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"Blessed be the LORD God of *Israel*; For He hath visited and redeemed *His* people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for *us* in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began; That *we* should be saved from *our* enemies and from the hand of all that hate *us*; to perform the mercy promised to *our* fathers and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he swore to *our* father Abraham, That he would grant unto *us*, that *we* being delivered out of the hand of *our* enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of *our* lives." Luke 1:68-75; the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Germanic-Scandinavian people are *ISRAEL!*

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"FIRST THINGS FIRST"

by Michael Reed

The New Year brings much reflection on what the future might hold and from where you have come the previous years. It is a maxim that to continue doing the same thing again and again while continuing to miss the mark of your aim is insanity (like going to elections, and expecting a different outcome - to tweedledum or tweedledee) You must make adjustments and changes if you are not hitting the mark or accomplishing what you desire.

In this nation we continue to miss the mark of Godliness so something or many things must be changed to redirect our course. This means Christians must re-examine themselves and their conduct or behavior to properly align themselves with God in order to have dominion over all the land.

The first thing we must realign is to whom we offer our utmost affection, attention and love. That MUST be the LORD of Hosts, the great I AM, God Almighty, the God of Israel. There is no hope in any other. We must seek after Him with all our heart, all our soul, and all our might

In doing this we must do all things HIS way: From the simplest act of obedience to the most extreme act of faith in God's Word, everything from being "buried" in water to "walking" on water. We must do it God's way - NOT our way!

The thing that often gets in the way of Christian folks doing it God's way is where our heart and treasure truly is - and that concerns money. Yes, money, and the love of it, is the one thing that will often separate us from God. The Bible says that we cannot serve God and mammon (treasure) and that "where our treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21). Our attitude towards money is like a barometer that tells how close our walk with God actually is.

Matthew 6:24 says, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." 'Mammon' is defined in Thayer's Greek Definitions as: (using Strong's number) **G3126**, 'mammonas', 1) mammon; 2) treasure; 3) riches, (where it is personified and opposed to God).

God speaks clearly about three acts of obedience concerning the money HE has provided us: firstfruits, tithes, and offerings. Some have never even heard of firstfruits. Firstfruits are simply the first produce, the first receipts of labour, and the first income we receive in the year or from any new undertaking. Firstfruits are not the tithe; it is different from tithes and offerings.

Tithes are distinct from offerings, offerings are given

from what the Lord allows us to keep and are a voluntary giving above and beyond firstfruits or tithe. On the other hand "The tithe ...is the LORD's." Leviticus 27:30 says, "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's: it is holy unto the LORD."

The tithe is not ours; it belongs to the LORD. Most everyone considers that they own what they have. Those that have been bought by the blood of Jesus understand that "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof", and that WE are the Lord's. You cannot be in better hands than in the palm of the Almighty God. He has promised to bless the ninety percent if we will only recognise His ownership of it all by giving back the tenth that is due Him.

Our father Jacob made a covenant with the LORD God concerning the tithe. "And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; Then shall the LORD be my God ...and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." (Genesis 28:20).

Jamison, Faucett & Brown comments on Leviticus 27:30-33:

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"All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land" - This law gave the sanction of divine authority to an ancient usage (Genesis 14:20). The whole produce of the land was subjected to the tithe tribute - it was a yearly rent which the Israelites, as tenants, paid to God, the owner of the land, and a thank offering they rendered to Him for the bounties of His providence. (See Proverbs 3:9; 1 Corinthians 9:11; Galatians 6:6).

Adam Clarke's Commentary on the Bible, on Leviticus 27:30:

"All the tithe of the land" - This God claims as His own; and it is spoken of here as being a point perfectly settled, and concerning which there was neither doubt nor difficulty.

The Bible says this in Genesis 28:22, "...of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee." This is for the support of His worship: for the maintenance of those who are employed in it; for the provision of sacrifice; and for the relief of the poor, or for any use or service in which God might be glorified ...it is the LORD's and not ours to do with.

The **Keil & Delitzsch Commentary** on Leviticus 27:30 says:

[The] tenth of the land, both of the seed of the land - i.e. not of what was sown, but of what was yielded, the produce of the seed (Deuteronomy 14:22), the harvest reaped, or "corn of the threshing-floor," Numbers 18:27 - and also of the fruit of the tree, i.e. "the fullness of the press" (Numbers 18:27), the wine and oil (Deuteronomy 14:23), belonged to the Lord, were holy to Him, and could not be dedicated to Him by a vow. At the same time they could be redeemed by the addition of a fifth beyond the actual amount.

This is how Israel becomes dependent upon and learns to trust God. He has promised to provide for us if we will be faithful to Him in obeying Him and giving to Him what is due for His protection, blessing and providence - the increase of our labor.

NOTE: My understanding of the "increase" is just that: increase; not the cost of getting the increase, thus the tenth above expenses and cost to get the gain (this does not include "usury loans" to brethren as that goes outside the realm which God permits). For example: if it costs you ten

dollars to get a one hundred dollar increase, then you subtract the ten dollar cost it took to gain the one hundred. [With PAYE, your increase does not include that which the Tax Office deducted from your wages before you were paid. However, at years end, if you should get a 'tax refund,' that should be considered increase! CIM]

The farmers and business men in days past were completely dependent upon the LORD. They plowed in hope, sowed seed in faith, dunged [fertilized] in trust, laboured and prayed in anticipation knowing that it was God alone who could or would bring the crop to fruition and harvest. They who sow in hope shall reap mercy (Hosea 10:12).

Luke 12:24 says, "Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?"

HAST GOD NOT PROMISED?

The Bible says, "Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will

a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? [and that seems to be quite a common question today] *In tithes and offerings.*" (Malachi 3:7-8). According to Malachi, to withhold the tithe is to be a thief and a robber. Bible commentator Matthew Henry states:

They had run away from their Master, and quitted the work he gave them to do. Malachi 3:7, "You have gone away from my ordinances and have not kept them." The ordinances of God's worship were the business which as servants they must mind, the talents which they must trade with, and the trust which was committed to them to keep; but they went away from them, grew weary of them, and withdrew their neck from that yoke; they deviated from the rule that God had prescribed to them, and betrayed the trust lodged with them. They had revolted from God, not only in worship, but in conversation [conduct]; they had not kept his ordinances.

This disobedience they were chargeable with, and had been guilty of, even from the days of their fathers; either as in the days of their fathers of old, who were sent into captivity for their disobedience, or, "Now, for some generations past, you have fallen off from what you were, when first you came back out of captivity." Ezra owns it in one particular instance: "Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day", (Ezra 9:7).

Now observe what a gracious invitation God gives them to return and repent: "Return unto me, and to your duty, return to your service, return to your allegiance, return as a traveller that has missed his way, as a soldier that has run his colours, as a treacherous wife that has gone away from her husband; return, thou backsliding Israel. return to me; and I will return unto you and be reconciled, will remove the judgments you are under and prevent those you fear."

Are we so ignorant and proud in this land of blessing - so haughty - that we think it an affront to be told our sin of robbing God? Are we so proud that the totality of the Law of our God, both Old and New Testament, should be neglected because we are too sophisticated, so modern and sold out to the world system of me, Me, ME, that we see nothing to be repented of, or reformed; are we so pure in our own eyes we think we need no repentance thus neglecting what we are commanded to do? Or

is it true that you don't tithe because you don't trust God enough to provide for you? That's what faith in God is all about!

Regardless as to how the tithe has been collected throughout the years, it is mandated in the Bible for our blessing and protection. Bouvier's Law Dictionary states that the tithe has been "payable to the support of the church ever since the earliest days of Christianity." This is not new and is what the Bible teaches. Although it may be unpopular with some folk it reveals the intent and desires of the heart of man just as Ananias and Sapphiras were revealed by their heart.

Yet, so many Christians - Israelites - are so firm in their sin they try to explain away the tithe with statements like, "That no longer applies in the New Testament" and other frivolous excuses in an attempt to discount what God instructs in order to shift away from them any call for repentance. The Bible, both Old and New Testaments, are for our instruction in the ways of our God, and our neglect of them often comes at the ruin of our own soul and nation!

