# The Journey towards The Book of Revelation. Transformed by Salvation.

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This is a collection of situations that are recorded in the Bible. From Genesis to the Book of Revelation.

The Purpose of me writing this Book is to help Christians and Non - Christians a like, understand and realize that the Bible and the Book of Revelation is not a Book to be scared about, but it is a Book the describes the final events in the history of mankind and the world, as we know it.

There are many things that are going to take place in the days to come, in the world that we know of, and not that far down into the Future, that will be exciting for the Christian, but also devastating for those that do not believe in Jesus Christ and him Crucified.

The events that are about to unfold have been foretold for centuries, even from the time that Adam and Eve sinned, by disobeying what the Lord God had said to Adam, that he was not to do.

I will not be talking about everything in the Book of Revelation, or things leading up to it, because there are just far too many events and situations to fit into one book.

There will be 3 Books with different Titles.

Series, 1 and 2 and 3.

Each Book will have a different Title.

#### **Scripture Quotations By:**

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I do plan to write this book as a Study Guide, like most of my other books that I have written.

A lot of Christians that I know seem to find the book of Revelation hard to read and understand.

My heart is that I can put some of the more important events into easy reading words so that the people of God can get to understand his writings.

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## The Reason for writing this Study Guide on the Book of Revelation.

I am not sure if it was earlier this year or late last year when a friend in Church asked me to put together a Bible Study on who the two Witnesses were in the Book of Revelation.

I did as he had asked and presented it and all was fine, so I thought.

Then Last Tuesday at the Bible Study questions were asked about a certain thing, then that lead to another question, and another, and another and so on.

A lot of the answers were to do with the last days and the Book of Revelation.

On my way home that night I started to think about the answers that were given, and I realized that I had not included a lot of what I had said in the original message on the Two Witnesses.

This week, now the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 I have started to add all the new information to the message.

Now today the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2019 the Lord has placed a thought into my Spirit about writing a book about some of the events in the Book of Revelation. I just need to realize in God, which ones.

After a 10<sup>th</sup> month period of just being to busy to even look like getting back to the books, we have a forced period of time with the Coronavirus Pandemic that I am now able to get back into the books and hopefully go a long way into getting them finished, if not very close to getting them finished.

#### About the Author.

I have been a Christian since I was 16 years of Age. I am now 67 years young.

I started ministering when I was 20 years of age and have traveled a lot both in Australia and overseas ministering.

I have an incredible passion for the Word of the Lord and am so grateful to the Lord for the gifts and calling that he has placed upon my life.

It is an honor to serve the Lord in this capacity.

This is my 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th Book, come Study Guide.

Titles of the other books written by the Author.

1. Divorce. Do we as Christians have the Godly right?

The next ones are Study Guides for small groups and Churches.

- 2. Foundation Principles. The Building Blocks for a Fulfilled life as a Christian
- 3. A Famine of Hearing the Word of God. A Decision that will Affect out Eternal Future.
- 4. Is There a Second Coming of Jesus Christ? What the Scriptures say about this Subject.
- 5. Nehemiah. How a call on Someone's life can Overcome Anything.
- 6. Events that will happen, leading up to, and including the Book of Revelation. Series. 1, 2 and 3.

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These three ministries of the Lord have all been called Home now to be with the Lord, but their legacy of knowledge and understanding of the Word of God lives on in many people, and I do thank the Lord for their influence in my life.

They are.

**Kevin Connor.** 

Richard Holland.

Bill Kean.

Also, no one gets knowledge or understanding without the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit impacting you and influencing you as a person, and to them I say thank you!

### Introduction to this Chapter.

Why did Jesus have to Come as a Lamb of God?

Why is there a need for salvation for mankind, that will stretch from Genesis to Revelation?

A period of a little over 6000 years.

All through the Old and the New Testaments there are types and shadows of stories and events that depict Jesus Christ and him, Crucified.

I certainly believe that the Old Testament is a prophetic book, that what happens in the natural in the Old Testament, will happen Spiritually in the New Testament. This all has come about because of the fall of Satan and his fallen angels, and Satan then in turn caused the woman, Eve, to be deceived, then she talked her husband Adam, into doing what the Lord God told him not to do, and that was to partake of the fruit on a particular tree.

#### Genesis. 2:17.

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shall not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shall surely die.

#### Genesis. 3; 1 and 6.

Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman. Yea have God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the Garden?

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

In doing this, Adam and Eve caused sin to come into the bloodstream of man, and man in his sinful state had to be cast out of the garden of Eden and out of the presence of God, until such a time that the Lord God made a way for mankind to be forgiven for his sins, and then man could come back into the presence of the Lord.

This came about by Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God the Father, becoming the Sacrificial Lamb, and making atonement for all the Sin of mankind, by giving his life on the Cross of Calvary and therefor forgiving the sin of unbelief of all mankind.

When the Devil or the serpent deceived Eve. Eve then convinced her husband to partake of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil despite knowing that the Lord told him not to.

The first sin that came into the life of mankind was that of disobedience.

John the Baptiste saw a Revelation by the Holy Spirit, about Jesus Christ.

#### John. 1; 29-31.

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

And I knew him not: but that should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

John recognized that his cousin, Jesus, was actually the chosen son of God, called to be the redeemer, The Lamb of God for all mankind.

#### John. 1;14-17.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John bare witness of him, and cried saying, This was he of whom I spake. He that cometh after me; for he was before me.

And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

## Why did Jesus Have to come as a lamb of God?

#### Genesis. 3; 6-7.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat.

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons.

#### Points of Interests.

- The woman or the church saw that the tree was good to eat. It was the eyes that caused an issue.
- The tree they were told by God not to eat, but the eyes desired it and wanted it.
- The woman desired or lusted after the fruit of the tree because it was going to make one wise when God did not want this. This was pride.
- Sometimes, sin, can cause a desire or want, or lust, to have it, even though we are told not to be involved in it.
- The result of her action was that man became a fallen man, even though he was created perfect.
- The fallen woman then gave it to her husband, which he took, even though he knew that God said do not partake of this fruit of this tree. Disobedience to the word of the Lord.
- The eyes of them were opened as they became a sinful man and woman, because of the disobedience.
- They knew that they were naked. This can also refer to someone who has a naked spirit, that is, they are not saved by the grace of God because the Spirit of God has left them.
- They then, both the man and the woman sewed together fig leaves and made themselves aprons. or a covering. That is the fig tree which speaks of natural Israel provided a large leaf that has 5 prongs on that leaf, which speaks of Grace. 5 is the number of Grace in God.
- God had provided in the creation that was on the earth, material to cover their nakedness in the form of a 5 Pronged leaf, that hid their nakedness, and provided Grace in their lives. No. 5 is the number for grace in the scriptures. Romans. 6;14.
- That's what the sacrificial blood of Jesus did. We are now under grace because of his sacrificial blood.

Sin has caused the perfectly created man to become a fallen man, and the Lord God had to make away that the fallen man could become a perfect man again.

He did it by allowing his son to become the sacrificial Lamb of God, that took away all sin.

#### Romans. 6;14.

For sin shall not have dominion over you; for you are not under the law, but under grace.

#### Vs. 8-11.

And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: [evening] and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees in the garden.

And the Lord God called unto Adam and said unto him, Where art thou?

And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

And he said. Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, wherefore I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat.

#### Points of Interests.

- In their sinful state, they heard the voice of the Lord and no doubt conviction came upon them because they hid themselves from the presence of the Lord.
- When there was no response from God's chosen, God went searching for them.
- Adam reply was, I heard you lord and we became afraid because re realize that we have done wrong and the sin that we created, does not want to be in your presence because your spirit had left us and we realized that now we are naked.
- The Lord God said, Why have you told me that you are naked? You must have sinned by eating of the tree of knowledge and good and evil, for you to say that. Even though I told you not too, you still did it. Do you really understand what you have done?

#### Genesis. 3;12-13.

And the man said, The woman, whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

And the Lord God said unto the woman, what is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent, beguiled me, and I did eat.

#### Points of Interests.

- Adam, the man, tried to blame the woman, by saying she gave me the fruit to eat, so I ate. He did not take responsibility for his own actions.
- God said to the woman. Have you got any Idea what you have done here for all of the human race and for mankind?
- The woman said the serpent made me do it, and I ate because of the lust in my eyes.
- Sometimes what we see with our eyes we lust after or desire, not realizing what the future damage can be.

#### Genesis. 3;21.

Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins and clothed them.

#### The Message Bible says.

God made leather clothing for Adam and his wife and dressed them.

A blood sacrifice had to take place in order for the skins to be available.

What we see here is that because of the disobedience of the original mankind, sin came into the blood stream of man and their body would die over a long period of time.

To be able to get the sinful man back into a perfect man, God was going to have to reverse the process of sin over the next many generations. Even thousands of years.

The Passover time was a type of Jesus Christ.

The Blood on the door posts and Lintel of the house. Forming the shape of the cross.

#### Exodus. 12; 3-7.

Speak unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month, they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house, [family] of their fathers, a lamb for an house.

And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house, take it according of the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your account for the lamb.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year; ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats.

And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month; and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

And they shall take of the blood and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

#### Points of Interests.

- Every man to take a lamb for their house. There had to be a blood Sacrifice for Redemption of sins.
- Share it with your neighbor if needed.
- The whole assembly or all of the church shall partake of the lamb. The Word of God.
- The lamb shall be a male and shall be perfect. No blemishes, no faults.
- They shall take the blood and strike it upon the sides of the door posts and on the head of the door, and by doing this, they are forming the shape of the cross of Christ to cover every house.

#### 1 Peter. 1;18-19.

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers.

But with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot.

#### The Message Bible says.

He paid with Christ's sacred blood, you know. He died like an unblemished, sacrificial lamb. And this was no afterthought. Even though it has only lately, at the end of the ages this has become public knowledge, God always knew he was going to do this for you. It's because of this sacrificial Messiah whom God raised from the dead, and glorified, that you trust God, that you know you have a future in God with.

#### John. 20;21.

Then Jesus said to them again, Peace be unto you; as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

#### John. 12;49-50.

For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

And I know that his commandment is life everlasting; whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

#### The Message Bible Says.

If anyone hears what I am saying and doesn't take it seriously, I don't reject him. I didn't come to reject the world; I came to save the world.

But you need to know that whoever puts me off, refusing to take in what I'm saying, is willfully choosing rejection.

The Word, the Word made flesh that I have spoken and that I am, that Word and no other is the last word. I'm not making any of this up on my own. The Father who sent me gave me orders, told me what to say and how to say it.

I know exactly what his command produces: real and eternal life. That's all I have to say. What the Father told me, I tell you.

#### John. 10:17-18.

Therefore, doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it up again.

No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have the power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my father.

This is nothing but the Grace of Jesus Christ, as to what he had to go through and endure, for us to be able to be free of any sin or guilt, and have nothing that we are accountable to the Lord for. We have been delivered and set free.

#### Isaiah. 53; 3-12.

He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely, he hath borne our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

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

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment; and who shall declare his generation? For he was cut of out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief; when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall proper in his hand.

He shall see the travail of his soul, and, shall be satisfied; by his knowledge shall my righteousness servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death; and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

#### The Message Bible says.

The servant grew up before God. A scrawny seedling, a scrubby plant in a parched field.

There was nothing attractive about him, nothing to cause us to take a second look. He was looked down on and passed over. A man who suffered, who knew pain firsthand.

One look at him and people turned away. We looked down on him, thought he was scum, But the fact is, it was our pains that he carried, our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us, we thought that he brought it on himself, that God was punishing him for his own failures.

But it was our sins that did that to him, that ripped and tore and crushed him. Our sins.

He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed.

We are all like sheep who have wandered off and gotten lost.

We have all done our own thing, gone our own way.

And God has piled all our sins, everything we have done wrong, on him.

He was beaten, he was tortured, but he did not say a word. Like a lamb taken to be slaughtered, and like a sheep being sheared, he took it all in silence.

Justice miscarried, and he was led off and did anyone really know what was happening?

He died without a thought of his own welfare, beaten bloody for the sins of my people.

They buried him with the wicked, threw him in a grave with a rich man, even though he had never hurt a soul or said one word that was not true.

Still, it is what God had in mind all along, to crush him with pain.

The plan was that he gave himself as an offering for sin so that he would see life come from it, life, life, and more life.

And God's plan will deeply prosper through him.

Out of that terrible travail of soul, he will see what it's worth it and be glad he did it.

Through what he has experienced, my righteous one, my servant, will make "righteous ones." As he himself carries the burden of their sins.

Therefore I'll reward him extravagantly, the best of everything, the highest honors.

Because he looked death in the face and didn't flinch, because he embraced the company of the lowest.

He took on his own shoulders the sin of many, he took up the cause of all the black sheep.

