the kingdom of the ten tribes and the name of Ephraim shall be utterly blotted out]. [Judg 20.] 10 When I please I will chastise them, and hostile peoples

shall be gathered against them when I shall
bind and yoke them for their two
transgressions

[revolt from the Lord their God and the
worship of idols]. [Jer 2:13; Lam 3:31-
33.]

11 Ephraim indeed is a heifer broken in and
loving to tread out the grain, but I have
[heretofore] spared the beauty of her fair
neck. I will now set a rider upon Ephraim
and make him to draw; Judah shall plow
and Jacob shall break his clods.

God is so patient with us, it's like He gives
us a lot of rope to hang ourselves with
before He comes and brings destruction.
He is patient to give us time to REPENT.

12 Sow for yourselves according to
righteousness (uprightness and right
standing with God); reap according to
mercy and loving-kindness. Break up your
uncultivated ground, for it is time to seek

the Lord, to inquire for and of Him, and to require His favor, till He comes and teaches you righteousness and rains His righteous gift of salvation upon you. [2 Cor 9:10.]

This is a famous and beautiful scripture of promise that if we turn to him in humbling ourselves and breaking up our uncultivated ground by seeking the Lord, that he will then rain down righteousness and salvation. What does it mean to break up our fallow ground ?

Unplowed ground won't let a crop grow. It's hard, preventing seeds from penetrating, germinating, and growing to maturity. When it's time to put in the garden we get out the hoe & shovel, and turn the soil, and add fertilizer, so that seeds are able to get into it and let their roots go down deep where moisture can be found. Also so that moisture from above

can come in more easily and be held by the ground it touches. We sow seed, but if we don't bother to prepare the soil and pull out the thorns, the seed has little effect.

God compares the Word to seed in the parable of the sower and the seed. Holy Spirit is the moisture we need. The ground is our HEARTS. If we have hardened hearts, then we won't be able to receive the fullness of what the Word or Holy Spirit has to say - Logos or Rhema. The thorns represent the cares of this WORLD. They must be removed to receive also the Word of God so that it goes deep into our hearts. If we have divided hearts and care too much about things and ourselves, then also it's hard for God to get through to us. There is another thing I think is important here.

When we have unforgiveness, bitterness, anger and resentments, it makes our hearts

hard. So when we plow up our fallow ground it means we seek the LORD asking HIM to rend our heart so that we can receive the fullness of His love. Hardening of our hearts, keeps us from loving Him or others the way we should. But if we ask HOLY SPIRIT TO COME and plow the fallow ground. HE will illuminate our understanding. But we must be in POSITION to receive it. That is important. We must be able to REPENT and see ourselves as we REALLY ARE.

13 You have plowed and plotted wickedness, you have reaped the [willful] injustice [of oppressors], you have eaten the fruit of lies. Because you have trusted in your [own] way and your chariots, in the multitude of your mighty men,

Jesus told us that unless we become as little children, we will not see the kingdom of GOD. If we trust in ourselves it is not being as a little child. It is SELF

sufficiency rather than dependency on God. The more humble we grow, the MORE dependent on GOD we are. If we eat the FRUIT of LIES, then we have strongholds that must come down to be free of demonic influence.

14 Therefore shall a tumult arise against your people and all your fortresses shall be wasted and destroyed, as Shalmaneser wasted and destroyed Beth-arbel on the day of battle; the mother was dashed in pieces with her children. [2 Kings 17:3.] 15 So shall it be done to you at [idolatrous] Bethel because of your great wickedness; at daybreak shall the king of Israel be utterly cut off.

All I can say is GROSS, and terrible is the judgment of the wicked. All the more we need to EVANGELIZE when we see such terrible sins. This kind of judgment you do

not wish even upon your enemies. Jesus said to LOVE YOUR ENEMIES.

Hosea 11

1 WHEN ISRAEL was a child, then I loved him and called My son out of Egypt. [Matt 2:15.]

He reminds them how He brought them as sons out of the bondage of Egypt that they now have so willingly gone back to. Isn't it

like that with us sometimes ? **We sometimes forget the good things the Lord has done for us and give in to complaining, or lose sight of His goodness, giving in to temptation to depression and unbelief. It**

is so easy to forget, which is why HE wants us to be interacting with other Christians and part of the body. We can encourage each other in faith then when we are under attack. We don't need to overlord it over those who become weak from so much attack. **WE NEED to have**

**HIS COMPASSION and do it in HUMILITY
of heart. Knowing we could be tested in
the same way.**

11:2 The more [the prophets] called to them, the more they went from them; they kept sacrificing to the Baals and burning incense to the graven images. 3 Yet I taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by their arms or taking them up in My arms, but they did not know that I healed them.

Sometimes it seems the same way to us prophets today. **We keep admonishing, speaking the word of the Lord but wonder if anyone is listening.** And even sometimes it seems as though some go further from truth holding on to SELF more, than to God, and that alone can be very discouraging - as it is to God, I'm sure. Though He loves us when we stray, **it hurts His heart to see us go away.**

4I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love, and I was to them as one who lifts up and eases the yoke over their cheeks, and I bent down to them and gently laid food before them.

God is expressing how much HE loves them, how HE wanted to ease the yoke of their burden and lift it off of them, and how He gently laid out everything they needed before them. Yet they have not acknowledged Him. We could say that about this nation as well. He has blessed us above all other nations on the earth. Yet we are now spitting in His face. Jeremiah says something similar in indictment to Hosea.

Jer 6:13-15 KJV For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. 14 **They have healed also**

the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace. 15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

11:5 They shall not [literally] return into [another bondage in] the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be their king because they refused to return to Me. 6 And the sword shall rage against and fall upon their cities and shall consume the bars of their gates and shall make an end [of their defenses], because of their own counsels and devices. 7 My people are bent on backsliding from Me; though [the prophets] call them to Him Who is on high, none at all will exalt Him or lift himself up [to come to Him].8 How can I give you up, O Ephraim! How can I surrender you and cast

you off, O Israel! How can I make you as Admah or how can I treat you as Zeboiim [both destroyed with Sodom]! My heart recoils within Me; My compassions are kindled together. [Deut 29:23.]

It's as if like a good Father, God is in turmoil over having to judge His sons and daughters. So the tenor of the whole thing changes. The Word says, His compassions they fail not.

9 I will not execute the fierceness of My anger; I will not bring back Ephraim to nothing or again destroy him. For I am God and not man, the Holy one in the midst of you, and I will not come in wrath or enter into the city.

Now He says, I am God and not man. See man would not relent sometimes out of his flesh, but God says, **I AM GOD and not like man. I am HOLY. I AM OF A**

DIFFERENT CHARACTER, though I am angry, I will NOT come in wrath ! I hate having to judge.

11:10 They shall walk after the Lord, Who will roar like a lion; He Himself will roar and [His] sons shall come trembling and eagerly from the west. 11 They shall come trembling but hurriedly like a bird out of Egypt and like a dove out of the land of Assyria, and I will cause them to dwell in their houses, says the Lord.

Though He judges, HE WILL bind us. He says HE will ROAR like a lion and destroy the chains of the enemy. He will bring back those who have been scattered and taken to foreign nations. How LOVING a GOD we have ! Swiftly He will bring them back - like a bird, or a dove He likens it.

Thus He has been doing since 1948 to Israel, bringing them home.

12 Ephraim surrounds Me with lies and the house of Israel with deceit, and Judah is not yet steadfast with God, with the faithful Holy one.

Yet they lie, yet they are in deceit. Yet they are not steadfast with the Holy God.

Hosea 12

1 EPHRAIM HERDS and feeds on the wind and pursues the [parching] east wind; every day he increases lies and violence, and a covenant is made with Assyria and oil is carried to Egypt. [Isa 30:6,7.] 2 The Lord has also a controversy (a pleading contention) with Judah, and will punish Jacob by visiting upon him according to his ways; according to his doings will He recompense him.

So what we see, is intent to judge, but with a later intent to show mercy.

3 He took his brother by the heel in [their mother's] womb, and in the strength [of his manhood] he contended and had power with God. [Gen 25:26; 27:36.] 4 Yes, he had power over the Angel [of the Lord] and prevailed; he wept and sought His favor.

He met Him in Bethel, and there [God] spoke with [him and through him with] us-- [Gen 28:12-19; 32:28; 35:1-15.] 5 Even the Lord the God of hosts, the name of Him [Who spoke with Jacob] is the Lord.

We see from this account the verification that Jacob wrestled with the preincarnate

Christ. **The Lord of Hosts is who spoke with Jacob it says. And it is a lesson for us also that we MUST CONTEND for the blessing even when it is spoken/prophesied over us, we must contend for it.** For the

enemy would seek to steal the blessing from us. But if we will persist in seeking His face, like Jacob we will receive the blessing promised.

6 Therefore return to your God! Hold fast to love and mercy, to righteousness and justice, and wait [expectantly] for your God continually!

I LOVE THIS ! Hold fast to love and mercy. This is YOUR PORTION for we are under a BETTER covenant than that of the Old Testament. It also reminds me of the admonition in Micah 6:8 NKJV He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? And He says **WAIT EXPECTANTLY for God, CONTINUALLY !** That is also wisdom for if you expect not, you will get not. **It is important to FAITH that you EXPECT GOD TO ACT. A person of faith expects miracles, expects God to ACT.**

7 Canaan [Israel--whose ideals have sunk to those of Canaan] is a trader; the balances of deceit are in his hand; he loves to oppress and defraud. 8 Ephraim has said, Ah, but I have become rich; I have gained for myself wealth. All my profits shall bring on me no iniquity that would be sin. [But all his profits will never offset nor suffice to expiate the guilt which he has incurred.] [Rev 3:17.]



Yes, here I go again on America. Balances of deceit are in our hands. We pay workers in Thailand barely enough to get buy so we can wear Nike. We have balances of deceit in all kinds of corporate dealings. We have defrauded and oppressed in many nations. Just like Monsanto is doing in other nations and ruining their crops, and

creating dependence on them instead of God. Selling seeds at higher cost so they can gain wealth. Cheating farmers here, falsely accusing them, and the courts uphold it.

And we definitely have attitudes of we have become rich, and have done it for ourselves, not giving credit to God for blessing us as a nation. Of course the enemy does make rich also through his allurements, we know from the temptation of Jesus in the desert.

8 But I [Who] am the Lord your God from [when you became a nation in] the land of Egypt will yet make you to dwell in tents, as in the days of the appointed and solemn Feast [of Tabernacles]. [Lev 23:39-43.]

10 I have also spoken to [you by] the prophets, and I have multiplied visions [for you] and [have appealed to you] through parables acted out by the prophets.

I never saw this before but HE appealed to them through parables ACTED OUT by the PROPHETS ! HA ! Like Isaiah walking naked for three years - like Ezekiel laying on his side for both houses of Israel and Judah. So many times prophets suffered and acted out parables, like the naming of Isaiah's children also in order that it speak to ISRAEL. God still does that today.

Years ago when I broke down at a conference with candida under my arms and on my eyes, then on my face. He spoke to me it was suffering for the sake of the PRIDE in the church. As my eyes puffed up and I looked and thought how horrid I looked, and talked to the Lord , He said, " The eyes of MY CHURCH are puffed up with PRIDE !"

Then as it broke out on my whole face, my face was red in the shape of a heart. It started oozing this yellow fluid, and it stunk. It smelled really bad. As I expressed that, God said, " The face of

My body is the heart attitudes of the people. And their sin is a stench in My nostrils."

That was clear. It had many lessons attached to that experience. One was when such things happen to look to God for what He is doing instead of turning inward and wondering **WHAT HAVE I DONE. What are **YOU** trying to show me, or teach me **Lord is a good question to ask.****

11 If Gilead is given over to idolatry, they shall come to nought and be mere waste; if they [insult God by] sacrificing bullocks in Gilgal [on heathen altars], their altars shall be like heaps in the furrows of the fields.

12 Jacob fled into the open country of Aram or Padan-aram, and [there] Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he herded sheep. [Gen 29:18-20; 30:31; 31:38-41.]

13 And by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was [Israel] preserved.

Here God exalts the prophets in the eyes of the people. It's sort of like saying, Well you wanted kings, but I appointed for you prophets, but you wouldn't listen. Yet it is by the prophets that I SPEAK, that I give you what you need to be preserved.

14 Ephraim has provoked most bitter anger; therefore shall his blood [guilt] be left upon him, and his disgrace and reproach shall his Lord return upon him.

This is clear as glass

Hosea 13

1 WHEN EPHRAIM spoke with trembling, he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended and became guilty in Baal worship, he died [spiritually, and then

outward ruin came also, sealing Israel's doom as a nation]. 2 And now they sin more and more and have made for themselves molten images of their silver, even idols according to their own understanding [as it pleased them], all of them the work of the craftsmen. To these [very works of their hands] they speak or pray who sacrifice to them; they kiss and show homage to the calves [as if they were alive]!

3 Therefore they shall be like the morning mist or like the dew that passes early away, like the chaff that swirls with the whirlwind from the threshing floor and as the smoke out of the chimney or through the window. 5 Yet I am the Lord your God from [the time you became a nation in] the land of Egypt, and you shall know or recognize no God but Me, for there is no Savior besides Me. 5 I knew (recognized, understood, and had regard for) you In the wilderness, in the land of great drought.

6 According to their pasture, so were they filled [when they fed, they grew full], and their heart was lifted up; therefore have they forgotten Me.

It seems whenever any nations gets too full and fat with blessing it has come on corruption or comes to corruption. This is no doubt why Solomon cried to not be so rich that he would forget God, nor so poor as to grow resentful. Though He ended up the former.

7 Therefore I have become to them like a lion; like a leopard I will lurk by the way [to Assyria] and watch them. 8 I will meet them like a bear that is robbed of her cubs, and I will rend the covering of their heart, and there will I devour them like a lioness, as a wild beast would tear them. 9 It is your destruction, O Israel, that you have been against Me, for in Me is your help.

The imagery here is unmistakable and terrifying. It is to our destruction oh America that we have turned against the Mighty One of Israel. But to those whose God is the truly the LORD we have nothing to fear !

9 Where now is your king that he may save you in all your cities? And your judges of whom you said, Give me a king and princes? 11 I have given you a king in My anger, and I have taken him away in My wrath.

I sometimes think of this in regards to Bush. We wanted a "Christian" for president, but we had no idea that again we were falling into a trap. God wants HIMSELF to be the answer, not a political party or a man. We are to turn to HIM to be our rescue !

12 The iniquity of Ephraim [not fully punished yet] is bound up [as in a bag]; his

sin is laid up in store [for judgment and destruction]. 13 The pains of a woman in childbirth are coming on for him [to be born]; but he is an unwise son, for now when it is time [to be born], he comes not to the place where [unborn] children break forth [he needs new birth but makes no effort to acquire it].

I'm thinking right now of this in terms of those who love the Lord. **When an animal wants to give birth it finds a quiet place.** It finds a quiet nestling place where it can give birth undisturbed. Women in many cultures do the same, but are attended by midwives or other women experienced in birthing babies. In some cultures that is the definition of a midwife, is just someone who has learned through experience how to assist in giving birth.

There is an alignment spiritually to these things. God wants to birth CHRIST in us the hope of GLORY in this hour. Some of

us can do this by getting in the upper room position like the early church, with others with the same passion and intent.

The thing we must not do is get too busy. It is a time of INTIMACY that gives birth to GLORY, not a time of busyness, but a time of being still, and quiet.

14 Should I ransom them from the power of Sheol (the place of the dead)? Should I redeem them from death? O death, where are your plagues? O Sheol, where is your destruction? Relenting and compassion are hidden from My eyes. [1 Cor 15:55.]

15 For though among his brethren [his fellow tribes] he may be fruitful, an east wind [Assyria] will come, the breath of the Lord rising from the desert; and Ephraim's spring shall become dry and his fountain be dried up. [Assyria] shall plunder his treasury of every precious vessel. 16

Samaria shall bear her guilt and become desolate, for she rebelled against her God;

they shall fall by the sword, their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their pregnant women shall be ripped up.

For those who are disobedient, and merciless, there is no mercy from the Lord. **He is rising to render judgment to the proud and arrogant in heart. Bless His Holy name !**

He will not be mocked. Yet His judgments, though they seem relentless will humble the sons of men into submission and humility that they might turn to HIM.

Hosea 14

1 O ISRAEL, return to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled and fallen, [visited by calamity] due to your iniquity.

The LORD urges through the prophet to admonish them with one last chance. **Turn to HIM...**

14:2 Take with you words and return to the Lord. Say to Him, Take away all our iniquity; accept what is good and receive us graciously; so will we render [our thanks] as bullocks [to be sacrificed] and pay the confession of our lips. [Heb 13:15.] 3 **Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses, neither will we say any more to the work of our hands [idols], You are our gods.** For in You [O Lord] the fatherless find love, pity, and mercy.

**This should be our cry of heart oh
America...oh LORD THERE IS NONE
LIKE YOU !**

4 **I will heal their faithlessness;** I will love them freely, for My anger is turned away from [Israel]. 5 **I will be like the dew and the night mist to Israel;** he shall grow and blossom like the lily and cast forth his roots like [the sturdy evergreens of] Lebanon.

6 His suckers and shoots shall spread, and his beauty shall be like the olive tree and his fragrance like [the cedars and aromatic shrubs of] Lebanon.

Again the Lord emphasizes that if they return, HE WILL BE GRACIOUS. He says I will love them freely, like the prodigal son returning. He will be like the dew and night mist which connotes pouring out of the HOLY SPIRIT. You will once again be fruitful He promises.

7 They that dwell under his shade shall return; they shall revive like the grain and blossom like the vine; the scent of it shall be like the wine of Lebanon. 8 Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have answered [him] and will regard and watch over him; I am like a green fir or cypress tree; with Me is the fruit found [which is to nourish you].

He promises that we will once again and Israel, fruitful and abundant as a source of strength and life to others.

9 Who is wise, that he may understand these things? Prudent, that he may know them? For the ways of the Lord are right and the [uncompromisingly] just shall walk in them, but transgressors shall stumble and fall in them. [Ps 107:43; Isa 26:7; Jer 9:12; Hos 14:9 Dan 12:10.]

The wise man considers in his heart and knows that the LORD IS JUST and perfect in all His ways. He bows in humility and defers all judgments to the One Who is Perfect in all His ways. Those who are wise will follow His ways, and not stumble into the ways of the wicked.



**Jesus: On Ambition - Another Kind of
Idolatry**

Priscilla Van Sutphin
2-24-02 01:23 am

*Mark 10:35-52 Then James and John,
the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying,
"Teacher, we want You to do for us
whatever we ask."*

This is interesting isn't it, that they ask Him, "we want You to do whatever we ask ?" Pretty bold if you can imagine at the time. Imagine, Jesus had just taught on the futility of riches and the rewards of giving up EVERYTHING for Him, saying they would have rewards in heaven. That must have started the devil going on to making them think, gee, what might those rewards be like ? Peter, James and John

had just seen Jesus transfigured also but were told not to share the vision so the enemy got them thinking somehow they were better than the rest; deserved more than the rest. You can bet he was working them. Ambition is like this...it is looking out for number 1 as we say in America, meaning self. They aren't concerned at the time for their fellow apostles, just what are You going to give *us*, and not only what, but we're going to ask for the highest place to sit next to You in Your kingdom's throne !

36 And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" 37 They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."

Now when Jesus asked a question, You know He already knew their thoughts. He sure did with the Pharisees. So His

gentleness is amazing. So they answer to sit on either side of Him in His glory !

37 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Can you drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39 They said to Him, "We are able."

So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; Jesus kindly says, You know not what you do ! Can you drink the same cup as Me (for the only ones who sit next the throne are God and the Living Creatures/heavenly hosts) And He has told them, though it didn't sink in, that He is about to be tortured and die. And they say "we are able" a lot like Peter when he said he'd never deny Christ. Apart from Him, remember we can do nothing. and then He says, INDEED you will drink the same

cup, for He knew they would all die violent deaths, save for John the Beloved.

Although they certainly tried to boil him in oil. So here, I think John quickly learned, for at the last supper, his head in on the Lord's chest.

40 but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

Here Jesus is still gentle, saying, to sit on my right or left is not Mine to give for He was under the Father's authority. And you can imagine the upset of the others hearing their ambition ? They must have been very disheartened in their brothers for thinking they should come before them. Now in this context, comes the next admonition

41 But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. 44 And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Now in that time, they were ruled by Romans, so picture that scene. The Romans were really good at lording it over others constantly, in competition for titles and advancement. And Jesus says "IT shall NOT be so among you." Whoever wants a high position in the kingdom must be the servant or slave of all ! This was so opposite to their thinking, and He says, for even I my friends, am laying down my life,

as a ransom. So He is telling them, I AM your example. Do as I do, lay down your lives and you will have life. He just got through telling them, "Do not store up treasures on earth" but like us, it took a while for the lessons to really sink in, for they were no less vulnerable to the ways of the world than we are. They were just as vulnerable to the enemy's taunts and temptations. That is so comforting, because even with their dullness of truly understanding, the Lord is so gracious to them, gently repeating the lesson over and over by now. He had already told them at least 3 times He was going to die. Come on guys don't you get it ? I didn't come here to bring a revolution like in the world, but a revolution of love, of laying down your lives so that you can have Resurrection Life that the Father gives to those who are willing to die like ME to self.

46 Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging.

47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

48 Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

49 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you."

