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AWOL CHURCH

AWOL is a military term for a soldier who is absent from duty when officially he/she was not given leave by their commander.

Christians are given short periods of leave or rest in our active duty lives. We are not simply God's children but are called His troops: **Gen 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.**

Host: *tsebâ'âh* a mass of persons, especially regularly organized for war (an *army*); by implication a *campaign*, army, company, host, service, soldiers, troops

How many Christians...troops would you say have enlisted at the altar yet before their duty was served, retired from active duty expecting pay and benefits?

Just as in the military when we commit ourselves into God's service we go through training by practicing what we have learned in order to fight the battles that come.

Sitting in a pew is a small part of training. Taking what we are learning further by studying the Word and putting Truth to practical use is preparation for the battles of life.

Sitting in a pew and then going AWOL until next week's pew sitting is not active duty. This does not reap the benefits of an enlisted, working troop. Most of us have active duty stationed in our own home town, which can be the most difficult as Jesus stated. Some have been called to other lands as missionaries, but all, whether home or abroad are considered active duty. We are all to be His witnesses in the land and

throughout the world.

"But what can I do?" Well, what is the Holy Spirit telling you? What good is your service when you are only listening to your own desires? God has given us gifts to be used to help the body. What does your neighbor need? What about your church? Where do they need help? God is always looking for one among us to stand in the gap and build up the hedge that our land can be healed. Why complain about the country when you could be actively praying for her? What about the people given a death sentence by their physician? Prayers do not stop with family. There is always someone needing intercession and few who take the call for the many being AWOL. How sensitive are we when we go out and about in our daily lives? Maybe we do see the same people day in and day

out, but are we seeing the pain hidden behind their eyes. We miss all the little things we could do to help the body by looking for something BIG and important worth our time, when it is the little foxes spoiling most of our vines. Does a widow need a ride? Could a sick neighbor or friend use a prepared meal for her family? **Prov 15:23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth: and a word spoken in due season, how good is it!** What about a word of encouragement? You never know just how far a word in someone's due season will stretch. It is the season for Emmanuel Labor. Join the force!



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EMMANUEL LABOR/MAN-ual LABOR

Manual labor is labor in the hands of man. It is not a bad term in itself, however, in the spiritual realm manual labor is better termed Emmanuel Labor, for **we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us** and not by our own hands or strength.

For so long man labors by his hands making his own decisions until his plans go awry at which time he asks God to turn it around. EMMANUEL is God with us, yet we do not use or ask for His input until everything gets sticky, and we need a bail out. If God is with us why guess the best avenue to take, when we have the God of the universe at hand? Still most trust in the hands of man. We even place our lives in the hands of man until the hands of man fail, then at death's door and in a weak-

ened condition we seek God and try to make a stand in faith.

After the 9/11 attack we heard this line over and over: **Isa 9:10 The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars.**

"We will build... We will change it." Notice 9:10 was a flaw in Israel preceding a 9/11, yet still it is MANual labor we trust and not in Emmanuel.

I am praying for this nation to fall to its knees to Emmanuel and not to fall to other nations by trying to rise to its own power.

This nation was built by God not man. If you read Isaiah 9:11 you see that because man trusted in himself alone (9:10)

that God said: **Isa 9:11-13 Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him, and join his enemies together; 12 The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. 13 For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts.**

So...What did we get for our man-ual labor? We reaped a president sympathetic to our enemies and passive to enmity with Christianity and Israel.

It is time to roll up our sleeves of faith and get back to good ol' Emmanuel labor!!

CHOICE LOST?

In the last election we had a very clear choice even though both confessed Christianity. One believed in the life of the unborn, and the other said a mistake could be terminated. One identified with Abraham and the other was more identifiable with Ishmael, though he denied it often at first. One did not verbally condemn homosexuality, but the other condemned those who did not entitle it. One had testimonies of what Christ had done for him; the other made sure that all religious symbols were covered or removed when he spoke at such facili-

ties. One had Christ in his heart, while the other had Christ in his earlier speeches. One, although having the attributes of Christ, was labeled “of a cult”, yet the other, giving Christ an honorable mention for a few brief months, earning himself the title of “Savior” in some newfangled salvation saving no one...and

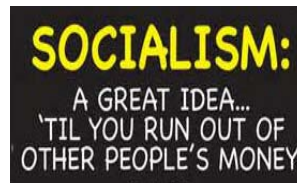


the people chose. We have

been living with this choice waiting for the next opportunity to make a better one, yet the front runners are quite unbelievable. This is truly our “just desserts” to have a choice between a criminal...



or “the socialist”...



and a Trump-et that blows his own horn...off key...to the tune of *I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy*. God opened the



mouth of an ass and Jesus road upon an ass toward His destiny, so I am not saying He could not use another at the “last trump”, but what I know for sure is “WE THE PEOPLE” had better get to our knees and pray!!!