## Notes.

## Questions.

1.	What were Adam and Eve to do, in regards to the fruit upon the tree?	
Genes	sis. 2;17	
2.	How does the Scripture describe Satan the serpent?	
Genes	sis. 3;1	
3.	What aspects of Eve's nature caused her to eat the fruit of the tree?	
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### The Sin Nature and how it can affect our life

#### It can become a Curse, that only the Lord can deliver us from.

This is a fact about how, because of something that happened in the family of Jacob, how it had lasting effect on the inheritance and blessings upon an individual that could be handed out and received by one of Jacobs sons.

Dinah, the daughter of Leah, a daughter of Jacob went out to see the land, and while she was looking, Shechem the son of Hamor, the Hivite, the prince of the country, saw her. He took her and had his way with her and defiled her.

Shechem's soul clave to have Dinah as his wife and said unto his father Hamor, get me this damsel to wife.

#### Genesis. 34;5-8.

And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter; now his sons were with the cattle in the field; and Jacob held his peace until they were come.

And Hamor the father of Shechem went out unto Jacob to commune with him.

And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard it; and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to be done.

And Hamor communed with them saying, the soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter; I pray you give her to him to wife.

#### The Message Bible says.

Jacob heard that Shechem had raped his daughter Dinah, but his sons were out in the fields with the livestock, so he did not say anything until they got home.

Hamor, Shechem's father, went to Jacob to work out marriage arrangements. Meanwhile Jacob's sons on their way back from the fields heard what had happened.

They were outraged, explosive with anger. Shechem's rape of Jacob's daughter was intolerable in Israel and not to be put up with.

Hamor spoke with Jacob and his sons, my son Shechem is head over heals in love with your daughter. Give her to him as his wife.

The key note here, is that the brothers were exceeding angry with Shechem. This decided what they would do and how they would act. Disregarding the word of the Lord, to satisfy their anger and offence.

Shechem asked for whatever dowry and gift they wanted for the marriage price, and I will pay it. Ask what you will, set it as high as you want, and I will pay it.

#### Vs. 13-18.

And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister.

And they said unto them, We, cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us;

But in this will we consent unto you, and you will be as we be, that every male of you be circumcised;

Then will we give out daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.

But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we take our daughter, and we will be gone.

And their words pleased Hamor and Shechem, Hamor's son.

#### The Message Bible says.

Jacob's sons answered Shechem and his father with cunning. Their sister, after all, had been raped. They said, This, is impossible. We could never give our sister to a man who was uncircumcised. Why, we would be disgraced. The only condition on which we can talk business is, if all your men become circumcised, like us.

Then we will freely exchange daughters in marriage and make ourselves at home among you and become one big, happy family. But if this is not an acceptable condition, we will take our sister and leave.

#### Points of Interests.

- The sons of Jacob answered deceitfully.
- In other words, they lied and had an alternative motive.
- They turned their back on the word of God in order to obtain revenge.
- They agreed to something that was against the Word of God, and that is a mixture in their marriage.
- Because Shechem was willing to pay any price in order for Dinah to be his wife, he and his father were prepared to pay and or do anything. Despite the Ramerfications.
- They did not see the trickery. They were blinded by wealth and prosperity and lust.

#### Vs. 19-24.

And the young men deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter; and he was more honourable than all the house of his father.

And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying,

These men are peaceable with us; therefore, let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold it is large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters.

Only herein will the men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised.

Shall not there cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs be ours? Only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of the city.

#### The Message Bible says.

The young man was so smitten with Jacob's daughter that he proceeded to do what he had been asked. He was also the most admired son in his father's family.

So Hamor and his son Shechem went to the public square and spoke to the town council; These men like us; they are our friends. Let them settle down here and make themselves at home. There is plenty of room in the country for them.

And just think, we can exchange our daughters in marriage. But these men will only accept our invitation to live with us and become one big family on one condition, that all the males become circumcised just as they are themselves are.

This is a very good idea for us. These people are very wealthy with great herds of livestock and we are going to be able to get our hands on it. So lets do what they ask and have them settle down with us.

Everyone who was anyone in the city agreed with Hamor and his son, Shechem; every male was circumcised.

#### Points of Interests.

- Shechem was so smitten with love or lust that he was prepared to do anything that was required by Jacob's family to be able to get Dinah as his wife.
- Hamor and Shechem came to the city council and explained to them what they wanted to see happen in their lives, and said it in a way, that was pleasing to the ears that were listening.
- They blinded the eyes of the city council by using wealth, prosperity, lust, the thought of having beautiful women at their disposal if they wanted to have them as their wives.
- No doubt they would have asked high dowries of sheep, cattle, goats and camels for their daughters, thereby getting hold of the wealth.
- Shechem said that we will be able to get our hands on their wealth, so let's do what they ask so that we have a chance of getting their wealth.
- Every male in that city was circumcised at once. Big mistake.
- Would you yourself do anything, just to get wealth.

#### Vs. 25-29.

And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males.

And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out.

The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister.

They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field, and all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives took they captive, and spoiled even all that was in the house.

#### The Message Bible says.

Three days after the circumcision, while all the men were still very sore, two of Jacob's sons, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brothers, each with his sword in his hand, walked into the city as if they owned the place and murdered every man there.

They also killed Hamor and his son Shechem, recued Dinah from Shechem's house, and left.

When the rest of Jacob's sons came to the scene of the slaughter, they looted the entire city in retaliation for Dinah's rape.

Flocks, herds, donkey`s, belongings, everything, whether in the city of the fields, they took. And then they took all the wives and children captive and ransacked their homes for anything valuable.

#### Points of Interests.

- Simeon and Levi waited until the men of the Hevitites were so sore from the circumcision to attack them.
- They killed every man as revenge for what Shechem did to their sister Dinah.
- The sword speaks of the word of the Lord here, but they used deception and lies to achieve what they wanted to do. Not truth.
- The truth of the word of God will destroy untruth, but we have to be truthful for it to have the best outcome.
- They took anything and everything as a retaliation for what Shechem did to their sister Dinah.
- Their anger over this not only caused them to do what they did, but because they were deceitful, there became something that they had to now be responsible for.
- A curse now came upon Simeon because of his lies and deceit. We will hear about this further on.
- This would carry on through the rest of his life and cause him in the future to miss out on his inheritance from his father.

#### Vs. 30-31.

And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites; and I being a few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house.

And they said, should he deal with our sister as with a harlot?

#### The Message Bible says.

Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, You, have made my name stink to high heaven among the people here. These Canaanites and Perizzites. If they decide to gang up on us and attack, as few as we are, we would not stand a chance. They will wipe me and my people right of the map.

They said, Nobody, is going to treat out sister like a whore and get by with it.

#### Points of Interests.

- Jacob said to his two sons. What have you done? You have destroyed my name. Everybody in this area will hate me and want to destroy me because of what you two have done.
- I am not many, and I will not be able to stand up against them, if they decide to attack me. Me and my house will be destroyed.

- They, the brothers said nobody is going to treat my sister like that.
- The end does not always justify the means. There are times when we need to look at what issues may arise if I do this or that, and that may affect the walk that we walk in.
- God is a righteous judge, but if we lie and deceive to get what we want, it will come back to bite us, as with what Simeon is going to experience in the future.

#### Proverbs. 29:11.

A fool uttereth all his mind; but a wise man keepeth it, till afterwards.

#### The Message Bible says.

A fool lets it all hang out; a sage quietly mulls it over.

#### Points of Interests.

- Do not let anger show your hand.
- The scripture says in James. 1;19. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift [or quick] to hear, slow to speak [or act] slow to wrath. [or anger]
- Sometimes when we act upon impulse because we are upset, it can turn out wrong or not the way that we wanted it to.
- Do not let anger or frustration be the reason that we act on something as that may cause some huge problems or issues in our life that we may not be able to repair.
- They lost their inheritance.

We find in a couple of places in scripture that it is mentioned that Simeon because of what he did with Shechem and Homor, that he missed out on a blessing of land himself from Moses, but had to miss out on their own blessings, but Join with the house of Judah to receive the inheritance of the Land of Judah for their habitation.

We find this in Deuteronomy 32-34. and Joshua. 19;1-9.

#### Joshua. 19;1 and 8-9.

And the second lot came forth to Simeon, even to the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families; and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah.

- Judah. The House of Praise.
- Also, where the linage of the blood line of Jesus came from.
- In this we can see the linage of forgiveness against any curse or anything that we need forgiveness for.

#### Vs. 8-9.

And all the villages that were round about these cities to Baalathbeer, Ramath of the south. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon, according to their families. Out of the portion of the children of Judah was the inheritance of the children of Simeon; for the part

of the children of Judah was too much for them; therefore, the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of them.

#### The Message Bible says.

The second lot went to Simeon for its clans. Their inheritance was within the territory of Judah.

This is the inheritance of the tribe of Simeon according to its clans.

The inheritance of Simeon came out of the share of Judah's portion because Judah's portion turned out to be bigger than they needed.

That's how the people of Simeon came to get their lot from within Judah's portion.

What we need to understand here is that because of what Simeon did in chapter 34 of Genesis, he was cursed and Simeon did not receive an inheritance from Moses, but the leaders of the Tribe of Judah said come and dwell with us for we have plenty of land and there is more than enough for you.

That's the forgiveness and mercy shown unto Simeon by the tribe of Judah. The house of praise and worship.

That is why I said it was the linage of the bloodline of Jesus as it is a type and shadow of Jesus in relation to forgiveness and mercy. No matter what the sin is.

The children of Israel did not always do what the Lord God commanded them to do.

In Judges. 1-36. It tells us that when God told them to go against, the Canaanites and the Perizzites and destroy them. They did not. They destroyed some but when the fighting got heavy, they allowed the enemy to dwell in amongst them, which caused a mixture of the Spirit and the world, and they did not complete the cleansing of the land. That does not work. It causes issues and problems down the track.

#### 1 Corinthians. 5;1-3. and 6-13.

It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.

For I verily as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed.

Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven, leaveneth the whole lump?

Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened, for even Christ our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast, not with old leaven. Neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators;

Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

But now I have written unto to you not to keep company if any man is called a brother, be a fornicator, or covetous, or a idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not eat.

For what have I to do to judge them that also that are without? Do not judge them that are within?

But them that are without, God, judgeth. Therefore, put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

#### The Message Bible says.

I also received a report of scandalous sex within your church family, a kind that would not be tolerated even outside the church; One of your men is sleeping with his stepmother, and you are so above it all that it does not even faze you. Should not this break your hearts? Should not it bring you to your knees in tears? Should not this person and his conduct be confronted and dwelt with?

I will tell you what I would do. Even though I am not there in person, consider me right there with you, because I can fully see what's going on. I am telling you that this is wrong. You must not simply look the other way and hope that it goes away on its own.

Bring it out in the open and deal with it in the authority of Jesus our Master. Assemble the community. I will be present in Spirit with you, and our Master, Jesus Christ will be present in power.

Hold this man's conduct up to public scrutiny. Let him defend it if he can, but if he cannot, then out with him. It will be totally devastating to him, of course, and embarrassing to you. But better devastation and embarrassment than damnation. You want him on his feet and forgiven before the Master on the day of judgement.

Your flip and callous arrogance in these things bothers me. You pass it off as a small thing, but it is anything but that. Yeast too, is a small thing, but it works its way through a whole batch of bread dough pretty fast. So, get rid of this yeast. Our true identity is flat and plain, not puffed up with the wrong kind of ingredient.

The Messiah, our Passover Lamb, has already been sacrificed for the Passover meal, and we are the Unraised Bread part of the feast. So, let's live out our part in the feast, not as raised swollen bread, swollen with the yeast of evil, but as flat bread. Simple, genuine, unpretentious.

I wrote to you in an earlier letter that you should not make yourselves at home among the sexually promiscuous. I did not mean that you should have nothing at all to do with outsiders of that sort, or with crooks, whether blue or white collar. Or with spiritual phonies, for that matter.

You will have to leave the world entirely to do that. But I am saying that you should not act as if everything is just fine when a friend who claims to be a Christian is promiscuous or crooked. Is flip with God or rude to friends, gets drunk or becomes greedy and predatory.

You cannot just go along with this, treating it as acceptable behavior. I am not responsible for what the outsiders do, but do not we have some responsibility for those within our community of believers?

God decides on the outsiders, but we need to decide when our brothers and sisters are out of line and, if necessary, clean the house.

#### Points of Interests.

- What happens in the Old Testament in the natural, occurs with us in the spiritual and within the heart and mind.
- How we think and what we do affects our walk with the Lord.
- The children of Israel did not clean the county of the enemy when God said to do it. We need to cleanse our heart mind and spirit.
- We like the children of Israel, cannot co-habitat and exist with the enemy, or things in our lives that the Lord says get rid of, because I, God, hate it.
- To Love the Lord, and the Word of God, means that we need to hate evil and anything that is contry to the Word of God and do our best to stay away from it.