50 And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.

51 So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight."

52 Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

Now right after the above lesson, is another in the right kind of ambition and faith. Blind Bartimaeus is crying out and they tell him to shut up; Be quiet ! It's like that at church a lot. You want more of Jesus. You are desperate for him. A couple weekends ago at a conference, a lady was being very verbal and I saw all the heads turn as if to say the same thing, " be quiet, you're an embarrassment !" But she still worshipped without restraint. It was so refreshing, and I realized I had lost that same fervor seeing it in her. I too had been quenched so many times.

And you just have to admire the tenacity of Blind Bartimaeus as he cried out all the louder. He says" JESUS, Son of David, have mercy on me !" So Jesus hears, but, I think He may have even heard at first. That is just my own imagination but I can just picture the crowds and conditions and he won't be stopped. Jesus says suddenly,

"bring him to Me. " Jesus always stopped for the hungry heart. **He didn't turn people away because He judged by the heart, not external looks or behavior.** A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench. He does not judge by the sight of His eyes it says in Isaiah. And Blind Bartimaeus gets a miracle. Jesus just speaks the words and immediately he is healed because of his faith.

Nothing in the bible is by accident. The order is not by accident. The apostles just struggled with ambition among the ranks and then the object lesson of Bartimaeus. Here is what our hunger should be for: To be healed, to be close to HIM, in Spirit - Not to look for the rewards. Don't get your eyes on the rewards, but on Jesus ! He is the greatest reward ! He is our everything. Titles, positions, rank and file systems, hierarchy is not important. True

authority is based on something very different: LOVE expressed in servanthood, humility, and kindness. And when we have this attitude like Jesus, people will recognize the authority in us; the heart of the Master that is moving in us. For nothing is in our own strength and talent anyhow. All talents and strengths are GOD given.

I remember James Ryle talking about the revival in the 70's known as the Jesus movement and how he said so many youth were coming to this big house they met in and it was growing and growing until someone decided they needed ORDER man's way and they should start handing out titles and positions. Then it suddenly quenched the Holy Spirit and the movement died out ! Man always wants to put His order, his plans and hierarchy to what God is doing. WE are always looking for

recognition in some way out of our own
insecurities and fears.

May God grant us the GRACE in this next
move to NOT TAKE CREDIT for anything
HE is doing. We want so much to say it
was because I prayed, because I fasted,
because I did this, but we forget that
apart from Him and His grace/power, we
could not do any of that! If we do not
pray for the grace, we may just end up like
Ananias and Sapphira!

Covetousness vs Contentment

This is straight from Vines Expository
dictionary with verses added. Priscilla

1) epithumeo (1937 greek) "to fix the desire upon" (epi=upon, thumos=passion) whether things are good or bad; hence, "to long for, lust after, covet: is used with the meaning " to covet evilly" in Acts 20:33, of "coveting \$ and apparel ; so in Romans 7:7, and 13:9 [see desire, fain, lust]

Acts 20:33-35 NKJV

I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel.³⁴ Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.³⁵ I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Rom 7:7 NKJV Sin's Advantage in the Law
- What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not

have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet."

Rom 13:9-10 NKJV For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

2) **zelo** (2206 greek) - is rendered, "covet earnestly" in 1 Cor 12:31 (re: spiritual gifts)

1 Cor 12:31 NKJV But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

3) **orego** (3713) " to stretch after" is rendered " covet after" in 1 Tim 6:10 " reaching after".

1 Tim 6:10 KJV For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

NOUNS **epithumetes** (1938) to lust after 1 Cor 10:6 "should not lust after"

1 Cor 10:5-8 KJV But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. 6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. 7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. 8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed,

and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

2. **epithumia** (1939) denotes "coveting" Romans 7:7-8 RV;KJV, "lust" and "concupiscence" ; the commandment here referred to convicted him of sinfulness in his desires for unlawful objects besides that of gain.

Rom 7:7-8 AMP What then do we conclude? Is the Law identical with sin? Certainly not! Nevertheless, if it had not been for the Law, I should not have recognized sin or have known its meaning. [For instance] I would not have known about covetousness [would have had no consciousness of sin or sense of guilt] if the Law had not [repeatedly] said, You shall not covet and have an evil desire [for one thing and another]. [Ex 20:17; Deut 5:21.]

8 But sin, finding opportunity in the commandment [to express itself], got a hold on me and aroused and stimulated all kinds of forbidden desires (lust, covetousness). For without the Law sin is dead [the sense of it is inactive and a lifeless thing].

3) **Pleonexia** (4124) covetousness; lit., " a desire to have more" (pleon=more, echo= to have), always in a bad sense, is used in a general way in Mark 7:22 (plural, lit. covetings) ie: various ways in which covetousness shows itself; Rom 1:29, Eph 5:3, 1 Thes 2:5, Elsewhere it is used of..

Mark 7:21-23 AMP For from within, [that is] out of the hearts of men, come base and wicked thoughts, sexual immorality, stealing, murder, adultery, 22 Coveting (a greedy desire to have more wealth), dangerous and destructive wickedness, deceit; unrestrained (indecent)

conduct; an evil eye (envy), slander (evil speaking, malicious misrepresentation, abusiveness), pride (the sin of an uplifted heart against God and man), foolishness (folly, lack of sense, recklessness, thoughtlessness). 23 All these evil [purposes and desires] come from within, and they make the man unclean and render him unhallowed.

Rom 1:28-31 AMP And so, since they did not see fit to acknowledge God or approve of Him or consider Him worth the knowing, God gave them over to a base and condemned mind to do things not proper or decent but loathsome, 29 Until they were filled (permeated and saturated) with every kind of unrighteousness, iniquity, grasping and covetous greed, and malice. [They were] full of envy and jealousy, murder, strife, deceit and treachery, ill will and cruel ways. [They were] secret backbiters and gossipers, 30 Slanderers, hateful to

and hating God, full of insolence, arrogance, [and] boasting; inventors of new forms of evil, disobedient and undutiful to parents.

31 [They were] without understanding, conscienceless and faithless, heartless and loveless [and] merciless.

(a) **material possessions**, Luke 12:15; 2 Peter 2:3; 2 Cor 9:5 (RV, "extortion"), lit "as (a matter of) extortion" ie; a gift which betrays the giver's unwillingness to bestow what is due.

Luke 12:15 AMP And He said to them, Guard yourselves and keep free from all covetousness (the immoderate desire for wealth, the greedy longing to have more); for a man's life does not consist in and is not derived from possessing overflowing abundance or that which is over and above his needs.

2 Peter 2:1-4 AMP BUT ALSO [in those days] there arose false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among yourselves, who will subtly and stealthily introduce heretical doctrines (destructive heresies), even denying and disowning the Master Who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many will follow their immoral ways and lascivious doings; because of them the true Way will be maligned and defamed. 3 And in their covetousness (lust, greed) they will exploit you with false (cunning) arguments. From of old the sentence [of condemnation] for them has not been idle; their destruction (eternal misery) has not been asleep.

4 For God did not [even] spare angels that sinned, but cast them into hell, delivering them to be kept there in pits of gloom till the judgment and their doom.

(b) **of sensuality**, Eph 4:19, "greediness"; Col 3:5 (where it is called "idolatry"); 2 Peter 2:14 (KJV: **covetous practices**) **see [extortion]** note: cf. the corresponding verb pleonekteo **"to gain, take advantage of wrong"**. [see advantage, defraud, gain]

Col 3:5 AMP So kill (deaden, deprive of power) the evil desire lurking in your members [those animal impulses and all that is earthly in you that is employed in sin]: sexual vice, impurity, sensual appetites, unholy desires, and all greed and covetousness, for that is idolatry (the deifying of self and other created things instead of God).

Adjectives

1) **pleonektes** (4123) lit. **"eager to have more"** (seeB #3) ie; to have what belongs to others; hence, "greedy of gain, covetous" , 1 Cor 5:10-11, 6:10; Eph 5:5 ("covetous man")

1 Cor 5:10-13 AMP Not [meaning of course that you must] altogether shun the immoral people of this world, or the greedy graspers and cheats and thieves or idolaters, since otherwise you would need to get out of the world and human society altogether! 11 But now I write to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of [Christian] brother if he is known to be guilty of immorality or greed, or is an idolater [whose soul is devoted to any object that usurps the place of God], or is a person with a foul tongue [railing, abusing, reviling, slandering], or is a drunkard or a swindler or a robber. [No] you must not so much as eat with such a person.

12 What [business] of mine is it and what right have I to judge outsiders? Is it not those inside [the church] upon whom you are to pass disciplinary judgment [passing

censuring sentence on them as the facts require] ? 13 God alone sits in judgment on those who are outside. Drive out that wicked one from among you [expel him from your church].

1 Cor 6:9-10 AMP Do you not know that the unrighteous and the wrongdoers will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived (misled): neither the impure and immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor those who participate in homosexuality, 10 Nor cheats (swindlers and thieves), nor greedy graspers, nor drunkards, nor foulmouthed revilers and slanderers, nor extortioners and robbers will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God.

Eph 5:5 AMP For be sure of this: that no person practicing sexual vice or impurity in thought or in life, **or one who is covetous** [who has lustful desire for the property of

others and is greedy for gain]--for he [in effect] is an idolater--has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

2) **philarguros** (5366) lit. "**money-loving**" is rendered "covetous" in the KJV of LUKE 16:14 and 2 Tim 3:2; RV "lovers of money", the wider and due significance.

Luke 16:14 AMP Now the **Pharisees, who were covetous and lovers of money**, heard all these things [taken together], and they began to sneer at and ridicule and scoff at Him.

3) **aphilarguros** (866) no.2, with negative prefix, is translated "without covetousness" in Heb. 13:5, KJV;RV, "**free from the love of money**" In 1 Tim 3:3, the KJV has "not covetous"

Note: main distinction between pleonexia and philarguros as being that between **covetousness and avarice**. The former having a much wider and deeper sense,

being " the genus of which philarguris is the species" the "covetous: man is often cruel as well as grasping, while the avaricious man is simply miserly and stinting.

Heb 13:5 AMP Let your character or moral disposition be free from love of money [including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions] and be satisfied with your present [circumstances and with what you have]; for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!] [Josh 1:5.]

1 Tim 3:2-3 AMP Now a bishop (superintendent, overseer) must give no grounds for accusation but must be above reproach, the husband of one wife,

circumspect and temperate and self-controlled; [he must be] sensible and well behaved and dignified and lead an orderly (disciplined) life; [he must be] hospitable [showing love for and being a friend to the believers, especially strangers or foreigners, and be] a capable and qualified teacher, 3 Not given to wine, not combative but gentle and considerate, not quarrelsome but forbearing and peaceable, and not a lover of money [insatiable for wealth and ready to obtain it by questionable means].

Contentment, to be content

A. Verbs

1) **arkeo** (174) primarily signifies "to be sufficient, to be possessed of sufficient strength, to be strong, to be enough for a thing"; hence, "to defend, ward off"; in the middle voice "to be satisfied, contented with," Luke 3:14, with wages; 1 Tim 6:8,

with food and raiment; Heb 13:5, with "such things as ye have", negative of Diotrephes in 3 John 10, "not content therewith"

Heb 13:5-6 NKJV Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

2) **suneudokeo** (4909) in 1 Cor 7:12-13 RV; sig. "to be content"

1 Cor 7:12-13 AMP To the rest I declare--I, not the Lord [for Jesus did not discuss this]--that if any brother has a wife who does not believe [in Christ] and she consents to live with him, he should not leave or divorce her. 13 And if any woman has an unbelieving husband and he consents

to live with her, she should not leave or divorce him.

B. Adjectives

- 1) **autarkes** (842) as found in the papyri writings, means "**sufficient in oneself**" (autos=self, arkeo + see a) self-sufficient, adequate, needing no assistance"; hence "content" Phil 4:11

Phil 4:11-13 AMP Not that I am implying that I was in any personal want, for I have learned how to be content (satisfied to the point where I am not disturbed or disquieted) in whatever state I am. **12 I know how to be abased and live humbly in straitened circumstances, and I know also how to enjoy plenty and live in abundance.** I have learned in any and all circumstances the secret of facing every situation, whether well-fed or going hungry, having a sufficiency and enough to spare or going without and being in want.

13 I have strength for all things in Christ
Who empowers me [I am ready for
anything and equal to anything through Him
Who infuses inner strength into me; I am
self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency].

2) **hikanos** (2425) "sufficient" used with
poieo "to do" in Mark 15:15, is translated
**"to content (the multitude), " ie; to do
sufficient to satisfy them.**

Mark 15:15 NKJV So Pilate, wanting to
gratify the crowd, released Barabbas to
them; and he delivered Jesus, after he
had scourged Him, to be crucified.

C. NOUN

1) **autarkeia** (841) -" contentment,
satisfaction with what one has" is found in
1 Tim 6:6. For it's other meaning:
"sufficiency", in 2 Cor 9:8, see sufficiency

1 Tim 6:6-10 Now **godliness with contentment is great gain.** 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. NKJV

2 Cor 9:8-13 NKJV And **God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.** 9 As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." 10 Now may He who supplies seed to the

sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness, 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God. 12 For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God, 13 while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men.

OTHERS MAY YOU CANNOT ! -

Anonymous

If God has called you to be really like Jesus, He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put upon you

such demands of obedience, that you will not be able to follow other people, or measure yourself by other Christians, and in many ways He will seem to let other people do things which He will not let you do.

Other Christians and ministers who seem very religious and useful, may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it, and if you attempt it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely penitent.

Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their successes, of their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing, and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

Others may be allowed to succeed in making money, or may have a legacy left to them, but it is likely God will keep you poor, because He wants you to have something far better than gold, namely, a helpless dependence upon Him, that He may have the privilege of supplying your needs day by day out of an unseen treasury.

The lord may let others be honored and put forward, and keep you hidden in obscurity, because He wants to produce some choice, fragrant fruit for His coming glory, which can only be produced in the shade. He may let others be great, but keep you small. He may let others do a work for Him and get the credit for it, but He will make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious, He may let others get credit for the work which you have done, and thus make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes.

The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings or for wasting your time, which other Christians never feel distressed over. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign and has a right to do as He pleases with His own. He may not explain to you a thousand things which puzzle your reason in His dealings with you, but if you absolutely sell yourself to be his love slave, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and bestow upon you many blessings which come only to those who are in the inner circle.

Settle it forever, then, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He must have the right to tie your tongue, or chain your hand, or close your eyes, in ways that He does not seem to use with others. Now, when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your

secret heart, pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of Heaven.

RELATED PROPHECIES FROM THE LORD

Earthquakes

spoken to me 9-18-95 11:40pm

There will be earthquakes all over this land. The systems of business, education, and Medicine will fall one by one. You must be prepared because life in these United States will not be as abundant as it has been and violence will increase because of it ! You must learn to live more simply and with less. Turn away your mindset from earthly, worldly living and remember that you are strangers here in this earth.

Heaven is your home. Truly all will begin to be shaken from their worldly beliefs because there will be no relief from witchcraft, from Unity, from Scientology, or other New Age and other satanic philosophies.

The only Source of true help will be God Himself. Only by coming to THE Source will they be saved. Surely all flesh will tremble at the sound of My name one way or another. My desire is not to destroy but to give life abundantly and forever with Me. Come to Me now while I may be found.

This nation has poured its abundance down the toilet ! The money spent on one TV channel to keep it going would feed millions. (Below He is speaking of the church. It also applies to the world, but the church is more accountable.) Instead of properly worshipping Me and coming to Me for how

to spend it; they've spent It on themselves and have become oblivious, insensitive and even immune and apathetic to the needs of the poor, the fatherless, the abused , the widows, and the women who are left alone and abandoned children! They only care for themselves, and not the lost !

To the degree there is selfishness without repentance in this nation and to the degree of self-will and independence from ME there will be judgment !

(I had been eating celery with peanut butter and He said, "One day you will never think to throw away the leaves of this plant, or to let fruit or other things spoil in the refrigerator because it will be too valuable compared to the present affluence ! Justice, Mercy and Faith are the weightier matters of the law ! ")

The Town Crier
Priscilla Van Sutphin

Sunday 8-16-98 0130 hrs

The Lord began to speak to me, saying: "
Son of man, lift up your voice like a trumpet. Sound an alarm on My holy mountain. Hear the sound of the town crier, on every hill and every mountain of the land. Justice and mercy are the FOUNDATION of My throne. In as much as My people who are called by My name ignore the needs of the poor, the needs of the orphans and widows, the homeless and the single parents, I WILL IGNORE their pleas for Me for help.

I AM A JEALOUS GOD!!! I WILL not IGNORE THE CRIES OF THE NEEDY! I WILL execute My brand of JUSTICE in the land. And here is what I say to you complacent daughters, (individual churches) TURN from your APATHY and selfishness or I will strike you with BARRENNESS ! This drought will NOT "just pass" unless

there is repentance in the house of the Lord for all the greed and **COVETOUSNESS!!!** I've said in My word...."Do not store up treasures on earth where moth and rust can decay"...but store up treasures in heaven.

I say to you, **GIVE** generously to the poor, give, and give, and give more. Give out of your poverty. Give in **FAITH**, not expecting for something in return...(see Luke 6).....for the land is filled with **GREED** and you must give to **BREAK THE CYCLE OF LACK AND BARRENNESS.**

To him who gives little, he will reap little.
To him who gives GENERIOUSLY, he will receive more than he can possibly imagine.
Do not hold on to the things you can hold in your hands. The days are shorter than you imagined. You brought nothing into this world and you can take nothing out of it.
STAND UP against the USURY that has

filled this land. Those who've grown **FAT** on the labor of the poor and migrants will **SOON** feel the weight of My judgments. **FOOD** will grow scarce in the days ahead and the abundance that you have poured down the toilet will be turned to **LACK.**

LISTEN to **MY** voice. Be dependent on **Me.**

Whom shall you hallow ? Whom shall you fear? Him who has the power to throw your soul into hell ? Or him who perverts My justice and My mercy ? **THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM.** Lay down the sword of your mouth against your brother and sister. **WAR NOT** against flesh and blood ! **WAR** against your enemy and Mine who seeks to kill steal and destroy. I am cutting the cords of blessing from those shepherds who care more for **MONEY, REPUTATION, and POWER** and **HONOR** from men. The sword of My justice will prevail !

Deuteronomy 15:1-11 NKJV

1 Samuel 2:7-9 NKJV

THE LORD MAKES POOR AND MAKES RICH; HE BRINGS LOW AND LIFTS UP. He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap, to set them among princes and make them inherit the Throne of Glory, for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and He has set the world on them, He will guard the feet of His saints, but the wicked shall be silent in darkness. **FOR BY STRENGTH, NO MAN SHALL PREVAIL.**

Luke 14:13 AMP ,Acts 2:42-47 AMP,
Luke 16:19-31 NIV The Rich man
and Lazarus Luke 21:1-4 AMP

A Nation of Thieves and Peddlers
released 12/6/98

I feel released to give these words at this
time....

Received this word 4/17/95 0050 hours

"Spiritual Israel Has become a nation of thieves and peddlers. Usury fills the hearts of many who call on My name; extracting money from workers so their families are filled with pleasures, while the exploited live in squalor in comparison...

The church has been blinded to their own sin by bowing down to idolatry in compromise with the world and mammon. Many seek after serving Me while harboring greed for money and power, fame and pleasure.

There is much wantonness in the hearts of men. Without their even realizing it, so much pretense has filled their lives and they've become superficial and out of touch with the hurts of My people and the needs of the poor. they've applied Band-Aids on those who've needed surgery. and like bad doctors, they've given a pill for those requiring heart surgery. Instead of lovingkindness and patience, the wounded

have received judgment, faultfinding
exclusivity, false prophecy and teaching.

I will now raise up the Deborah's. I will
now raise up My deliverers and healers. I
will
restore the five-fold ministry in My church
and I will raise up those whom I HAVE
CHOSEN. I will frustrate the plans of men
and raise up the weak to confound the
strong and the foolish, to confound the
wise in their own opinion. They will know
that I the Lord am God in heaven AND ON
EARTH. I will not allow My glory to
usurped any longer. I will lead the blind by
a way they did not know, and I will destroy
the mountains of PRIDE and GREED and
COMPETITION. I will pour out My Spirit
on ALL flesh....On My sons and daughters
alike I will pour it out. Every knee will bow
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ
is Lord. The Portion of Jacob will rule and
reign over My church forever and ever.

I WILL bring forth My BRIDE spotless and PURE. And My glory will radiate from her to bless ALL nations and lead them to the Desire of All Nations. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life and you will dwell in the house of the Lord. Trust in the lord with all of your heart....and LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING. FOR SURELY I AM DOING A new thing IN THE EARTH AND ALL FLESH SHALL SEE IT.

An unbridled anointing of My LOVE and KINDNESS is being poured out until all who are called by My name are KNOWN by the LOVE they have for one another, and THEN it will spill over into the highways and byways for all to receive. Your unsaved families and loved ones will not be denied in this outpouring of My Spirit. Only PRAY for them and they will be saved!

Life and death are in the tongue. Blessing and cursing should not come from the same mouth....yet it is COMMON in MY HOUSE ! It should NOT be so. It's not what goes in the mouth that defiles a man - but what comes out. To those who are willing to consecrate their tongues to ME...be careful what you look at. Be careful what you listen to. Cleanse your ways and I will give AUTHORITY to your words.

BUT NOT SO THAT you use them as a weapon against your own brothers and sisters...(in the Lord). For out of the abundance of the HEART the mouth speaks. Examine your hearts, and forsake WRATH and ENVY and SELFISH AMBITION and PRIDE. HUMBLE yourselves in the sight of the Lord and HE will lift you up!