GOOD GUY/BAD GUY

Toward the end of 2015, I wrote about the statue of Lucifer on open display for the Church of Satan. Now I see that on the FOX Network there is a new program: “*The Devil has come to Los Angeles... LUCIFER is the story of the original fallen angel. Bored and unhappy as the Lord of Hell, LUCIFER MORNINGSTAR (Tom Ellis) has abandoned his throne and retired to L.A., where he owns Lux, an upscale nightclub. Charming, charismatic and devilishly handsome, Lucifer is enjoying his retirement, indulging in a few of his favorite things – wine, women and song – when a beautiful pop star is brutally murdered outside of Lux. - For the first time in roughly 10 billion years, he feels something awaken deep within him as a result of this murder. Compassion? Sympathy? The very thought disturbs him – as well as his best friend and confidante MAZIKEEN aka MAZE, a fierce demon in the form of a beautiful young woman. The murder attracts the attention of LAPD homicide detective CHLOE DECKER who initially is dismissive of Lucifer. But she becomes intrigued by his talent for drawing out people's secrets and his desire to dispense jus-*

lice, doling out punishment to those who deserve it. As they work together to solve the pop star's murder, Lucifer is struck by Chloe's inherent goodness. Accustomed to dealing with the absolute worst of humanity, Lucifer is intrigued by Chloe's apparent purity and begins to wonder if there's hope for his own soul yet. At the same time, God's emissary, the angel AMENADIEL, has been sent to Los Angeles to convince Lucifer to return to the underworld...can the Devil incarnate be tempted toward the side of Good, or will his original calling pull him back toward Evil?”

WINE, WOMEN AND SONG are the favorite indulgences of satan???? What of plague, disease, murder and destruction? Oh, that's right, we'll give that to God! While cancer patients, those abused sexually and physically as well as the hopeless wonder why God is “testing” them or ignoring their plea, we find the charismatic, misunderstood satan with no blood on his hands. He is just a sympathetic, misguided creature buffeted by the same God buffeting everyone else!

Ministers for years have played right into this by portraying God as the tempter. You say, “*Ob no, not the tempter but the tester.*” Clueless Christians never look to see that there is no such word as *test, testeth, tester, tested* used in the KJV from which all others derive in English translations. The word used is *tempt, tempteth, tempter, and tempted*. In the Old Testament most all tempting was believed to be by the hands of an angry God until it is cleared up in the New Testament:

Matt 4:3 And when the tempter (satan) came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

1 Thess 3:5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter (satan) have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.

James 1:13-17 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, nei-

ther tempteth he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. 16 Do not err, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

If ministers do not say that God is testing us, they then like to say that destruction is God's punishment. So it all falls into alignment...God is bad and satan is a good ol' boy who just wants to have fun.

Christians had better watch out who they esteem and who they judge in these calamities, for there is an eternity waiting and no good ol' boy, charismatic or otherwise is at the end of it just wanting us to join him in some everlasting drunken brawl of wine, women and song!



ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION

"The idol of the desolator", or "the idol that causeth desolation" Abomination refers especially to such idolatry only as is perpetrated by apostates from Jehovah (2 Kings 21:2-7; 23:13). The Lord quotes Dan 9:27; 11:31; 12:11, in Matt 24:15 "the abomination of desolation", as the sign of Jerusalem's coming destruction. Daniel makes the ceasing of the sacrifice and oblation the preliminary to it. Jewish rabbis considered the prophecy fulfilled when the Jews erected an idol altar, described as "the abomination of desolation" in 1 Macc. 1:54; 6:7. This was necessarily followed by the profanation of the temple under the Old Testament antichrist, Antiochus Epiphanes. He built an idolatrous altar on the altar of burnt offering to Jupiter Olympius, and dedicated the temple to him, and offered swine's flesh. This sacrificing of an UNCLEAN pig was the worst kind of abomination that could

have taken place. The prophecy in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark was also believed fulfilled when the Romans through Vespasian desecrated and destroyed the Jewish Temple about A.D. 70."