Anger leaves devastation in its wake, often with irreparable consequences.

Further-more, while anger against sin is not unwarranted, we ought always to be very careful to distinguish between the sinner and the sin, so as not to love or bless the sin for the sake of the person, nor to hate or curse the person for the sake of the sin.

#### Galatians. 5;19-21.

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness.

Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, various, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies.

Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; of the which I tell you because, as I have also told you in times past, that they which do such things, shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

#### The Message Bible says.

It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time; repetitive, loveless, cheap sex; a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religion; paranoid loneliness; cutthroat competition; all-consuming, yet never satisfied wants; a brutal temper; an impotence to love or be loved; divided homes and divided lives; small minded and lop-sided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival, uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community. I could go on.

#### Points of Interests.

- Without a true love in our hearts for the Lord and the Word of the Lord, there will be many insecurities and imperfections begin to raise their ugly head in our lives.
- The Scripture says to be content in him.
- When we surrender all of our lives over to the Lord, we have peace and tranquility.
- There is always a war going on between the flesh and the spirit as the devil tries to win us back again to the things of the world.

#### Genesis. 49;2.

Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your Father.

What we see here is Jacob declaring himself to be both Jacob, as the father of his sons, and then Israel as a man that has been developed and grown by the Spirit of God.

#### In reality, it is a type of Flesh and the Spirit.

At the very beginning of Jacob blessing his sons, he realized he was both Jacob the man, and then also Israel the Spirit of God for him to be able to both bless and prophecy into his sons lives.

This we can look at and realized that he has come into a place of spiritual maturity as Jacob came to the end of his natural life. Blessing his sons was the final thing that he did before he went to be with the Lord.

Realizing two things, that God had called him and named him Israel, and made him into what he had become, but also in the flesh he was called Jacob, and all that he had to battle with in his flesh, and surrender himself to God, that the flesh would become the Spiritual Israel, that he would be able to sow a word from the Lord into the lives of his sons.

#### Genesis. 49;5-7.

Simeon and Levi are brethren; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

O my soul, come not thou into their secret; unto their assembly, mine honour, be not thou united; for in their anger, they slew a man, and in their selfwill, they digged down a wall.

Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; and their wrath, for it was cruel; I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel.

#### The Message Bible says.

Simeon and Levi are two of a kind, ready to fight at the drop of a hat.

I do not want anything to do with their vendettas, I want no part in their bitter feuds; They kill men in fits of temper, slash oxen on a whim.

A curse on their uncontrolled anger, on their indiscriminate wrath.

I will throw them out with the trash; I will shred and scatter them like confetti throughout Israel.

#### Points of Interests.

- These two brothers had a very cruel spirit about them both.
- They were too much alike and encouraged each other to do the wrong thing.
- Jacob said that I want nothing to do with them and their anger and I will separate them and scatter them far away from each other so that they cannot influence each other again to do evil things.
- When he said that I will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel. He means this. In the natural as their father Jacob, I see the bad influence on one another, but in God and as their spiritual Father I know that if I separate them far away from each other, the Lord God will be able to change them and cause them to do good.

## Notes.

## Questions.

1.	What happened to Jacobs daughter Dinah?	
Genesis. 34;5.		
2.	How did the 2 of the sons of Jacob react?	
Genesis. 34;7.		
3.	How did the sons of Jacob answer Shechem and Hamor.>	
Genesis. 34;13.		
4.	When Hamor and Shechem spoke to the elders of the city. Were they honest with them?	
Genesis. 34;19-34.		
5.	What did the sons of Jacob. Simeon and Levi do?	
Genesis. 25-29.		
	What was the concern of Jacob by what his 2 sons had done?	
Genesis. 34;30-31.		
	What does the scripture. <b>Proverbs. 29;11</b> say?	
	With what Simeon and Levi did. What did it cause them to miss out on?	
	a. 19;1. And 8-9.	
	What did Israel not do?	
	s. 2;10-13.	
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10.	. What are some of the works of the flesh?	
Galatians. 5;19-21.		

## **Possessing the Land**

### It is up to us!

#### We ultimately make the decision that affects our walk in God.

#### Joshua. 1;2-5.

Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto a land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.

There shall nor any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life; as I was with Moses, so shall I be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

#### The Message Bible says.

After the death of Moses, the servant of God, God spoke to Joshua, Moses, assistant.

Moses my servant is dead. Get going. Cross this Jordan River, you and all the people.

Cross to the country I am going to give to the people of Israel. I am giving every square inch of the land you set your foot on, just as I promised Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon, east to the Great River, the Euphrates River. All the Hittite country, and then west to the Great Sea. It is all yours.

All your life, no one will be able to hold out against you. In the same way that I was with Moses, I will be with you. I won't give up on you; I won't leave you.

#### Points of Interests.

- God spoke to Joshua about the mantle of leadership falling upon him from Moses.
- Get up, get going, it is time to go and possess the land that I have told you about.
- I am going to give every square millimeter of that land to you as I have promised.
- All your life, no issue, no enemy will ever be able to overcome you, because I am with you, and I will never leave you, nor will I give up on you because of your mistakes.

#### Joshua. 14;9.

And Moses, sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's forever, because thou hast wholly followed the Lord thy God.

#### The Message Bible says.

That was the day that Moses solemnly promised. The Land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance, you and your children's forever.

#### Points of Interests.

- Moses swore before God, saying, wherever your feet have tread, that will be your inheritance before God.
- All of the seed of Israel including their children, shall take ownership and possession of the Land where they have walked.
- It is because the children of Israel have followed the Lord, that the Lord God have given them this land.
- In other words, it is because of their obedience, is the reason that the Lord has blessed them.
- Because they have been faithful to God. God will be faithful to them.

#### Joshua encouraged himself in the Lord by the words that he had heard spoken.

#### Joshua. 14; 11-12.

As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me; as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in.

Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced; if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said.

#### The Message Bible says.

Now look at me; God has kept me alive, as he promised. It is now forty years since God spoke this word to Moses, years in which Israel wandered in the wilderness.

And here I am today, eighty five years old! I am as strong as I was the day Moses sent me out.

I am as strong as ever in battle, whether coming or going. So, give me this hill country that God promised me.

You yourself heard the report, that the Anakim were there with their great fortress cities. If God goes with me, I will drive them out, just as God said.

No one will be able to stand in your way. Wherever you go, God sent fear and trembling will precede you, just as he promised.

You are crossing the Jordan River to invade and take the land that God, your God, is giving you. Be vigilant. Observe all the regulations and rules I am setting before you today.

#### Points of Interests.

- Do all what the Lord tells you to do. In that you are to Love the Lord thy God with all they heart mind and soul. **Matthew. 22;37.**
- The Lord will drive out anybody or nation that would dare stand up before you, and you shall possess greater nations than what you are.
- Every place of dirt that the soul of your feet tread, shall be yours. You shall not only possess it, but also have the authority over it.
- The Lord your God shall lay fear and trembling on anyone of the enemy that stands before you, and you shall overcome them by the word of the Lord.
- This evident before the children of Israel attacked Jericho. When all the Kings which were on the west side of the Jordan River, heard that the Lord thy God Lord thy God had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until they were passed over, their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them anymore, [ to fight ] because of the children of Israel. Joshua. 5;1.
- God said to his people. Pass over the river Jordan and possess the land which I God have given you, and dwell in it.
- Make sure you do all the things that the Word of God says, and I will look after you.
- The River Jordan here speaks of death to self, and obedience to the Word of the Lord.
- The land here I believe speaks of whatever city it is that we live in.
- Let's claim the land and stand for our city of where you live, and see how the Spirit of God will more on our behalf to destroy the works of the enemy that we might possess more of the city, and see souls added unto the kingdom.

#### Deuteronomy. 11;6-9.

And what he did unto Dathan and Abiam, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben; how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession, in the midst of all Israel.

But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the Lord which he did.

Therefore, shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land that floweth with milk and honey.

And that ye may prolong your days in the land, which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

#### Points of Interests.

- I am as strong today as I was when Moses sent me out to spy out the land.
- My strength in God is as good now as it was back then, and I am a strong man of God in warfare, so I am able to go to war and make war or make peace and come home. I am ready in season and out of season.
- I look at this mountain of God and say in my heart. Give me this mountain of God and any enemies that are there in the big walled cities, I will destroy them because the Lord said that he is always with me.
- Because the power of the Lord is with me, I will be able to beat the enemy, all because
  of, the authority through the blood of Jesus Christ, and that the hand of God is with me.

The Promises of God to us as long as we keep his commandments and do what he says.

#### Deuteronomy. 11;22-25. and 31-32.

For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the Lord your God, to walk in his ways, and to cleave to him;

Then will the Lord drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.

Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours; from the wilderness and Lebanon from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be.

There shall be no man be able to stand before you; for the Lord your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon the land, as he hath said unto you.

#### Vs. 31-32.

For ye shall pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein.

And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and judgements which I set before you this day.

#### The Message Bible says.

That's right. If you diligently keep all this commandment that I command you to obey, love God, your God, do what he tells you, stick close to him, God on his part will drive out all these nations that stand in your way.

Yes, he will drive out nations much bigger and stronger than you. Every square inch or millimeter on which you place your foot will be yours. Your borders will stretch from the wilderness to the mountains of Lebanon, from the Euphrates river to the Mediterranean Sea.

#### The Message Bible says.

God took care of you in the wilderness until you arrived here, what he did to Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, son of Reuben. How the earth opened its jaws and swallowed them with their families, there tents, and everything around them, right out of the middle of Israel.

Yes, it was you. Your eyes, that saw every great thing that God did.

• So it is you who are in charge of keeping the entire commandment that I command you today, so that you will have the strength to invade and possess the land that you are crossing the river to make your own.

Your obedience will give you a long life on the soil that God promised to your ancestors and their children, a land flowing with milk and honey.

We, God's people have found grace in his sight, and he knows us by name.

#### Exodus. 33;16-17.

For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? Is it not in that thou goest with us? So, shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth.

And the Lord said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken; for thou hast found grace in my sight. And I know thee by name.

#### The Message Bible says.

Moses said, If, your presence does not take the lead here, call this trip off right now. How else will it be known that you are with me in this, with me and your people?

Are you traveling with us or not? How else will we know that we are special, I and your people, among all other people on this planet earth?

God said to Moses; All right, just as you say; this also I will do, for I know you well, and you are special to me. I know you by name.

#### Points of Interests.

- Moses asked God for clarification that he is with them.
- The Lord said, Ok, I will be with you and my people.
- God told Moses that he had found grace in the sight of God.
- We are special to God.
- God said, By the way. Do you know that I know you by name?

#### Exodus. 33;1-7.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I sware unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, unto thy seed will I give it.

And I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite.

Unto a land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiff-necked people; lest I consume thee in the way.

And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned; and no man did put on him, his garments.

For the Lord had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiff-necked people; I will come up unto the midst of thee in a moment and consume thee; therefore now put of thy ornaments from thee, that I might know what to do unto thee.

And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.

And Moses took the Tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation.

And it came to pass, that everyone which sought the Lord, went out unto the Tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp.

#### The Message Bible says.

God said to Moses; Now go. Get on your way from here, you and the people you brought up from the land of Egypt. Head for the land which I promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying I will give it to your descendants,

I will send and angel ahead of you and I will drive out the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, and Jebusites. It's a land flowing with milk and honey. But I won't be with you in person, because you are such a stubborn, hard-headed people, lest I destroy you on the journey.

When the people heard this harsh verdict, they were plunged into gloom and wore long faces. No one put on jewelry.

God said to Moses. Tell the Israelites, You, are a hard-headed people. I could not stand being with you even for a moment. I'd destroy you. So, take off all your jewelry until I figure out what to do with you.

So, the Israelites stripped themselves of their jewelry from mount Horeb on.

Moses used to take the tent and set it up outside the camp, some distance away. He called it the tent of meeting. Anyone who sought God would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp.

It went like this; When Moses would go to the tent, all of the people would stand at attention; each man would take his position at the entrance to his tent with his eyes on Moses until he entered the tent; whenever Moses entered the tent, the Pillar of Cloud descended to the entrance to the tent and God spoke with Moses.

All the people would see the Pillar of Cloud at the entrance to the tent, stand at attention, and then bow down in Worship; each man at the entrance to his tent.

God spoke with Moses face to face, as neighbors speak to one another.