Jesus says in Matthew 5:17, that He did not come to do

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away with the law but rather 'fulfill', and that word means retell or verify what has already been written. Further, if we read a bit further in Malachi after the prophet speaks of robbing God we will find at Malachi 3:16-18 it states: "A book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in THAT DAY when I make up my jewels: and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." (emphasis, MR).

Thus the curse of Malachi 3:9 is rewarded to them that don't serve Him, "Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation." For those who do not pay the tithe, God says through the prophet Malachi, "Return unto me." In other words, REPENT!

Jamison, Faucett & Brown comments on Malachi 3:8: "rob" means literally, "cover:" hence, defraud. Do ye call defrauding God no sin to be "returned" from (Malachi 3:7)? Yet ye have done so to Me in respect to the tithes due to Me, namely, the tenth of all the remainder after the first-fruits were paid, which tenth was paid to the Levites for their support (Leviticus 27:30-33): a tenth paid by the Levites to the priests (Numbers 18:26-28): a second tenth paid by the people for the entertainment of the Levites and their own families, at the tabernacle (Deuteronomy 12:18): another tithe every third year for the poor, etc. (Deuteronomy 14:28-29).

FIRSTFRUITS

Firstfruits, likewise, are the Lord's (Exodus 23:19). The giving of the firstfruits is to recognize God's ownership and that whatever we receive and whatever we gain and whatever we get from our labor, from our life, is God's provision and we give Him the firstfruits - the very first and best.

Proverbs 3:9-10, says, "Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

The Firstfruits were offered as a thanksgiving to the Lord for their increase and the people were forbidden to use any part of the harvest in any way until the firstfruits were offered to the Lord (Leviticus 23:14).

Firstfruits is described in Strong's as:

H7225, 'ray-sheeth', from the same as **H7218**; the first, in place, time, order or rank (specifically a firstfruit):-beginning, chief(-est), first(-fruits, part, time), principal thing.

Firstfruits is described in the Greek by Strong's as:

G536, 'aparche', 'ap-ar-khay', from a compound of **G575** and **G756**; a beginning of sacrifice, that is, the first fruit: - first-fruits.

Thayer's Definition:

1) to offer firstlings or firstfruits;
2) to take away the firstfruits of the productions of the earth which was offered to God. The first portion of the dough, from which sacred loaves were to be prepared. Hence term used of persons consecrated to God for all time.

3) persons superior in excellence to others of the same class.

"The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God." (Exodus 23:19).

Jamison, Faucett & Brown comments on Malachi 3:8:

"The first fruits, not less than one sixtieth part of the corn, wine, and oil. The priests had this perquisite also,

the tenth of the tithes which were the Levites perquisite. But they appropriated all the tithes, robbing the Levites of their due nine-tenths; as they did also, according to Josephus, before the destruction of Jerusalem by Titus. Thus doubly God was defrauded, the priests not discharging aright their sacrificial duties, and robbing God of the services of the Levites, who were driven away by destitution."

If you neglect paying the firstfruits and tithe portions of what God provides you for His ministering servants, those servants cannot survive as evidence of Deuteronomy: "The firstfruit also of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give Him. For the LORD thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes to stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons for ever." (Deuteronomy 18:4-5). "And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work were fled every one to his field." (Nehemiah 13:10).

This also helps explain why Cain's offering was rejected and Abel's respected. Genesis 4:3-5: "And in the process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the FIRSTLINGS of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell." (emphasis MR).

Cain brought an offering, but apparently it was either not the "firstlings" or firstfruits, or part of it was withheld. Gill's Exposition of the Bible, says the firstlings "were a proper type of Christ ... the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world, a lamb without spot and blemish;" The word 'firstlings' as used here is Strong's **H1062**, 'bek-o-raw', meaning firstborn, the firstling of man or beast.

Jamison, Faucett & Brown adds:

"The Lord had respect unto Abel, not unto Cain, etc.—the words, "had respect to," signify in Hebrew, "to look at anything with a keen earnest glance," which has been translated, "kindle into a fire," so that the divine

approval of Abel's offering was shown in its being consumed by fire (see Genesis 15:17, Judges 13:20)."

A covenant requires the passing between the sacrifice to be binding. The passing through the pieces of the sacrifice, offering them by fire and consuming them as acceptable is the ratification process of the covenant on the part of God. In like manner, God has entered into covenant with us; and in the glory of the only-begotten Son, who gave Himself for us by passing through between God and us as the perfect Passover Lamb: we then consecrate our end of the covenant by becoming a living sacrifice, dying to ourselves and raised to life through baptism, remembering the covenant in the Lord's Supper.

DON'T DELAY TO OFFER THE FIRSTFRUITS!

Exodus 22:29 says, "Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors [juice from fruit]: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me."

"And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering [firstfruits] unto your God: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings." (Leviticus 23:14).

An example of firstfruits was when the Israelites came out of the wilderness into the Promised Land. The first city they took possession of was Jericho, but the Israelites were not allowed to keep one thing - not one piece of silver or one garment - everything in that city belonged to the Lord,

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because that was the first victory, the first taking of a city that was the first of many that they were to take in gaining the promised land, and not one portion of anything was allowed to be kept by the people, because this city was the firstfruits. It all belonged to the Lord. The Revised Standard Bible states it rather clearly:

“And the city shall be devoted, even it and all that is therein, to the LORD: Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that ate with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the devoted thing, lest ye make the camp of Israel accursed, and trouble it. But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are holy unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.” (Joshua 6:17-19).

This term “devoted thing” means firstfruits and they are the LORD’s! The King James Version says “accursed” instead of “devoted” which is correct in that it is accursed to us because it belongs to God and He will destroy us for stealing what is His. When we keep back what is rightfully to be given unto God we bring a curse upon ourselves (Malachi 3:9), our land and all our people! Every thing is the LORD’s, including every first fruit! *“The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof...”*! (1 Corinthians 10:28).

The great sin of Achan was that he decided he could keep something devoted or dedicated to the LORD. He stole from God! And isn’t robbing or stealing from God what we’re talking about in Malachi with the tithe and right here in Joshua concerning firstfruits? Achan paid with his life, the life of his family, and the entire camp suffered because of one man’s selfish lust.

I don’t think there is a more dramatic or extreme picture of the seriousness of the firstfruits belonging to God than the example of Achan - and he was warned ahead of time to bring it into the treasury of the LORD - just as we have been warned! Our only answer can be in repentance before God. We do not steal what belongs to the Lord! We receive His blessings on what He lets us keep, which also belongs to the Lord. If we haven’t been faithful in firstfruits or tithing in the past, beg forgiveness now and repent. Are we not grateful for what our God has done for us? If so, obey God starting now offering what is due in firstfruits, tithes and offerings. This is serious business.

Deuteronomy 8:18-20 says: *“Thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God ...ye shall surely perish ...because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.”*

As soon as Noah exited the Ark he made a firstfruits offering as a sweet savor unto the LORD (Genesis 8:20-21). Since this was an agrarian culture the firstfruits were to be brought and given to the Lord when the crops were harvested. God’s promise was that when they sanctified themselves unto Him, the Angel of the covenant would go before them the rest of the year to protect and look out for them, and if they didn’t give the firstfruits, the angel would become their adversary.

Exodus 23:20-21 says, *“Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Beware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will not pardon your trans-*

gressions: for my name is in him.”

You can have it your way or God’s way, either a blessing or a curse and terror to those that disobey. The simple answer is that the tithe is the Lord’s and the firstfruits belong to the Lord. The first of anything that we have: the first money we make or the first paycheck of the New Year, the first child or the first profit from a new undertaking. Firstfruits are no more complicated than Tithe. By the way, the word ‘tithe’ means the first ten per cent - NOT the last ten percent.

Which reminds me of an illustration of the firstfruit and tithe: Say you have a freshly baked loaf of bread and you slice it into ten pieces for some friends and one special guest. Would you offer the bread to your friends first or guest first? Your close friends are always around or near and most often they feel close enough to you to maybe help themselves to your ‘bread’ but if that happens, slice by slice the bread disappears, with perhaps only the crumbs

left for your guest. Is that the way we treat God? How many people offer or give their money to their ‘friends’ first, those bills owed, or that credit card payment, or debt obligations, and give God what’s left over - the crumbs? Another reason to owe no man anything but to love him. Christ Jesus is more deserving of our worship than crumbs - the leftovers, isn’t He?