Those are two physical, historical events both prophesied and fulfilled.

That being said, I think we need to look deeper into Jesus' meaning of temple. **John 2:19-22 Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? 21 But he spake of the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and**

they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

1 Cor 3:16-17 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

The temple is the body of Christ...the church is the body of Christ. The antichrist will, to quote satan, "...sit also upon the mount of the congregation (body of Christ)..." **Isa 14:13**

The world hates the body of Christ whether Jew or Christian. Elimination of these two factors is thought by governments to be the key to preservation for all

else.

The temple of God is systematically being eroded through force, apathy, cares of the world or re-direction and distractions. All of these are like pulverizing waves against the rock of salvation.

While many are looking at the temple mount in Jerusalem, I am noticing the temple of Christ...the body of Christ today, whether church goer or the one sitting on the side lines remarking that they believe in a god.

Is your temple a place of worship and Word based thinking or does another idol stand at your altar? What idol makes you desolate robbing your time and faith? I am thinking about this personally and appealing for each of us to do the same.

BESHERT/BESCHERT

Any one in ear shot of my prayers knows that I have been calling back all the spiritual gifts robbed through the generations of my bloodline as well as praying the same for others. This **New Year's Eve 2015**, I was praying with my Zahar team and the Holy Spirit dropped a word I had never heard into my heart: I wrote the word "beshert" spelling it phonetically in the notebook I keep when I pray...for instances like this. I meant to look it up when I got home but

forgot until 4 days later looking at my notes.

In Hebrew: Beshert means "inevitable" or "preordained." It can apply to any happening which appears to bear the fingerprints of divine providence. The Kabala uses it as our divine soul mate given, which as a Christian is Jesus, however, the Yiddish word is spelled beschert meaning "given" used at Christmas AND **NEW YEAR'S** as being given divine gifts.

Now, remembering what my

prayers had been as well as on the exact season of New Year's Eve prayer meeting...God's Spirit drops a foreign word into my heart...Beshert/beschert. I have my answer from the Lord.

At this new year, my Beshert, Jesus, has given me my beschert, divine gifts, for which I sought. **Wait for it...**I was praying for ministries and churches, therefore, I am telling you that in this new year your Beshert, Jesus, is giving you your beschert, divine gifts!!!!!! I had been seeking

Him for just this very thing. Are you seeking Him likewise? If you had not thought to do it, start! This Word is for you.

God is getting the church prepared to be mightily equipped for the hour in which we are. Eskimos use snow shoes for their terrain, and God is getting our "souls/soles" shod with the Gospel of peace in the most calamitous season worldwide.

Our Beshert is giving us our beschert for this special hour.

AS IT SHOULD BE

Recently, Obama has been aggressively outspoken on gun control. I wrote this, as I often do, for the News Democrat:

President Obama, being a high risk profile because of his position, has heavily armed bodyguards 24-7 no matter where he goes...as it should be. He retains the tightest of securities in bullet proof vehicles as well as being

heavily guarded with arms inside the White House with his family...as it should be. The school, attended by Obama's girls, has 11 armed security guards to protect their students...as it should be. (Past presidents have had continued security protection extending 10 years after office, but Pres. Obama has signed a bill that would afford him armed Secret Service protection for life.

*I have no problem with that.) Because of his high profile, Obama receives the best of heavily armed security with the understanding that being armed **prevents, protects, and defends** any violence against him or his family to do them bodily harm...as it should be.*

"We the people" are generally a lower risk profile, thus we do not

*have all the protection as the president, however, we have the Constitutional, Second Amendment that gives us the right to own, keep and bear arms with the understanding that being armed **prevents, protects and defends** us against any violence to do us harm...as it should be.*

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AS IT SHOULD BE *continued*

In this nation, whether high or low risk profile, we are all considered "We The People" having the same rights of protection, if not the same degree or extent, at least the right.

As a Christian, I see all life as valuable: both men and women, children born and unborn, skin of all color and people from all nations. Some do not believe it so. Obama does not value the unwanted unborn and has no difficulty with these mistakes being terminated, or so he stated in one of his many speeches. I do not believe he sees himself under "We The People" but as greater than the people by his position. Thinking in this wise, he does not feel that he should submit to what "We The People" must by changing the rights of the people in changing laws (Dan 7:25).