#### Points of Interests.

- God said to Moses, get up and go and start to possess the land that I have given you.
- As you go, I will send angels before you to drive out all the enemy that possess the land that I have given you.
- You will not have to fight. I, God, will do this for you.
- God said, tell the children of Israel that they need to change their ways and get rid of some things of the world that are in their lives that I do not like. Namely jewelry on men.
- After Joshua came down from the Mountain with Moses, and saw the abomination that the children of Israel were involved in, he said, get rid of the Idols out of your life and the ear-rings out of your ears.
- Moses moved the Tabernacle of the dwelling place of God away from all the wrong doings of the people so that if anybody wanted to worship the Lord, they had to make a firm decision to do that, by not only looking to see where God was, but would have to move away from where they are, to where God is.
- The men of God had to stand at the doorway to their tent or house, keep a lookout for Moses and when they saw Moses enter the doorway of the Tabernacle, or dwelling place, and the Pillar of Cloud came down, which speaks of the Holy Spirit and the presence of the Lord. The men bowed down and worshipped God, as God spoke face to face to Moses.
- God spoke face to face to Moses through the cloud, which speaks of the Holy Spirit. He does the same with us today. Speaking through the Holy Spirit.
- What I see here was that the Israelites recognized that God was with Moses, so they respected him for who he was. God's chosen leader.

#### Leviticus. 20;23-24.

And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you; for they committed all these things. And therefore, I abhorred them.

But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey; I am the Lord your God, which have separated you from other people.

#### The Message Bible says.

Do what I tell you, all my decrees and laws; live by them so that the land where I am bringing you won't vomit you out. You simply must not live like the nations I'm driving out before you.

They did all these things and I hated every minute of it.

I have told you, remember, that you will possess their land that I am giving you as an inheritance, a land flowing with milk and honey.

I am God, your God, who has distinguished you from the nations. So, live like it.

#### Points of Interests.

- God said. When you get to the promised lands that I have given you. Do not live as they live, live according to my word, otherwise the nation and their ways will spit you out.
- I have hated all the things that the people of the land did. Do not you do that and incur my wroth.
- This land is an inheritance to you and to your children and your descendants.
- The Word of God or the Bible is our life manual and as Christians we should take instruction from it and live by how it says that we need to live.

#### Exodus. 10;26.

Our cattle also shall go with us, **There shall not a hoof be left behind**; for therefore must we take to serve the Lord our God; and we know not with what we must serve the Lord, until we get there.

#### The Message Bible says.

But Moses said, You, have to let us take our sacrificial animals and offerings with us so we can sacrifice them in worship to our God.

Our livestock has to go with us, with not a hoof left behind; they are part of the worship of our God. And we do not know just what will be needed until we get there.

#### Points of Interests.

- Our livestock are part of our worship. They will be our Sacrifice. A Type of Jesus Christ.
- We need to take everyone, so that we can worship the Lord, when needed.
- Not a hoof shall be left behind. It is all about serving and worshipping the Lord.
- As God's creation, as we serve and minister to him while we are alive on this earth, not
  one of us will be left behind, as long as we serve him with all our heart, mind and Spirit.
- God is not willing that any should perish.

#### 11 Chronicles. 7;14.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

#### The Message Bible says.

And if my people, my God defined people, respond to me, by humbling themselves, praying, seeking my presence, and turning their back on their wicked lives.

I will be there ready for you; I will listen from heaven, forgive your sins, and restore their land to health.

The following is the Scripture reference of 11 Chronicles. 7;14 that has been translated back to the Hebrew meaning using the Strong's Exhausted Concordance of the Bible.

Seeing that you are called out by me and have become the nation of God, and you are starting to understand that you have received an invitation from me and are even bidden by the Lord so that I can place my name upon you so that the authority and character of the Godhead has been given as a charge upon you.

Because of this calling that has been placed upon you, I am asking, pleading and desiring that you would humbly yourself in your heart and spirit so that you would become subdued and submissive under my authority.

I would like you to become separated unto me from the things that surround you, purely because I have asked you to, so that you would begin to pray and intercede and talk to me and as you strive, ask, beg, beseech and even desire to find that great relationship with me, so that my presence can begin to develop in your life.

I want you to turn away from all evil and bad mindedness and wickedness.

For as you do and you change your direction in life, and this will affect the way that you walk before me, I will begin to be mindful of you and hear of you from my dwelling place in heaven and I will be diligent concerning your wellbeing, and I will pardon you and spare you from the snares of the wicked one and forgive your sin. Whatever it is.

Because a sacrifice will be made to destroy the punishment that is due unto mankind.

When I see this happen in your lives, I will be able to restore, make right your land and your nation, because of the calling that has been placed upon you, and you will begin to realize that you are chosen by the Lord, and therefore you belong to me.

#### Points of Interests.

- Gods people are those that have asked Jesus Christ into their lives as their Lord and savior, and by doing that we have our names written in the Lambs book of life and that enables Jesus to know us by our name, and we belong to him.
- Even though we belong to the Lord, the Word of God still has to correct us and change us, even adjust us, into what we are meant to be.
- That is why we need to be a praying people, that are able to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and seek his face and presence and change our wicked lives and renew our mind so that Holy Spirit can perfect us, using the Word of God that has the anointing of the Holy Spirit on it to quicken and make alive the Word that we hear.
- By doing what we can in God, he will see our effort, he will then hear us from heaven and do what he needs to do to meet the cry that is in our heart.
- God is able to forgive anything that we do or think, and when he does, he says that he can heal our land for us.
- To heal our land, he needs a government that makes rules according to the Word of God. Do not allow anything that is not of the Lord to be able to be established within our nation. Have a people that continually cry out to the Lord for God to move on our behalf.

# Notes.

# Questions.

	What did the Lord say to Joshua when he told him to go into the promised land?  Joshua. 1;3		
2.	What did Joshua say that the Lord would do?  Joshua. 1;4-5.		
3.	How did Joshua describe himself after 40 years in the wilderness?  Joshua. 14;11-12.		
4.	What did the Lord say he would do if we kept his commandments?  Deuteronomy. 11;22-25.		
5.	What did the Lord do to those that would not obey?  Deuteronomy. 11;6-9.		
6.	What did Moses ask for and the Lord said he would give it to the people?  Exodus. 33;16-17.		
7.	What did the Lord promise Moses in the times of battle and warfare?  Exodus. 33;1-2.		
8.	When the Lord said to possess the land. What are we not to do?  Leviticus. 20;23-24.		
9.	What did Moses say to Pharaoh?  Exodus. 10;26.		
10.	The Lord gives an instruction on how we are to be. What is it?  11 Chronicles. 7;14.		

## Redeemed by the Blood of Jesus Christ

#### Claim the Blood Always in Everything

#### 1 Peter. 1;18-20.

Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers.

But with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.

#### The Message Bible says.

Your life is a journey you must travel with deep consciousness of God.

It cost God plenty to get you out of that dead-end, empty-headed life you grew up in. He paid with Christ's sacred blood, you know.

He died like an unblemished, sacrificial lamb. And this was no afterthought. Even though it has only lately, at the end of the ages, become public knowledge. God always knew he was going to do this for you.

It is because of this sacrificed Messiah, whom God then raised from the dead and glorified, that you trust God, that you know you have a future in God.

These passages of scripture are reverted back to the original Greek. They say this.

#### 1 Peter. 1;18-20.

Because you know of whom I am, and you are aware of the cost of saving you. The ransom paid, the atonement that I created for you, was not done by any other thing, that was decayed, or produced from something that was corruptible or perishable in man's eyes, like silver and gold or something of value according to man's wisdom, or even by anything that was said or implied that was considered of value according to the tradition of your fathers.

Because of you and who you are, a creation that is considered precious in the eyes and heart of God, he allowed his precious Son, who willingly offered himself to go and be the sacrificial Lamb.

The Lamb that was and is considered valuable and honorable in the eyes of the Lord. He, and what he achieved is even considered to be something of a great price and costly to God the

Father, whom allowed his Son, Jesus, to become the atoning blood of sacrifice, that caused his blood that flowed in his veins to become our kindred blood.

Jesus Christ became the Messiah, so that he was able to achieve forgiveness of sin for mankind, even though, he had no sin. He was unblemished, and without spot or blame. Faultless in every way, so that we can become like him, and the soul of man can once again be allowed into the presence of God the creator.

Jesus Christ was always going to be the means by which the price for the redemption of man was going to be achieved.

He always was and always will be the chosen, anointed one before anything was. Long before the conception of God in his heart to conceive in his heart, a world that was to be created as a place for the future mankind to inhabit. Long before we were created.

It was an orderly arrangement when the words of declaration were given to create the world as we know it. To bring forth the manifest word of God, that has been revealed and quickened to the heart of man in these final days, which is going to be the uttermost end and the final place of time for the Lord's final trump, or his greatest glory.

Satan has no power or Authority against the Blood of the Lamb.

#### 1 Corinthians. 1;7-9.

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory.

Which none of the princes of this world: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But it is written. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

#### The Message Bible says.

Just think, you don't need a thing, you've got it all! All of God's gifts are right in front of you as you wait expectantly for our Master Jesus to arrive on the scene for the Finale.

And not only that, but God himself is right alongside to keep you steady and on track until things are all wrapped up by Jesus.

God, who got you started in this spiritual adventure, shares with us the life of his Son and our Master Jesus. He will never give up on you. Never forget that.

#### Revelation. 12; 6-13.

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and three-score days.

And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.

And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which decieceth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them.

Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth, that he hath but a short time.

And when the dragon saw that he was cast down unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

#### The Message Bible says.

The Woman herself escaped to the desert to a place of safety prepared by God, all comforts provided her for 1260 days.

War broke out in Heaven. Michael and his Angels fought the dragon. The Dragon and his Angels fought back, but, were no match for Michael. They were cleared out of Heaven, not a sign of them left.

The great Dragon, the ancient Serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, the one who led the whole earth astray. Thrown out, and his Angels thrown out with him, thrown down to earth. Then I heard a strong voice out of heaven saying.

Salvation and power are established! The Kingdom of our God, authority of his Messiah!

The Accuser of our brothers and sisters thrown out, who accused them day and night before God.

They defeated him through the blood of the Lamb and the bold word of their witness.

They were not in love with themselves; they were willing to die for Christ.

So, rejoice, O heavens, and all who live there, but doom to earth and sea.

For the Devil's come down on you with both feet; he has had a great fall;

He is wild and raging with anger; he has not much time and he knows it.

#### The Blood of the New Testament.

#### Mathew. 26; 28.

For this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

#### The Message Bible says.

Taking the cup and thanking God, he gave it to them;

Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood, God's new covenant poured out for many people for the forgiveness of sins.

#### The Charge given to all Ministry and Leaders.

#### Acts. 20;28.

Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

#### The Message Bible says.

Now it is up to you. Be on your toes, both for yourselves and your congregation of sheep.

The Holy Spirit has put you in charge of these people, God's people they are, to guard and protect them.

God himself thought that they were worth dying for.

#### Reconciliation of God's Creation by making Peace on the Cross.

#### Colossians. 1;20.

And having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

#### The Message Bible says.

Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe, people and things, animals and atoms, get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.

#### Redemption of sins through his Blood.

#### Ephesians. 1;5-7.

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.

To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

#### The Message Bible says.

Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.

Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. What pleasure he took in planning this. He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift giving by the hand of his beloved son.

Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the alter of the cross, we are a free people, free from penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. Abundantly free.

He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need, letting us in on the plans he took such delight in making.

He set it all out before us in Christ, a long - range plan in which everything would be brought together and summed up in him, everything in deepest heaven, everything on planet earth.

#### The blood of Christ cleansing our conscience and thoughts of our past.

#### Hebrew. 9;14.

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit, offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

#### The Message Bible says.

Think how much more the blood of Christ cleans up our whole lives, inside and out.

Through the Spirit, Christ offered himself as an unblemished sacrifice, freeing us from all those dead-end efforts, to make ourselves respectable, so that we can live all out for God.

#### A cleansing by the Blood.

#### Hebrews. 9:22.

And almost all things are by the law purged, [ or cleansed ] with blood; and without shedding of blood, is no remission.

#### The Message Bible says.

This is the blood of the covenant God established with you. Practically everything in a will hinges on a death.

That is why blood, the evidence of death, is used so much in our tradition, especially regarding forgiveness of sins.

#### The Blood Purifies us from all Sin.

#### 1 John. 1;7.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son. Cleanseth, [or purifies] us from all sin.

#### The Message Bible says.

But if we walk in the light, God himself being the light, we also experience a shared life with one another, as the sacrificed blood of Jesus, God's Son, purges all our sin.

#### Hebrews. 10;19.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness, [ or liberty ] to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.

#### The Message Bible says.

So, friends, we can now without hesitation, walk right up to God, into the Holy Place. Jesus has cleared the way by the blood of his sacrifice, acting as our priest before God.

The curtain into God's presence is his body.

#### Jesus Sanctified his people with his own Blood.

#### Hebrews. 13; 10-12.

We have an alter, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.

Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

#### The Message Bible says.

The alter from which God gives us the gift of himself is not for exploitation by insiders who grab and loot.

In the old system, the animals are killed, and the bodies disposed of outside the camp. The blood is then brought inside to the alter as a sacrifice for sin.

It is the same with Jesus. He was crucified outside the city gates, that is where he poured out the sacrificial blood that was brought to God's alter to cleanse the people.

#### The Blood makes an atonement for the Soul.

#### Leviticus. 17:11.

For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the alter to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

#### Being washed from our own sins, in his own Blood.

#### Revelation. 1;5.

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth.

Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood.

#### The Message Bible says.

The God who was, and the God about to arrive, and from the seven Spirits assembled before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, a loyal witness. The first born from the dead, Ruler of all earthly kings.

Glory and strength to Christ, who loves us, who blood-washed our sins from our lives.

Who made us a kingdom, Priests for his Father forever, and yes he is on his way.

These are they who have had their lives made white in the Blood of the Lamb.

#### Revelation. 7;14.

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me. These are they which came out of great tribulation, and, have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

#### The Message Bible says.

Who are these dressed in white robes, and where did they come from? Taken back, I said, O Sir, I have no Idea, but you must know.

Then he told me, These, are those who came from the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes, scrubbed them clean in the blood of the Lamb.

That is why they are standing before God's throne.

#### We are now Justified by his Blood.

#### Romans. 5;9.

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through it.

#### The Message Bible says.

Now we are set right with God by means of his sacrificial death, the consummate blood sacrifice. There is no longer a question of being at odds with God in any way.

If, when we were at our worst, we were put on friendly terms with God by the sacrificial death of his Son, now that we are at our best.

The Old Covenant is done away with to make way for the New Covenant.

#### Hebrews. 10;6-9.

In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure.

Then said I, Lo, I come in the volume of the book it is written of me to do thy will. O God.

Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offerings for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law.

Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will O God, He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

#### The Message Bible says.

The old plan was only a hint of the good things in the plan.

Since the old law plan was not complete in itself, it could not complete those who followed it.

No matter how may sacrifices were offered year after year, they never added up to a complete solution.

If they had, the worshippers would have gone merrily on their way, no longer dragged down by their sins.

But instead of removing awareness of sin, when those animal sacrifices were repeated over and over, they actually heightened awareness and guilt.

The plain fact is that bull and goat blood cannot get rid of sin. That is what is meant by this prophecy, put in the mouth of Christ.

My Blood is Drink Indeed so that you will live forever.

#### John. 6;55-58.

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my Blood is drink indeed.

He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father; so, he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

This is the bread which came down from heaven; not as your fathers did eat manner and are dead; he that eateth of this bread shall live forever.

#### The Message Bible says.

But Jesus did not give an inch. Only, insofar as you eat and drink flesh and blood, the flesh and blood of Man, do you have life within you?

The one who brings a hearty appetite to this eating and drinking has eternal life and will be fit and ready for the final day. My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

By eating my flesh and drinking my blood you enter into me and I into you. In the same way that the fully alive Father sent me here and I live because of him, so the one who makes a meal of me lives because of me. This is the bread from heaven. Your ancestors ate bread and later died. Whoever eats this bread will live always.

Do not drink of the Blood unworthily, but in Remembrance of me.

#### 1 Corinthians. 11;24-30.

And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take eat; this is my body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me.

After the manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till ne come.

Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup.

For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

For this cause, many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

#### The Message Bible says.

The Master, Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, took bread. Having given thanks, he broke it and said, This, is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, he did the same thing with the cup; This cup is my blood, my new covenant with you; Each time you drink this cup. Remember me.

What you must solemnly realize is that every time you eat this bread and every time you drink this cup, you reenact in your words and actions the death of the Master. You will be drawn back to this meal again and again until the Master returns.

You must never let familiarity breed contempt.

Anyone who eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Master irreverently is like part of the crowd that jeered and spit on him at his death. Is that the kind of remembrance you want to be part of? Examine your motives, test your heart, come to this meal in Holy awe.

If you give no thought, or worse do not care, about the broken body of the Master when you eat and drink, you are running the risk of serious consequences.

That is why so many of you even now are listless and sick, and others have gone to an early grave.

If we get this straight now, we will not have to be straightened out later on.

Better to be confronted by the Master now than to face a fiery confrontation later.

## Notes.

# Questions.

1.	How are we redeemed?					
1 Peter. 1;19.						
2.	How do we know that Satan does not know what God is doing?					
1 Cori	1 Corinthians. 1;18.					
3.	Who was cast out of heaven?					
Revelation. 12;7-9.						
	What causes the remission or forgiveness of sin?					
Matth	ew. 26;28					
5.	What does scripture say to leaders concerning the house of God?					
Acts. 2	20;28.					
	What has happened through the Blood of his Cross?					
Coloss	sians. 1;20					
7.	Name some of the things written in these scriptures.					
Ephes	Ephesians. 1;5-7.					
	What will the Blood of Christ do for us?					
Hebrews. 9;14						
9.	What can the Blood of Christ also do?					
1 Johr	1 John. 1;7.					

10. What does the Blood of Christ also do for us?
Hebrews. 10;19.
11. Describe what the Blood also does?
Leviticus. 17;11.
12. What else does the Blood of Jesus Christ do?
Revelation. 1;5.
<b>13.</b> Who are these people that come out of the great tribulation? Clothed in white robes by the Blood of the Lamb. Remember. This is after the rapture.
Revelation. 7;14.
14. The Blood of Jesus Christ allows us to be what?
Romans. 5;9
15. As we partake of the communion. What does it allow us to do in Christ?
John 6;56
<b>16.</b> What does the Lord say we are to do as we partake of the communion?
1 Corinthians. 11;24.
17. What does the Word say that we are to do before we partake of communion.?
1 Corinthians. 11;27-30.

# **Forgiveness**

## How can we achieve true forgiveness?

To be able to love the people that we come into contact with, Despite their background.

## Are People punished on Earth for their Sin?

Forgiveness can in many ways come across our path, what sometimes seems, to be a daily thing.

It is what is said or done or even implied, sometimes comes from friends and families, and it is this that seems to have more impact on us, whether it is meant to be said or not, in a particular way or not, it can affect us in our heart and or our spirit.

And we wonder why sometimes.

#### Ephesians. 4;32.

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving, one to another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

#### The Message Bible says.

Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk.

Be gentle with one another, sensitive.

Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.

#### Mathew. 18;21-22.

Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord how oft shall my brother sin against me, and, I forgive him? Till seven times.

Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, until seventy times seven.

#### The Message Bible says.

At that point Peter got up the nerve to ask, Master, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?

Jesus relied, Seven! Hardly! Try seventy times seven.

Repentance and forgiveness can at times be a daily situation for a while. It depends on what and how the Lord is working on us at any given time, and also what word that has been sent to try us and cause us to come unto subjection to the Word of God.

#### Luke. 6;37-38.

Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.

Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

#### The Message Bible says.

Do not pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults, unless, of course, you want the same treatment.

Do not condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang. Be easy on people; you will find life a lot easier.

Give away your life; you will find life given back, but not merely given back, but given back with a bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begats generosity.

#### James. 1; 19-20.

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:

For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

#### The Message Bible says.

Post this at all the intersections, dear friends: Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear.

God's righteousness, does not grow from human anger. So, throw all spoiled virtue and cancerous evil in the garbage.

In simple humility, let our gardener, God, landscape you with his word, making a salvationgarden of your life.

So, in other words, hold our tongue, open our ears so that we can hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to us. Do not let the human nature of anger, rise up within us, so that something is said that we will regret later on.

Let's be wise in what we say and how we say it, also in how we act to what we hear. Do not lash out with our tongue at the first opportunity.

#### 1 Peter. 3;8-12.

Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful be courteous:

Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrary-wise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:

Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.

#### The Message Bible says.

Summing up. Be agreeable, be sympathetic, be loving, be compassionate, be humble. That goes for all of you, no exceptions. No retaliation. No sharp tongue sarcasm. Instead, Bless. Your Job is to bless. You will be a blessing, and also get a blessing.

Whoever wants to embrace life and see the day fill up with good, here is what you do:

Say nothing evil or hurtful; Snub evil and cultivate good; run after peace for all you are worth.

God looks on all this with approval, listening and responding well to what he is asked;

But he turns his back on those who do evil things.

#### The Word does say this.

#### Proverbs. 4;23.

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

#### The Message Bible says.

Keep vigilant, watch over your heart; that is where life starts.

Do not talk out of both sides of your mouth; ignore all sideshow distractions.

Watch your step, and the road will stretch out smooth before you.

Look neither right nor left; leave evil in the dust.

#### Proverbs. 23:7.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.

A man may say one thing verbally, but thinks something different. That is how he will behave.

#### James. 4;7-8.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded man.

#### The Message Bible says.

You're cheating on God. If all you want is your own way. Flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God and his way. And do you suppose God doesn't care?

The proverb has it that he1s a fiercely jealous lover. And what he gives in love is far better than anything else you'll find. It's common knowledge that God goes against the willful proud; God gives grace to the humble.

So let God work his will in you. Yell a loud no to the devil and watch him scamper, Say a quiet yes to God and he1ll be there in no time. Quit dabbling in sin. Purify your inner life. Quit playing the field. Hit bottom and cry your eyes out. The fun and games are over. Get serious, really serious. Get down on your knees before the Master; It`s the only way you`ll get on your feet.

#### 11 Corinthians. 2;5-11.

But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part; that I may not over charge you all.

Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many.

So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.

Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.

For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.

To whom ye forgive anything, I forgive also; for I forgave anything, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ.

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

#### The Message Bible says.

Now, regarding this one who started all this, the person in question who caused all this pain. I want to know that I am not the one injured in this as much as, with a few exceptions, all of you. So, I do not want to come down too hard.

What the majority of you agreed to a punishment, is punishment enough. Now is the time to forgive this man and help him back on his feet. If all you do is pour on the guilt, you could well drown him in it. My counsel now is to pour on the love.

The focus of my letter was not on punishing the offender but on getting you to take responsibility for the health of the Church.

So, if you forgive him, I forgave him. Do not think I am carrying around a list of personal grudges. The fact is that I am joining in with your forgiveness, as Christ is with us, guiding us. After all, we do not want to unwittingly give Satan an opening for yet more mischief, we are not oblivious to his sly ways.

#### Colossians. 3;12-13.

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering.

Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel, or complaint against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

#### The Message Bible says.

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you; compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline.

Be even tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offence.

Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It is the basic, all purpose garment. Never be without it.

#### 1 Corinthians. 13;4-6.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, [ or is not rash ] is not puffed up.

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil.

Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.

#### The Message Bible says.

If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I do not love. I have gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I am bankrupt without love.

- Love never gives up.
- Love cares more for others than for self.
- Love does not want what it does not have.
- Love does not strut around.
- Love does not have a swelled head.
- Love does not force itself on others.
- Love is not always, me first.
- Love does not fly off the handle.
- Love does not keep score of the sins of others.
- Love does not revel when others grovel.
- Love takes pleasure in the flowering of the truth.
- Love puts up with anything.
- Love trusts God always.
- Love always looks for the best.
- Love never looks back.
- Love keeps going to the end.

#### James. 5;16.

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

#### The Message Bible say.

Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed.

The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.

#### Luke. 23;33-34.

And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, on the right hand, and the other on the left.

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

#### The Message Bible says.

When they got to the place called, Skull Hill, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on the right, the other on his left.

Jesus prayed. Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing. Dividing up his clothes, they threw dice for them.

#### John. 8;7.

So, when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone.

#### The Message Bible says.

Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger in the dirt. They kept at him, badgering him. He straightened up and said, the sinless one among you, go first; Throw the stone. Bending down again, he wrote some more in the dirt.

#### Matthew. 5;23-24.

Therefore, if thou bring thy gift to the alter, and there rememberest that thy brother have ought, against thee.

Leave there thy gift before the alter and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

#### The Message Bible says.

This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters.

If you enter your place of worship and about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately; go to this friend and make things right.

Then and only then, come back and work things out with God.

## Notes.

# Questions.

1. H	low does the scripture say to treat people?				
Ephesia	ns. 4;32.				
<b>2.</b> H	How often did Jesus say to forgive?				
Matthew. 18;21-22.					
3. \	What are we not to do?				
Luke. 6;	37-38.				
4.	What does it say that everyman must do?				
James.	1;19-20.				
<b>5.</b> I	How does it say that we are to be?				
1 Peter. 3;8-12.					
6	How are we to keep our heart?				
	os. 4;23				
7.	If we think something in our heart. What reaction will it have upon us?				
Proverb	os. 23;7				
8.	If we resist the devil, what will he do?				
James.	4;7-8				
9.	What are we to put on?				
Colossia	ans. 3;12-13.				