‘Firstfruits’ means the first of any of your production yearly. If you are blessed with money at the first of the year, the first of it is the Lord’s, that’s the firstfruits. Any future money generated from this same job or business or crop you

pay a tithe on.

Firstfruits is about faith and thankfulness, giving thanks for all that God has done for you in the past and having faith and trusting God will provide abundantly more than you could possibly provide for yourself in the future. See Hebrews 11:1 about the faith we are to have.

Second Corinthians speaks about the spirit of giving in the heart of God’s people and the way we should give. Verse 9:7 says that God loves the cheerful giver. God gave His only begotten Son who gave His life for us. If the Spirit of God is in us, we have the mind of Christ and it makes givers out of us. Think of the early disciples, those Christians gave EVERYTHING! So to preach the tithe to them was meaningless, because they had already given one hundred percent. *“Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of land or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the apostles’ feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.”* (Acts 4:34-35).

Firstfruits were literally meaningless to them, because they had already given everything in the form of houses, land, possessions, money - they gave it all. They trusted God enough to provide for their needs. They had the faith to move mountains because they trusted God - that is where Jesus wants us to be today.

Two Proverbs prove this same point: *“He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.”* (Proverbs 22:9).

“The liberal soul shall be made fat: and he that watereth shall be watered also himself.” (Proverbs 11:25).

There are some who say that tithing is not a New Testament doctrine. That’s false. Jesus taught otherwise. The Bible says in the Gospel of Matthew: *“Woe unto you,*

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scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe ...and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith:” Now pay attention to what Jesus says next, *“...these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.”* (Matthew 23:23). These matters of law, judgment, mercy and faith ought they to have done and NOT leave the payment of the tithe undone!

The Pharisees were fanatical record keepers and kept in detail every little unit of “mint and anise and cummin” that they figured the ten percent to pay the tithe - they didn't want to pay one cent more than required! Jesus wants us to give from the heart - not splitting hairs down to the penny or less - but from the spirit of God that lives in us out of gratitude for all that Jesus has done for us.

Early Christians gave one hundred percent—they gave it ALL! God's plan doesn't require it all. He wants the tithe because we belong to Him and He wants to bless us with His blessing. We will gain more with the blessing of God on the ninety percent after tithing and firstfruits. Take notice: Didn't the LORD keep the Israelites in the wilderness so their shoes or clothes didn't wear out for forty years! Didn't He 'provide a table' in the wilderness? Is His arm shortened or His strength diminished that He cannot supply today?

Sure, we have physical needs, but God has no physical needs. It is a shame the way some Judeo-Christian churches make people think God needs your money, and how they get on these programs to raise money like a charity benefit, sort of like a 'God is going out of business' sale! God doesn't need your money! *“The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof.”* (Psalm 24:1).

God wants you and me, heart, soul, and might! And the best way to know if a man's heart is right with God is to see what he does with, and where he places, his treasure. For where a man's treasure is there will his heart be. Jesus told his disciples not to take a scrip, which was a gleaning or begging bag to gather what's left over or left behind. This was a bag to hold scraps, leftovers, gleanings and carried by beggars and peasants, sometimes by pagan priests for their gods. Jesus doesn't want us to be beggars for Him - Jesus is our provider! Don't forget our God is Jehovah-Jireh -the God who provides!

“And He said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.” (Luke 22:35).

The early disciples trusted God to provide for their needs. Do you? Or do you trust the state or federal (should we say Herod's or Caesar's) government or any other entity instead of Jesus Christ? Sure, He can and does use those institutions at times to provide, as Obadiah fed the fifty prophets with food from Ahab's household at the time of Elijah. But who is it that you turn to, who do you thank for it, and do you tithe on it to acknowledge that it was God who provided it?

Matthew 10:9-10 says, *“Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses. Nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.”*

Albert Barnes Notes on the Bible says:

“The workman is worthy of his meat”- This implies that they were to expect a proper supply for their needs from

those who were benefitted. They were not to make 'bargain and sale' of the power of working miracles, but they were to expect competent support from preaching the gospel, and that not merely as a gift, but because they were "worthy" of it, and had a right to it.”

Jamison, Faucett & Brown Commentary says:

“For the workman is worthy of his meat” - his “food” or “maintenance;” a principle which, being universally recognized in secular affairs, is here authoritatively applied to the services of the Lord's workmen, and by Paul repeatedly and touchingly employed in his appeals to the churches (Romans 15:27; 1 Corinthians 9:11; Galatians 6:6), and once as “scripture” (1 Timothy 5:18).”

God has no needs, but we do. Jesus doesn't need us, but He loved us enough to humble Himself in obedience as a kinsman redeemer to meet our greatest need and allows us to partake with Him all the grandeur of His glory when we walk with Him in obedience. Thus, God allows us to express how much we value Him and what He has done for us in providing His Son, His Word, and the opportunity to serve Him through our trust in Him to provide when we faithfully tithe.

The distinction between the tithes and offerings is that the tithe is the Lord's, we are bought with a price and we

are not our own. The Lord owns all the cattle on every hill and everybody rests on His land. We as Christians must recognize His ownership and that He is faithful in His dealings with us. We give 'cheerfully' out of a grateful heart because we recognize we are the Lord's and the earth is the Lord's. We believe that He has promised, without any qualification, to bless those who honour Him with their tithes and offerings, He plainly states to *“prove Him.”* Our offerings go beyond the tithe and are a voluntary expression of value.

Galatians 6:6 says, *“And let him who is instructed in the word share with him who is instructing in all good things.”* Young's Literal Translation (YLT).

The Geneva Bible states it this way, *“Let him that is taught in the word, [make] him that hath taught him, partaker of all his goods.”* (GB).

This word 'share' (YLT) and 'partaker' (GB) is the Greek Strong's **G2841**, 'koino-neo', 'koy-no-neh'-o', means to share with others:- communicate, distribute, be partaker.

Thus Galatians 6:6 says, *“Let him who is taught in the word share [G2841, 'koinonea'] with the one who taught him in all good things.”* That's not spiritual prayers, that's THINGS - boats, houses, land, gold, silver, money, jewels. God doesn't need any of these things, but He wants us to express our understanding of the value of who He is and what He has done for us with the one who teaches us.

Adam Clarke's Commentary on the Bible, has this to say:

“Let him that is taught in the word” - He who receives instructions in Christianity by the public preaching of the word: “Communicate unto him that teacheth” - Contribute to the support of the man who has dedicated himself to the work of the ministry, and who gives up his time and his life to preach the Gospel. It appears that some of the believers in Galatia could receive the Christian ministry without contributing to its support. This is both ungrateful and base. We do not expect that a common schoolmaster will give up his time to teach our children their alphabet without being paid for it; and can we suppose that it is just for any person to sit under the preaching of the Gospel in

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order to grow wise unto salvation by it, and not contribute to the support of the spiritual teacher? It is unjust.

[As the late Sheldon Emry used to say, "You should support where you are fed {spiritually}"]

Yes, even schoolmasters are paid and all who labour. Should it be any different for those who handle the things of God [spoken or written]? All giving should be worship. "Worship" is a contraction of two words, "worth" and "ship;" worship (n.) "condition of being worthy, honor, renown," from "worthy", see (worth)+(ship). Sense of "reverence paid to a supernatural or divine being" is first recorded c. 1300. From the Online Etymology Dictionary.

Worship is defined in Thayer's Greek Definitions as:

G4352 'proskuneo'

1) to kiss the hand to (towards) one, in token of reverence.

2) among the Orientals, especially the Persians, to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of profound reverence.

3) in the New Testament by kneeling or prostration to do homage (to one) or make obeisance, whether in order to express respect or to make supplication.

The most worshipful act that we do as Christian Israelites is to give out of a heart of gratitude to God, an expression of value. When you go out in the world to buy something, you express value. You put down hard-earned money, the fruit of your labour, for something you value. The true Christian values God and His Word above all things. We express that value by bringing the fruits of our labour, the tithe and firstfruits, and then making the offerings beyond what is already the Lord's.