Put on garments of LOVE and COMPASSION and HOSPITALITY (love of

strangers - see concordance) and **GOOD WORKS** and I will bring you the forsaken, the unlovely, the jeered at, the crippled, the tormented, and you will be **LIGHT** and **LOVE** to them. **I WILL PROVIDE ALL THAT YOU NEED.** Only **OPEN YOUR HEARTS** that I may come in and sup with you. All you need will be found through **COMMUNION WITH ME.** Do not neglect your **FIRST LOVE.**

Time and again My heart cries out to you for the children, for the lost, for My church. Continue to rest in My word. My protection surrounds you. **DO NOT FEAR !!!!** Lay all your concerns at My feet. For I care **FOR** you! Separate yourselves for the coming of the **BRIDEGROOM.** Surely all you need will be provided for you. Neglect **NOT** prayer and praise and the Word. **I AM EL SHADDAI !!!!** And I will supply all you need..

Neon Messiahs

Priscilla Van Sutphin

12/22/01

As I woke up this morning I saw a short vision of a building with a sign on it, but over the sign was another in the Spirit saying " Neon Messiahs". I thought that a strange, yet interesting name.

The Lord then said to me " The neon messiahs are coming down." I wondered at what exactly this would mean. Was it a word for the church that has exalted men, or those in the world, who have made themselves "gods" or whom we have made "gods". Then I felt the Lord say " all of the above". " **Anyone who has tried to make themselves a god to others will be taken down. I am removing the neon signs. I am exposing men to be merely men, that no flesh should glory in them."**

Then I thought of the news flash about Winona Rider being arrested for shoplifting this week. There was a time when that woman was on top and in a lot of movies for a short while. And I thought of Maria Carey, in the hospital with a breakdown.

Then the Lord said,
" Of My kingdom there will be no end. But the kingdoms that men have built around themselves are coming to an end. I am not a man that I should lie, or a son of man that I should change My mind. Do not look to man for the answers, for in men, you will only find a shallow opinion, based on experience and what they know. But if you come to ME, and look to me for wisdom, I am always here to show you the truth. Many in the world , and in My church have fashioned for themselves idols of men. People they will bow to over Me.

Whatever that person wants, or thinks, fashions their thinking and belief system, rather than adhering to My word. This world will pass away, but My word will never pass away. **I am bringing down the neon messiahs , that men and women, boys and girls have built up in their minds to be gods.** Whatever that person says they listen closely to, because in their words, they think they will find wisdom and truth. They think they will have found solice and comfort to warm their lustful souls. But these will brought low, that they may exalt the One Truth in the universe that all men must bow to eventually.

I caution you to be ready, for everything that can be shaken will be shaken. And I
am
aiming first at the idols made of flesh and bone. **Those who think they can live their own lives apart from Me, and who have gathered men unto themselves to build**

their own little kingdoms. There will be an earthquake of sorts in Hollywood. There will also be an earthquake in the "Hollywood" of my church. Men who thought they built well for me, but have been deluded into pride and arrogance, greed and avarice will be brought low, that the true purposes of MY KINGDOM will be brought forth. Watch and see what I will do, when this happens, and guard your hearts to not scoff at them. For were it not for My grace, that is where you might end up. Open your hearts to them and forgive them and draw them into My body, that they can experience the love they have longed for all their lives. For they thought they could go on hiding their pain and emptiness through money and fame, and admiration of others. But in a day, I will shatter their world, that they might know there is a GOD in heaven Who loves them and died for them.

Guard your own hearts from feeling somehow you are better than they are, for you know in your own heart the times you put the needs of your husband or wife above what I wanted you to do. How you have made "gods" of your own children and not brought to me the praise I deserve. Do not be caught up in the religious exercise of playing "who knows more than you do ?" Or the "I am better than you game" of the prodigal brother's brother.

NO ONE IS FAITHFUL APART FROM MY GRACE !

Search your own hearts for idols; Those things you would rather do than spend time with me; Those words you would read, rather than Mine; Those people you would please more than Me. And if those of you in My church have idolized somehow Your work for Me thinking yourselves something when you are nothing, consider that you could

lose it all in a moment of time. Then, who would be left to please ?

Some of you have looked down on others who serve other gods, but do you serve other gods in your own life ? I challenge you today to choose Whom you will serve . Will you serve Me, the Living God Who loved and died for you? Or will you serve yourself and your own ways. Will you do church as usual...a few songs, a sermon, a goodbye. **Or will you really care for MY sheep.** They are My sheep. It is MY church, not yours. I AM the builder of the church. And I will do what I WANT in My church. **I want to see people healed and saved. I want people to receive comfort and healing for their brokenhearts. I do not want them ignored and chided on to look past things that are breaking their hearts and destroying their bodies.**

I have said that you will prosper as your soul prospers. And I want MY body to prosper, physically, emotionally, socially, spiritually in every way ! I LOVE My church. Do you love My people as I love them ? Ask your heart...do you love your neighbor as I have loved you ? Do you care for their soul as you care for your own ? You may not, but with the awakening I AM bringing, your hearts will be changed if YOU allow Me to ! There will be a new order...MY ORDER, in the day the towers of men fall I will raise up My true church and men will know you by the LOVE you have for ONE ANOTHER, instead of your selfish ambition, pride, and selfishness. It is time to get your house in order, lest the Rock of Defense fall on it, and it be crushed. Come to ME, cry out to Me. For I AM the LOVER of your souls. I AM the jealous God whose name is Qanna. And I

**WILL have a bride that is spotless and
unwrinkled !**

My Order

31 December 2001 0230 hrs

Priscilla Van Sutphin

**I AM walking amidst the flames of fire. I
AM the eternal flame. And I AM coming
with My fire to purge the threshing floor
and to set all things in order; MY
ORDER, not man's order. I am coming to
transform you into my living flames of
fire...my firestarters. I have put the word
in your mouth, and the sword in your hand
with which to sift the nations. I will do all
that I have said I will do. I am shaking
the nations what you have seen is nothing
compared to what is coming.**

**Be NOT afraid my sons and daughters, for
in your hands, have I put keys and
trumpets, swords and shields. I have led**

you in the desert and I am not leading you OUT of the desert that you may speak the words I give you to speak in LOVE and POWER. Do not think that if you still harbor gossip, slander, biting and devouring one another, that I will use you to sift the nations. He who is faithful in little will be given much. There is time to repent, for those who have harbored vanity and pride, lies and deception, greed and avarice, idolatries and adulteries. You have but to HUMBLE YOURSELF in the sight of Your God and I will lift you up.

Spare NOT My children your voices do not fear to speak what I tell you to say ! If you love Me, then you will obey Me. I AM laying foundations. Do not run from the truth, because of the vessels I bring it through...for even a donkey spoke My word in times past ! I WILL have mercy on whom I'll have mercy. Do NOT be dismayed. Do not be discouraged in your hearts, for

SOONER than you think I will pour out the Spirit on **ALL** flesh and the hearts of men will be revealed to them. They will be in the valley of decision

READ My word; fill yourselves up with the **TRUTH**, that you might speak it to others.

TEACH the word to the children ; they need to be prepared for how to fight the enemy. A little child shall lead you, I have told you. I do nothing without telling My friends the prophets about it. Prepare yourselves for the ride of your life and do not give in to the fear that surrounds you. **KNOW** that My own are marked and sealed for the day of salvation. Hold up your arms, and prophesy to the north, south, east and west. **THE LORD YOUR God** is coming on the wings of the **WIND**...and the winnowing fork is in His hand. **PREPARE YOUR HEARTS MY PEOPLE !** The day of victory is at hand. **REJOICE** and come before My throne with grace , and **WORSHIP** the Lord Your God in Spirit and

in truth. Give to HIM all honor, glory, and
majesty!

Changes

Priscilla Van Sutphin 03-03-03 10:50 pm

The change today has to do with
atmospheric change. Just like things happen
in

the natural heavens - like changes in
weather patterns, atmosphere, clouds..So
there is Change going on in the heavens
today that will bring changes on earth.

Great changes will happen and unless your
hope is in Me, you will be moved.

Unless you run to Me for guidance, for
shelter, how will you know how to
proceed ? Each vessel is made for
different uses. Seek Me and what I have
to say. Do not seek after tintillating words
like so many are fond of doing.

I am breaking the iconoclastic fervor in the
world and in the church.

**I will have NO OTHER GODS BEFORE
ME !**

**My FIRE will purge My church and the
world in the days to come. See to
yourselves
and to your loved ones in prayer. Ask and
you'll receive all you NEED to know ! Do
not
allow distractions to keep you from My
purposes. Be BRAVEHEARTS ! Continue to
fight the good fight of FAITH ! I said
"When I return, will I find faith on the
earth
? " because vain philosophies of men, false
religions, and perversions fill the earth,
but I am greater than all that opposes
you ! MY BLOOD IS ENOUGH ! Lions,
tigers
and bears are NOTHING compared to the
power I have. Do not be afraid of the
terror that flies by night nor of the arrow
that flies by day ! I AM is with you in all**

you do !

Depend on Me for all you do so that you will have full assurance of My backing you up. For if you decide on your own ways, your own plan - you will have to live with the disappointment of failure. Many times my troops marched ahead to war on their own without consulting Me and it led to slaughter.

Ask and you'll receive. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Trust in ME with ALL of your heart, and lean NOT on your own understanding. Many come to My Word even without asking for My guidance so they can understand it. Many take the words of others as more important than what I would and could speak to them.

Some have never been taught that they can hear for themselves and are used to being spoon-fed, nor do they question leaders who are feeding them lies,

thus much apostasy has filled what is known
as "My church" when it should not
be so ! some "theologians" don't even
believe My Word, much less,
seek My face !

I will be sending many of you to such
places to demonstrate My LOVE and MY
POWER
that they may repent and believe ! Some of
you I'll send to public places and
circumstances will unfold around you as an
opportunity to act in My name and crowds
will come to Me - The Spirit will fall as
you step out in faith. if you are listening
to
ME and looking for the opportunity to
demonstrate My great LOVE ! But you must
be
dependent on Me to be led by My Spirit !
Open your hearts to Me now, that I can
heal

what is not yet made whole and LET My
love touch you that you may be filled with
My
glory. Joy overflowing and inexpressible is
coming to you, and you will see all your
heart has longed for !

Rip and Tear

Priscilla Van Sutphin 4-03-03 0300 hrs

"Rip and tear, rip and tear.the
manifestation of greed, envy, and selfish
ambition is so
rampant in My church , that people are
devouring one another, not realizing the
work
of the enemy that is working through them.
Cannibalism is common. Instead of grace
and mercy for one another, there is biting
and devouring at each other's flesh, not
realizing your own flesh has plenty of
prominence in the doing of it. Flesh is from

flesh, that is , you war NOT against flesh
and blood !

**STOP ! STOP ! STOP using your swords to
devour one another.**

If I did not come to condemn the world
what are you doing condemning one another
?

Are you not giving in to the flesh by your
own accusation ? I did not call you to be
judges. I called you to LOVE ONE
ANOTHER as I HAVE LOVED YOU ! Lay
down

the battle gear against PEOPLE and pick it
up to destroy the works of the evil one !
I AM the Beginning and the End and I know
the beginning and end of all things I know
the beginning and end of your life and that
of others. If you have a grievance against
someone, Come to ME, the LORD and Giver
of Life. I will give you ability to see as I
see...to act as I would act. But if you walk
according to the flesh, and not the
Spirit...you only are seeking your own way.

Do not neglect the greater thing to sit at
MY feet and learn of ME, for I am
humble,
and lowly of heart. I know what made you
the way you are. And I know what made
others the way they are. I have counted
all the hairs on your head. So how much
more do I know the intricate details of the
lives of My loved ones ? **Your enemy is not
your neighbor. Your enemy is the one who
wants to destroy all souls and lure them to
hell. Division is the fruit of witchcraft.**
Stengthen the hands that hang low, and
the
feeble knees. A bruised reed, I will not
break. Smoking flax, I will not quench.
Learn from ME, for I AM your Resource,
Your High Tower, Your Wisdom and
Strength."

I AM THE LIFE

thru Priscilla Van Sutphin 4/20/03 1:00
PST

I am the Resurrection and the Life !
I am the Great I AM. I am ALIVE ! And I
am the Source of all LIFE. Is there
anything that I cannot do? Will you test
Me and see ? Will you run with Me and see
the adventures I have for each of you ? I
came to bring life and life abundant to ALL
My children. I want to restore and
transform and bring LIFE to all My
children. Will
you lay down all selfish ambition, all sibling
rivalry, all jealousy, and love one another
? Will you rejoice with those who rejoice ?
Will you weep with those who weep ? Can
you abandon how you feel and do what is
right in My eyes ? Will you thwart the
plans
of the enemy and rise up and GO FORTH
that I might show My life through you ?

How will they know without a preacher ?
How will they know if the preacher doesn't
know ME, and has not My power ? How will
they know LOVE, if the preacher doesn't
know or believe My LOVE ?

Come, Come, Come to ME, the Author and
Finisher of your faith. Die to your self,
that I may have My life and being in you .
Lay down YOUR agenda and plans and pick
up MINE. Know that I have your best
interest in mind, and I will do all I say I
will

do. Seek the Kingdom and My
Righteousness and all that you need will be
added unto

you. I died that you may live. I gave up
everything , that you could have what
is most important of all. I AM your
inheritance. What more do you need if I
live and

have My being in you ? Truly the days are coming that will confound even the wisest of men.

Perilous times are here, and unless you are rooted and grounded in ME your faith will fail. I am greater, than your heart, but your heart, must be wholly FOR Me. Seek ME for wisdom and understanding. SHUT OUT THE VOICES OF THE WORLD, THE FLESH , AND THE DEVIL. Spend yourselves on ME. Time with Me is never wasted

When you think of time with Your children or husband, or wife, or girlfriend, do you ever watch the clock every 10 minutes to see when you can stop having to spend time with them ? How would the other feel if you did that ? Abandon yourself to Me and I

will give you pleasures you cannot imagine. I will give you MY LIFE ABUNDANT and

overflowing. I will permeate your being with
My perfumes, with My glory and you will
be turned into a new man / woman / child.

Even the littlest ones in your midst will
walk in glory, so listen to them.

Do not think I Make decisions with
prejudice. I am Sovereign and I will have
mercy on

whom I will have mercy. I APPOINT. I
LIFT UP. I ANOINT WHOM I WILL.

I am about to do a NEW THING in your
midst. Be aware that when I do you will
not

DARE to oppose Me. I AM THE HEAD OF
THE CHURCH. I died for the church, and
I

live for the church, and I intercede for
the church. I will decide how to run MY
church. So if you are not leaning on the
ROCK, NOW is the time !

I am Patient and I am Understanding.
I am Forebearing and I AM MERCIFUL.

THERE is NOTHING I DON'T KNOW
about you.

So come now, while there is still time.
Enter into My rest. Depend on ME for all
you
do. Come and let me hold you in MY arms
of LOVE. LET ME TOUCH YOU !
LET ME care FOR you. For I AM gentle
and lowly of spirit and I will give you
PEACE.

A New Day

Priscilla Van Sutphin published 5-09-03
dictated by Holy Spirit 1994

You are at the wake of a brand new day
for the world and for My church !
This is not news.

This is a WARNING !

Take heed to yourselves that you do not
make the same mistakes as those in the
past

who fell to lust and luxurious living, and began to pervert the gospel for their own purposes. This is why you have been tried in the fire (furnace) of affliction, persecution and suffering. Suffering perfects your character and without MY CHARACTER, how can I trust you with My glory, and My giftings ?

Rom 5:3-4 Amplified Moreover [let us also be full of joy now!] let us exult and triumph in our troubles and rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that pressure and affliction and hardship produce patient and unswerving endurance. 4 And endurance (fortitude) develops maturity of character (approved faith and tried integrity). And character [of this sort] produces [the habit of] joyful and confident hope of eternal salvation.

IT IS MY GRACE THAT HAS RESTRAINED YOU ! - Those of you who are zealous for

My sake. For I have JEALOUSLY guarded your maturing, so that you can be a PURE vessel of gold, through whom My Holy Spirit can move at His will. Become as little children that you may be saved in the day of wrath to come. Depend on Me for wisdom, strength, guidance, direction, nurturing, comfort and sanctification. You cannot become holy, as I am Holy , by your own fleshly efforts but through giving yourselves to Me, depending on Me, and entering into MY PRESENCE; humbling yourself

before ME. Neither will I make you holy by a snap of My fingers! It takes your coming to ME ! Are you willing to persevere? Pray and seek My face, not just MY HAND ! Do you believe My Word ?

see Hebrews 11:6

Is it necessary for you to spend time with ME ?

I've said " But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these

things will be added unto you." Are you seeking ME first ? **AM I YOUR FIRST LOVE?** If you spend more time with one child over another, does not the first child feel slighted, as if you don't love them as much ? How do you think I FEEL when TV, the lawn, your car, your work, your shopping, your ministry, your plans are **MORE** important than the time you spend with me. I am like a jealous husband, for relationship with you.

Matt 7:13-14 NKJ Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many, who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are FEW who find it !

Jeremiah 23:23-4 , Jeremiah 6:16 ,
Hosea 10:12

Jer 5:22-31 NIV Should you not fear me?" declares the LORD. "Should you not tremble in my presence? I made the sand a boundary for the sea, an everlasting barrier it cannot cross. The waves may roll, but they cannot prevail; they may roar,

but they cannot cross it. 23 But these people have stubborn and rebellious hearts; they have turned aside and gone away. 24 They do not say to themselves, 'Let us fear

the LORD our God, who gives autumn and spring rains in season, who assures us of the regular weeks of harvest.' 25 Your wrongdoings have kept these away; your sins have

deprived you of good.

26 "Among my people are wicked men who lie in wait like men who snare birds and like

those who set traps to catch men. 27 Like cages full of birds, their houses are full of deceit; they have become rich and powerful

28 and have grown fat and sleek. Their evil deeds have no limit; they do not plead the case of the fatherless to win it, they do not defend the rights of the poor. 29

Should I not punish them for this?"

declares

the LORD. "Should I not avenge myself on such a nation as this? " 30 "A horrible and shocking thing has happened in the land: 31

The prophets prophesy lies, the priests rule by their own authority, and my people love it this way. But what will you do in the end?

Do You Have My Heart ?

Priscilla Van Sutphin 5/13/03 0410 hrs

www.upstreamca.org

The face of My church is the heart attitudes of the people. I am not looking for workers without hearts. What happens when a doctor has a lot of knowledge, but doesn't have the compassion of a pea ? You have an instrument of healing without the means to relate. He may KNOW a lot of things but if he can't see the variables that influence the life and health of that individual, including emotions, then what good does all the training and knowledge do for those he serves ? He may be a good technician...but then he needs someone else to relate.

Likewise, if my people have a lot of education and knowledge ABOUT the Bible, yet they are missing a heart of compassion that is like Mine, how can they apply that

knowledge ? The WORD itself has some ability to heal and create as it is MY WORDS.

But it can also be used to destroy when you use it to butcher your brother or sister in the Lord , or the lost. There is a balance in Christianity between the WORD of GOD, the Bible (LOGOS), and the Rhema the Spoken word of revelation to the individual. And even there, there is interpretation and application that must be gotten through My wisdom to apply all that is given or studied.

Many know what My word says **but their application of those scriptures is not always anointed.** And their ability to apply them is not always possible due to lack of healing and demonic strongholds on their souls. Scriptures can be perverted for the selfish use

of an individual as you've seen happened with the Pharisees. **They were good at teaching the law but applying it to themselves was another thing.**

Likewise, My people who call themselves by My name are often not looking to ME to find out what they don't know in the application or interpretation of scripture.

The

Holy Spirit is given to guide and illuminate such things. He is not only there to release the gifts in you, but to give you the wisdom to apply them. When people are unwilling to listen to sound teaching, they will speak out of their own wisdom and strength: out of their own opinion. This is NOT My will. My will is that you would be like little children and look to Me for your understanding and knowledge. Why do you look to man

? Why do you look to reason ? Isn't it because you feel you won't get it when you

ask ? Why do you doubt ? I am here
WITH you to answer any question or need
that
you have. And sometimes, I will bring it
through another vessel, just to keep you
humble !

Each person has a portion of the gifting
I've given to my whole church. Together as
parts of the body, you make up My church
in this earth. So that makes you
interdependent, not independent, nor co-
dependent with each other but dependent
on
Me for everything and interdependent to do
the work of the Kingdom, and to
corporately do what I want done in My
church.

Unity will never be attained alone by will,
but by LOVE. LOVE is the glue that
cements

the parts of My body together. Without love, the church is heartless and assuming, presumptuous, and independent, divided, but with proper love of ME, and then proper

love for each other and the lost the church begins to have a FACE that is attractive to the world. They MUST know you by the LOVE you have for one another. So if you are complaining and hostile to one another, how can they know you really love. They will think your love for them will also wane. I AM the only Source of the love that is needed.

So I am admonishing you to come to ME for all the love that is needed to bond My church together. My love and wisdom will bring the understanding you need for each other. Come to ME and I will show you how to love, how to be patient, how to be forbearing, how to forgive, how to bless, instead of curse. LET GO of this world for

it is perishing and it will never give you all that you need or want. Set yourself free from all that entangles or keeps you from going all the way to follow the narrow path. For few are those who find it, I've said. Haven't I said that love for the world is enmity with God ? I AM THE ROCK on which you must stand and depend. There is no other foundation. The foundation is not a building or edifice. There is no other name, given under heaven by which men must be saved.