<b>10.</b> List a few things that love is. Page. 60-61.	
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<b>12.</b> What did Jesus say when he was on the Cross?	
Luke. 23;33-34.	
<b>13.</b> What did Jesus say to the people?	
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John. 8;7.	

# We have Been given all Authority and Power from God.

#### Matthew. 28;18-20.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying. All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing then in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; [The Lord Jesus Christ]

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

#### The Message Bible says.

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge; God authorized and commanded me to commission you; Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the three fold name; Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I will be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.

Because we accept Jesus Christ into our lives, then all the power and authority that God the Father gave unto his Son, Jesus Christ, has been made available unto us, even though we go through trials and testing's at times, that does not mean that we do not have the power and authority that Jesus is talking about, in our lives.

All it means is, that all the power and authority from the Godhead, is available unto us. It is just that our faith has not been in a position to be able to believe for it.

Whether that is a lack of faith or a lack of teaching, that we all should have been told that we are well able to rise up and claim that power and authority, because we believe in Jesus Christ and him crucified, and he will hear from heaven when we call out to him and move on our behalf.

# Where does this Power and Authority that Jesus is talking about, come from?

It comes from our faith in the Godhead bodily and through the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

#### Acts. 1;8.

But ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you. Then you shall be witnesses unto me in all the world.

#### The Message Bible says.

He told them, You, do not get to know the time. Timing is the Father's business.

What you will get is the Holy Spirit. And when the Holy Spirit comes on you, you will be able to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world.

The Word that Jesus ministered, was a Word that had Power and Authority.

Luke 4; 32-37. & Mark. 1;22-28.

And they were astonished at his doctrine; for his word was with power.

And in the Synagogue, there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice.

Saying. Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art, thou come to destroy us? I know thee, who thou art; The Holy one of God.

And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a Word is this! For with authority and power he commanded the unclean spirits, and they came out.

And the fame of him went out into every place of the country round about.

#### The Message Bible says.

He went down to Capernaum, a village in Galilee. He was teaching the people on the Sabbath. They were surprised and impressed. His teaching was so forthright, so confident, so authoritative, not the quibbling and quoting they were used to.

In the meeting place that day there was a man demonically disturbed. He screamed, Ho, What business do you have here with us, Jesus? Nazarene! I know what you are up to. You are the Holy One of God and you have come to destroy us!

Jesus shut him up; Quiet! Get out of him! The demonic spirit threw the man down in front of them all and left. The demon did not hurt him.

That set everyone back on their heels, whispering and wondering, What's going on here? Someone whose words make things happen? Someone who orders demonic spirits to get out and they go? Jesus was the talk of the town.

#### Points of Interests.

- The people were astonished at his doctrine, for the word that he ministered had power and authority.
- Because of the power and authority on and in Jesus, the words that he spoke, caused a reaction by conviction because of the Word of God, upon the demonic spirit that had taken up residence within the man.
- The demonic spirit, recognized Jesus and who he was, but also the evil spirit recognized the power and the authority that Jesus had.
- This recognition came about because every demonic spirit on earth knows that when their boss Satan was cast out of heaven, he, Satan had no power or ability to stop it. So, if their boss has no power over the Word of God, then neither do they, every evil and demonic spirit that exists.
- Jesus spoke unto the demonic spirit and he had to obey and leave the man's body.
- The people were amazed at not just the word of authority, but also the power that went with it.
- The power extended to authority over evil and demonic spirits.
- The fame of what Jesus did, and how he did it went throughout all the land.
- People then not only wanted to hear what Jesus had to say, but also experience the signs and wonders, as well as all the miracles that Jesus was capable of.

### Where do we stand? Can we achieve this same ability in Christ?

#### Romans. 8;11.

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by the Spirit that dwelleth in you.

#### The Message Bible says.

But for you who welcome him, in whom he dwells, even though you still experience all the limitations of sin, you yourself experience life on God's terms. It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive and present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he will do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you, [and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus], you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's.

#### Points of Interests.

- If the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead and performed all the signs and wonders and miracles that Jesus did, then we, through Christ and in the power of that same Holy Spirit, have the authority and power and ability in Christ to do all that Jesus did, and more than Jesus accomplished.
- As we wait upon the Lord, read his Word, call out to him, believe on all that we hear and see, then my Lord shall do abundantly above what we ask or think in our lives.

We as Christians, can by faith in Jesus Christ and him crucified be a witness to the world by the signs and wonders that the Lord can do through us.

#### John. 14;12.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do, shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father.

#### The Message Bible says.

The person who trusts me will not only do what I am doing but even greater things, because I am on my way to the Father. I am giving you the same work to do that I have been doing.

You can count on it. From now on, whatever you request along the lines of whom I am and what I am doing, I will do it. That is how the Father will be seen for who he is in the Son. I mean it. Whatever you request in this way, I will do it.

#### Points of Interests.

- We need to trust in Jesus and him crucified.
- We need to believe that Jesus did and can do these signs and wonders even now.
- As we trust and believe in the Word of God, the Word tells us that we also in Christ can do signs and wonders and miracles.
- The Word also tells us that we are going to be able to do greater works than that which was accomplished by Jesus when he was walking on the earth.
- The reason that we are able to accomplish these great things is that Jesus has gone onto the Father and has passed the batten unto us to follow in his footsteps.
- I certainly would love to know what the greater things are, that the Lord did, and we are able to accomplish these through Christ. Everything that he did was so great in itself.

#### Luke. 5;17.

And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal.

#### The Message Bible says.

One day as he was teaching, Pharisees and religious teachers were sitting around.

They had come from nearly every village in Galilee and Judea, even as far away as Jerusalem, to be there.

The healing power of God was on him.

This Scripture is encouraging to us all, in how he, Jesus, is able to work in and through us.

#### Ephesians. 3;18-20.

May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth and height;

And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

#### The Message Bible says.

And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you will be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christs love.

Reach out and experience the breadth. Test its length. Plumb the depths. Rise to the heights. Live full lives, full in the fullness of God.

God can do anything you know, far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams.

He does it not by pushing us around, but by working with us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.

#### Points of Interests.

- The Lord wants not just us, but all of us to understand the magnitude of our Lord.
- To be able to know and understand the Lord which passes all of our understanding and capability, so that we are able to be filled with the fulness of God without any limitations.
- The Lord said that he is able to do exceedingly abundantly above that which we ask or think.
- What are the limitations of our faith and our thoughts? God can do abundantly far greater than what our faith is and what we think.

#### Mark. 5;1-10.

This the story about Jesus had gone over to the other side of the sea into the country of the Gadarenes

When he stepped out of the boat there came a man out of the tombs that had an unclean spirit, and no one could contain him.

#### Vs. 6-7

But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him. and cried out with a loud voice, what have I to do with you Jesus, thou Son of the most high? I recognize you, do not torment me.

#### Vs. 8.

Jesus said unto the unclean spirit. Come out of that man, you unclean spirit.

Jesus asked the spirit, what was his name? and he said, my name is Legion for we are many. Do not send me away to another country the spirit asked.

It does not matter how many spirits there are, they all must come under subjection to Jesus Christ and his crucified. It is the power that is in his name.

#### The Message Bible says.

When he saw Jesus a long way off, he ran and bowed in worship before him, then bellowed in protest, What business do you have, Jesus, Son of the High God, messing with me?

I swear to God, do not give me a hard time. Jesus had just commanded the tormenting evil spirit, Get out of the man.

Jesus asked him, Tell me your name.

My name is Mob. I am a rioting mob. Then he desperately begged Jesus not to banish them from the country.

#### Points of Interests.

- When Jesus got out of the boat, the evil spirit recognized Jesus from afar off because of the authority and power that he carried.
- That is no different today. Because we carry the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead in us, every evil spirit and demonic power recognizes the power and the authority that we have. We just need to convince ourselves.

- He bowed to worship Jesus then threatened him, but Jesus commanded that spirit into subjection and told him to get out of the man, and the spirit had to obey.
- The enemy and every spirit that is under his control tries to convince us that we are not able to defeat them, or they put thoughts of unworthiness or inability in our minds, wanting us to think on these thoughts and start believing them. Once we do that they have won.

#### Acts. 19;2,4,-6.

He said unto them. Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We, have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is Jesus Christ.

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with other tongues, and prophesied.

#### The Message Bible says.

The first thing that Paul said was, Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? Did you take God into your mind only, or did you also embrace him with your heart? Did he get inside you?

We have never even heard of that. A Holy Spirit? God within us? How were you baptized then? Asked Paul. In John Baptism.

That explains it, said Paul. John preached a baptism of radical life change so the people would be ready to receive the One coming after him, who turned out to be Jesus. If you have been baptized into John's baptism, you are now ready for the real thing, for Jesus.

And they were. As soon as they heard of it, they were baptized in the name of the Master Jesus. Paul put his hands on their heads and the Holy Spirit entered them.

From that moment on, they were praising God in tongues and talking about God's actions.

When you read through Chapter 19, you will see of the miracles and signs and wonders the Paul did as he was ministering the Word of the Lord in the schools and meeting places. There was also a lot of opposition against the Word of the Lord and of the person of Jesus Christ.

#### Acts 8;5-8.

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

For unclean spirits, crying with loud voices, came out of many that were possessed with them; and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

And there was great joy in that city.

#### The Message Bible says.

Wherever they were scattered, they preached the Message about Jesus. Going down to a Samaritan city, Philip proclaimed the Message of the Messiah. When the people heard what he had to say and saw the miracles, the clear signs of God's action, they hung on his every word.

Many who could neither stand, or walk were healed that day. The evil spirits protested loudly as they were sent on their way.

And what joy in the city.

#### Points of Interests.

- Christ was preached in a city in Samaria.
- The believers accepted the Word of the Lord and their faith was increased as they gave heed to the Word that they heard, and saw the miracles that were performed in the name of Jesus Christ and him crucified.
- The evil and demonic spirits, shouted out loudly, as under the command of the Word of the Lord, they had to leave the human bodies that they possessed, even though it was against what they wanted, they had no choice, because the power and the authority of and in the Word, meant that they had to obey that command to leave.
- Many people that could not stand or walk were healed under the power of the presence of the Lord and great joy entered into that city.

It does not matter about qualifications of experience. As long as the presence of the Lord is there. There will be healings, and signs and wonders.

#### Luke. 5;17.

And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and Doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was present to heal.

#### Luke. 9;1-2.

Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.

And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.

#### The Message Bible says.

Jesus now called the twelve and gave them authority and power to deal with all the demons and cure diseases. He commissioned them to preach the news of God's kingdom and heal the sick.

#### Points of Interests.

- We have been called by the Lord and commissioned to do his work.
- We have been given power and authority in that commissioning.
- All sickness and authority over all devils, has been given to us. Sometimes our lack of faith gets in the way and it does not happen, what we want to happen.
- Sometimes as humans we can find it hard to accept that the Lord has given, me, myself, the ability to do these sign and wonders. But the Word says that signs and wonders are going to follow those that believe.
- Then the Lord sent us out to preach the Gospel unto all the world.

#### Mark. 16;17-18.

And these signs shall follow those that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; and they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

#### The Message Bible says.

These are some of the signs that will accompany believers. They will throw out demons in my name, they will speak in new tongues, they will take snakes in their hands, they will drink poison and not be hurt, they will lay hands on the sick and make them well.

It was accounted unto Abraham for righteousness, because he believed the word of God.

That is also the same unto us. If we believe the word of God, then it will be accounted unto us for righteousness as well.

#### Proverbs. 29;2.

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

#### The Message Bible says.

When good people run things, everyone is glad, but when the ruler is bad, everyone groans.

#### Points of Interests.

- It was accounted unto Abraham because he believed the Word of God. So, we are righteous in God's eyes because we believe the Word of God, so as we take the authority that has been given to us, we rejoice.
- When the wicked or evil seems to have authority, the righteous mourn because of the oppression that comes upon the children of God.

#### Authority over Sickness.

#### Matthew. 4;23.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

#### The Message Bible says.

From there he went all over Galilee. He used the synagogues for meeting places and taught people the truth of God.

God's kingdom was his theme, that beginning right now they were under God's government, a good government. He also healed people of their diseases and of the bad effects of their bad lives.

#### Points of interests.

- Jesus travelled and ministered the Word of God wherever he could by preaching the gospel.
- As he preached the Word of the Lord, people were healed of all kinds of problems.
- That included all kinds of illness and diseases, as well as the effects of bad living that it had on their own lives.
- Sometimes if we change what we are doing and how we are doing it, it will have a huge dramatic effect on not just our own lives but also the impact of that act or result of what we are doing, which in turn will affect our own health.