I can hear some already saying, "I can barely make it now, how can I make it paying firstfruits and the tithe?" It's all a matter of where your heart is and what value you place on what God has done and will be doing for you. The simple answer is 'do you want to do it your way, or God's way?' or 'Would you rather make it with God on your side, or make it alone with God against you?'

The word 'Cheerful' is Strong's **G2431**, 'hilaros', 'hilaros', From the same as **G2436**; 'peopituous' or merry ("hilarious"), that is, prompt or willing:- cheerful.

Adam Clarke's Commentary regarding the 'cheerful giver:'

In the temple were two chests for alms; the one was for what was necessary, i.e. what the law required, the other was for the free-will offerings. To escape perdition some would grudgingly give what necessity obliged them; others would give cheerfully, for the love of God, and through pity to the poor. Of the first, nothing is said; they simply did what the law required. Of the second, much is said; God loves them. The benefit of alms-giving is lost to the giver when he does it with a grumbling heart. And, as he does not do the duty in the spirit of the duty, even the performance of the letter of the law is an abomination in the sight of God.

First Corinthians 13:3 says, "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

In Luke 14:33, Jesus said, no man can come after Him except he forsake all. ALL forsaken: family, houses, lands, riches, etc.

Again in Mark 10:21, Jesus said to the man, "One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me." This is a sort of paradox, giving up something in the here and

now to get something in the here to come.

Two Greek words contrast this apparent Biblical paradox, both expressed in the English word "love."

1) 'phileo', to be a friend, to be fond of an individual or an object, that is, have affection for (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling or mutual love, and:

2) 'agapao', which is wider, embracing especially the judgment and the deliberate assent of the will as a matter of principle, duty and propriety. To act in love; that is, to do caring things or act caringly. "For God so loved [agapao] the world..." These contrasting views express how we should approach God in our giving.

Everybody likes 'phileo'; to have a friend, be a friend as stated in the Bible. Everybody wants to be loved especially if we get loved in return in the same magnitude. Unfortunately, this leads to an attitude of 'what's in it for me' (WIFM). For example, many people find out who their real friends are when they have to move and may not see their 'friend' anymore. Years ago I made a move to another place and arranged for a truck and invited some friends to help load. Out of ten or so friends invited, one showed up.

Most could not see there was any benefit to them, so why show up to work. This is 'phileo'.

On the other hand, if it's late and I'm in my house sleeping in my bed, and somebody I don't know is banging on the door and screaming for me to "get out" because the house is on fire and runs through my house risking their life to rouse everybody from their slumber

and get them outside to safety, I'm not going to have to talk myself into liking them in the yard. What did they have to gain other than smoke-filled lungs and getting burned? That's the loving caring power of 'agapao'.

An apparent paradox, but when God sees us giving without scheming, 'what's in this for me' (WIFM), He will give us more than we can give to Him. God loves the cheerful giver because that is giving out of happiness, out of the spirit of God. This is the same thing as when a new baby is born into your house or a man or a woman meets that special someone, you want to give because it's from the heart.

You don't have to be whipped into giving to the object of your adoration and worship because you have great joy in giving to the object of your love. The God that knows our heart and sees our countenance of cheerful giving says, "Prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10).

The blessing may not be what WE define, but it's the blessing that the LORD deems appropriate to provide us. You'll never experience the providence of the LORD by thinking about it, wondering if he will do it or not until you step forward in faith, trusting Jesus to supply all your need according to his riches in glory and keep doing it no matter what. We must change our frame of reference away from 'what can God do for me' into 'who the God of our worship and adoration is - because of who He is'!

The Levites are gone now, but Jesus Christ does have pastors and teachers who dedicate their lives to ministering to the sheep. These faithful are where we now give our firstfruits, tithe and offerings, yet beware of false teachers and those who promote another gospel and another "chosen" of God that are not true Israelites. The Bible has shown that you give or send your firstfruits, tithe and offer-

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ings where you get your spiritual food, to “the storehouse.” (Malachi 3:10).

NOTE: Some may think that Hebrews 7 repeals the duty of tithing, but I think them wrong. Hebrews 7 abrogates the Levitical priesthood. The tithe was paid in Genesis 14 before the Levitical priesthood was ever established (Genesis 14:20-23). Abraham recognized that it was God alone whom he must praise, thank and be grateful to for his victory over his enemies and he thus gave worship unto the LORD by giving Him tithes.

In all our prayers we must praise God, sing hallelujahs and ring out hosannas. We must offer our spiritual sacrifices daily to God for all our victories for he is greater than our enemies and our effort, for without Him we could do nothing. Abraham gave tithes of all he had received of the spoils (Hebrews 7:4), with some thinking this is an offering made to Melchizedek, but in reality it was a tithe offered to “the most high God” for His favor and put in the hands of his priest. Likewise Jesus Christ, our King and High Priest, is to be the recipient of not only the tithe, but everything we have must be given up to him. Again, at Ephesians 2:15, the tithe was not a ceremonial ordinance that was at “enmity” with us, but rather to support God’s ministering work.

So how does that apply to us today? Our God has not changed, and nor will He.

Hebrews 13:8 says, “*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.*” We must, out of a grateful heart, offer up to our God, what in reality He has supplied, with a portion returned to Him. If our heart is right, I don’t think that will be a problem, but that’s where so many will fall short of glorifying Jesus - they want to keep what is rightfully God’s in firstfruits and tithes, thus enabling our enemies to gain a foothold in our land due to our unfaithfulness to the LORD, and effectively stopping the hand of our God from showing His power to provide, when we are faithful in giving to Him. If our hand is tightened, we are actually saying, “It is MY power and MY might that have gotten me this wealth”, in disobedience to Deuteronomy 8:17-20. Beware that you do not forget the LORD!

You might also look up in this regard, Proverbs 28:9 as to what effect this disobedience might have on your prayers!

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AS I SEE IT — WE MUST REPENT

by Holly Mills

“*For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*” (2 Corinthians 7:10).

Where is the repentance in our Israelite nations today? I don’t see it. What I see are people who do not believe there is anything wrong with how they are living their lives. They use phrases such as, “I am a good person” or “as long as no one gets hurt what is the harm?” To these people the very mention of repentance and salvation in Jesus Christ brings a look of disdain and astonishment. “What have I got to repent of?” and “Why do I need to repent? I am not doing anything wrong. I am a good person.”

The times in which we are living seem to endorse these

responses, especially as God’s Laws are being totally abandoned and the line between good and bad is becoming blurred - if not reversed. I suppose many people really do believe that they are doing nothing wrong!

Most of our leaders are changing laws that have stood for years, in order to please the people, although I do believe a number of these laws are being crammed down our throats by the wishes of a few. Most of our church leaders are doing the same! May there come a day very soon when they will repeat the words of Saul in 1 Samuel 15:24-25, “*And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and thy words because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the Lord.*”

At this time it is hard to know how to reach our Israel people. We have become so caught up in the worldly system and abandoned God, that it is hard to know what could bring us to repentance. But God knows! I believe everything that is now happening to our Israel nations is leading us to such a condition that many will fall to their knees and cry out to our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ for His mercy and forgiveness. “*And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.*” (Joel 2:13).

We Israel people are a stiff-necked people. We love to hear things that we want to hear, and become very stubborn when told we are going in the wrong direction. God has allocated a time for our rebellion to end. I believe as conditions get worse and

worse our eyes will open. We will see how far we have fallen and know that there is only one way out of the mess that we find ourselves in. That way is to call on the name of Jesus the Christ for forgiveness for all our manifold sins. We must turn back to His Laws and live our lives daily with Him. “*Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*” (1 John 3:4).

The further and further we fall into darkness and refuse to admit our sin the harder and harder it will be for us. But repent we must and the worse it gets the closer we are to falling to our knees and calling on the name of our Lord, Jesus the Christ. “*For it is written, As I live saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.*” (Romans 14:11), “*That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in the earth, and things under the earth.*” (Philippians 2:10). His enemies will bow in submission and His people will bow in reverence and worship.

We His people must repent! That is, return to being obedient to the Divine Law’s requirements. For what is the whole duty of man? To fear God and KEEP His Commandments (Deuteronomy 6:2, 8:6, 13:4, Ecclesiastes 12:13). There is no doubt about that. Things are happening so fast now that it cannot be too far away. All that is happening in the Middle East is leading to all the nations preparing for war.