Deer Vision

Priscilla Van Sutphin 5/13/03

[included this to give you hope and assurance of His love]

During Patti Liu playing piano, and Gail Marinello playing flute at our Songs of Solomon

study. It was if the music itself was telling a story. I saw a female doe standing in a brook taking a drink of water and she looks up and sees coming out of the forest on the left bank of the stream, a very regal looking stag deer.

He's like inviting her to run and play and they romp and leap in and out of the stream and grassy areas and it is so beautiful there.

Then she is looking at His face...staring at Him...then...She looks up and there is an eagle flying, and she wants to fly with the eagle and it's like for a time she is given wings and the form of an eagle to see what it feels like.

And the eagle is flying with her, and they float, and fly, and do turns and go up and down, and fly in the shadow of the sun. Then she is on the ground again near the

water with HIM. And another stag comes out of the forest. He is black, not the color of deer normally. And the regal one spars with him and pins him with his antlers to the ground and that one retreats. At this point I got a prophetic song - a response to this vision about running with Him.

There was a pause, then as they picked up playing again it began again...

I saw them again romping upstream, then there was a waterfall and they go behind the waterfall, and there is a bed of grass. He has prepared for her to rest in, and they lie down together necks enfolded together. Later I see Him going and getting grasses and other plants for her to eat, and I sense it is the things she likes most to eat and I see that she is pregnant and time keeps going like that, for a long time.

There are other animals going to and fro
from the stream during this time that I
was
aware of, and through the bushes and
fields , but the couple is hidden from view
behind the waterfalls.

~~~~~

I know that deer stand for overcomers,  
and the whole scene is about **the hidden  
place  
of intimacy with the Bridegroom  
represented by the brown regal stag**. The  
counterfeit  
stag, that is black, is of course the enemy.  
It may even stand for the anti-Christ.  
It was so beautiful being lost in this vision  
that I just wanted to stay there and I  
believe it speaks of the hidden place in  
HIM when we have union and communion  
with  
Jesus.

And that this place is important for us to  
be in right now...to live and breathe and

have our being in HIM. And the place  
behind the waterfalls is a place of  
protection

while she is growing and pregnant with HIS  
purposes and about to bring forth new life.  
I also thought it might be representing the  
hidden place in Rev.12 where the woman  
hides when satan pours out his wrath.

Song 2:10-17 NKJV My beloved spoke, and  
said to me: "Rise up, my love, my fair  
one, and come away. 11 For lo, the winter  
is past, the rain is over and gone. 12 The  
flowers appear on the earth; The time of  
singing has come, and the voice of the  
turtledove is heard in our land. 13 The fig  
tree puts forth her green figs, and the  
vines with the tender grapes give a good  
smell. Rise up, my love, my fair one, and  
come away! 14 "O my dove, in the clefts  
of the rock, in the secret places of the  
cliff, let me see your face, let me hear

your voice; For your voice is sweet, And  
your face is lovely."

**HER BROTHERS**

15 Catch us the foxes, The little foxes  
that spoil the vines, For our vines have  
tender  
grapes.

**THE Shulamite**

16 My beloved is mine, and I am his. He  
feeds his flock among the lilies.

**(TO HER BELOVED)**

17 Until the day breaks and the shadows  
flee away, turn, my beloved, and be like a  
gazelle or a young stag upon the mountains  
of Bether.

**Word of Warning**

Priscilla Van Sutphin

Received Feb 15, 1997, 5 am

Published Jan 26, 2004

It is a critical time for preparation !  
Consecrate yourselves to Me !  
Remember time with Me is never wasted !  
Don't worry about tomorrow, sufficient is  
the day ! Soon, " For Whom the Bell Tolls"  
will take on new meaning because the spirit  
of murder and suicide is loosed in the land.  
Life will be so devalued that persecution is  
not a difficult concept for many whose  
selfishness will not allow them to feel  
compassion for anyone. Death camps will be  
nothing compared to the mass suicides !  
Many peoples' hearts will faint and there  
will be a great falling away. They'll call  
their murders, " suicides" to cover what  
they are doing. And people will believe it  
because so many have done it and or seen  
it happen. **Social Darwinism will be**  
**implemented to eliminate the weak** so they  
don't have to pay for their care or  
survival, as people's hearts grow colder.  
The children need to be trained !



The women need to be trained. The women need to be trained in the true Word !

Many of the children will do great exploits in My name ! You must use wisdom, cunning and discernment in the days ahead.

Revelation will be an important and vital gift to believers for many whose hearts have grown cold will 'fall away' and betray them.

The same vicious spirit that nailed Me to the cross will want to destroy the voices who speak out for Me and My own.

I have called you to HOLINESS and I will restore old foundations and you will be a repairer of the breach and many will be saved, but evil will wax greater and greater in opposition to the great revival so stay in VERY CLOSE COMMUNION with Me !

Extraordinary miracles will accompany all who are dependent on Me and who walk in holiness.

False miracles will also abound trying to confuse the multitudes. Do not be dismayed for the Lord Your God will be with you in these perilous times and will see you through. Pray, Pray, Pray for the kingdom of God is at hand !

Do not be disturbed by what seems to be rejection by the church. The true church will stand and you will know them by their LOVE for Me and for each other. I will DWELL in the hearts of men ! Let your cup be filled to overflowing while you can and you'll be a never-ending well of living water springing up to give life to others.

For many will fear and grow faint.

Do not give loyalty to buildings or idolize men ! KNOW them by their FRUITS. Do they practice true religion ? Do they provide for the widows, the orphans, the alien and the poor ? **Stop giving to those who store up treasures on earth for themselves and don't help the poor and needy !**

**I will no longer tolerate their selfishness  
and lust ! I will expose the darkness !  
Be generous to those who are needy as one  
who will give an account to the Most High  
for every needy soul that comes your  
way ! Judgment begins with the House of  
God ! Do not be in league with sons of  
Belial who withhold this worlds goods from  
the needy and live in pleasure. They are  
more worried about losing their things than  
their souls !**

**I Will Be Pre-eminent !**

Priscilla Van Sutphin 7/9/03 11:11 pm

Been noticing the clock when it is 1:11, several  
times, then tonight, 11:11.

The circle is representative of eternity,  
and everlasting life, and the circle of life,  
as it never ends. I am that I Am. And I  
am the Eternal One. I was, I am, and I

forever will be. I gave to you that gift of eternity when I created you. Everything that I created has My imprint if you look close enough. Everything that I AM is available to you through relationship with Me. There is nothing I will withhold from those who love and obey Me. I am Truth.

One truth is built upon another in the Kingdom. Even as you go from glory to glory, you go from Truth to truth, so that there is a continual growth, if you walk according to the Spirit, and not according to  
to  
the flesh.

The circle can also mean something negative, such as walking in circles.

Walking in  
circles, means you never really go anywhere. You are stuck on the same road,  
over and  
over, like the children of Israel in the desert. If you don't learn your lessons,  
you

cannot go on to the next one. Truth, upon truth. Every time a lesson is learned, there is growth and more glory and blessing. If people do not overcome, and do not learn their lessons, they stay in a rut, and though they may have some attainment, lack of growth is usually from lack of communion with Me.

Thusly, if someone is deep, and you are better for being around them, then they are plugged into My power, My glory, and fellowship with Me. That is what it means when you judge by their fruit. If the fruit is not evident, then neither is true fellowship. If judgment, criticism and bitterness are there, anger, rage, and impatience. Then you know that there is a lack of healing in their lives, and that lack of healing is

because they are not willing to submit themselves either to Me for intimacy with Me,  
or to others who have grace and anointing to help unravel the pieces of their lives.

I am coming with grace and with glory, into My church. I will sweep across the nations, and when I do, there will be no closet dark enough to hide. There will be no

one left untouched by My glory. When you shine light in a dirty closet, you see the dirt. You see how much has been cleaned or not cleaned up. Well, I am shining My spotlight, My glory into the closets of your hearts and exposing to you, what is left in the recesses of your hearts that needs fixing. If you want to be swept clean, then

I will fully expose it, and fully heal it. **If you don't submit to this process, and choose**

to reject the change and thusly reject ME,  
then you will be given over to the desires  
of your own heart.

Healing is that simple. You can simply  
surrender completely with your  
spirit, and I will  
come and by MY SPIRIT, cleanse away all  
that has hindered you. Or you can continue  
to hide, and run. It is your choice in the  
end. But I KNOW who have said yes in  
their

hearts, and are weak in flesh. I KNOW  
who is willing and who are not. YOU HAVE  
NOT, because YOU ASK NOT. But all who  
have asked, will receive their reward, and  
will be set free. When that freedom  
comes, there will be no turning back. I will  
do a

complete work, as I did in my earliest  
apostles and followers. Those who were  
willing

to WAIT in the upper room, and to minister unto Me received their great reward, and went forth to shake the nations.

**I will recapitulate all that has been done before and I will purify My army, My BRIDE**

**! I will leave no one behind who is willing in their hearts, even if their flesh has been troubled, and not overcome. For I know every part of your hearts, minds, and souls.**

**I know who has been wounded and every rejection, and every torment of the enemy !**

**I am not a harsh taskmaster ! So I urge you to cry out to Me, and to be like those in**

**the upper room who MINISTERED UNTO ME in those days before the Holy Spirit was**



poured out with power. To quiet yourselves and spend your time on what is not perishable. PUT on My LOVE. PUT ON MY PEACE. PUT ON MY KINDNESS. Rest and be comforted by My Holy Spirit. Only do as I tell you to do. And be sure that I will not by any means leave you out, if your heart is willing.

Even Peter was not perfect after Pentacost in all his dealings. I did not use perfect men. The church has misunderstood My perfection. I am the ONLY PERFECT ONE.

But in this age, I will extend MY RIGHT HAND and the church will be made into a living , breathing organism, that moves at MY command, and not their own whims, or the mindless frenzy of perfectionistic fervor. They will have obedient hearts, and

will

be transformed by My glory to function as ONE BODY. Those that resist My glory, will not share in it.

So open wide the ancient gates. Open wide  
the doors of your hearts, and minds and  
ask for the King of Glory to come in, and I  
will oblige you. None will be left out, if  
only you will ask. All torment, all  
performance, all compromise, all unholy  
control will

be broken and driven from MY church.

**I AM the LORD and there is no other.**

**I AM the LORD, and Qanna is My name.**

**I will have no other gods before ME.**

**I am coming and with me, the FEAR of the  
LORD will be reestablished in My church.**

**I ALONE will be PRE-EMINENT.**

**I ALONE will rule and reign over My  
church.**

OT:7067 qanna' (kan-naw'); from  
OT:7065; jealous: KJV - jealous. Compare  
OT:7072.

Isolationist policy  
thru Priscilla Van Sutphin

Feb 3rd, 2004 3:11 am

I do not have any isolationist policy. I saw that it was not good for man to be alone.

So I created a helpmate. It is not good for any man to walk alone.

I sent out My disciples two by two. I have wanted to restore community and a sense of family within My church, that they would practice true love and "true religion". I said that you cannot hate your

brother and love God. This is incompatible. If you love ME, then you obey Me. If you have no love for your brother, then how can you say you LOVE ME ? How can you do the greater thing of loving your enemies? I said, if you only love those who love you, then how is that better than the Pharisees ? I realize that a lot of the time in these times, your brother surely has been your enemy, though it should not be so in My church! The conditions of My church are similar to

the days in which My Son walked the earth  
!

Men are haughty and full of greed and desire for selfish gain. There is an arrogance that rots the core of the foundation of My church. I am coming to establish a new foundation. I am still the Cornerstone, but the foundation upon which I intended to build My church, will be reestablished, that the Truth of My LOVE and kindness will permeate every room of My House ! I will not allow injustice without consequences. The soul that deliberately hates and destroys, maligns and rejects those whom I HAVE CHOSEN will reap the consequences for their actions. Though I may forgive them, I will not allow rebellion to go unchecked. This is a time of truth or consequences.

I did not come into the world to judge the world, but to SAVE them. So I am also

asking you to NOT JUDGE whomever is already condemned, or your own brothers and sisters, but rather to bring LIFE where there is death and destruction ! I have called you to be My ambassadors. Do not be ambassadors in chains. Do not do anything by constraint ! Anything you do should be done out of LOVE. If you lack the LOVE, then you are not spending enough time in MY PRESENCE. For I am LOVE, and the Source of all you need ! Everything you need, may be found in ME ! I am the Alpha and Omega ! Nothing is too difficult for Me ! So come to Me with anything you have need of. My heart will give you REST. My heart will give you power to overcome all that constrains you !  
There is no LACK in Me !

How long will you wander in the desert ?

Won't you come to the place of transformation ? Won't you come and be calmed and stilled by the running water,

that flows from My throne of GRACE ?  
Let me wash you ! Let me love on you !  
Let me put the finishing touches on your  
life ! LET ME heal the deepest recesses  
of your heart and mind and soul ! Please  
don't resist My love, Beloveds. Push past  
the fear of intimacy ! Push past all the  
distractions and pulls on your soul. LET  
THE KING OF GLORY COME IN !

Who is the King of Glory ? THE LORD  
STRONG AND MIGHTY ! I AM the King  
of Glory. And My glory will permeate your  
soul ! My glory will sanctify your being. My  
glory will heal your body ! My glory will  
convict you of your sins and wash them  
from you ! My glory will radiate from you  
like a FIRE so that others may come to the  
brightness of My glory ! But YOU must  
make the choice to come ! Just come, My  
beloveds REST, lay down with ME and  
LET ME touch you and heal your soul ! LET  
ME empower you for all that is to come.

There are so many concerned with **DOING** rather than **BEING**, and **WHO** they are !  
If you are My ambassadors, then you must look and talk and walk like **ME** ! How can you radiate My glory to others, if you don't receive it ?

Intimacy with **ME**, is the **HIGHEST** purpose of your life. **SEEK FIRST** the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you ! **I AM** the First and the **LAST**; the Beginning and the **END**. **IT IS IN ME**, that you find your life. It is in **ME**, that you find all that you need !

Ask and it shall be given you ! Come while there is time My beloveds ! For surely **GREAT** shaking is coming. You must be hidden in **ME** to survive the shaking that is coming ! Come into the shelter of My wings  
!

**My Sufficiency**

Priscilla Van Sutphin  
March 13th, 2004 1:11 am

See 2 Cor 3:5-9 AMP

Many of you are struggling with things because for so long you have depended on YOU for getting through things, thinking somehow, I'd be disappointed or angry with you if you didn't perform well enough.

I want you to know that I am not the harsh task master !

I am not the one that drives people to strive.

I AM THE ONE WHO WANTS TO HOLD YOU IN MY ARMS like a Father does his child, doting on you with love and affection. I help you through whatever you must do but if you will learn to lean on Me, then all your sufficiency can be in ME to hold you up, to get you through, and to direct you in what is from ME and what is not.



**Do not be in a hurry ! I am not impatient,  
nor intolerant.**

**Love is PATIENT. LOVE is KIND !**

**Cast ALL your cares on ME, so I can care  
FOR you ! The Kingdom of**

**God is so different from the kingdom of  
man. Drivenness is so common these days,  
that people do not any longer know how to**

**REST in Me,**

**and to just let Me help them to get  
through. When trouble comes, immediately**

**they begin to analyze and work on a  
solution, when what I expect is for you to  
RUN TO ME and lay it at My feet and ask**

**ME**

**what to do ! What do I want ?**

**I do not want you in a frenzy over  
circumstances that you cannot control ! Nor  
do I want you to take control of situations**

**I should solve and control !**

**I am the RESOURCE of anything you need,  
so come to ME. Allow ME to take  
control ! Acknowledge I am the One in**

control and allow Me to be, and watch what  
I can do !

See Prov 3:6-8 NKJV

This is one reason many are suffering in  
their bodies, is that they do NOT know  
how to rest and LET ME be in charge.  
TRUST has been damaged if not destroyed  
by abuse and rejection in their lives, and  
they are suffering greatly, because they  
do not know how to put the WHOLE OF  
THEIR TRUST IN ME !

See Rom 10:14 AMP

This word basic to many scriptures,  
BELIEVE, means to put the whole of your  
TRUST in ME. I know that you try to put  
as much as possible of your trust in ME.

But some of you do not even realize you  
are untrusting, and therefore  
UNBELIEVING !!! TRUST is BUILT. It is  
not automatic. And for those whose trust

has been trampled by the conditions of their life they must GROW in trust. Little by little as they see ME answer the problems in their lives, and change them little by little and LOVE on them, little by little trust is again built up in them. A parent who meets the needs of their infant, builds trust in that child. The child learns by his needs being met, for food, for being changed, by being held and loved, that the parent is someone that they can trust to be there for them. This is a gradual process.

So I UNDERSTAND those whose trust has been defiled by man's rejection and betrayal, much more than most other human beings do. I know what it takes for each person to grow in TRUST and FAITH. Do NOT JUDGE the brother whose faith is weak. Only realize that the wounding the enemy does in the lives of My beloveds will alter their ability to TRUST. And continue to love that

person and to speak the truth of My Word in LOVE. As YOU love on others, their faith and love will grow. Some people will ONLY blossom, as they are loved by another special person.

2 Cor 9:8-9 AMP And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].

9 As it is written, he [ the benevolent person ] scatters abroad; He gives to the poor; His deeds of justice and goodness and kindness and benevolence will go on and endure forever! [Ps 112:9.]

Some of you are concerned about your finances and how in the world I could ever provide for you all you might need when all

you see is LACK. But that is WHAT FAITH IS to believe something when the evidence is NOT THERE !

For some of you, you need self-control which is a FRUIT of the Spirit. You cannot love perfectly unless you have self-control. So I have been working discipline in your lives that I could trust you with MORE. Some of you need to be MORE concerned with the lives of others, than with YOURSELF ! Yes My beloveds, YOU ARE YOUR BROTHER'S KEEPER. There will always be those who are weaker. There will always be the poor with you. But the poor are weaker and they are NECESSARY.

Otherwise the church becomes complacent and hard. And unfortunately, the church has become complacent and hardened because of their wealth. In other nations, they know what hardship is, so they are more compassionate and kind than here.

They know more about sharing than the church here ! So open your eyes, and open your hearts and let the SON shine in and show you His WISDOM. Let the Holy Spirit guide your steps and your heart. Do not consider what you have as YOUR OWN. FOR I AM THE ONE WHO GIVES FAVOR TO MAN TO GET WEALTH ! Be dependent on ME, for what to give, and who to give to ! Be faithful and generous in giving and I will be faithful and generous to YOU.

### Reprobate Hearts

Priscilla Van Sutphin

March 23rd, 2004 2:22 am

Jer 6:29-30 KJV The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away. 30 Reprobate silver

shall men call them, because the LORD  
hath rejected them.

[Hebrew: OT:3988 ma'ac (maw-as'); a primitive root; to spurn; also (intransitively) to disappear: KJV - abhor, cast away (off), contemn, despise, disdain, (become) loathe (some), melt away, refuse, reject, reprobate, utterly, vile person.]

Titus 1:16 KJV They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

2 Tim 3:5-9 KJV Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Now as Jannes and

Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. 9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

Greek NT:96 adokimos (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:1384; unapproved, i.e. rejected; by implication, worthless (literally or morally): KJV - castaway, rejected, reprobate.

My sewing machine broke down and when I turned to check the clock on the computer, it was 2:22 am so I asked the Lord if He wanted to talk again and got an affirmative and He said "reprobate hearts". Then I asked again, what He wanted to say

"I am coming to execute My will in the earth before the rise of the antichrist



comes to full fruition. I am readying My people for a display of My power and glory that will bring in the harvest of souls in the earth. The earth will cough up salvation. The fear of ME will fill the earth again. No man will have an excuse for their disdain of Me ! The times however will be tumultuous as the battle of the ages ensues.

There are ways to encourage love that I have tried. I have tried to instill it through preaching of men, and to impart with revival, and men shut down the move, because it didn't fit their ideas of how I should do things. So since they interfered and were unrepentant in their hearts, I will now bring situations and calamity that will draw men's hearts together as they come to see and realize what is really important in life. Perilous times ensue and I have been warning and warning for a long time, yet it has done little to change people.

There is still apathy and complacency, though some are changing. So there will be now an escalation of events that will lead you into the TRUTH that I want you to live, and not just talk about! Talk is cheap as you say. It is ACTION that counts.

If you tell a child over and over that you love them, but never demonstrate it through what you DO, then they come to hate even the word love, as to them it means NOTHING. Everything is then in doubt in their minds, because it is not lived out and there is no trust in others. And in too many who call themselves by MY name, there is the same inaction. Apathy and complacency need to be shaken off. I am calling you to live the ONE ANOTHERS.

John 13:34-35 NKJV A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one

another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

The heart that is willing to change and wanting to change I WILL HONOR and help to change. The person who is unwilling to change and not giving thought to change, not caring how he lives or acts, will be turned over to a reprobate heart because his will is only towards SELF, and what HE wants.

Unwilling to forgive, only loving self, and incapable of love towards others, they will bear the consequences of their own hearts. I am calling for a generation who desires the COMPASSION I HAVE and who are willing to pay the price to have it. I have said that if you suffer WITH ME, you will share in My glory. Some of you think you have suffered greatly, and yet in China people have been dismembered for being Christian. In Sudan, they have

been maimed, tortured, raped, dismembered and killed. In Egypt, they may lose their family, their job, their ability to have any freedoms. They are mocked and disdained by the whole of those around them. It is time for the church in AMERICA to awaken to call of MY HEART's CRY !

I am crying for those I see every day, every hour, every moment, suffering and hungry, jailed and tortured, maimed and tormented for MY SAKE. They know the cost and have counted it. They know that not everything is perfect if you are a believer. They know more about the truth of the gospel than most of my people here and in western societies, because they have suffered greatly for MY name's sake. You think you have suffered when the pastor doesn't let you prophesy. You think you have suffered greatly when you are rejected of men and you are correct, but

you have not suffered to the point many others have. In your pride, you thought you never would !

Those who hold onto their pride and arrogance in the days ahead will be taken away and suffer great loss. So I am warning you once more that you need to humble yourselves in My site, and to repent of your pride and arrogance. For I will **ONLY EXALT THE HUMBLE** in this hour !

It is a new day and a new church I am building. **HUMILITY** and **LOVE** and **FORGIVENESS** will be the hallmarks of it's foundation. **GRACE will adorn it's walls, instead of pride and self righteousness.**

Take heed that you stand not in your own strength, but in the blood of the **LAMB** ! Ask and you shall receive, knock and the door will be opened. **I am full of mercy and lovingkindness for those who are contrite in their hearts and spirits; for the one who loves and adores me above all else.**

## **Baruch Atah**

Priscilla Van Sutphin

April 2nd, 2004 4:41 am

I heard " Baruch atah" and thought it might mean blessed are you, but went to check out the 'atah'and sure enough that is the meaning in Hebrew.

### **Matt 5:3-20 NKJV**

- 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.
- 5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
For they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.
- 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. 13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

The first thing that came to mind was the  
Sermon on the Mount.

Then I asked the What it is the Lord  
wanted to say and heard:



" Blessed is the man who endures under temptation, and refuses to give in. Blessed is the man who hears abusive words and does not yield to the temptation to answer back in like manner. Blessed is the man who is mocked and scorned for believing in Me, and does not get angry, but instead cried tears for the one who is deluded and ignorant. Blessed is the man who defies all logic trusting in Me for everything, when others are scurrying around in their own self-sufficiency, for he has grown to know the kindness of Hashem. [ Blessed be His name ! ] Blessed is the man who loves his wife and children and does not abuse them. Blessed is the man who loves Me, and is faithful to My Word ! Blessed is the man or woman who considers the poor and outcast. Blessed is he who does not forget his own flesh and blood.

Cursed is he who tells men to do the word,  
but does not do it himself.

Cursed is the man who leads others to  
leave intimacy with Me and gets them to  
love him instead of Me. Cursed is he who  
teaches little children to be ashamed,  
because he has abused them. Cursed is he  
who abuses his wife without any shame.  
Cursed is he who thinks I approve of hating  
any other man or woman. Cursed is he who  
delights in running to evil and comes into  
My temple on Sundays to make himself feel  
good ! Cursed is she or he who chooses to  
walk in bitterness of soul knowing there is  
a means to get free. Woe to him who  
loves his own words or the words of others,  
more than listening for My Voice. Cursed  
is he who ignores the poor, the widow, the  
crippled and maimed. For, blessed are the  
merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

Truly I tell you that when you walk in your  
own ways and do not consider Mine, you

are in danger of hell fire. I love you and adore you. I do all you ask that is in ME.

I teach you if you are willing to listen. But if you ignore Me and go your own way, how can you say you have relationship with ME ?

I said, " If you love Me, then obey Me ! "

I didn't say obey what you think I mean, obey what you think is best, or obey in word only. I said to obey ME.

I AM a LIVING GOD, a living Being. I am a person. I am not a god of wood or stone ! They do not talk, but I speak. My sheep hear My voice and they follow ME.

The voice of another they do not follow.

The voice you follow has to FIT with the written Logos. For example, I would never tell you to take another wife, while still married to another. That is foolish and delusional. Man often thinks that if he has favor with Me, receives good things from Me, that then he can do whatever

seems to please himself, instead of  
pleasing ME.

You tend to be independent because of the fall. You must LEARN to be dependent on ME. Independence from ME is not a relationship. It is an abomination because it is IGNORING ME. I came to RESTORE relationship with the Father and ME and to provide access to the Holy Spirit Who once in you remains forever. But if you stay in a place of independence from ME, then you are REFUSING My counsel. You are refusing relationship with ME, like a man who refuses to love his wife, or a wife who refuses to love her husband ! That is not a marriage. How then can you be My BRIDE if you refuse to come to ME ? Are you not then like Vashti the disobedient and independent wife of Ahasuerus ?

**There is no independence in a relationship with Me !** That is why marriage between a

man and a woman is so much like a relationship with Me. The woman is not independent of the man and the man is not independent of the woman. **They become ONE. Just as the Father and I and Spirit are One.**

When you think you know better how to do things, that is PRIDE. **Pride exalts SELF.**

It thinks IT knows better what to do than others. Then it exalts it's way of doing things above what is told to others, causing strife and competition. That is also the undergirding of CONTROL. People think they know what is best for others instead of allowing others to move and have their being in ME, they want to control them.

Men and women must learn that dependence on ME is the only way they can get along.

What did I say ?

Matt 6:33-34 NKJV But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow,  
for tomorrow will worry about its own  
things. Sufficient for the day is its own  
trouble.

I do not CONTROL you ! I admonish you  
to obey Me, but I do not control you. So  
why do you allow others to control you ? I  
am Your ADONAI, Your Lord and Master.  
So why do you make other men your LORD  
and MASTER ? Did I not say there is only  
ONE GOD ? You cannot give allegiance to  
Me, and at the same time make others  
your gods. That is the fruit of mammon.  
Mammon is trusting in something other than  
Me."

**Luke 16:13 KJV No servant can serve  
two masters: for either he will hate the  
one, and love the other; or else he will  
hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye  
cannot serve God and mammon.**

## MAMMON

mamonas NT:3126, a common Aramaic word for "riches," akin to a Hebrew word signifying "to be firm, steadfast" (whence "Amen"), hence, **"that which is to be trusted"**; Gesenius regards it as derived from a Heb. word signifying "treasure" Gen 43:23; it is personified in Matt 6:24; Luke 16:9,11,13.

(from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words, Copyright (c)1985, Thomas Nelson Publishers)

"Do not give heed to the doctrines of demons for they are plenteous in these times, but study the true Word and show yourselves approved. I have sent you the Teacher that you might rely on Us, and not your own or someone else's thinking. It is important in this hour. Remember that I am your SOURCE of everything you need !  
Eat the scroll ! "

1 Tim 4:1-3 NKJV      1 Tim 4:6-11 NKJV  
1 Tim 4:12-16 NKJV

2 Tim 3:1-9 NKJV

2 Tim 3:12-15 NKJV      Yes, and all who  
desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will  
suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and  
impostors will grow worse and worse,  
deceiving and being deceived. 14 But you  
must continue in the things which you have  
learned and been assured of, knowing from  
whom you have learned them, 15 and  
that from childhood you have known the  
Holy Scriptures, which are able to make  
you wise for salvation through faith which  
is in Christ Jesus.