## Jesus had compassion on the people when he saw how sick and depressed some of the people were

#### Matthew. 9;35-36.

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, [ or were tired and lay down ] and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

#### The Message Bible says.

Then Jesus made a circuit of all the towns and villages. He taught in their meeting places, reported kingdom news, and healed their diseased bodies, healed their bruised and hurt lives.

When he looked out over the crowds, his heart broke. So confused and aimless were they, like sheep with no shepherd.

#### Points of Interests.

- Jesus travelled.
- He preached and taught and ministered the Word of the Lord.
- He healed their diseased and bruised bodies.
- He had compassion on them because of the way that they were.
- They looked like sheep that had nor shepherd and did not know where they were going.

Jesus gives the supreme challenge to the disciples, on what and how they are to act, when comes to ministering the word of God.

#### Matthew. 10;7-8.

And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Heal the sick, cleanse the leppers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely you have received, freely give.

#### The Message Bible says.

Go to the lost, confused people right here in the neighborhood. Tell them that the kingdom is here. Bring health to the sick. Raise the dead. Touch the untouchables, kick out the demons. You have been treated generously, so live generously.

#### Points of Interests.

- As you live life. Preach the Gospel. Either by speaking or living the life that you should and conducting yourself the way that you should.
- Heal the sick and cast our spirits.
- The sick can mean a lot of different things that people can be affected by.
- Viruses, Cleans the leppers, often speaks of sin in the bible so, get people saved from sin. Raise the dead people. All of this said in the same breath. No big deal. Christ is the healer. Cast out evil spirits. Again by the power and authority of the Holy Spirit.

You have received the Word of God freely, so give freely.

We need to have good discernment when it comes to things that are evil.

It only comes about by much prayer in the Holy Spirit.

Romans. 16;19.

I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

#### The Message Bible says.

I want you also to be smart, making sure that every good thing is the real thing. Do not be gullible in regard to smooth talking evil.

#### Points of Interests.

- Be wise concerning the Word of God, and make sure that everything that you listen to is actually the Word of God.
- Do not give evil the time of day, and, pay it no attention.
- Read the word of God much, and pray, in the Holy Spirit much.

The Power and Authority the Jesus demonstrated to his disciples, blew them away, they could not believe it.

#### Mark. 4;

It talks about the authority that Jesus had to speak into the raging storm, including the winds and the sea to be still.

We have that authority as well to speak into situations and see them calmed.

When everybody was going crook at Jesus for being late to come a pray for Lazarus and he had been dead for 3 days. Jesus just called out his name and said, "Come forth." And he did.

John. 11; 25-26.

Jesus had power and authority of death and raised up Lazarus from the dead when no one else was able to believe for it.

## Notes.

# Questions.

1. What did Jesus say?	
Matthew. 28;18-20.	
2. What do we receive when we are filled with the Holy Spirit?	
Acts. 1;8.	
3. Why were the People astonished?	
Luke. 4;32.	
EURC. 4,92.	
4. What is the spirit that is in us?	
Romans. 8;11	
5. If we believe in Jesus, what will it enable us to do?	
John. 14;12.	
6. What was in the room as Jesus was teaching?	
Luke. 5;17.	
7. What does the scripture say that Jesus can do?	
Ephesians. 3.20.	
8. When Jesus stepped out of the boat. A man saw him and said what?	
Mark. 5;67.	
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9. Jesus command a spirit to come out of a man. What happened?	
Mark. 5;8.	
10. When Philip went to preach in Samaria. What happened?	
Acts. 8;5-8.	

11. When Jesus called his disciples together. What happened?
Luke. 9;12.
12. What will follow those that believe?
Mark. 16;17-18.
13. What did Jesus do when he was in Galilee?
Mark. 4;23.
14. When Jesus went ministering in the cities and villages. What came upon him?
Matthew. 9;35-36.
15. Jesus gave a command. What was it?
Matthew. 10;7-8.
Wattilew. 10,7-0.
16. What did Jesus have that no one else had?
John. 11;25-26.

# We are More than Conquerors

### Nothing can hold us down.

#### Romans. 8;31-34.

What then shall we say these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

#### The Message Bible says.

So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God did not hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst, by sending his own Son, is there anything else that he would not gladly and freely do for us?

And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? Who would dare even to point a finger? The One who died for us, who was raised to life for us, and who is in the presence of God at this very moment, sticking up for us.

#### Points of Interests.

#### Questions that seem to be asked.

- If God be for us, who can be against us?
- Seeing that God did not spare his own Son for us, why won't he graciously give us all things.
- There is nobody, physically or spiritually that can ever bring any charge against us, that will have any chance of sticking. We are all covered by the blood of Christ.
- Who is he that condemns, not Christ that is for sure?
- Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Nobody and Nothing that raises its ugly head shall ever be able to overcome us.
- Jesus Christ is also the one that is making intersession for us in heaven by praying for us.

#### Luke. 22;31-32.

And the Lord said. Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat.

But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith, fail not; and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

#### The Message Bible says.

Simon, stay on your toes, Satan has tried to separate all of you from me, like chaff from wheat. Simon, I have prayed for you in particular, that you not give in, or give out.

When you have come through the time of testing, turn to your companions and give them a fresh start.

#### Romans. 8. 35-39.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay in all these things, we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come.

Nor height, not depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### The Message Bible says.

Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins in scripture.

They kill us in cold blood, because they hate you. We are sitting ducks; they pick us off one by one. None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us.

I am absolutely convinced that nothing, nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable, absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our master has embraced us.

#### Points of Interests.

- Who or what shall separate us from the Love of God. Nothing that you could ever describe will ever have the ability to separate God's love from us. Nothing.
- It is written that for our sake we are killed, all the day long. In other words, the Word of the Lord is trying us, so that we will become perfect in every way. The Word of the Lord tried Joseph until the appointed time was ready for him to be used of God.

  Psalm 105;19.
- With Jesus Christ, we are more than Conquerors, all day long.
- Paul lists a very long list of things that in the natural could cause us to think that I am never going to make it but in Christ, no weapon formed against us shall prosper.

Paul gives us a very open description of what he went through, just to bring us the Word of God.

#### 11 Corinthians. 11;22-28.

Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I.

Are they ministers of Christ? [I speak as a fool.] I am more; more labours, more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths, oft.

Of the Jews, five times received I forty stripes, save one.

Thrice I was beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep. [The Depts of a Prison Galley.] In journeyings often, in perils of water, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren.

In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

#### The Message Bible says.

Since you admire the egomaniacs of the pulpit so much, [remember, this is your old friend, the fool, talking], Let me try my hand at it. Do they brag of being Hebrews, Israelites, the pure race of Abraham? I am their match. Are they servants of Christ? I can go one better. I cannot believe I am saying these things. It is crazy to talk this way. But I started, and I am going to finish.

I have worked much harder, been jailed more often, beaten up more times than I can count, and at death's door time after time. I have been flogged five times with the Jews, thirty-nine lashes, beaten by Roman rods three times, and pummeled with rocks once.

I have been shipwrecked three times and immersed in the open sea for a night and a day.

In hard traveling year in and year out, I have had to ford [cross] rivers, fend of robbers, struggle with friends, struggle with foes. I have been at risk in the city, at risk in the country, endangered by desert sun and sea storm, and betrayed by those I thought were my brothers.

I have known drudgery and hard labor, many a long and lonely night without sleep, many a missed meal, blasted by the cold, naked to the weather.

And that is not the half of it, when you throw in the daily pressures and anxieties of all the churches. When someone gets to the end of their rope, I feel the desperation in my bones. When someone is duped into sin, an angry fire burns in my gut.

When you read something like this of a man of God who without doubt had an amazing call upon his life, you begin to realize that what we face in this day and age is nothing compared to this man.

Yet through it all, the faith and trust that Paul had in Jesus Christ and him crucified got him though all of what he has just mentioned and no doubt, more of what he has not mentioned.

#### John. 16;33.

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

#### The Message Bible says.

Jesus answered them, do you finally believe? In fact, you are about to make a run for it, saving your own skins and abandoning me.

But I am not abandoned. The Father is with me. I have told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply in peace.

In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart. I have conquered the world.

#### Romans. 8;31.

What shall we say then to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

#### The Message Bible says.

So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose?

#### Isaiah. 54;17.

No weapon formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgement, thou shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

#### The Message Bible says.

No weapon that can hurt you has ever been forged, [ or made ]

Any accuser who takes you to court will be dismissed as a liar.

This is what God's servants can expect. I will see to it that everything works out for the best, this is God's decree.

#### Isaiah. 41;13.

For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not. I will help thee.

#### The Message Bible says.

That's right, Because I, your God, have a firm grip on you and I'm not letting you go. I'm telling you, Do not panic. I am right here to help you.

#### Romans. 5;3-5.

And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also, knowing that tribulation worketh patience.

And patience, experience; and experience, hope.

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

#### The Message Bible says.

There's more to come; We continue to shout our praise even when we are hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel od virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next.

In alert expectancy such as this, we are never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary, we cannot round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit.

#### Romans. 8;17-18.

And if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; If so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

#### The Message Bible s says.

If we go through the hard times with him, then we will certainly go through the good times with him.

That's why I do not think that there is any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times.

#### Philippians. 4;13.

I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

#### The Message Bible says.

I have found the recipe for being happy, whether full of hungry, hands full or hands empty. Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am.

#### James. 1; 12-14.

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that Love him.

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.

But every man is tempted, when is drawn away of his own lusts, and enticed.

#### The Message Bible says.

Anyone who meets a testing challenge head on and manages to stick it out is mighty fortunate. For such a person's loyally in love with God, the reward is life and more life.

Do not let anyone under pressure to give into evil say, God is trying to trip me up. God is impervious to evil and puts evil in no man's way.

The temptation to give into evil come from us and only us. We have no one to blame but the leering, seducing flare up of our own lusts.

#### James. 1;2-4

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into diver's temptations;

Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

#### The message Bible says.

Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challengers come at you from all sides, you know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors.

So do not try and get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

Paul said this statement. This is so true in all our lives.

The things that I do not want to do, I do, and the things that I want to do, I do not.

Romans. 7;15 and 19.

For that which I do, I allow not; for what I would that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

#### Vs. 19.

For the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do.

#### The Message Bible says.

Yes, I am full of myself, after all. I have spent a long time in sin's prison. What I do not understand about myself is that, I decide one way, but then I act another, doing things that I absolutely despise.

#### Vs. 19.

For I know the law, but cannot keep it, and if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I absolutely need help. I realize that I do not have what it takes. I can will it, but I cannot do it.

I decide to do good, but I really do not do it. I decide not to be bad, but then I do it anyway.

#### Romans. 8:11.

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

#### The Message Bible says.

But for you who welcome him, in whom he dwells, even though you still experience all the limitations of sin, you experience life on God's terms. It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the

alive and present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he will do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus. Bringing you to himself?

When God lives and breathes in you, and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus, you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's.

#### Romans. 12;21.

Be not overcome of evil but overcome evil with good.

#### The Message Bible says.

Our scriptures tells us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he is thirsty, get him a drink.

Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Do not let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

#### 1 Corinthians. 15;57.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### The Message Bible says.

It was sin that made death so frightening and law-code guilt that gave sin its leverage, its destructive power. But now in a single victorious stroke of life, all three, sin, guilt, death, are gone, all because of the gift of the Master, Jesus Christ. Thank God.

#### 1 John. 5;4-5.

For whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

#### The Message Bible says.

Every God-begotten person conquers the world's ways. The conquering power that brings the world to its knees is our faith. The person who wins out over the world's ways is simply the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

#### 1 John. 4;4.

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

#### The Message Bible says.

My dear children, you come from God and belong to God. You have already won a big victory over false teachers, for the Spirit in you is far stronger than anything in the world.

These people belong to the Christ-denying world. They talk the world's language and the world eats it all up. But we come from God and belong to God.

#### Hebrews. 12;1-6.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against him, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Ye have not resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children. My Son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him.

For Whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son who he receiveth.

#### The Message Bible says.

Do you see what this means? All these pioneers who blazed the way, these veterans cheering us on? It means that we had better get on with it. Strip down, start running, and never quit. No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins.

Keep you eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished the race that we are in. Study how he did it, because he never lost sight of where he was headed. That exhilarating finish in and with God, he could put up with anything along the way; The cross, shame, whatever. And now he is there, in the place of honor, right alongside of God.

When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over the story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls.

My dear child, do not shrug off God's discipline, but do not be crushed by it either. It is the child he loves, that he disciplines; the child he embraces, he also corrects.

God is educating you; that is why you must never drop out. He is treating you as dear children. This trouble you are in is not punishment; It is training, the normal experience of children. Only irresponsible parents leave children to fend for themselves. Would you prefer an irresponsible God?