The time is short. God is working in the nations to bring His people to Him. The time for our rebellion and trying to control and fix the world ourselves has passed. We MUST repent and turn back to God. He is our only hope in these days to come. There is such peace in repenting and

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IS THAT DUCK COOKING?

by Michael Reed

When we are children, many people are teaching and training us: parents, grandparents, school teachers, church teachers, pastors, neighbours, coaches, and many others. Some of my teachers were men who trained me in sports such as football, baseball, etc. Two in particular stand out: One coach named Win Baggett and the other coach named Mooney Player. Both these men took their teaching and training from the same source - the Bible.

As young men we were NEVER allowed to be disrespectful of authority in any way. Unlike today where many kids want to call all elders by their first name and do whatever they please, none of us would have ever dared something like that to Coach Baggett or Coach Player. Today's disrespect is an indicator of where the people are in relation to the LORD, they show little or no respect to elders; Legitimate Authority is worthy, not imposter's.

Both these men, who were head coaches at different schools, were adamant disciplinarians and in using Bible principles in the instructing of youth. Not ironically, both had state championship teams for many years under their leadership with many years going undefeated: Coach Baggett in the Texas Republic and Coach Player in South Carolina. The point here is that these men took the truth of the Bible to train youth in the ways of the LORD as applied to life around them and how to handle the difficulties of life. Some of those Bible lessons taught were:

- 1) Don't give up hope;
- 2) Don't quit;
- 3) It's not over till the final whistle blows;
- 4) Life is going to be rough, but the tough keep going;
- 5) We play the way we practice;
- 6) Give it all you've got every play;
- 7) Practice till you get it right;
- 8) Expect the most out of yourself;
- 9) Hold back the opponents at all cost;
- 10) It's a mind and heart game, you must win in your heart and mind before you can win on the field;
- 11) Winners never lose;
- 12) Commitment to a purpose.

Every one of these things taught are traits of Bible character and easily found in your Bible and these are the very things that are missing, not only in our youth, but in so many of our adults today. Christians must get back to the basics of the Scripture and pay attention to the foundations upon which we must stand. The Bible says, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm

11:3). Well, the foundations are being destroyed before your eyes and what are you to do? IT IS NOT OK!

The inheritance of education, church, ancestry, civilization, economics, government, culture, liberty, speech, morality, innocence, purity, hard work, trust, loyalty, and a host of other marks of Christianity are being destroyed because the foundations of our faith have been corrupted and displaced by evil anti-Christians who have come into the church, government, judicial system, society and other institutions unawares to pervert and destroy the ways, institutions, children and Kingdom of our God and King, Jesus the Christ. It is a well established fact that multiple races and religions cannot coexist peacefully for long in the same land, but there are anti-Christians and idiots among us who have convinced us 'it's okay.' It's NOT okay! Even the U.S. Supreme Court knew that back when they ruled in *Trinity vs U.S.*, in 1896 where Justice Brewer stated the opinion of the court;

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tom of opening sessions of all deliberative bodies and most conventions with prayer; the prefatory words of all wills, "In the name of God, amen;" the laws respecting the observance of the Sabbaths, with the general cessation of all secular business, and the closing of courts, legislatures, and other similar public assemblies on that day; the churches and church organizations which abound in every city, town, and hamlet; the multitude of charitable organizations existing everywhere under Christian auspices; the gigantic missionary associations, with general support, and aiming to establish Christian missions in every quarter of the globe ...These and many other matters which might be noticed, add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation."

In fact, Justice Brewer stated elsewhere in this same case, "the morality of the country is deeply ingrafted upon Christianity, and not upon the doctrines of worship of ...imposters [pagan religions]."

But those other people and religions have been invited into this nation and they are spreading like wildfire because Christianity has been impugned by our enemies with few defenders able to make proper defense, the court systems being duly infiltrated with anti-Christians who wrongfully, flagrantly and presumptuously rule against Jesus the Christ and the Bible. And due to Christianity being impugned it is in vogue to further kick Christianity destroying its influence and respect. These events could never have happened at an earlier period of time due to the fact that it was a recognized crime to do so; and due to the population base being over 96% Anglo-Saxon-Celtic, and kindred peoples who were Christian and Christianized people until the early 1960's.

Due to anti-Christ promoters like U.S. Presidents, Congress, etc., racial barriers were broken down so that it was 'legally' no longer a crime for non-whites to enter a white Christian land, co-mingle or commit race-mixing adultery, and it became the public policy of America to prefer alien



peoples rather than those of Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred blood after the mid-1960's. When the aliens came in they set up their altars to foreign and heathen gods, had their influence in schools, business, government and Sabbath days, even to the point that these strangers, racial aliens, now have preference in religion and language over the native stock of Americans whose fathers carved out this civilization from the wilderness. Who ever heard of a land where the majority of speakers that use a telephone must select a preference number for their language - the language of the land, which the majority of people speak?! This is nothing more than confusion and war on our people and our God.

Not only race-mixing adultery, but they packed the Supreme Court and removed God, prayer and the Ten Commandments from government sponsored public school education beginning almost fifty years ago. This was a chop at the root of Christianity in our youth in favor of the religions the antichrists wanted to bring in, i.e. Humanism, witchcraft, Wiccan, Talmudism, Islam, Hinduism, Bahaim, etc. and they wasted no time in doing that. There is no vacuum in society, something will inhabit the space whether righteousness or unrighteousness. Choose righteousness!!

The foundations are being destroyed my friends and here sit the majority of white Anglo-Saxon folk, "happy as cheese" as though dinner was in the oven. Wake up and look around! That's not dinner in the oven you smell, it's your goose cooking! And the enemies of Jesus the Christ - your enemies - are stoking the fire so they can consume all the blessing HE has endowed you with - your Life, Liberty and Property! Do you understand?! What will you do?!

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Note by MR: By including (federal) Pell Grants in this

program my understanding is that the feds have given approval to an obviously racial bias in making grants to anybody other than white students. Is this why white people pay most of the tax revenues gathered?

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THE FIFTH LETTER OF THE HEBREW ALPHABET

by R.K. Phillips and R.N. Phillips

In Genesis 17:5, God changed Abram's name to Abraham by inserting the fifth letter of the Hebrew alphabet. The number five signifies the Spirit of God and the permanent change of name signifies the permanent presence of that spirit in him. In Genesis 17:15, He made the same change to Sarai's name. Subsequent to the name changes, God told Abraham that he and Sarah would have a son named Isaac (son of laughter). At this news, verse 17 states that Abraham fell on the ground laughing because, by human reckoning, both he and Sarah were far too old to have children.

But the reason God had waited so long before His declaration was to establish that they were both incapable of producing another child of the Adamic race. The change in names marked the resurgence of their ability to have a

child. One who would be the first of a new race, separated to God's service by the presence of His Spirit in each member.

Isaac was begotten by and through the power of that Spirit and for this reason Paul states that Isaac was different from Abraham's seven other sons (Galatians 4:29). Adam's descendants received their spirit as an inheritance that came down from the Spirit breathed into Adam but from Isaac onwards the Spirit was begotten fresh and undiluted at conception. This is the reason that Isaac, together with those of his seed who believe, are regarded as being anointed by that Spirit (Galatians 3:16).

[The clause that is translated "...and to thy seed which is Christ" in the AV, should read "...and to thy seed which is anointed", for Paul is stating that the promises of verse 16 were confirmed by the covenant of verse 17 which refers to Exodus 24:8-11, where that Covenant between God and His anointed (consecrated) people was ratified. To be anointed is to be consecrated, separated to God and therefore His possession].

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UK HIGH COURT: CHRISTIAN BELIEFS "HARMFUL"

The UK High Court handed down a judgment on 28 February, 2011 that set off alarm bells throughout the Christian community in Britain.

Two judges, Lord Justice Munby and Mr Justice Beatson made a judgment, in a case concerning foster care, which stated that Christian beliefs on sexual ethics may prove 'inimical,' or harmful, to children.