THE ONLY TRUE CHURCH

Though I love my local church and my home meetings, I have never thought that my church was the only true church. I have always believed that there was Truth as well as some error in all the churches...contingent upon the understanding that Jesus is the Christ and God incarnate.

I have heard ministers or lay people of the congregations intimate that they are the only way, truth and life. I figured that my difference in thinking was that I was a Christian mutt, meaning that I had a Dad whose up-bringing was Catholic yet married a Methodist girl. We were also Presbyterian and Assembly of God as well as in Charismatic non-denominational fellowships and summer camped with the Baptists. I was raised in a melting pot of seeing faith in many different venues. One thing that never changed for me was Jesus, because with Him I had my own relationship. I grew up sharing my secrets with Him. Things I would never tell anyone, I told to Him. I knew I was neither alone nor was I ever out of His view. Later in my relationship it was He

Gun right activists tried to make this point in a petition signed by 40,000 people saying: "If Gun Free Zones are sufficient protection for our children, then Gun Free Zones should be good enough for politicians," implying that there is no such thing as a gun free zone. These zones simply mean ordinary citizens cannot carry protection. I am sure that the typical irate, irrational crazy person abides by this when on their insane, destructive rampage. The president understands this all too well for there is no way his security would disarm...as it should be.

Schools are Gun Free Zones, so of course they should be safe from shooters...right? Since it is a crime to carry a gun in a Gun Free Zone the only one carrying would be a criminal and the rest of us would be targets. Some-

who did most of the sharing of secrets into my heart. Today, He commands most of the conversation...Praise God!

The most I learned of Jesus growing up was through my parents. This may sound grammatically incorrect, but the "realest" house of worship was in my own home. I can still say this today, though I no longer live under the tutelage of my parents, that my "realest" house of worship is in my own home.

As I was listening to a media minister talk about the only True Church, which of course was his denomination, God's Spirit turned me over to Rev 2-3. As I read those chapters again, it became quite clear that I was not too far off base with my thinking. Jesus was addressing seven churches...seven very different churches with different circumstances and surroundings. I noticed that He did not point out any one of them as truer than the others, but instead commended them each upon their good points and pointed out their flaws for correction. I have come to under-

stand that God is neither impressed by our denominational titles nor is He dismayed by them. His only purpose, as I read from the address, is that we are to be steered toward His heart.

When the only school afforded armed guard safety is for the elite politicians, we know that they do not think of themselves as "We The People" but above them.

The three Musketeers had a saying, "One for all and all for one." Now, if politicians could broaden the word ONE as inclusive to ALL we might see a more cohesive nation rather than the divisions we now suffer.

In the next president, it would be wise to discern a "We The People" candidate rather than an elite man or woman who considers themselves to be above the law or greater than the masses that they are to defend and protect. The rich and famous tend to live extravagantly on the efforts of whom they consider less worthy.

These same churches live on today under different titles. It is rather like a litmus test to see if we have gone outside of God's Will and intent for us.

Ministers, who only fault other church affiliations promoting themselves in doing so, are missing the mark of Christianity and playing the rhetoric card in likeness to political campaigners who only tell you what is wrong with everyone else. *Isa 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!*

That says nothing about criticizing other faiths, while the hungry go away more starved still. There is only one Way, Truth and Life and that is found in Christ Jesus. It is

thing seems backward rather than good reasoning sense.

God, Creator of the universe, came to this little planet as an ordinary man. He served mankind and then died in his place. The rich and famous only want to make this nation rich and famous, which is a far cry from the answer.

This government needs to remember that they are servants to the people electing them. The only royalty accessible to any of us is through the blood of Jesus, and that kind of royalty does not sit on a throne but is out serving God and mankind...as it should be!

I can only pray fervently that "We The People" will make a better choice for our next president, if we get the chance, and that this nation may reach the heights by their humility and compassion one for another...as it should be.

upon His name we build our faith, trust and have our testimony. The Lutheran, Methodist, Evangelical, Pentecostal, Seventh Day Adventist, Presbyterian or Charismatic non-denominational churches etc., etc. are not the way, truth or life, yet are to be a light shining in the darkness to point the way to HIM. We are to discern our own flaws and correct them. I have enough to do just correcting my own self so that my life may be lived in front of others in truth and not just as a good act. After all, the definition of character is what a person is when no one is looking.