## Notes.

# Questions.

1. If God be with us. Who can be against us?					
Romans. 8;32-34					
2. What did the Lord say to Simon concerning Satan and what was the Lord doing?					
Luke. 22;31-32.					
3. Can anyone or anything separate us from the love of God?					
Romans. 8;35-39.					
4. Write down some of the things that Paul went through so as to minister God's Word.					
11 Corinthians. 11;22-28.					
5. What does Jesus say that we have in him?					
John. 16;33					
6. If anything rises up against us. Can it hurt us?					
Isaiah. 54;17					
7. What does tribulation in our lives create?					
Romans. 5;3-5.					
8. How does this scripture describe us?					
Romans. 8;17-18.					
9. What does this scripture say that we can do in Christ?					
Philippians, 4;13,					

10. What shall we receive because we endure things?
James. 1;12-14.
11. When we go through things. How are we to receive it?
James.1;2-4
12. Paul being human describes how he feels at times. What are they?
Romans. 7;15 and 19.
13. What abides in us?
Romans. 8;11.
14. How do we overcome evil?
Romans. 12;21.
15. What do we receive through Jesus Christ?
1 Corinthians. 15;57
16. How are we able to overcome the world?
1 John. 4;4.
17. How is Jesus described?
Hebrews. 12;1-2.

# The Weapons of Our Warfare What are they?

#### 11 Corinthians. 10;3-6.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh.

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

#### The Message Bible says.

The world is unprincipled. It is a dog eat dog out there. The world does not fight fair.

But we don't live or fight our battles that way. Never have and never will.

The tools of our trade are not for marketing or manipulation, but they are for demolishing that entire corrupt culture. We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God.

Fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ.

Our tools are ready at hand for clearing the ground of every obstruction and building lives of obedience into maturity.

#### Points of Interests.

- Though we are humans and we are made of flesh and blood and our life goes about as fleshly people in the way that we walk and go about our lives.
- Because we are flesh and blood and have a mind that can make decisions about anything. We are not perfect, and we have no right in God to criticize ourselves when we do or act wrongly.
- That is what the scripture says that we do not make war with ourselves or after the flesh.
- The weapons that we have to use in our walk with the Lord are not fleshly or natural but rather are spiritual and can help us pull down the strong holds of the enemy and defeat him as he attacks us in our daily walk with the Lord.

- We are to cast away any imaginations of the mind and anything else that might exalt itself above the things of God in our life.
- Through the Godhead and the word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to bring anything that is not from the Lord into captivity and cause it to become under subjection to us as Christians and believers.
- We are to look at our lives and find out if there is anything that we are disobedient about concerning the Word of the Lord and his commandments, and then adjust our lives and our thinking and bring them into obedience concerning the Word of the Lord.
- This will stop a lot of the attacks of the enemy against us.

The following is this scripture that we just read, 11 Corinthians. 10;3-6. Is the English translation of Greek.

I have translated it back into the original Greek, using the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible.

The Greek Section of the Strong's Dictionary.

When someone uses the Strong's, Dictionary of the Bible, you look up the English word, look at the number at the end of that word, which can be up to a 4 digit number and then turn to the Hebrew or Greek section in the back of the Dictionary and align that number and you get the Greek or Hebrew meaning. Which can and often does have a number of different meanings depending upon the application to which the word was spoken.

It may not be as accurate as the original language, but to me it is better than nothing seeing that I do not speak or read Hebrew or Greek.

#### I like it.

Seeing that I am on a journey, and as much as I try to walk in the way that I need to go, and be occupied with that walk and live and respect that walk, I realize that I will be exposing my body and spirit to the aspects of human nature, and its frailities. Showing the human nature to be carnal and fleshly.

Even though I will be exposing the human nature in the way that I will be walking, I do not need to make war with myself or to contend with the carnal inclinations that arise, but be a soldier for the Lord and begin to function as part of the army of God, by not allowing myself to go to war with aspects of the human nature that do not belong to the Lord.

One of the hardships and danger of warfare is to act ungod like.

In God I am a powerful man of God and I am being made strong by his word as I walk with God, by God, and demolish things of my nature and, allowing them to be taken down and destroyed by and through my journey with the Lord.

I will be able to fortify my faith and begin to hold my ground, no matter what comes against me.

I will be able to lower or demolish and even cause things that are not of the Lord to become extinct in my life as I allow the thoughts and imaginations of the mind to be brought into subjection as any elevated thought or attitude, or barrier, even anything that becomes elevated above the things of God, shall be brought down to nothing, knowing that the knowledge and power of God's word works in a way in me even when I am not fully aware of it.

When this happens I may be able to bring into subjection and captivity through the things of the Lord, anything that is not of God and make it obedient to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as I listen attentively and obeying what I hear, so as to conform to, and take command by the authority that has been given to me by what I hear.

I am being made ready and prepared, and adjusted by God's word, as I am vindicated and prepared by the Lord, and any spirit or doctrine that is not of the Lord shall be either destroyed and or punished under the authority, which I have of the Lord.

I need to look at my disobedience to what I hear or mishear and even to what I choose to hear and listen to it, so that I become attentive and harken, and even be submissive to hear and conform to the command and authority of God's word, so that I can accomplish what I need to accomplish and become complete and full in him.

#### Ephesians. 6;10-20.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Praying always with prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel.

For which I am an ambassador in bonds; that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

#### The Message Bible says.

And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong. So, take everything the Master has set out for you, well made, weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way.

This is no afternoon athletic contest that we will be able to walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life or death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels.

Be prepared. You are up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it is all over but the shouting you will still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvation are more than words.

Learn how to apply them. You will need them throughout your life. God's word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

And do not forget to pray for me. Pray that I will know what to say and have the courage to say it at the right time, telling the mystery to one and all, the Message that I, the jailbird preacher that I am, am responsible for getting out.

#### Points of Interests.

- This scripture tells us to be strong in our faith with the Lord and in the power and the authority that has been given unto us through the sacrificial blood of Jesus Christ in that he overcame everything on the cross when he gave his life for us and cleans us of all our sin and then gave us the ability to come into the throne room and ask what we want according to the needs that we might have and expect those needs to be met.
- Put on the whole armour or protection of the Lord so that we will be able to stand against any attack that the enemy throws at us while we are walking with the Lord.
- We need to know and understand what we are up against. It is not human or fleshly. What the fight that we have every day are evil and satanic spirits, principalities that come from the depths of hell and wickedness at the highest degree from high places.

- We need what weapons that the Lord has provided for us so that we are able to stand in the day that we are living in.
- When we realize how much that we need the truth and the authority that the Word of the Lord provides, it will allow our faith to be enlarged and quickened, therefore making us a stronger Christian and cause us to stand upon the Word of God in a greater way as our faith takes hold of the Word of the Lord, and it shall destroy any attack that the enemy throws at us.

We need to realize that there are many spiritual weapons that we have in our arsenal that the enemy or the Devil and his co-horst have no ability to stand against.

#### They are.

- Our prayer life. That is praying in the Holy Spirit and in Tongues.
- Our Bible reading time. Which quickens and stirs our Faith.
- Our Fasting.
- Our Faith.
- The Sword of the Lord which is the Word of God.
- Standing upon the Word of the Lord, no matter what.

What happens when at times things may be coming against us and we feel overwhelmed. What do you do?

#### 11 Chronicles. 20; 1-15.

This is a story about a king called Jehoshaphat and there were come up against him to battle in war, people from Moab. Ammon. The Ammonites and they greatly outnumbered the people of God.

The number of the people were so many that King Jehoshaphat feared for the safety of himself and the children of God. in **Vs. 3** so he set himself before the Lord to seek his wisdom and deliverance and proclaimed a fast for all the people of Judah.

Judah gathered themselves together to fast and to pray and to allow God to see that they were looking to him for help.

**Vs. 13 it** tells us that all of the nation of Judah, men, women and children stood before the lord seeking his help in this helpless situation.

In **Vs. 14** There was a man called Jahaziel who was a Levite, or of the priestly calling, and the Spirit of the Lord fell upon him with a prophetic Word from the Lord to speak to the people.

In Vs. 15 Jahaziel spoke the word of the Lord and said. Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours but the Lords.

#### The Message Bible says.

Then Jahaziel was moved by the Spirit of God to speak from the midst of the congregation.

Attention everybody he said, all of you from out of town, all you from Jerusalem and you king Jehoshaphat. This is God's word: Don't be afraid. Don't pay any mind to this vandal horde.

This is God's war not yours.

He then went on to tell the people of God what they were to do and how and when and God destroyed all of the enemy, as they trusted in the Lord.

The Devil or the enemy as he is also referred to, wants your soul. He realizes that he can never get back into the heavenlies, and that God has a place called hell prepared for him and his fallen angels, and he is so mad with God, that he wants to take as many Christians to hell with him as he can.

That is why things go wrong. Situations and circumstances happen.

The war that is raging is The Lord our God and Satan are contending for our soul and the Lord wants to encourage us all the time through his word not to give up or be dismayed.

Our God is stronger. More powerful. He is the great I am.

#### Romans. 12;2.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.

#### The Message Bible says.

Don't become so well adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking.

Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it.

Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

The things of the world can get our attention and cause our eyes to be taken off and away from the Lord onto other things that all they will succeed in doing is causing us trouble and eventually if we don't do something about it, it will cause our relationship with the Lord to be affected.

#### 1 John. 2;15-17.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but it is of the world.

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

#### The Message Bible says.

Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father.

Practically everything that goes on in world, wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important, has nothing to do with the Father.

It just isolates you from him. The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out, but whosoever does what God wants is set in eternity.

#### 1 John. 5;4-5.

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world. Even our faith.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the son of God.

#### The Message Bible says.

Every God-begotten person conquers the world's ways. The conquering power that brings the world to its knees, is our faith.

The person who wins out over the world's ways is simply the one who believes that Jesus is the son of God.

#### John. 15;19-20.

If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Remember the word that I said unto you. The servant is not greater than his Lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they keep my saying, they will keep yours also.

At times things that we experience may seem like that we are in a war.

At times things just seem to keep happening, much to our disappointment.

#### 1 Peter. 4;12-13.

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you.

But rejoice, insomuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

#### The Message Bible says.

Friends, when life gets really difficult, don't jump to the conclusion that God isn't on the job. Instead, be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced. That is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner.

Be careful what we believe and what we listen to. It is not always truthful and this can create its own form of warfare.

#### 11 Timothy. 4;3-5.

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves, teachers having itchy ears.

And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned into fables.

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

#### The Message Bible says.

You're going to find that there will be times when people will have no stomach for solid teaching, but will fill up on spiritual junk food, catchy opinions that tickle their fancy.

They'll turn their backs on truth and chase mirages. But you, keep your eye on what you're doing, accept the hard times along with the good, keep the message alive; do a thorough job as God's servant.

#### 1 John. 4;1.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

#### The Message Bible says.

My dear friends, Don't believe everything that you hear, Carefully weigh and examine what people tell you. Not everyone who talks about God comes from God. There are a lot of lying preachers loose in the world.

#### Hebrews. 11;24-26.

By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.

Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season:

Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

#### The Message Bible says.

By faith, Moses, when grown refused the privileges of the Egyptian royal house. He chose a hard life with God's people rather than an opportunistic soft life of sin with the oppressors.

He valued suffering in the Messiah's camp far greater that Egyptian wealth because he was looking ahead, anticipating the payoff.

#### Romans. 6;12.

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

#### The Message Bible says.

That means you must not give sin a vote in the way that you conduct your lives. Don't give it the time of day. Don't even run little errands that are connect to that old way of life.

Be careful because the devil is walking about like a roaring lion seeking who he may destroy by any means.

#### 1 Peter. 5;8.

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

#### The Message Bible says.

Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The devil is poised to pounce, and would like nothing better than to catch you napping. Keep you guard up. You are not the only ones plunged into these hard times. It's the same with Christians all over the world.

## Notes.

## Questions.

	1.	The weapons of our warfare are not carnal. What are they?			
11	Cor	inthians. 10;3-6.			
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	2.	What are we to put on?			
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	3.	What did Jehoshaphat do when he was overwhelmed by the enemy?			
11	Chr	onicles. 1-15.			
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	4.	What are we to renew?			
Ror	nan	s. 12;2.			
	5.	What does it say that we are not to love?			
1 Jc	hn.	. <b>2;15-17.</b>			
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	6.	If we are born of God. What does it allow us to do?			
1 Jc	hn.	. 5;4-5			
		What do we often experience?			
1 P	eter	·. 4;12-13.			
	Q	What will some people experience.			
11	Γim	othy. <b>4;3-5.</b>			

9. What are we not to do?					
1 John. 4;1.					
10. What did Moses want to accept by faith?					
Hebrews. 11;24-26.					
11. What are we not to allow to reign in our body?					
Romans. 6;12					
12. What are we to do and why?					
1 Peter. 5;8.					