The case involved the dispute between married couple Eunice and Owen Johns and the Derby City Council. The Johns' application to provide foster care was blocked



because they were not willing to promote homosexual ideals to young children. The couple took the case to the High Court, seeking a ruling that they be exempt from promoting the practices because of their Christian moral beliefs.

The Christian Legal Centre (CLC) defended the Johns in the court case. Following the decision against the Johns, the CLC stated:

“The judgment strongly affirms homosexual rights over freedom of conscience and leaves the Johns currently unable to foster a child as desired, despite their proven track record as foster parents. There now appears to be nothing to stop the increasing bar on Christians who wish to adopt or foster children but who are not willing to compromise their beliefs by promoting the practice of homosexuality to small children.

“The summary contained in the judgment sends out the clear message that orthodox Christian ethical beliefs are potentially harmful to children and that Christian parents with mainstream Christian views are not suitable to be considered as potential foster parents.”

The Judges also upheld the submission made to the court by the *Equalities and Human Rights Commission*. The *EHRC* contended that there is a risk of children being “infected” by Christian moral beliefs.

The *CLC* said, “Suggesting that Christian moral beliefs on sexual ethics could ‘infect’ children is an extraordinary position for a statutory body to take. It is also deeply insulting both to the Johns, who have a proven track record of successfully raising children, and to Christians in general.”

Here are some of the judges’ statements:

- That if children are placed with parents who have traditional Christian views like the Johns “there may well be a conflict with the local authority’s duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of looked-after children” (Para 93).

- There is a tension between the equality provisions concerning religious discrimination and those concerning sexual orientation. Yet, as regards fostering, “the equality provisions concerning sexual orientation should take precedence” (Para 930).

- That there is no religious discrimination against the Johns because they were being excluded from fostering due to their “moral views in sexual ethics and not their Christian beliefs” (Para 99).

But how can the Johns’ moral views be separated from their religious beliefs? The Johns’ barrister, Paul Diamond, has advised them not to appeal - he feels there is no chance of success since the Equality laws are opposed to Christianity.

An overview of the case and the judgment is on the Christian Legal Centre website: <http://www.christianlegalcentre.com/view.php?id=1248>
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“THEY KINGDOM COME:” A PRAYER FOR TODAY

by Brook Stockton

Our precious Lord taught us to pray, “Thy Kingdom

Come.” But, for what are we praying? Is this a prayer for Jesus’ Second Coming or for the appearance of the alleged millennium as some propose?

This is not first and foremost a prayer for the Second Coming of Jesus the Christ, though it may contain it. It is not a prayer that God would conclude history and usher in the eternal kingdom. It is not a prayer for escape from evil by a secret rapture. The word “kingdom” means “rule.” It is a prayer that God’s rule will be recognized first and foremost in my life now, today, that I will graciously and willingly surrender to His authority and His Commandments, that I resist sin within and without. This prayer demands that I surrender my triple kingdom of spirit, soul, and body to be ruled by Jesus the King, my Lord and Saviour. It is a prayer that I recognize one Lawgiver, one Law, one Duty, and one Master, and, that all I do today will be conducted under His authority.

It is also a prayer that men would recognize there is One Lawgiver and one absolute Law - a law higher than

man-made statutes and codes. This is a prayer that men would surrender to the King of the Nations and acknowledge His authority, His Commandments, and His Laws for mankind; that men would arrange themselves and their institutions to be governed by the Ten Commandments; that honesty, and integrity, and nobility would be manifest in our families, churches, and government; that men would do one another no harm, no injury; that our justice system would be fair, equitable, and just; that evildoers would be punished and noble deeds rewarded; and that wrongdoers would make the injured whole.

It is also a prayer that men would experience the regenerating powers of the age to come as proclaimed in the gospel; that men might find forgiveness at the cross and experience a

new birth in spirit.

It is a prayer that our government acknowledge Jesus as the King and surrender to be ruled by His Law; that Caesar give to God what is God’s; that it not abrogate to itself the prerogatives of Deity; that it accept its limited role in God’s economy and perform it rigorously and ethically.

Positively, it is a plea that all men and all man’s institutions would surrender to be ruled by God’s Law; negatively, it is a coup d’etat against godless authorities and de facto officials. This is the rebel’s prayer - a revolutionary’s cry against the immorality of this age and the promotion of wickedness by men in rebellion against the Creator. This prayer is God’s permission to resist evil, to take the high road, and swim against the stream; it allows men to shout “No King but King Jesus.” It is permission to adopt the motto “one nation under God and one absolute Law.”

It is a prayer against the belief that man is god; that government is god; that man’s law or their constitutions are absolute.

It is a prayer against the status quo where ambitious men seek to advance the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. It is a prayer against abortion, oppression, homosexuality, pornography, and greed.

It is a prayer against secularism, atheism, humanism, socialism, Marxism and every other -ism wherein secular-

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It is a prayer against unjust laws and legislators “who do mischief through law” by creating a system of man-made statutes and codes that enslave the citizenry (Psalm 94:20); who seek to create a new world order through law; who promote alien laws that undermine the Ten Commandments and the virtues they advance: faithfulness, justice, and mercy.

It is a prayer against those who defraud others; against rulers that steal from the people through the color of law; against unlawful taxation that transfers power from the family to the State.

If you are angry at godless politicians, this prayer is for you: “*Lord, Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done on earth...*” Surely, all that is wrong with our nation politically is a result of men’s failure to be governed by His Law and His grace. When men rebel against “What is Written” and create their own laws, evil abounds - for “*...all we like sheep have gone astray, each has turned to his own way.*”

Let us pray today that men would recognize His authority and His Law. Let us pray that men would surrender to the rule of Jesus the Christ so that blessing and prosperity may abound among us.

Lord, Thy kingdom come. May all acknowledge you as Lord of our lives, our families, our churches, and Lord, over our nation. Amen.

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WHY DO WE LET THEM DRESS LIKE THAT?

Dr. Karen Gushta

How do 12- and 13-year-old girls dress for a party? In ‘mini-dresses, perilously high heels, and glittery, dangling earrings, their eyes heavily shadowed in black-pearl and jade,’ says Mrs. Jennifer Moses in a recent *Wall Street Journal* article. “They look like a flock of tropical birds.” Then she asked the question many are asking: “Who do so many of us not only permit our teenage daughters to dress like this - like prostitutes, if we’re being honest with ourselves - but pay for them to do it with our AmEx/Visa/Mastercard?”

Mrs. Moses provided little analysis of this phenomenon in answering her own question before giving her own opinion. Her theory: “It has to do with how conflicted my own generation of women is about our own past, when many of us behaved in ways that we now regret. A woman I know, with two mature daughters, said, “If I could do it again, I wouldn’t even have slept with my own husband before marriage (well, isn’t that commendable! CIM). Sex is the most powerful thing there is, and our generation, what did we know?”

Moses continues, “We are the first moms in history to have grown up with widely available birth control. We were also the first not only to be free of old-fashioned fears about our reputations, but actually pressured by our peers

and the wider culture to find our true womanhood in the bedroom (as per Talmudic instruction, CIM). Not all of us are former good-time girls now drowning in regret - I know women of my generation who waited until marriage - but that’s certainly the norm among my peers.”

But following that “norm” did not produce happiness. Speaking of her own friends, Moses says, “I don’t know one of them who doesn’t have feelings of lingering discomfort regarding her own sexual past. And not one woman I’ve ever asked about the subject has said that she wishes she’d experimented more.”

Mrs. Moses article opened up a forum in the *Wall Street Journal* for over six hundred comments in response. Some of them addressed the moral values implicit in her question. One person wrote: “Why do we let them dress like that? We don’t. It’s important to emphasize the differences between beauty and attractiveness at a young age. Being more involved in our children’s lives will strengthen various values, it will also (hopefully) put us in the position to be the role models we need to be and provide us with a better chance to block negative influences.”

Another wrote: “It is sad to see girls give away something so precious. Our daughters need our loving guidance toward living well-adjusted lives away from the call for promiscuity from all over. They need to enjoy being young women of character. It is hard for a teenager to look to her future life, but parents must guide them to protect that future by how they present themselves now. If we require modesty in the workplace, why can’t we require modesty in

our most precious young daughters?”