Rom 14:22 You may have the faith to believe that there is nothing wrong with what you are doing, but keep it between yourself and God. Blessed are those who do not condemn themselves by doing something they know is all right. NLT

Keep the little differences from afflicting others with a condemnation not belonging to them, while instead present the Good News of Hope to a hopeless world. Amen?

LOVE KNOCKED

For years after retiring from teaching at Christian Fellowship School, I have done monthly chapels for the children. For January, Holy Spirit gave me a good storyline to write. Looking it over I think it would be just as good for adults...so here it is.

Once upon a time there was a little tiny planet in space. It was so tiny it could barely be seen among all the others. On this little planet lived creatures called Feelings. Among the Feelings were many varied moods like Sad, Envy, Petty, Busy, Worry and Pride. God in heaven looked down at this tiniest of planets and wondered how the feelings were getting along. He decided to pay them a visit so He clothed Himself like them and made His name LOVE, for He was. He noticed that the feelings did not live closely together but were scattered far apart from one another, so He went to the first door at the house of Sad and knocked.



"Who's there?" Asked Sad.
"It is I, Love. Will you let me come in?"
(Sadness was not only sad but empty too, so there was nothing to offer LOVE.)
"I cannot open the door, for I am so sad I need to be by myself."

Being turned away by Sadness, LOVE knocked at the door of Envy.



"Who's knocking on my door?"
"It is I, LOVE at your door. Will you let me come in?"
(Envy was not only envious but empty too, yet he thought, "I bet LOVE wants to come in and take all I have for Himself, and I will have nothing left for me, myself and I.")
"I have too many things in my way and cannot get to the door. Please go away."

Down and round LOVE went until He stood at the door of Petty who was also empty and knocked.



"Who is bothering me at my door!?"
"It is I, LOVE knocking. Will you let me come in?"
(Pettness resented that LOVE probably didn't knock at her door first. "If I am not His first choice then He can just forget it!" she thought.)
"Since you did not think of me first, I have no time to think of you either. Leave the premises."

One thing about LOVE is He never quits on any creature, so on He goes to the next house of Busy who is also empty and knocks.



"Who's at my door?" she huffed breathlessly
"Love is at your door; may I come in?"
"Oh no, not today. I have way too much on my plate to visit with you. Maybe tomorrow...well no, that won't work either. Let's see, my calendar is pretty filled this month. Let's try next month, but I can make no promises. It's not that I don't want you, it's just not convenient today."

Next LOVE knocks on the door of Worry.



Inside Worry sees that someone has come to call and looks around worried that her home is cluttered and her clothes ragged. She wasn't prepared for a visitor. "Oh my, what will this visitor think of me if I let him in?" She was so worried about what He might think of her that she pretended not to be home hoping He would just go away.

LOVE knocked and knocked again, then shook His head and turned to the next house of Pride who was also empty and knocked.

"Who is it at my door knocking?"
"It is I, LOVE. Will you let me come in?"
"There is nothing that I need today or any other day. I can take care of myself and anything I need I get for myself! Go on with you."



Turned down by many did not stop LOVE from His quest, for in the distance was a little cottage marked Empty, who was so empty that he was also hungry. Love knocked and Empty replied,



"I am empty and know that I am."
Love answered, "Everyone I went to see was empty but they did not know it. Do you want to be full?"
"Oh, I am hungry to be full of anything you have for me...Enter please!"

That day Empty became empty no more for he was full of LOVE, goodness, mercy, joy and every pleasant thing was given him for opening to LOVE. Empty became Prosperity that day and inherited all of the Kingdom of LOVE.



The others continued to be SAD, ENVIOUS, PETTY, BUSY, WORRIED AND PROUD because they did not know how empty they were. They never had the Joy of fullness because they kept their door tightly shut with their feelings ever reacting.

Sometimes we actually want to feel the way we do and refuse to give it up. We feel that we are deserving or have a right to feel sad, envious, petty, busy, worried or proud and resent anyone who tries to stop our deserved feelings. However, feelings have an appearance and if only we could see ourselves as others do, we might reconsider holding onto that face.

How can you allow the WORD in if feelings bar the door? Negative feelings get in the way of all the good blessings with the results God has for us, so without realizing it we shut Him out when He is our answer all along. HE'S KNOCKING TODAY. FEELINGS ASIDE, WILL YOU LET HIM IN?