~~~~~

Someone has been offended at the words
the Lord, I thought, gave me in the Baruch
Atah prophecy of "cursed be". I thought

perhaps I am not hearing right when I heard them in the first place, but I asked the Lord, and said, I can't say THAT ! But He compelled me. So then I looked up the words for woe and cursing and scriptures, and feel that this is the conclusion I came to :

Why does He say WOE which is an expression of GRIEF ? Because they are doomed to hell ! Every time you see the woes in regards to pharisees it is because they are in danger of hell fire and impending judgment, if they don't repent. To be doomed to hell is surely to be cursed !! So for those who have entered in, there is NO MORE CURSE. But for those who are OUTSIDE Christ, they are still under the CURSE ! Paul himself, says in Galatians that if you come under the law instead of GRACE you put yourself back under a curse.

Heb 6:7-8 NKJV For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; **8 but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.**

This scripture like those of Jesus' own words about feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty, tell us also that those who BELIEVE bear FRUIT, that is they are known to be in Christ, because of the fruit they bear in loving others. 1 John is especially insightful on this principle. Jesus said, we would be known by the LOVE we have for one another. **Now of course if our heart is to do so, but our flesh still rising up, we are not condemned because we are under the blood, and He is still perfecting us in love and healing us and delivering us.**

Sanctification is a PROCESS. Only HE knows who is who in that regard, which is why we should not judge for we are all vulnerable to our flesh and should not give into the PRIDE of thinking we are above sinning the way others do, as exemplified in the story of the sinner and the publican.

NT:3759 ouai (oo-ah'-ee); a primary exclamation of grief; "woe": KJV - alas, woe.

Curse:

NT:2671 katara (kat-ar'-ah); from NT:2596 (intensive) and NT:685; imprecation, execration: KJV - curse (-ding,). NT:685 ara (ar-ah'); probably from NT:142; properly, prayer (as lifted to Heaven), i.e. (by implication) imprecation: KJV - curse.

NT:142 airo (ah'-ee-ro); a primary root; to lift up; by implication, to take up or away; figuratively, to raise (the

voice), keep in suspense (the mind), specially, to sail away (i.e. weigh anchor); by Hebraism [compare OT:5375] to expiate sin: KJV - away with, bear (up), carry, lift up, loose, make to doubt, put away, remove, take (away, up). OT:779 'arar (aw-rar'); a primitive root; to **execrate**: KJV - bitterly curse.

EXECRATE

Main Entry: ex·e·crate Function: transitive verb Inflected Form(s): -crat·ed; -crat·ing Etymology: Latin exsecratus, past participle of exsecrari to put under a curse, from ex + sacr-, sacer sacred

1 : to declare to be evil or detestable :

DENOUNCE

2 : to detest utterly

Luke 11:52-54 NKJV

Matt 11:21-24 NKJV

21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. 23 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, **will be brought down to Hades**; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you."

Matt 18:7-9 NKJV

Matt 23:13-22 NKJV

Matt 23:23-36 NKJV

Rev 21:8 NKJV But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, **murderers**, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake

which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Matt 24:19-22 NKJV Matt 26:24-25
Matt 10:33 NKJV
Luke 6:24-26 NKJV Luke 11:42-52 NKJV
Luke 17:1-4 NKJV

1 Cor 9:16-18 NKJV For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel! 17 For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I have been entrusted with a stewardship. 18 What is my reward then? **That when I preach the gospel, I may present the gospel of Christ without charge, that I may not abuse my authority in the gospel.**

Jude 10-11 NKJV But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute

beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. 11 Woe to them! **For they have gone in the way of Cain**, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

Rev 8:13 NKJV Rev 9:12 NKJV Rev
11:14 NKJV Rev 12:12 NKJV
Matt 25:31-46 NKJV Mark
11:19 NKJV

**Gal 3:10-14 NKJV The Law Brings a
Curse**

For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, **"Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them."** 11 But that **no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith."** 12 Yet the law is not of faith, but **"the man who does them shall live by them."** 13 **Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a**

curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Gen 9:25 NKJV Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brethren."

Provocation
through Priscilla van Sutphin
May 10th 2004 11: 55 am

When I first looked at the clock it was 11:11 and I got distracted. So then when I looked again it was 11:55, then I heard the word "Provocation" and was led to look up provoke, and directly to these following verses:

Rom 11:11-12 NKJV

Rom 11:11-12 AMPLIFIED

11 So I ask, Have they stumbled so as to fall [to their utter spiritual ruin, irretrievably]? By no means! But through their false step and transgression salvation [has come] to the Gentiles, so as to arouse Israel [to see and feel what they forfeited] and so to make them jealous.

12 Now if their stumbling (their lapse, their transgression) has so enriched the world [at large], and if [Israel's] failure means such riches for the Gentiles, think what an enrichment and greater advantage will follow their full reinstatement!

Rom 11:14-22 AMP

14 In the hope of making my fellow Jews jealous [in order to stir them up to imitate, copy, and appropriate], and thus managing to save some of them. **15** For if their rejection and exclusion from the benefits of salvation were [overruled] for the reconciliation of a world to God, what

will their acceptance and admission mean? [It will be nothing short of] life from the dead! 16 Now if the first handful of dough offered as the firstfruits [Abraham and the patriarchs] is consecrated (holy), so is the whole mass [the nation of Israel]; and if the root [Abraham] is consecrated (holy), so are the branches. [Num 15:19-21.] 17 But if some of the branches were broken off, while you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among them to share the richness [of the root and sap] of the olive tree, 18 **Do not boast over the branches and pride yourself at their expense. If you do boast and feel superior, remember it is not you that support the root, but the root [that supports] you.**

19 You will say then, Branches were broken (pruned) off so that I might be grafted in! 20 That is true. But they were broken (pruned) off because of their unbelief (their lack of real faith), and you

are established through faith [because you do believe]. So do not become proud and conceited, but rather stand in awe and be reverently afraid. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches [because of unbelief], neither will He spare you [if you are guilty of the same offense].

22 Then note and appreciate the gracious kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's gracious kindness to you--provided you continue in His grace and abide in His kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off (pruned away).

The Voice of the Lord:

“ There are some in My church who have taken the road of perversion and not the truth of My Word, and who have discounted these words. REALIZE that I AM is not condoning the thinking that I have given up on Israel. Realize that the UNBELIEF they were cut off for is

prevalent even in seminaries in America !
And what have I said, but that you too will
be cut off and pruned away if you fall prey
to the lies of the enemy and his
deceitfulness !

Do not think because you call yourself a
Christian that it makes you one !

Do not think that there will be no
consequence for saying that my SON was a
mere man and not God and teaching it to
others ! [This reminded me of an
assistant pastor in a former church who got
up one Sunday and said, " I wouldn't be
surprised if they found the bones of Jesus
one day ! "]

One by one, the truth has been stripped
away from My church for centuries.
But I AM THE TRUTH. I AM THE WAY,
THE TRUTH, and the LIFE. There is no
other way given under heaven by which men
must be saved ! Those who teach
differently will have to give an account.

Perversion of scriptures has abounded, in
men seeking their own will and
understanding instead of seeking Mine !
And the churches continue to teach, many
of them from their own hearts, and not
from MY HEART. There is such imbalance,
that people are more and more losing life.
To FOLLOW MY WORD IS LIFE ! I came
to GIVE you life, and that more abundantly
!

Ps 33:4-6 NKJV

Ps 119:42 NKJV

Prov 3:7-8 NKJV

Israel was MINE from the beginning and I
have longed to see the day that she will
look upon Me, and realize the Truth. But
there is much to be done before the
fullness of the Gentiles is reached. And I
am escalating the permeation of the gospel
in the days ahead, that all mankind will
have no excuse for not knowing the TRUTH
!

Do NOT cling to the the gospel of exclusivity in thinking that you are the only ones I love, or the BRANCH that holds the gentiles in place is the same as the Root which is ISRAEL. I LOVE ISRAEL, MY PEOPLE. I WILL RESTORE HER and your hearts will REJOICE. I NEED YOU My beloveds to pray for ISRAEL and JEWS everywhere ! I need you to pray for ALL who need to know Me ! YOUR PRAYERS need to be for the LOST, and not just for your needs ! If you reach out to others, I will reach out to you ! GO and make disciples of ALL MEN ! GO when I tell you to speak to someone, and do not hesitate !

Acts 10:19-20 NIV

DEMONSTRATE MY LOVE TO A LOST AND DYING WORLD ! GO and MAKE DISCIPLES ! Stop clinging to the comfort

and safety of only knowing Christians !
How will you make a difference if they
never HEAR the TRUTH?

**SOUND THE ALARM on My holy mountain.
PRAY unceasingly ! The WAR has begun. I
AM IN NEED OF WARRIORS who will not
give up ! TAKE THE LAND, STEP BY
STEP. AND TRUMPET MY WARNINGS
TO ALL WHO WILL HEAR !** It doesn't
matter that some will not, though sad.

What matters is those who will hear and be
changed ! LOVE on those who will receive
it ! PRESS into ME for all that you do.
Do not move presumptuously in anything ~
I AM the resource of all you need. **So
come to Me and get your marching orders
from ME.**

Some of you are in seclusion until I say to
go ! Some of you are being transitioned to
a higher plane in Me, and need to be at My
feet like Martha. Stay there in that place
that I've told you, until you are embued

with power from on High ! **STAY** in My **WORD** and let Me share with you secrets of My **TRUTH**. **REMEMBER** how much I love you as these days grow darker My beloveds ! **REMEMBER** that I will never, never, never leave you or forsake you ! **KNOW** that the days ahead are **GLORIOUS** for the **KINGDOM** !

Distemper

June 29th, 2004

Priscilla Van Sutphin

www.upstreamca.org

Prov 16:32 KJV He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Prov 16:32 NLT It is better to be patient than powerful; it is better to have self-control than to conquer a city.

Prov 16:32 AMP He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, he who rules his [own] spirit than he who takes a city.

Prov 16:32 NIV Better a patient man
than a warrior, a man who controls his
temper than one who takes a city.

Temper/anger

OT:639 'aph (af); from OT:599; properly,
the nose or nostril; hence, the face, and
occasionally a person; also (from the rapid
breathing in passion) ire: KJV - anger (-
gry), before, countenance, face,
forebearing, forehead, [long-] suffering,
nose, nostril, snout, worthy, wrath.

OT:599 'anaph (aw-naf'); a primitive
root; to breathe hard, i.e. be
enraged: KJV - be angry
(displeased).

Prov 19:11 NKJV The discretion of a man
makes him slow to anger, and his glory is
to overlook a transgression.

In asking the Lord if He had something to
say, He spoke "distemper".

"Recently it is believed to be the culprit in
the death of a number of African lions".

See:

<http://www.vetinfo.com/dencyclopedia/dedistemper.html>

Also this article has all the details about the RNA virus that causes it and other information that may be helpful for other than spiritual reasons.

<http://www.animalhealthchannel.com/distemper/index.shtml#transmission>

The Lion is a symbol of the apostolic ministry. And I felt when I read about the lions suffering from this, that the Lord was impressing upon me, that the true apostles in the land that he is raising up across the world, have had a certain frustration going on in them about the conditions of the church and the world. But that letting that frustration develop into anger, other than righteous anger is a bit like Jonah when he didn't want to go to Ninevah. He knew the kindness of the Lord, but his heart was not one with God's

heart towards the PEOPLE of Ninevah.
For the Lord is not willing that any should
perish.

"So what do you want to say Father ?" I
asked. And I heard...

"Many of you now are going through
treatment for distemper. **Your anger has
infected you and turned to pride and
resentment, and unless you get some
"shots" of My love to your heart and soul,
you will not fulfill the call on your life.** I
am not frustrated easily by your own
weaknesses or sin. Yet many of you have
judged others unjustly without recognition
of your own sin and weaknesses. I am
SLOW to anger and full of kindness and I
am not given to wrath easily. Though
there is plenty to be angry about in the
world today. Things are proceeding as
expected and foreseen."

Joel 2:13 NKJV Nah 1:3 NKJV Ps
145:8-9 NKJV

Ps 103:8-10 NKJV **The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.** 9 He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities.

Prov 15:18 NKJV A wrathful man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger allays contention.

“Many of you, I have intention of using to correct the problems in the church, **but if you are sent to correct you must do it with no selfish ambition or vengeance in your hearts. You must go in LOVE and obedience, and not because you have “an axe to grind”. You cannot have resentment in your heart for what has been done to you, or what I HAVE ALLOWED to soften you and break your pride. Oh yes, some**

of you are still mad at ME for allowing things in your life that made you the person you are !!! But you are not seeing the whole picture that I see.

Many have rejected you because I was making you more and more like ME. Many have rejected you because of the calling on your life, out of jealousy and their own selfish ambition. Many have been slain in the sanctuaries, and bludgeoned by the greed of those building their own kingdoms. But I have a miraculous plan. For I have said that **if you share in My SUFFERING, that you will also share in My GLORY !** So cast aside all your anger and all your bitterness My sons and daughters, for nothing that has happened to you will be for nought in the days ensuing. **If you will repent of your bitterness and anger, and resentment towards ME, and others, I will use you mightily to bring down the plans of the**

enemy and to reap the great harvest of the centuries. But if you continue in anger and ill speaking and bitterness of heart.

You will be **PASSED OVER**. ASK and it shall be given you ! Knock and the door will be opened ! Just ask Me, and I will heal the brokenness of your heart. Come away with Me and LET ME touch you ! And all that has happened will be reversed and you will see Divine reversals in your life and circumstances. Inquire of Me, and I will show you all you need to do."

SEE Lamentations 3:1-42 NKJV

I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

2 He has driven me away and made me walk in darkness rather than light;

3 indeed, he has turned his hand against me again and again, all day long.

4 He has made my skin and my flesh grow old and has broken my bones.

- 5 He has besieged me and surrounded me
with bitterness and hardship.
- 6 He has made me dwell in darkness like
the dead of long ago.
- 7 He has hedged me in so that I cannot
get out; He has made my chain heavy. 8
Even when I cry and shout, He shuts out
my prayer.
- 9 He has blocked my ways with hewn stone;
He has made my paths crooked.
- 10 He has been to me a bear lying in wait,
Like a lion in ambush.
- 11 He has turned aside my ways and torn
me in pieces; He has made me desolate. 12
He has bent His bow and set me up as a
target for the arrow.
- 13 He has caused the arrows of His quiver
to pierce my loins.
- 14 I have become the ridicule of all my
people — Their taunting song all the day.
- 15 He has filled me with bitterness, He
has made me drink wormwood.

16 He has also broken my teeth with
gravel, and covered me with ashes.
17 You have moved my soul far from
peace; I have forgotten prosperity.
18 And I said, "My strength and my hope
Have perished from the LORD."
19 Remember my affliction and roaming,
The wormwood and the gall....