A homeschooling parent wrote: “The socialization offered by the public and by public school is exactly what we are trying to avoid. The [popularized] view of the opposite sex as sex objects is the central social message of public school children, the mainstream media, movies, and most TV. It may be the single most destructive thing many Christian homeschoolers are trying to avoid, and rightly so. Maybe you can’t control who your children become, but while they live in your home you can do your best to protect them from this destructive message and group think.”

This is exactly the message that I’ve been sharing at recent homeschool conventions - homeschooling provides the best cultural medium for parents to protect their children from the toxic effects of a media and entertainment culture that produces hyper-sexualized and often obscene materials.

The most recent example of this hyper sexualization showed up in the marketing of Abercrombie Kids, a division of Abercrombie and Fitch that markets specifically to 8- to 14-year-olds. Their latest swimwear includes the “Ashley Push-up Triangle,” a triangular shaped bikini top that comes with thick padding. Human behaviour expert Dr. Patric Wanis called this “disturbing and dangerous” on Fox News, asking: “Are we sexualizing young girls to get the attention of men or to encourage women to use their daughters to compensate for their own lack of sexual appeal by living vicariously through their daughter?”

The latter question is one that Jennifer Moses pondered as well. “What teenage girl doesn’t want to be attractive, sought after and popular?” she wrote. “And what mom doesn’t want to help that cause? In my own case, when I see my daughter in drop-dead-gorgeous mode, I experience something akin to a thrill - especially since I myself am

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somewhat past the age to turn heads.”

Mrs. Moses wrote from her personal experience and that of her friends. She could have found dozens of books to support her view that something happened in her generation (and mine) that caused the moral compass of our nation to shift from “true north.” Diana West has written compellingly in *The Death of the Grown-Up* of how as a culture we’ve been taught to “let it all hang out.” In *Slouching Towards Gomorrah*, Judge Rober Bork described the changes in ideology in the 1960’s that led to celebrating personal freedom and moral anarchy.

This flag of “personal freedom” was the banner both young and old marched under as they threw off “all thought of God’s constraint”, wrote Dr. D. James Kennedy in *How to Have a Joyful Home*. They “completely rebelled against their Creator and Lawgiver,” he observed.

In rebelling against our Creator and Lawgiver as a society, we’ve also lost the recognition that “our loving heavenly Father knows the best way for us to live,” wrote Dr. Kennedy. “By following God’s Laws and living as a disciple of Jesus Christ, our lives will be as blessed as they can be in this sin-cursed world. God is on our side, and He wants what’s best for us.”

Sadly, many Christians have a mistaken idea of what “God’s best” is. Too often we think that *happiness* should be our goal. But, as Dr. Kennedy wrote, “God’s best for us is *holiness*.”

Many people equate “holiness” with legalistic restrictions that for all practical purposes seem impossible to keep. The “holy life” is possible, however, wrote Dr. Kennedy, “with the help of holy spirit dwelling within is.”

Holiness and purity go hand in hand. When Christians seek holiness, we will not let our daughters dress like prostitutes, and we will be diligent in teaching them about purity. For what truly makes a young woman attractive is, as the Apostle Peter described in his first letter, “*the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.*”

from an internet news item

DOES GOD HATE FAT PEOPLE?

by Ken Lent

Although a Baptist web page, I agree with the below blog stating that God hates fat people. Sound “insensitive”? Read Psalms 78:31, “*The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them, and smote down the chosen men of Israel.*”

The glutton worship of food starts the rest of the uncontrollable lusts, and today we are a nation of fat slob. Am I perfect myself where this is concerned? No! I ran a tight ship physically for most of my life, but I’ve had a ton of personal stress the last five years and have slipped with the caloric intake. Not atrociously bad, but bad enough to disqualify me as a recent steward of my body for Jesus Christ. Anyway I’m sure that our God has heard enough of excuses from me and anyone else. Recently holy spirit has had mercy on me and has kicked me into high gear again to quit the belly worship. (Philippians 3:19).

Christians want to see the power of holy spirit in their lives, but block that manifestation by pigging out three, four, or five times a day, plus constantly visiting restaurants, where grieving holy spirit in that manner does us no good at all. Stay away from restaurants as they are a killer for the waistline (you don’t know how or what went into

the preparation of the food - and if you saw their kitchen, you probably wouldn’t eat there anyway).

Of all people that should be glorifying their bodies for Jesus Christ it is the Israel Kingdom Christian folks whom God has had mercy upon, in revealing so much of the “Identity truth” and the awareness that comes along with it. Think about it and please don’t be offended at this message which nobody enjoys hearing.

“Tough love” is necessary at times, and this goes out only in a message of love for the brethren. To be a disciple of Jesus means that we realize that a disciple is one who has discipline. If you don’t have enough discipline to overcome the food habit (any cigarette or alcohol addiction) then go to God for help and He will not turn you down, to give you the power to overcome the ‘sawtawn’, the satan, of glutony (or of the addiction).

“Ask and you shall receive.” Turning over this new leaf (if you genuinely want to, that is) will bring many blessings indeed and the taste of victory will be sweet indeed. 1 Corinthians 6:20 “*For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.*”

Blessings to the Remnant in Christ, Ken Lent, solarsabbath.org
<http://www.landoverbaptist.net/showthread.php?t=12504>.

DVD: GOD ON MY SIDE

Andrew Denton at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention, USA. (ABC TV).

Although the quality is not the best, it is a very interesting expose of charlatans and con-men. Interesting. 1 hr 15

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JEWISH RABBIS TEACH WHAT?

by Pastor Don Elmore

This is from a pamphlet which was given as a speech by the leader of Cincinnati’s Hebrew Union College (College for Reform Rabbis), Jacob R. Marcus. It was his speech given on the two hundred year anniversary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Dallas, Texas, November, 1975. The title of this speech was: *The Jew and the American Bicentennial*:

“Ours is the greatest Jewry the world has ever known. There are almost six million Jews in this country and ten thousand societies. This means that every man and woman here may hope some day to become president, at least of a Jewish organization. We are not newcomers; we are as old as America herself. When Columbus touched land in October 1492, the first man over the side was probably the Jewish interpreter Luis de Torres; in the 1640’s, when Miles Standish and John Alden were still alive, a Jewish merchant walked the streets of Boston. When we recall that under the British no Jew could hold public office, we will understand why our fathers became patriots in 1775.

They were not free. In 1782 a Virginia congressman went to Front Street in Philadelphia to borrow some hard cash from a Jew there. The Continental currency in that delegate’s pocket was not worth a continental. That Jew helped keep that Virginian in office; and in that same decade that congressman became the chief architect of a constitution which made it possible for Jews to become American citizens. The Jew was Haym Salomon; the congressman was James Madison.

We have finally effected a harmonization of the best in Judaism and Western culture. Through the arts and sciences which we embrace we have become an elite group. Here in this land alone every ten years we publish one thousand Jewish scholarly works which illuminate our history, literature and religion. We are LIBERALS, for our laymen and our rabbis preach the gospel of the FATHERHOOD OF GOD AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN. There is but one God and but one humanity. We have emancipated ourselves from the dead hand of authority. We believe in the right of every individual to live with his conscience and to accept in Judaism only that which will enable him to be a free person living on the



highesly ethical plane.

We do not await the coming of a personal Messiah, but we do look forward to the advent of a Messianic Age where men will act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God. We accept the findings of science and - somewhat elatedly, to be sure - affirm the EQUALITY OF WOMEN. We are proud of the act that when our College opened in October 1875, one of the students admitted to that first class was a girl.

Let us rejoice. We have gone far since September 1775, when the officers of the Jewish Congregation in New York City met for the last time as second-class British subjects; we have gone far since August 1776, when most members of that congregation went into exile as Americans rather than live under British rule. Rejoice that as Reformers you are part of the greatest religious revolution in Judaism since your prophetic forbears broke with their pagan Israelitish coreligionists two thousand five years ago. Today after one hundred twenty five years of American Jewish Reform our interpretation of Judaism has become the largest liberal religious movement in the world. Our followers are found in every continent of the seven seas for the sun never sets on a Reform Jew.