**"REALIZE My sons and daughters, that I
love you immeasurably, and beyond anything
you can imagine. There is no one that
loves you as I do. I was not wanting pain
or discomfort and oppression in your life.**

**Yet many of you in your bitterness of
heart have come to expect pain and lack of
comfort because of the things you have
suffered. I AM WANTING TO RESTORE
all things. I have said that the knowledge
of ME will cover the earth. I want you to
change your expectations to fit with MINE
for you. I want you to believe how much I
love you and am for you !"**

Isa 11:9-12 NIV Ps 106:32-33 NKJV

Ps 55:11-13 NKJV

Ps 55:9-10 NKJV

Ps 31:20 NKJV **You shall hide them in
the secret place of Your presence
from the plots of man; You shall keep them
secretly in a pavilion from the strife of
tongues.**

OT:7379 riyb (reeb); or rib (reeb); from
OT:7378; a contest (personal or legal):
KJV - adversary, cause, chiding, contend
(-tion), controversy, multitude [from the
margin], pleading, strife, strive (-ing),
suit.

OT:7378 riyb (reeb); or ruwb (roob); a
primitive root; properly, to toss, i.e.
grapple; mostly figuratively, to wrangle,
i.e. hold a controversy; (by implication) to
defend: KJV - adversary, chide, complain,
contend, debate, ever, lay wait, plead,
rebuke, strive, thoroughly.

A Song to My Beloveds

Dec 2nd, 2005 2:20 am

Thru Priscilla Van Sutphin

**I come to sing a song of love to My
beloveds**

**A song of hope and glory, a song of pain
and joy.**

**The time is coming to a close, and
everybody knows**

**That joy and laughter, mirth and gladness
Flee in the depths of hate and darkness
Except in the hands of one who
understands**

**That freedom is not abundance of things
But freedom is being in a state that sings
Of love and joy, of peace and of hope
Of lives healed and dead bodies raised
To linger on the earth in a glorious phase
For the sake of bearing glory for the
Ancient of Days.**

I come to sing a song of lament

For lives full of darkness and times not well
spent.

I come to sing a tune of a dirge
For to the earth I am coming to purge
The work of demons, and foul things of the
earth

The things that maim, and steal all mirth.

The things that kill the soul of a man
The one full of evil will not long stand
For the Glorious One Who holds the earth
in His hands

Has come down to share in the battle, and
to save the lands

Before all is destroyed by the father of
lies

And before the bells ring, and the man of
sin decries.

I come to sing a song of JOYS
For birthing is coming and a release to all
the ploys
Of the enemy to keep My beloveds from
their hope

For nothing can stop what I have in My
scope.

I'm joy and I'm gladness, I'm love fully
restored

I've treasures in darkness I want employed
To work for the King and to serve Him with
might

Truly their love will give satan a fright !
I'm coming down in the cool winter wind
Midst the storms and the clouds, his
decrees I'll resist !

His spirit grows strong in the violence of
earth

Lawlessness rushes in on the skirts of dirt

But I am not weak as some men suppose
To all the dirt and the muck I will give you
a HOSE !

Power and glory descend now from above
On the gentle wings of the snow white
Dove.

His power is much more than men have
given Him credit

And to the mocking and scorning He will
make a great debit.

For sons and daughters who've been far
away

Will get revelation of the brand new day !

Their eyes will be opened and hearts
renewed

I will come down and answer prayers
accrued !

**Suddenlies will break forth in the desert
times now !**

**Miracles will come to raise the furrowed
brow .**

I will have My way midst the mayhem and
storms

I will set the enemy running and the veils
will be torn

That have blinded nations and blinded men
and women alike

To the serpent of old will I give a good
HIKE !

A price will be paid, about which you've
read

For blood will be spilled in many a bed !
Many martyrs will speak out in the dread.
For in their death will I bring life instead.
Life and love to nations will I pour out in
the valley of decision

The enemies will be left in the dust of the
vale of derision.

Transformation is coming to the church
which exalts ME.

So don't give in to sadness, but dance and
sing with GLEE !

For in the end, the earth will finally be
made FREE !

For all will come and worship ME.
From lowest to highest in the order of man
Will they come from near and far to
express joy in the land
The King of Kings will rule in reign on the
earth

And times will be so different, full of joy
and mirth !

Even as the seasons change,
to all hearts will I rearrange.

Hearts will be filled to the full with My
love

Hearts will skip and dance and enjoy all
from above.

Men will be changed, and children will
dance

There will be no end to the Divine Romance
!

from Ruach Elohim thru Priscilla

Parable of the faithful & unfaithful sons &
daughters

Oct 12, 2005

Priscilla Van Sutphin

www.upstreamca.org

A Father had many sons and daughters and
He was so proud of them.

He raised them up in the best way He could, but He could not keep them in His presence always. He had so much work to do that He entrusted them to other earth parents to raise. He had so many that He had to give one or two, on up to eight or even twelve to any one other family to raise them.

He gave them all His name. And He granted them abilities and talents, in varying measures to all of them. As they grew they encountered many of life's problems and He granted to many of them protection to a degree, but not to the fullness needed to prevent all pain. Many of the parents He gave them too, did not believe in the faithfulness of the Father so they were ignorant and did not know how to look to Him for the wisdom in raising them or to pray for them to keep them from the enemy in the earth.

Some of the parents did believe and to them, WHEN they asked, He gave them wisdom. But so many did not think to ask Him, nor had very much communication with them, even though He made Himself available to them at any time of night or day. This Great Father had an enemy, who sought to kill, steal, and rob the children of the knowledge of their Greatest Father.

The Father, saw the plight of the children even ahead of time, and His Son Who was an overseer and participant in the creation of all these children, offered Himself from the moment Father saw the problems coming with His enemy, to die for the sake of these children the Father had so loved. So at the designated time and place, this Son came down onto earth and died and suffered a terrible and horrendous death, but not before being tortured unlike any other man in history,

for the sake of releasing all those children from the hands of the enemy spiritually.

He was not even recognizable when they nailed Him finally to a cross and left Him hang there naked in front of many people.

You see, the Father, because of laws He set in motion, could not always rescue them from ALL of life's perils, because He had given to the enemy a degree of ruler-ship over the earth upon which they lived. But when the Son of Glory died, He provided this wonderful gift called GRACE to all the children who would call on the name of the Son , and surrender their lives to Him. Immediately angels would be dispatched to help in the process of that child growing up and being healed and delivered from the clutches of the evil enemy.

There was never a time when that enemy didn't seek to put doubt and accusation in the minds of the children against the love

and fairness, and justice of the Great Father. He had a whole army of minions that tried to dissuade the children from ever holding firm to the TRUTH of the Father's words. He would lie, and scheme, and play tricks in the minds of the children, making them think that his thoughts were their thoughts. He would steal, rob and cause illness and do things to cause them to be rejected by others, and to be fearful.

The Father, noticed also that some children, once they surrendered to the Holy Father, and accepted what his Son did, and decided to surrender to His will, and ways of doing things, began to do something funny. It seemed that The world and those who didn't like the ways of the Great Father, often would mock and persecute, and reject the children who did surrender to His ways. So those persecuted, became timid, and hid the light

that shined through them with a mantle of fear and trepidation.

They denied that they Belonged to the Great Father. The Great Father grew so sad, that tears flowed from His eyes profusely, hour after hour of the day, as He saw His beloved children pretending like they didn't really belong to Him, or that they were not who they really were. He felt like the earthly fathers did, who were abandoned sometimes by their children and unappreciated for all the things they had done for them.

Another thing happened when the children did not demonstrate their love for the Father in public, and acted ashamed of belonging to Him. They would spend a lot of time PRETENDING to be like the rest of the children in the world who didn't know Him. The enemy of the Great Father, found that with those, he could rob and

steal from them, because they were full of fear. He found a legal right to hurt, to steal, to render the covenant void in areas of their lives where they were weak.

And because of the fear and intimidation of those who persecuted them, the people began to give in to other sins. They began to compromise the very Truth that set them free from the laws of sin and death.

This opened wide the door of their souls for the enemy to kill them, and steal from them many things. His whole aim seemed to be to get them to doubt their own selves and the Father who made them, to rob them of their FAITH.

Many of the children to whom He had given great gifts and opportunities, seemed to take credit for everything they did for Him. They forgot about His GRACE and forgot about His admonitions to not take the glory for themselves. They wanted the

fame and money that came from position and power in the organized churches. They thought somehow that if they did more, they could have a greater place in heaven. They forgot the Words of the Son that admonished against this. The buildings in which many held church became so important to them, that they would no longer follow the words of the Son that said to leave the 99 and go find the one that was lost.

The Father was so grieved that after all the time they had in the world to learn from His Word and from other people's mistakes, and from the Holy Spirit Whom He had given to them as a great gift so they could always hear from Him, that He was in anguish, and thought about how He could get them to remember the great sacrifice He made and His Son made for them. He So longed to be kind to them and to have more communication with Him,

but again and again He was ignored. His heart was so broken and in grief for the way they trampled on the great gift of grace given them. He grieved at the way the enemy was stealing their FAITH.

He reread through the book of life. He kept this great book in which was recorded by angelic scribes, every thought, movement and act of the children on earth. Every time they spoke of the Lord it was recorded. Every time they prayed or laughed. All the history of a man was contained in these books. The Father was SO GENEROUS, towards all who had said, they loved the Son, but the ones whom He was most pleased with were those who OBEYED what the Son told them, for just like an earthly parent, who is pleased when their children obey them, so the Great Father was pleased when His children did not lie, nor pretend, nor steal, or kill, or speak ill of others. He kept track of

every detail and had told them they would have to give an account one day for every word that came out of their mouths. He kept track of every time His children looked to Him for guidance and thanked Him for all He had given them. He watched each time they were disregarded by others and yet did not give in to the enemy's hatred.

So in this time coming near to the time His Son would return and make things right in the earth. He thought to bless greatly those children who were willing to suffer anything just so they could do what is right in the eyes of their Beloved Great Father.

He wanted to share with them the glory that He had given to the Son, because He knew that the evil one was planning to kill them all if he could. He saw how they were being worn down by the cares of life, and the stresses of all the evil that was growing in the world. So He thought to

pour down into them, more of His LIGHT so they could truly be released from all the darkness in their attitudes and motivations. He wanted them to be free of the torments the enemy had done to them, and to make a display of His power through them. So many Had grown weak and emaciated spiritually.

He prepared the armies of angels for this time that He would do this.

He began to make note of all who were willing to not deny Him before men. He made note of the ones who had suffered pain, affliction, sickness and torments from the evil one and yet had not denied Him, nor grown bitter. He wrote it all down and decided to show favor at a set time to all those faithful children. But the ones who pretended to be like others in the world, and refused His offers of love, and healing presence, He declared unworthy of the gift of the greatest light.

He decided to give them light, but it would only be in proportion to the suffering and pain they had been willing to endure on His behalf, to what they were willing to give up, and the obedience they showed towards His voice and ways, for those who had truly been willing to follow the SON in all His ways were the most pleasing because they had shown love back to Him in these ways. He did not count the acts done for Him, that He didn't tell them to do. For they were not in obedience to His will, but only works done in striving and pretense of real relationship.

Rev 3:5 AMP Thus shall he who conquers (is victorious) be clad in white garments, and I will not erase or blot out his name from the Book of Life; I will acknowledge him [as Mine] and I will confess his name openly before My Father and before His angels. [Ps 69:28; Dan 12:1.]

Rev 17:8 Rev 20:15 AMP Rev 21:25-27
AMP

Rev 22:19 AMP And if anyone cancels or takes away from the statements of the book of this prophecy [these predictions relating to Christ's kingdom and its speedy triumph, together with the consolations and admonitions or warnings pertaining to them], God will cancel and take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the city of holiness (purity and hallowedness), which are described and promised in this book.

The Lion Will Roar !

June 22nd, 2005

Via Priscilla Van Sutphin

www.upstreamca.org

Joel 3:16 NKJV The LORD also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from

Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

Job 37:2-4 NIV Listen! Listen to the roar of his voice, to the rumbling that comes from his mouth. 3 He unleashes his lightning beneath the whole heaven and sends it to the ends of the earth. 4 After that comes the sound of his roar; he thunders with his majestic voice. When his voice resounds, he holds nothing back.

Hos 11:10-11 NKJV "They shall walk after the LORD. He will roar like a lion. When He roars, then His sons shall come trembling from the west; 11 They shall come trembling like a bird from Egypt, like a dove from the land of Assyria. And I will let them dwell in their houses," Says the LORD.

I had read the story of the young woman rescued by three lions and afterwards I

was contemplating it. And the Lord said,

“The Lion will roar !”

So I asked Him what He wanted to say
about that...

“Tzion is a place in communion with Me. I will roar, and I will roar over my people. I will roar THROUGH my people ! I will demonstrate My MIGHT in the midst of darkness. Even as the Lion hunts by night time, will I hunt in the dark hour that is coming. I will roar over the earth and there will be signs and wonders as never before ! I am increasing FAITH in My beloveds, for without FAITH it is impossible to please God I've said in My Word. You cannot have the opportunity to stand in Faith unless it is tested. Testing proves you and takes you to a deeper place of intimacy with ME if you turn to Me in the testing and TRUST in Me to see you through.

Apart from ME you can do nothing anyway. So in being tested, you learn to persevere and to stand patiently in the waiting for Me to see you through.

It is demanding and it also crushes the FLESH. So do not despise the testing as it is working a greater glory in you ! I have said that those who share in My suffering will share in My glory !”

Rom 8:17 NIV Now if we are children, then we are heirs-heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

“ My glory is not attained by striving. It is attained by persevering and intimate relationship with Me and My sufferings. Human thinking is always to escape any suffering. No one likes to suffer. I did not send My Son to suffer without enduring pain in My own heart, knowing the

humiliation He would have to endure ! I am not delighted in you having to suffer. I want you to know wisdom & understanding.

The person who never has to suffer has learned very little about life. That person doesn't know what it is to comfort the sick or dying, or the distraught and broken people. They will not be able to empathize with anyone except they gain My wisdom. I can give anyone compassion who asks for it. But those who never suffer seldom ask. Look around you and see if it is not so. A sensitive and compassionate soul is a rare commodity in today's world. Men's hearts have grown cold.

But I am working a lasting and enduring work in you ! I will have a body that is free from PRIDE and ARROGANCE and cold love. I will bless those who walk in forgiveness and kindness. I will bless those who bless and do not curse. Vengeance belongs to ME alone !

Retaliation is MY job. It is not for you to judge. I do not judge by the sight of My eyes or the hearing of My ears, but I know what is in the heart of a man. You have to rely on what you observe, see, or hear. But I alone know what is in the heart of a human being. So rely not on your own judgment. **BUT LEAN ON ME.** Ask ME the questions you have. See if I am not willing to answer you !

Suffering is a part of growth in life. Rely on Me to know whatever you need to know ! Do not trust in your own judgments, but trust alone in ME. I will give you the wisdom you need to understand others, if you will but ask. I will show you how to love each other if you only ASK. I've said, whoever asks will receive, so keep on asking and you will get answers that you need !

Rely on ME for all the wisdom and understanding you need. For I am pouring it out in this hour in abundance ! Take My

yoke upon you, and learn of Me. For I am GENTLE and lowly of heart. Do not think of yourself as better than others. The Son of man came to serve. So wash each other's feet ! Serve one another. PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER that you might be healed of all you need healing for. Lean on ME for I love you as no other loves you !

I AM your RESCUER. I AM your HIGH TOWER. I AM EL GIBOR - the MIGHTY ONE OF ISRAEL. Nothing is too difficult for Me. Rely on ME for all you need ! Come to me when you grow weary and fell down and overwhelmed with this world you live in. I have an understanding heart. I am always here for you ! Nothing is too difficult for me. Call upon me and you will be saved from your enemies !"

Two Lanes

Oct 11th, 2006

Matt 7:14 AMP But the gate is narrow (contracted by pressure) and the way is straitened and compressed that leads away to life, and few are those who find it.

[Deut 30:19; Jer 21:8.]

Matt 7:14-16 The way to life — to God! — is vigorous and requires total attention.

15 "Be wary of false preachers who smile a lot, dripping with practiced sincerity. Chances are they are out to rip you off some way or other. Don't be impressed with charisma; look for character. **16-20** Who preachers are is the main thing, not what they say. A genuine leader will never exploit your emotions or your pocketbook. These diseased trees with their bad apples are going to be chopped down and burned.

THE MESSAGE Bible

" The road that leads to life is narrow. It requires abandonment - abandonment to ME. Not many are willing to live their lives FOR ME. Many live their lives but they

don't seek ME as their ADONAI. They are willing to come to Me and to find what they want of Me. Not many are willing to lay everything down for ME as their inheritance.

Ezek 44:28 NKJV "It shall be, in regard to their inheritance, that I am their inheritance. You shall give them no possession in Israel, for I am their possession.

Is there anything that I will withhold from those who truly love Me as their first love? I've said, that if any two agree as touching anything, that will I do. I am FAITHFUL to perform My Word. It is you who are unbelieving and who give up so easily. In a war YOU MUST FIGHT. Can you imagine a war in which your enemy just gives up his gun, or gives you his food willingly? Can you imagine that if the enemy wants to kill you and is intent on it, that he will stop

progressing toward that goal ? NO. So you cannot think you can just passively go through your days , and that if you just DO NOTHING to FIGHT WITH THE WEAPONS I've GIVEN YOU, THAT THE ENEMY IS JUST GOING TO GIVE OVER WHATEVER HE REALLY WANTS TO WITHHOLD, OR TO GIVE UP ON KILLING YOU. HE HATES ME AND HE HATES YOU. You MUST fight beloveds for this war is real. It is more real than the ones being fought in the natural. DO NOT LAY DOWN YOUR WEAPONS. Remember in Nehemiah how they held their weapon in one hand and worked with the other hand ?

Neh 4:16-18 NKJV Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon. 18 Every one of the builders had his sword girded at his side as

he built. And the one who sounded the trumpet was beside me.

Just as Sanballat and Tobiah opposed the rebuilding of the walls and temple, so in this time the enemies of Your Lord, also oppose the rebuilding of **MY TRUE CHURCH**. They do not want to see the reestablishment of **TRUTH**, nor the reestablishment of **MY RULE** in the earth.

They want to crush any building or **HARVESTING**. So you **MUST** take up the weapons of your warfare, and **FIGHT** the good fight. Do not listen to the accusations of the enemy as you keep building relationships with one another and loving the lost. Keep up the fight. I am sending in more reserves !

{ As He said this, it was almost as if I could hear Him laughing, chuckling to Himself !}

Even as the enemy is increasing his troops thinking to crush you, so I also have reserved many of MY HEAVENLY ARMY for this hour who will assist you in the fight !

Does not a good general anticipate the enemy's moves before he makes them ?

Surely you know that I AM THE WINNER ! I AM THE ONE WHO HOLDS THE KEYS TO DEATH AND HELL. And the GATES OF HELL WILL NOT PREVAIL against My beloveds ! HEAVENLY JUSTICE is about to be poured out as never before beloveds.

BELIEVE AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE.

Come close, listen to My whisper. Quiet yourself so you can hear My strategies on a daily basis. Let me show you the Way.

For I AM the WAY the TRUTH and the LIFE. Ask and you will receive. Knock and the door will be opened. WIELD THE SWORD OF TRUTH AND DON'T STOP ! Sharpen your sword for the time has come for the battle of all time. Know that I AM

with you in this one more than you can
imagine, will I be with you."

Matt 28:20 teaching them to observe all
things that I have commanded you; and lo,
I am with you always, even to the end of
the age." Amen. NKJV

"I am going to shine My glory so that every
man's heart will be utterly exposed in My
presence. As I do this, I will give
everyman the choice to leave all the chains
behind and to move forward in MY GRACE,
or to keep on doing his will. But if that
one chooses LIFE, he will receive all he
desires to do it ! GRACE, GRACE,
ABUNDANT GRACE. Those who spit on My
grace will be sorrowful and given to
delusion. Do NOT
let unsanctified mercy lead you into false
compassion for those who are wicked in
their hearts. Guard your hearts beloveds

for great delusion comes, and destruction
with it.

Keep in the WORD, and let no man deceive
you with false allurements of riches and
turn you from devotion to ME. SHUT the
mouth of the LIAR with TRUTH. SPEAK
My truth and believe on it, and walk in the
light as I am in the light, and you will stay
on the narrow way. I will give all that you
need to do what I've given each of you to
do.

I have more than enough in My treasuries
to fulfill the needs of all men. All things
are possible to he who believes."

Via Priscilla Van Sutphin

The Ultimate Perversion

Sept 20th, 2006

Priscilla Van Sutphin

www.upstreamca.org

The Lord told me to read the speech of President Ahmadinejad at the U.N.

Then I waited for His words...

“ When you read, read slowly. When you hear, listen closely. For in this hour black will be called white and purity will be tauted as evil. There is a strong perversion that has entered in to many churches who say they are “Christian” and yet do not follow MY teachings, nor do they understand My ways. There is a stronger delusion, that has been displayed by those cloaking themselves with religion from the east, that what they do, they do to create peace, tranquility and establish justice for all men. But their justice comes only at the end of a sword, by force, and not by reasoning.

There are foundational doctrines that have been perverted in My church to FIT with the order of worldly thinking, false religion

and worldly solutions. Truth is being traded for compromises. Compassion has been traded for greed and fame. Humility has been traded for arrogance and pride. Gentleness has been traded for avarice and intolerance. Love has been traded for selfishness and apathy. Pretense and deception are the order of the day.