As we face a new century we face new challenges. Our work has just begun. Most people in the world of today, the world of 1975, live under dictators, under political tyranny. Our history has taught us that we can survive only when we are free - free culturally, economically, politically, religiously. But this never-ending light for liberty, learning, enlightenment is not our job alone; it is the job of every man and woman, black and white, Jew and Gentile. It is the task, the challenge of every American to realize that all of us have been chosen in righteousness to be a light to the whole world. We are all called upon to help usher in that moment when all mankind, erect, unflinching, undaunted, shall enter God's mansion at the top of the mountain where every human being may live at peace with none to make him afraid." Emphasis added.

This speech is very revealing. Some of the major points that reveal what they believe and teach are:

1) In 1775 while under British rule, no Jew could hold office or even vote. This was true for over seventeen hundred years - no Jew could hold office or vote in any country in which they lived. They rejoiced when the Constitution was ratified, for they were finally free.

2) In 1782, James Madison borrowed hard cash from Haym Salomon, a Jew, and as a result he kept his office as congressman and he repaid the Jews by making it possible for them to become American citizens via the Constitution, as he played a major role in the writing of it. Sounds like bribery. George Washington and Robert Morris also borrowed large sums of money from Haym Salomon.

3) Jews are liberals. They are illuminating the world. They are hypocrites, liars and murderers - just like their father (John 8:44).

4) Jewish laymen and rabbis preach the gospel of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Wait a minute, I thought that was the main tenet of belief of the Freemasons - Oh, the Freemasons get their doctrine from the Jewish Kabala.

5) They also teach that there is one god and one humanity. One humanity - all races come from the same origin - Adam. The leaders of the interracial sexual relations movement and evolution are Jews.

6) They do not look for the return of a personal Messiah, but wait for the coming of a new age - Oh, a new world order in which will be a great time in which to live. No mention of the redeemer of Israel, Jesus the Christ.

7) They accept the findings of science and the equality

of women - Oh, the leaders of the feminist movement were Jews.

8) Since 1775, they made the decision to join the American Revolution and thus gained their greatest freedom in all of their history - the right to hold political office and the right to vote. In 2010, (while constituting about 2% of the population), they represent 33% of the members of the Supreme Court and are many members of the House of Representatives, Senators, governors, mayors, State Representatives and Senators, and the majority of czars for the President.

9) They present a fabulous world without any redeemer, saviour or sacrifice needed for the sins of His people. It couldn't be a more different antichrist agenda.

These two very different worlds are fast approaching - which one you desire doesn't really matter, for the Bible tells us which one will prevail - but not everyone will be in it!!

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A MERCIFUL GOD

Let those who continue to contend that God did not choose the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic race for a special purpose in His plan listen to the words of the prophet Isaiah who, after recording the fact that His people would be severely chastised for their sins, also wrote down for Israel's posterity the following message from the Lord:

"Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: Thus saith the Lord that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou Jesurun, whom I have chosen." (Isaiah 44:1-2).

By referring to His people as Jesurun, or Jeshurun as in Deuteronomy 33:5, they are being designated as the "upright one" or "the darling upright," signifying an ideal people chosen by God. Isaiah the Prophet calls upon them not to be fearful, for God will never forsake them

After blessing the tribes of Israel just before he died, Moses followed that blessing with the arresting pronouncement:

"There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky. The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them. Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew. Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places." (Deuteronomy 33:26-29).

In this day, as the enemy prepares for the time when he hopes to triumph over us, this promise of Divine protection should bring assurance to even the most fainthearted. His everlasting arms are under us; He is our refuge; the enemy is to be thrust out; we shall be a people saved by the Lord. What wonderful promises to contemplate to counter the threat of fearful destruction! Coupled with this is the additional promise:

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of

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the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.” (Isaiah 54:17).

It is essential, nevertheless, before we can lay claim fully to these promises, that we recall to mind what is required of us in order to secure the protection promised.

Isaiah declares “*In righteousness shalt thou be established.*” This means that as a people we must be willing to obey the commandments, statutes and judgments of the Lord, before we shall be saved from regimentation, oppression and tyranny. The simplicity of the conditions to be met is set forth by Isaiah in a message from the Lord through him:

“*I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.*” (Isaiah 44:22).

The call is to return to the Lord, who is our Redeemer, because, just as a thick cloud obliterates the surrounding scene, so too, He has blotted out all our past transgressions - a work, nevertheless, that we cannot claim in our own behalf until we do return to Him with all our hearts.

He will be able then to come to our rescue and deal with the enemy who is even now preparing to carry out his evil plans to annihilate all those who stand in his way and prevent him from seizing world domination. Moses said of our Great Deliverer:

“*I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.*” (Deuteronomy 32:3-4).

The salvation of God’s people lies in their early turning to Him, who is their Rock, who alone can defeat the foes of His Kingdom. It is He who states in Deuteronomy 32:41, 43:

“*If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgments: I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me ...Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.*”

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PROVING GOD

How many are acquainted with the fact that God has challenged men to test Him to see whether or not He will pour out a blessing of abundant prosperity upon them?

Malachi, the Prophet, lived in a time of great depression when the people had turned from the Lord and were refusing to keep His Laws. The Prophet chided them for their evil ways, declaring all their difficulties were the result of refusing to heed the commandments of the Lord. The people questioned Malachi, wanting to know in what way they had turned from the Lord, and the Prophet asked: “*Will a man rob God?*”

When asked to explain this statement Malachi said they were doing it by withholding their tithes and offerings and he declared that for this the whole nation was cursed. The Prophet then challenged them to prove God by fulfilling the requirements of the law of tithing and see whether He would, “*...open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*” (Malachi 3:10).

How many today really believe or observe the Scriptural injunction that God requires of man one seventh of his time and one tenth of his increase? Malachi stressed the need of giving the tenth, or tithe, to the Lord’s service while the need of observing one day in seven as “holy” - set apart unto the Lord - is so important that it was made the subject of the fourth commandment:

“*Keep the sabbath (rest) day to sanctify it, as the Lord*

thy God hath commanded thee. Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt NOT do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou.” (Deuteronomy 5:12-14).

The fulfillment of, or failure to keep the requirements of this law is a perfect barometer of the spirituality of the people. It is of interest to note that in the identical ratio that men sink into a state of spiritual decadency they increasingly desecrate the law of Sabbaths. Instead of a holy day it becomes a holiday. Both the law of the tithe and the law of the Sabbath promise blessings of material prosperity to those who obey them. And a special blessing is promised to those who refuse to make the sabbath a day of personal pleasure and profit:

“*Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*” (Isaiah 58:14).

When men set aside a seventh of their time to the service of the Lord, reverencing the day and devoting part of it to study, worship and research that they may become better acquainted with the ways of God, His Laws and His Word, and also consecrate a tenth of their increase to His service, they will receive the fullness of the blessings according to His promises.

How many are willing to make the test at His invitation, “*Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts.*” Those who will make the test over a period of twelve months or more will never regret it, nor will they want to return to their former situation.

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As we see more and more events soon come to pass, don’t be troubled as others will, for there is really no need for fear or worry, as we are only witnessing promises being fulfilled; for if the storm comes to pass as HE said it would, then how much more faithful will be HIS sunshine coming after the storm.

When you wonder just how you are going to be able to make it, just look back at how much has already been provided for you.

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Another month has passed by again so quickly, and brought for me another year as well. I can feel in my bones that I’m not as young as I used to be. My left knee has been giving me trouble, and is presently under chiropractor’s care, which has already helped considerably. I am also going through a program of oral chelation to help clean out my arteries, but I think it is giving me problems with my hips as I cannot for the time being take my calcium and magnesium supplements which I am used to. We’ll talk to the chiropractor tomorrow and see what he says. It has been painful for me to walk.

The cleaning up after the cyclone is still an ongoing time-consuming exercise. There is still much rubbish to be burnt, and we are just setting up to start milling all the logs which were left stacked up in our yard. At least some of the immediate lawn has been cleared and mowed and is looking much better now. My son took three trailer loads of rubbish to the dump today, but will still have a few more to go.

Again, we appreciate all whose help makes it possible for us to continue. Thanks for your mail and orders. Hopefully in that area, everything has returned to normal. May our God bless you for your faithfulness,

Hendrik (Hank) Roelofs

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