I AM a GOD of TRUTH and JUSTICE, and I will establish MY JUSTICE over the injustice that is in the world and it's false religions. Men will be astonished at the WAY I do this in the coming days. Do not hide from the truth, My western Bride, for lightening comes from the east. Some things will not be changed except with judgment. But it will bring forth fruit and a sweet aroma of freshly harvested grain, as I allow those disdained to bring justice and judgment to the nations. For I WILL BE SEEN in the midst of peril and turmoil.

**My glory will shine through you as I
explode in your hearts.**

**I will not abandon you nor destroy you.
Yet your heart will weep at the many who
will be destroyed for they wished to mock
and laugh at Me instead of bowing to ME.**

**Seek MY FACE, not just My hand My
people. I am gracious and merciful even
now to those who are willing to turn to
Me. Speak My Words in praise. Speak My
Words to prophesy to your circumstances.
Speak My Words to pray over your sons
and your daughters, and those in your
family called elect. There is a sword of
RIGHTEOUSNESS, I am exalting in this
hour.**

I will not tolerate hatred of one another.

**I will exalt those who, in LOVE,
CONFRONT without worrying how they will
look to others. The FEAR OF MAN in this
hour will cause you great pain and be an**

entrance point for error that leads to madness. You must renounce it, and ask ME to destroy it in your lives. Remember those in Gideon's time who were disqualified due to fear. Do not allow FEAR to reign in your hearts. Bask in the rays of My SON that you may be filled with LOVE that overcomes all fear. Raise your voices in praise. Lift your spirits with worship of ME, and I will dispel all the hopelessness and fear. Come to ME and ask to LOVE THE TRUTH. For I AM TRUTH. I AM LOVE.

I AM ALL YOU NEED. I AM YOUR SOURCE. Abandon the ways of man and the corporate greed of the world around you. Cling to ME and you will be hidden in the wrath to come. There is nothing hidden that will not be revealed. Come away with Me and learn of Me, for I am gentle and lowly of heart. My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Come and talk to

Me, let us reason together about all you need to know. Allow Me to teach you and reveal to you the secrets of My heart that will sustain you in the hour that is at hand."

Performance Mentality

Aug. 23rd. 2006

tearsofthefather@sbcglobal.net

www.upstreamca.org

"I am breaking down all the performance mentality in My people because there is much activity without it being OF ME. There are lots of programs and good things being done, but very few LISTENING TO ME. You justify yourselves by doing good things, but don't want to look to ME for how I see things ! How can you not see that this is the carnal mind that listens to the enemy ? Am I a man ? Am I powerless to do anything in the situation you find yourselves ? Do you not see that

it is UNBELIEF clouding your vision so instead of listening, you DO. And you rationalize that in the doing I will bless you.

In fact, I love blessing you, but not just because of what you do. When the doing is what I've told you, of course I love that, but when you do just to fill time and space, that is not obedience. It is quite the opposite. How can it be so bad you think to yourselves ? Abraham did a "good thing" and now look at the fruit of that ?!!!! People diametrically opposed and walking in religious fervor, causing pain and suffering to the whole world !

Can you see that just doing what SEEMS good is not the same as doing what I SAY. The lie has been taught that you don't have to listen, it's already in the BOOK. It's true, that truth fills My Word. But the application of it I put in your heart. I

don't want just hearers of course, but doers it's true. But to know what I want, you have to have **RELATIONSHIP** with **ME**, which assumes you want to **KNOW ME**.

KNOWING ME must be the preeminent thing for you. That is what Adam and Eve enjoyed, what Enoch and Noah walked in.

They enjoyed walking **WITH ME**.

If you walk **YOUR OWN WAY**, you are not walking **WITH Me**, but opposite **Me**. My sheep hear My voice and they follow me. Some of you I speak to in riddles, some I speak in dreams and visions, and some I speak with face to face, and mouth to ear, but I **SPEAK**, to all who are **WILLING** to **LISTEN**.

If you are doing all the talking and not listening, it becomes difficult and impossible to hear. If you become too **BUSY** with the things of this world, then it is impossible to hear. So if you will put **ME FIRST**, then you will take time with

Me, and learn to KNOW ME. You will find I am NOT a harsh taskmaster. That is the god of this world. I am in LOVE with you.

I created you to love and to be loved. TRUST in MY LOVE above all things, and it will transform your life to one of BELIEF instead of unbelief ! All doubt will flee when you really BELIEVE I am a GOOD FATHER!

A Good Father can be TRUSTED. TRUST is the KEY issue beloveds. It is all the experiences of this world that cause mistrust and I am always working to help you to find TRUST and to KNOW MY LOVE above all else. This way the enemy cannot gain a stronghold over your mind. His purpose is to cause you to doubt My love and My benevolence towards you, and to defame My intentions. He accuses you and He accuses Me. He accuses. I don't want YOU to be in league with him, so I do not want you on the side of the accuser ! I

want you believing I will do as My Word says, so that you will walk in CONFIDENCE which really causes great consternation to the enemy !

So come before My throne of GRACE with thanksgiving in your heart and know that I love you immensely, and that NOTHING can change that. It is your own doubts that cause you pain. Forsake the liar and take EVERY thought captive ! The hour is close to My return, and I am perfecting ALL that concerns you. Keep close and in communion with ME in this hour so you know what is truth and what is a lie. For I am speaking if you will just wait on ME, and listen.

Luke 1:31-33 AMP And listen ! You will become pregnant and will give birth to a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great (eminent) and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord

God will give to Him the throne of His forefather David, 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob throughout the ages; and of His reign there will be no end.
[Isa 9:6,7; Dan 2:44.]

Luke 14:34-35 AMP Salt is good [an excellent thing], but if salt has lost its strength and has become saltless (insipid, flat), how shall its saltiness be restored?
35 It is fit neither for the land nor for the manure heap; men throw it away. He who has ears to hear, let him listen and consider and comprehend by hearing!

Luke 15:1 AMP NOW THE tax collectors and [notorious and especially wicked] sinners were all coming near to [Jesus] to listen to Him.

Luke 18:31 AMP Then taking the Twelve [apostles] aside, He said to them, Listen ! We are going up to Jerusalem, and all

things that are written about the Son of Man through and by the prophets will be fulfilled. [Isa 53.]

John 8:43 AMP Why do you misunderstand what I say? It is because you are unable to hear what I am saying. [You cannot bear to listen to My message; your ears are shut to My teaching.]

John 8:47 AMP Whoever is of God listens to God. [Those who belong to God hear the words of God.] This is the reason that you do not listen [to those words, to Me]: because you do not belong to God and are not of God or in harmony with Him.

Priscilla Van Sutphin - Upstream Ministries

Knights in Black Armor

June 18th, 2006 12:12 am

Priscilla Van Sutphin

www.upstreamca.org

“Efficiency, perfectionism, exclusivity, righteous indignation with pride, lack of love, compromise, desire for fame and fortune. What do these things have in common? This is the religious spirit at work in My church.

The bane of existence for those without any formal training are those who blatantly regard intellect and prowess as the ultimate standards for ministry. Yet My Word says...

1 Cor 1:18-19 AMP For the story and message of the cross is sheer absurdity and folly to those who are perishing and on their way to perdition, but to us who are being saved it is the [manifestation of] the power of God. 19 For it is written, I will baffle and render useless and destroy the learning of the learned and the philosophy of the philosophers and the cleverness of

the clever and the discernment of the discerning; I will frustrate and nullify [them] and bring [them] to nothing. [Isa 29:14.]

The arrogance and pride of man I will bring to nothing for I have said,

Mal 4:1-2 NKJV The Great Day of God -
"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," says the LORD of hosts, "that will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves.

"I wanted RELATIONSHIP with man, and it is for RELATIONSHIP I died. RELATIONSHIP with ME. I wanted a

bride. I do not want the harlot church. I want a bride without spot or wrinkle I said.

THAT is what I am coming for ! I am coming again because I must have a bride without blemishes and warts, and dirty a face, and corrupt morals. A little bit of this, a little bit of that, take this, take that, mix it up with the world and witchcraft, and you think that I will wink and not look ? Do you think I will stay My hand forever ? WHY, many ask do you do nothing Lord ? WHEN will You come ? they say. I AM at hand. And I will purge My threshing floor of all the deception of the enemy, in many places all over the world. But evil will continue to arise. Separation is happening because many refuse to repent of their evil deeds. Many think that I am complacent when it is YOU that is complacent and who refuses to confront what you see with your eyes.

What will it take for you to overcome your fears My sons & daughters ? How long will you run from My presence ? What will it take for you to see ME as I really am ? Ask and you will receive ! KNOCK, and the door will be opened. DO NOT RETREAT. Do not overlook wrongs when I am calling you to confront. Do not overlook correction I want you to speak, when I TELL YOU. Do ONLY what I want. Say only what I say. Do not judge as if you were not vulnerable to the same taunts and temptations of the enemy. But you MUST confront the lack of fruit, the lack of morals, the lack of ethical and righteous behavior. You don't ignore it to make it go away ! You CONFRONT IT ! Know that if you will pray for many, they will be saved.

But if I tell you to confront someone and you don't, that their blood is on your hands. I will be calling you in days ahead to enter into places of worship and to

DECREE MY WORD. If you hold your tongue, you will be liable for the souls of those who would have responded to My Word. It's not that I can't bring someone else. But it is I speaking through you. This is not a game. This is reality. My words are more reality than the words of man. Will you not speak when I tell you to speak. Will you not be silent when I ask you to be silent, and to pray when I tell you to PRAY ? Am I not your Adonai? Am I just a tool to make you feel better ? Or am I the **LOVING GOD** of the universe who gave his only begotten Son to die for you ?

I make an effort to communicate with you, but it will not always be at YOUR convenience. It will be when I say. Do not submit yourselves to bullies and tyrants, nor to false teachers."

2 Peter 2:1-3 AMP BUT ALSO [in those days] there arose false prophets among the

people, just as there will be false teachers among yourselves, who will subtly and stealthily introduce heretical doctrines (destructive heresies), even denying and disowning the Master Who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

2 And many will follow their immoral ways and lascivious doings; because of them the true Way will be maligned and defamed. 3 And in their covetousness (lust, greed) they will exploit you with false (cunning) arguments. From of old the sentence [of condemnation] for them has not been idle; their destruction (eternal misery) has not been asleep.

Gal 5:9 AMP A little leaven (a slight inclination to error, or a few false teachers) leavens the whole lump [it perverts the whole conception of faith or misleads the whole church].

Gal 3:18 AMP For if the inheritance [of the promise depends on observing] the Law

[as these false teachers would like you to believe], it no longer [depends] on the promise; however, God gave it to Abraham [as a free gift solely] by virtue of His promise.

2 Cor 3:1-2 AMP ARE WE starting to commend ourselves again? Or we do not, like some [false teachers], need written credentials or letters of recommendation to you or from you, [do we]? 2 [No] you yourselves are our letter of recommendation (our credentials), written in your hearts, to be known (perceived, recognized) and read by everybody.

Gal 3:10 AMP And all who depend on the Law [who are seeking to be justified by obedience to the Law of rituals] are under a curse and doomed to disappointment and destruction, for it is written in the Scriptures, Cursed (accursed, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment) be everyone who does not continue to abide

(live and remain) by all the precepts and commands written in the Book of the Law and to practice them. [Deut 27:26.]

Ps 123:4 AMP Our life is exceedingly filled with the scorning and scoffing of those who are at ease and with the contempt of the proud (irresponsible tyrants who disregard God's law).

Jer 15:21 AMP And I will deliver you out of the hands of the wicked, and I will redeem you out of the palms of the terrible and ruthless tyrants .

Ezek 34:17 AMP And as for you, O My flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between the rams and the great he-goats [the malicious and the tyrants of the pasture].

“ For false teachers abound in My pastures and they devour My sheep and they distort the teaching to the lambs to pervert their ways. This is all the work of the antichrist

who seeks to destroy My Bride. If you only **KNEW** how much I love you, and how much I love everyone, despite their delusions and the deceptions, you would grasp **MY** desperation for relationship much more fully. **COME** to **ME** I said, all you who labor and are heavy burdened. **COME**, that's all it takes is to **COME** to **ME**. **COME**, come, come, and hide yourself inside **MY HEART**.

For I have so many things to teach you and show you. Do not masquerade anymore the truth that I have been teaching you. Do not hide your pearls, nor throw them to swine either. Instead I say to **SHOUT** from the rooftops what you hear in your ear, that the world may know there is but **ONE** Who loves them more than anything or anyone in this world.

Now is **NOT** the time to shrink back, but to advance, to **CHARGE**, **TO MOVE** forward

in being **BOLD** for the gospel ! **KNOW** that
I WILL BACK YOU UP !

KNOW that I love you and will be your rear guard if you will but trust **ME** and do what I **WANT**, and not just what you "feel" to do. If you want "back up", if you want signs and wonders, then **PREACH THE GOSPEL** without compromise. Teach it ! Preach it ! Share your testimony so that others might know. How much time do you think before the opposition erupts ? Do you know the seasons and the timing that is on My heart ? Have you laid your life before me and asked **ME** to do whatever I **WANT** ? Do you really love **ME** enough to do that ? Are you willing to do what I **WANT**, and not just what **YOU** want ?

Do you think it was an inconvenience to me to die on the cross ? Do you think there was any other way I could have done what I did, than to walk in the **LOVE** of My Father ? Remember how it says, that I

would steal away to PRAY ? Talk to ME
beloveds. You seem so much to want to
talk to each other more than you talk to
ME.

There are many knights in black armor
these days, hiding their sins, hiding their
delusions, hiding their disdain for others.
I want an army that walks in PURITY and
HOPE, and LOVE. How will you grasp all I
have to tell you if you are UNWILLING to
hear the TRUTH ? I want to hold you and
love you, but you run and you run, and you
run ! You would rather DO something than
be held in MY ARMS OF LOVE ! How
would your wife or husband feel if that was
your attitude towards them ? Do you think
I might feel the same way when you fight
against spending time with ME ? I AM a
GOD OF LIFE, not death ! I AM A GOD
OF LOVE, not fear. I AM a GOD of
HEALTH and prosperity. But I only share
My secrets with those who LISTEN.

Love tells the truth. Love corrects and admonishes. Love cares. Complacency and apathy, just don't care ! Think of your relationship with your children.

If you will come pray and seek My FACE and allow ME into your heart more, then I will show you great and marvelous things you do not know. If you will confess your sins to another, then they will be forgiven. If you drag your feet and will not confess, nor apologize, nor bow to MY WILL, then you are in rebellion to the WORD and I WHO AM the LIVING WORD. For I WILL uncover all the lies. I WILL UNCOVER all that is hidden. REPENT and walk in HUMILITY. FORGIVE and you will be forgiven. Humility and forgiveness the enemy has no counter to. He is defenseless in that atmosphere. All heaven awaits to see the glory of the RISEN LORD poured out again. I will turn many from their sins in a moment ! I AM

CHANGING the FACE of My church, and
she will bow to MY WILL, and walk in
UNITY as My Spirit has REIGN.

**I have others who will NOT bow, who will
not bend, who will not repent. They refuse
to die to self. They refuse the CROSS.
They are not SHEEP."**

Dromedary Invasion

May 1st, 2006

Thru Priscilla Van Sutphin

www.upstreamca.org

**Function: noun Etymology: Middle English
dromedarie, from Old French dromedaire,
from Late Latin dromedarius, from Latin
dromad-, dromas, from Greek, running;
akin to Greek dramein to run, dromos
racecourse, Sanskrit dramati he runs
about : CAMEL 1a**

Jer 2:23-28 NKJV "How can you say, 'I am not polluted, I have not gone after the Baals'? See your way in the valley; Know what you have done: You are a swift dromedary breaking loose in her ways, 24 A wild donkey used to the wilderness, that sniffs at the wind in her desire; In her time of mating, who can turn her away? All those who seek her will not weary themselves; In her month they will find her.

Well when the Lord said this title, I was really interested in what He might want to say.

" I am the Root of David, and the BRANCH. I am the Offspring of the Almighty and the Living WORD. I AM the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Nothing that was created was created without Me. There is nothing that is HIDDEN from ME. I AM the Alpha and

Omega and I AM the KING of KINGS and the Lord of LORDS. Is there anything that is impossible for ME ? Truly I say to you, that what you think is impossible, what you think is something I don't want to do, or can't do is total UNBELIEF. Why do you rely on MAN more than ME ? Why do you look to yourself to solve your problems when I AM the God who is IN YOU, WITH YOU, INSIDE YOU? I am EMMANUEL ! REMEMBER ?

I AM the One Who loves you more than any other. I lived and died for you ! I gave My life that YOU could have life. Oh daughter of Zion, is there no King in your midst? Is there anything that is too hard for Me ? If I created the very ground you walk on, the very plants which give you life, through the oxygen they breathe out, and every mountain, hill and vale, every man, woman and child. If I threw the stars into the heavens and created the

orbits of planets to such precise measurements, can I not just speak and bring things into existence NOW ? Have I changed ? Have I grown tired and weak like you ? Why do you allow yourselves beloveds to reduce Me to your level ? I am not a god made of stone and wood, like many worship. I am the LIVING ONE, the ETERNAL ONE, the ALMIGHTY ONE !

There is NOTHING I won't do for a radical lover ! There is nothing I won't do for the one who loves ME and has given his TOTAL life to Me ! And aye, there's the rub. You have not because you ask not. You struggle and strive as if I require work to give you a gift. You strain and stubbornly refuse to rest, when I have paid the price to give you that rest. It is NOT by your own efforts that you can do ANYTHING. It is ONLY BY MY GRACE. Yes, I do allow you to go through difficult things. But this is because man's nature is

like the camel's. You tend to RUN when I want you to sit, or stay. You tend to RUN away from Me, rather than TO ME, because you truly don't believe that I love you as much as I really do !

I've said that I love you as NO OTHER LOVES YOU. I've said, I'll NEVER, NEVER, NEVER leave you nor forsake you. I've said, that My love NEVER fails. And I so want for you to believe this, so that LIKE THE CAMEL you will have stored up fat for the journey of life. I want you to GORGE yourself like a camel can, on the WATER of the Holy Spirit so that you are filled to the FULL with My presence, My LOVE, MY kindness and goodness. Don't you understand that when you gorge yourself on My sweetness, just like bees exposed to smoke gorge themselves on the honey, that YOU will be FILLED TO THE FULL WITH MY LOVE and out of that love and COMPASSION will flow LIVING

WATERS that are able to bring **RESURRECTION LIFE** to the blind, to the deaf, to the crippled in body and soul? It will **REVIVE** every living thing ! **EVERY LIVING THING !** My power, My grace, My **LIFE** brings life and prosperity to every aspect of life in this world !

Note how the sun brings life to living plants and human beings. Note how when the sun is diminished, people often feel down or depressed ! So there is an analogy in the spirit realm that when the **SON** is not shining down on you, you don't grow, you don't bloom, you feel less than. You need the **SON** to bring life to your every day, even as the **SUN** in the natural gives life to every living thing. Without the life of the **SUN** and the **WATER** in this world, every living thing would **DIE**. Likewise you need the water of the **HOLY SPIRIT** and the **LIFE** of the **SON** in your life to breathe life into others, and to sustain

your own life. Intercession in the life of a man is like breathing in the natural. As you talk to ME, you let out things inside that need to be expelled, feelings, and weights of this life, questions. As I speak to you, and emanate My presence back to you, You breathe in My life, just as you breathe in oxygen in the natural.

Breathing is essential to LIVE ! So is communication essential to MY LIFE. You cannot go on and on in your own self sufficiency without losing life, spiritually and then physically will follow.

My life is what sustains life. My presence is what gives you FULLNESS of life.

Discontentment is the natural consequence of lack of My life in an individual. Thus people look for something to fill themselves with to sustain some form of happiness, even if it is a false happiness. Come to ME, all you who are weary and burdened I said, and I will give you LIFE. Take My

yoke upon you and learn of ME, for my burden is easy, My yoke is LIGHT. When I died for you, I did not cause you to lose ground, to lose anything but only to GAIN. I died to bring you LIFE...eternal LIFE. And with that all the privileges of the Kingdom. My Kingdom is very simple and not complicated. People make it complicated. But it is not complicated. It is simple. Note that all the illustrations on earth I used were simple and not complicated ones. You don't need a degree in Theology to understand the KINGDOM. My disciples were fishermen, mostly and did not have degrees in theology to function in the Kingdom. What they did have is TIME WITH ME. They drank from the fountain of LIVING WATERS. THAT is what brought them wisdom and understanding and power and love, and all they needed. Being connected to Me is where you get your life, even as an electric cord, plugged into a lightsocket gives

energy, does MY LIFE give energy and power and all you need to live life.

I told the Pharisees that they read the scriptures for IN THEM they think they have life, yet they were unwilling to come to ME, the Fountain of Living Waters to receive LIFE. Do NOT be like them My beloveds. I paid the price for ALL to be able to enter in to the HOLY PLACE, and not only to enter in, but to stay, to have communion with ME - To WALK with ME. So come away from the bustling crowds. Simplify your life as best you can, for the hour draws near when you will HAVE to do this to survive. Simplify your lives and YIELD your lives to Your LORD and MASTER. ALLOW ME RULERSHIP, and I will NOT disappoint you. TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME. BE WILLING TO LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE TO ATTAIN MY LIFE, and inherit all things."

Camels can mean stubbornness, but they
can also represent burden bearers.

<http://www.arab.net/camels/>

Arrested State of Development

March 1st, 2006 0148 hrs

through Priscilla Van Sutphin

www.upstreamca.org

The Lord spoke: "Throughout the ages
there has been a gradual eating away of
the truth of My Word. Little by little the
locusts have eaten and eaten and eaten.

But I AM RESTORING wisdom, truth,
understanding and revelation that will bring
to security the TRUE FOUNDATION that
is in CHRIST JESUS."

Joel 1:1-5 NKJV

Locust Plague in Judah

The

The word of the LORD that came to Joel
the son of Pethuel.

2 The Land Laid Waste (Ex 10:1-20)

Hear this, you elders, And give ear, all you
inhabitants of the land! Has anything like
this happened in your days, Or even in the
days of your fathers? 3 Tell your
children about it, Let your children tell
their children, and their children another
generation.

4 What the chewing locust left, the
swarming locust has eaten;

What the swarming locust left, the
crawling locust has eaten;

And what the crawling locust left, the
consuming locust has eaten.

5 Awake, you drunkards, and weep; And
wail, all you drinkers of wine, Because of
the new wine, For it has been cut off from
your mouth. 6 For a nation has come up
against My land, Strong, and without
number; His teeth are the teeth of a lion,
And he has the fangs of a fierce lion.

“What has happened in Israel is but a foreshadowing of what will happen elsewhere in the world. Have you seen ? Have you understood ? Do you see that what has been experimented with there, what has been unjustly done, will be done again and again.

Increase in WAR is on the horizon and still the people sleep and slumber. Apathy and complacency runs rapidly unchecked. But THAT will soon change. SUDDEN CHANGES are on the horizon and then the masses will awaken. They will no longer mock. They will no longer slumber but they will be in dread and fear.

Awakening IS coming, but with it will arise opposition of the enemy to counter what I am doing, as he is always mimicking anything I do. He will try to discredit the signs and wonders of My beloveds and explain them away. Yet I will demonstrate

signs and wonders in the heavens above and My signs will be above his signs, though he draws fire down from heaven, still My power is greater and I will back up My OWN. Come aside and reason with ME, talk to me and listen to ME. For I have much to tell you and much to share. Do not be dismayed that people don't seem to listen. Do not be dismayed at the opposition for where I pour out great power, there is always opposition. What opposition did the apostles encounter ?

Do you expect anything less ? Do not be astonished at the world hating you and rejecting you and plotting violence. I've told you in My Word what is to happen. Can you not see ? Can you not hear ? My WORD is unchangeable as My heart is ! I love you with an everlasting love and kindness, and that will NEVER, no NEVER change ! I am WITH YOU. I AM the God Who NEVER leaves you nor forsakes you !

You hear the signs and see the persecution that is elsewhere, yet you think it will not touch you America ? Do you think somehow you are more deserving than Christians in other nations ?”

See Rom 8:18-23 AMP

Jer. 31:37 NIV This is what the LORD says:

“Only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done,” declares the LORD.

“Rioting in France was for a sign. Can you see the evidence of lawlessness arising, especially in the young ? Do you not see the clamor of the nations against all that is HOLY ? Have you not seen ? Have you not heard the ROAR of the nations against

**YOUR BELOVED ? YET will I make HIM
the Desire of all nations !"**

Hag 2:6-9 NKJV

6 "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 7 and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts. 8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts. 9 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts."

**When I say GREATER, I mean GREATER.
I don't mean MORE. I mean GREATER !
I WILL HARVEST THE NATIONS. I
HAVE SET MY HEART ON SOULS, YET
AMIDST THE HARVESTING WILL BE
GREAT OPPOSITION FROM THE HATERS**

OF GOD ! PEOPLE WILL OPPOSE, YET STILL, MY HEART WILL EVEN SAVE SOME OF THEM WHO BLASPHEME MY NAME NOW AND STAND IN ANGER.

For I AM a GOD of MERCY and COMPASSION. I know what made that soul angry !

I KNOW what made that person give up on ME. I KNOW the secrets of men's hearts and if you will listen carefully and not speak in presumption, but listen for what to say, I will tell you the secrets of their hearts, and they will be unburdened in a moment by the Word of TRUTH. FOR I AM TRUTH. In MY PRESENCE there is available ALL you need !

The prosperity I pour out now is NOT for selfish gain. It is for KINGDOM purposes. I am doing a great amount of surgery in your lives now to release you from all the hinders. I will remove ALL that opposes MY PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE. REST assured ! I am all KNOWING and all

SEEING, and I WILL RESTORE & all that has come against you I will annihilate in the FIRE OF MY LOVE that will come upon you !

HOLD ON BELOVEDS for the ride is getting FASTER ! But know that I AM in the DRIVER's SEAT ! I will be a wild ride, but I have been thinking about it for centuries, and I will perform My WORD PERFECTLY ! Release ALL your heart to ME. Do not hide anything. Do not excuse anything. Do not justify your sins. For I came to justify you in the site of My FATHER and NOTHING will keep you from your destiny. I will slay the dragons in your life and all that has come against you. DO NOT FRET. CLING TO ME. ABIDE IN ME. HOLD ON TO ME with your WHOLE LIFE. I AM IN CONTROL. And I will release from those who think they have control, even all the things they think belong to them, and I will give them into

your hands for KINGDOM purposes. My love never fails ! Divine reversals will INCREASE. RESPOND by worshipping ME, and I will give you the victory !

Ps 18:7-17 NIV

Collapsible Empires

Dec 26th, 2007

www.upstreamca.org

scribe: Priscilla Van Sutphin

Ps 46:6-11 NKJV The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted. 7 The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has made desolations in the earth. 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. 10 Be still, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Isa 13:4 NKJV The noise of a multitude in the mountains, Like that of many people! A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together! The LORD of hosts musters the army for battle.

The Lord brought to mind this scripture, Job 1:8 NKJV Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?" And I was reminded of Satan's challenge to God, wondering what God might say...

"Remember the losses Job went through and the afflictions on his body ? Remember how his wife cursed him, and she was the

only thing he didn't lose ? Remember how in the end after much testing, he was restored and received DOUBLE what he lost ?" said the Lord.

Job 42:10 NKJV And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. 11 Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the LORD had brought upon him. Each one gave him a piece of silver and each a ring of gold. 12 Now the LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; for he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, one thousand yoke of oxen, and one thousand female donkeys.

The Lord continued...

" Now do you think I am more partial to JOB than to you beloveds ? Do you think that I cannot RESTORE anything you have lost, anything you have given up on, anything that the enemy has stolen ? Did I not say that NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH ME? I know it's been hard to be tested so much. I know that it is hard to be failing in many areas, and to be tired of this deteriorating world. But I HAVE AN ARMY that needs WARRIORS. Self pity is the enemy of a warrior. If you give in to fear or self pity, or regret, hopelessness, and despondency, & isolation ensues. So I am calling you OUT to time with ME so that I can repair your hearts and RESTORE ALL that the enemy has stolen. I am RESTORING. I AM a God of RESTORATION. And I am calling this army to be an ARMY of RESTORATION and HEALING."

Isa 61:1-4 NKJV The Good News of
Salvation

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me,
Because the LORD has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor; He has
sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives, And
the opening of the prison to those who are
bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year
of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of
our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To
console those who mourn in Zion, To give
them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for
mourning, The garment of praise for the
spirit of heaviness; That they may be
called trees of righteousness, The planting
of the LORD, that He may be glorified." 4
And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They
shall raise up the former desolations, And
they shall repair the ruined cities, The
desolations of many generations.

**"Is this not all about RESTORATION
beloveds ? I am a RESTORER, not the
destroyer. That is another weaker fellow.
I AM the GREAT I AM. I AM THE ALL-
MIGHTY ONE. SO SHOUT OUT
RESTORE! SHOUT OUT what I put in your
heart to declare. DECLARE MY WORD, for
I AM performing My WORD. I CAN
restore the hearts of those in the church
caught in delusion and deception. I CAN
restore the hearts of your children
corrupted by humanism and worldliness. I
CAN restore your delight in ME. I CAN
RESTORE YOUR DELIGHT IN EACH
OTHER, and TRUST enough to have real
relationships again. I CAN RESTORE. BUT
you must BELIEVE.**

**Sometimes there is no restoration without
a FIGHT. Remember that it took the angel
3 weeks to get through to DANIEL. There
are greater hindrances today. There are
even bigger battles for mankind has grown**

so. Do not get dismayed. For the
KINGDOMS OF THIS EARTH are
collapsible in My sight. They are nothing.
I will raise up every valley and level every
hill and mountain. I will bring the kingdoms
of men to NOTHING before your eyes. I
told you, they have their plans. BUT I
HAVE MINE !

There is nothing that I cannot RESTORE.

Yes, I listen to the will of men. Yes, I
honor your decisions. BUT I LOOK UPON
THE HEART. And I alone KNOW what is
in the heart of men or women, boys and
girls. I AM FATHER GOD, and I will be
calling on My sons and daughters in this
hour to join My ARMY of RESTORATION.

I will pull up, I will pluck out, and I will
bring down all that lifts itself up against
ME. I will use the common and mundane,
and those despised of men to do it ! You
despise parts of My own body. Yet I am
not done with My BRIDE. So do not be

hasty in your judgments beloved. Do not molest My bride ! Honor those who honor ME. And come to ME when you are wanting to right what is wrong. Ask for MY OPINION. LOOK TO ME to tell you what is right, and what is wrong. I AM THE RESOURCE for all you need. REMEMBER THIS in all situations.

I look upon the one who is tender and contrite of heart. I will correct all who are correctable. I will teach all who are teachable. And I will restrain all who are too prideful to admit their wrongs. I will do away with all the arguments and wash over My church with the power of MY LOVE, that they may SEE their sins. For many are too blind to see, and too busy and deaf to hear. But I AM NOT LIMITED. I know how to humble and abase those that are prideful or arrogant !

Dan 4:37 NKJV Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

I do not want you to make up your mind without MY MIND. I do want you to come to ME, and say when you hear something, "Is that true Father?". Come to ME for the answers to your questions. WAIT on ME, and I will give you the answer you need. It will come. For in this hour, I will humble many who have walked in pride and arrogance, in the church, and in the world. Those who claim to be Christian, but walk in arrogance and pretense will be greatly challenged in the days ahead, as the separating of the sheep becomes even more intense. You will see many more fall, and some fall and arise again, but I do not want you to think yourself BETTER than

any of those that fall. Apart from MY GRACE, you could do nothing right.

I do not want you talking arrogantly, and thinking arrogantly in your heart, that somehow YOU would never do thus and so ! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD DO, IF I WITHDREW MY GRACE ! IF YOU WANT MERCY, THEN BE MERCIFUL, EVEN WHEN IT COSTS YOU TO DO SO.

FOR THOSE WHO JUDGE WITHOUT MERCY WILL THEMSELVES BE JUDGED WITHOUT MERCY ! And do not think that just because you walk in signs and wonders that you are somehow better than those who may not, yet may walk in greater fruit than you do ! Do not compare yourselves one to another ? What is your motivation for what you want ? What is your motivation for signs and wonders ? IS IT THAT I BE LIFTED UP ? BECAUSE IN THIS HOUR IT IS I ALONE WHO MUST BE LIFTED UP !

**IF YOU TOUCH MY GLORY YOU WILL BE
BURNED.**

**JUST LIKE A CHILD who touches the fire
can get burned, so you will be quickly
corrected when you make the mistake to
take any credit to yourself !**

**And do not find yourself judging what is
ME, and what is the devil and attributing
what is of ME to the devil ! Can you not
understand the nature of your enemy yet ?**

**Are you still not seeing that he is a
counterfeiter ? That there is no power of
creation in what he does, what he does is
corrupted ? MY GLORY IS INCREASING,
and as it does, EMPIRES of men will fall,
in the church, and in the earth. My
GLORY WILL EXPOSE EVERYTHING that
is false.**

**MY GLORY will burn up all that is false.
Remember how the rod of MOSES, became
the snake that ate the other two snakes of
the high priests ? AM I NOT ABLE TO**

CORRECT MY OWN who dabble in the occult? I will use the prophets who learn MY NATURE and who overcome their own nature, to confront the darkness and REIGN over the DARKNESS !"

Acts 26:17-18 NKJV

" There is NOTHING I CANNOT DO. THERE IS NO KINGDOM SO GREAT that I CANNOT SUBDUE IT ! Kingdoms of this earth will become the KINGDOMS OF GOD !

I WILL REIGN over all that is darkness.

And I have given you the keys to MY KINGDOM ! MY KINGDOM HAS NO END ! It is only the kingdoms that men build that will end. Ministries come and go. People come and go, but MY KINGDOM has no end. MY WORD WILL BE ESTABLISHED !"

Matt 16:18-20 NASB Hag 2:22-23
NKJV Rev 11:15-18 NKJV

A WASH - Part 2

Jan 7th, 2008 12:12 am

Scribe: Priscilla Van Sutphin

www.upstreamca.org

tearsofthefather@sbcglobal.net

The first part is at:

<http://www.upstreamca.org/awash.html>

This week Sally, a young friend called to say the Lord had been showing her the number 757 several times, and finally she asked Him, what is going on Lord, why do I keep seeing that number ? And He took her to that page in her bible, which was ISAIAH 34. She had been getting this a month ago, and didn't understand why.

Isaiah 34 NKJV Judgment on the
Nations

Come near, you nations, to hear; And heed, you people! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, The world and all things that come forth from it. 2 For the indignation of the LORD is against all nations, And His fury against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to the slaughter. 3 Also their slain shall be thrown out; Their stench shall rise from their corpses, And the mountains shall be melted with their blood. 4 All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; All their host shall fall down As the leaf falls from the vine, And as fruit falling from a fig tree.

[Rev 6:13-14 AMP And the stars of the sky dropped to the earth like a fig tree

shedding its unripe fruit out of season when shaken by a strong wind. [Isa 34:4.] 14 And the sky rolled up like a scroll and vanished, and every mountain and island was dislodged from its place.]

5 "For My sword shall be bathed in heaven; Indeed it shall come down on Edom, And on the people of My curse, for judgment. [Obad 8 AMP Will not I in that day, says the Lord, destroy the wise men out of Edom and [men of] understanding out of Mount Esau [Idumea, a mountainous region]? In the amplified it says - Edom [the descendants of Esau],

6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, It is made overflowing with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom. 7 The wild oxen shall come down with them, and the

young bulls with the mighty bulls; Their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust saturated with fatness." 8 For it is the day of the LORD's vengeance, the year of recompense for the cause of Zion.

9 Its streams shall be turned into pitch, and its dust into brimstone; Its land shall become burning pitch.

10 It shall not be quenched night or day ;Its smoke shall ascend forever. From generation to generation it shall lie waste; No one shall pass through it forever and ever. [Rev 19:3 AMP And again they shouted, Hallelujah (praise the Lord)! The smoke of her [burning] shall continue to ascend forever and ever (through the eternities of the eternities).]

11 But the pelican and the porcupine shall possess it, also the owl and the raven shall dwell in it. And He shall stretch out over it The line of confusion and the stones of emptiness. 12 They shall call its nobles to

the kingdom, But none shall be there, and
all its princes shall be nothing. 13 And
thorns shall come up in its palaces, Nettles
and brambles in its fortresses; It shall be
a habitation of jackals, A courtyard for
ostriches. 14 The wild beasts of the
desert shall also meet with the jackals,
And the wild goat shall bleat to its
companion; Also the night creature shall
rest there, And find for herself a place of
rest.

15 There the arrow snake shall make her
nest and lay eggs and hatch, and gather
them under her shadow; There also shall
the hawks be gathered, Every one with her
mate. 16 'Search from the book of the
LORD, and read: Not one of these shall
fail;

Not one shall lack her mate. For My mouth
has commanded it, and His Spirit has
gathered them. 17 He has cast the lot
for them, And His hand has divided it

among them with a measuring line. They shall possess it forever; From generation to generation they shall dwell in it."

"Sons and daughters, I also have a washing to do in the world. So keep your eyes upon ME, as you see everything written unfold before your eyes ! Do not be afraid of the

terror that stalks at night or the pestilence at noonday, for I AM WITH YOU. I am your exceedingly great Reward ! You will not ever be alone. ARISE from

all the fear and anxiety that the enemy has tried to keep you in, and WORSHIP ME in the beauty of holiness, offer a sacrifice of praise if you have nothing else.

THANK ME, and PRAISE ME even for all the pain and lack, whatever you lack, I can make up for. Whatever pain or affliction you have, I WILL HEAL. Have you not heard...

Isa 33:20-24 NKJV

Lam 3:5-13 NIV

Some of you have felt abandoned and washed up, and pushed aside. But it is not I Who have pushed you out. **It is not I who have forgotten you.** I have never forgotten you. **You are inscribed on the palm of My hand. You are remembered.** You are prayed over hour to hour. You are watched and guarded over carefully, though you may feel that isn't so. I have fashioned you and I have taught you through all the warfare, and built courage and forbearance, that you may teach it to those who are going to need it GREATLY in the days ahead. I hear Your sacrifices of thanksgiving and praise, and worship. Even when you are too weak to dance, or too discouraged to muster a raised hand. I KNOW all the pain and sorrow you have been through, and I am the MASTERBUILDER. I AM the GREAT I AM. I will RESTORE. For I have called you a RESTORER of streets to dwell in. I

have called you to give beauty for ashes,
to preach the acceptable year of the
LORD.

I call you to MY CHEST right now, to
SEEK MY FACE NOW ! SEEK ME NOW in
the quiet place. IT IS NOT WASTED
TIME TO BE ALONE AND QUIET WITH
ME !
IT IS VITAL NOW.

COME ! COME away with Me, and I will
show you great and marvelous things you do
not know. I will show you things you never
dreamed of. I will speak, but you must
come. STOP being busy, and come with me
in the time you do have, putting away TV,
and all that distracts you, as much as you
can. Keep ME on your mind. Keep My
WORD on your mind. Ask of ME, and I will
show you all you need to know. The doors
WILL open if you will but TRUST ME. Be
alert, be on guard, for the enemy seeks to

destroy whom He can. Plead the blood over those you love. Seek ME while I may be found. For the days are at hand when men will try to keep you from ME, and when they will persecute anyone who really KNOWS Me. Hide My WORD in your hearts.

You will see startling changes in the months, weeks, and days ahead. Do not be dismayed, for I am FOR you, and I will KEEP you in the palm of My hand. Come away from the contamination of the world, and that which is of the world in the harlot church. Come away from the moneychangers and merchants in My church, from the greedy, and avaricious, from the perversion and Nicolaitan spirits. Come out of her beloveds, and seek MY FACE. Keep in fellowship with other true believers, but come out of the harlot, and do not share in her iniquities.

Rev 17:16 NKJV And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot , make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire.

Know that My judgments are in the earth NOW, and people WILL learn righteousness ! There will be judgment in many and various places, but I AM JUST in all My judgments, for I desire that all would come to ME, and repent of their wickedness and be saved. I do not delight in judgments. But I can no longer stand by for all the atrocities that come up to my ears every hour, and moment of the day, of starving children, and violence that exceeds even what Noah saw ! I will not hold back My judgments any longer for I have a contention with the nations. Know that I love mankind, and at the same time I bring judgment, I will render GREAT MERCY for anyone who comes to ME !

Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord
WILL be saved!"

I thought this a good note to close on:

COME !

thru Priscilla Van Sutphin April 15th, 2003

0135 am

goinupstream@sbcglobal.net

I was awake and I could not sleep. I felt
the longing of My Lord - The longing for
sweet communion. The longing to move and
have His being in me

How can I sleep ? How can I lay quietly,
when there is eagerness to
express itself bubbling up inside ? Love for
the Lover !

Come and let us go to the mountain of the
Lord.

Let us skip and run, let us dance and sing.
Let us run with freedom in our hearts to
spend time with Jesus.

Come and let us speak what is true and
good of His mercies.
For His mercies endure forever, His favor
for a lifetime.
He alone is good. He alone is lovely ! He
alone is wonderful !
Love and mercy, love and mercy, justice
and peace, belong in HIM.
Come one and all and see. See the fire in
His eyes !
See the honey on His lips. See the
strength of His arms !
He alone is my Lover !
He alone is the One with Whom I dare to
be naked and unashamed.
He alone will sustain me with His cakes of
raisins and dates.
He has good food for those who are willing
to forsake all else for Him.
Will you come on these mountains ? Will
you run with Him ?
Will you be free in your love for Him ?

Will you put everything in His hands, for
they are strong.
My Lover's hands are like the muscles of
strongmen ,
yet gentle enough to cushion.
How wonderful He is ! He is my
Husbandman.
He never leaves my side. He never leaves
me alone.
He is always there for me. He always
provides for me.
He always listens when I call.
He is the One for Whom I yearn to spend
myself on.
How can I be satisfied with what is only a
substitute for His tender mercies
and sweet presence, replete with the scent
of roses and perfumes
that conquer my senses. Who can
compare ?
Who is so Awesome in power ? Who is so
Awesome in majesty ?

Who is so Awesome in LOVE but my
KING ?

Who can love me like this but Him ?
Who else can make me feel this way ?
Who else can satisfy the longings in my
heart.

Who else can give me such JOY ?
Who else can give me such Wisdom ?
He alone is Lovely ! He alone is Kind.
He alone is Mighty.

Come, Come, ComeCome, and be refreshed
in His presence

Come and let him speak Words of life and
encouragement

and hope and love. Come !

He is a fountain of life, bubbling
overlonging to spend Himself on you !
Longing to be one with you ! Longing for you
to know how kind He is.

Come !..

Priscilla under unction of Holy Spirit

© Copyright 2008
Priscilla Van Sutphin
Upstream Ministries, 15660 Tustin Vill
Way #27, Tustin, CA 92780

www.upstreamca.org
tearsofthefather@att.net