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To
Dad
Madison
Lauren

FOREWORD

“Reconciliation for Dummies”, upon hearing this title, my first thought was, not another “how to” publication written by an expert (*or pseudo expert*) to guide the academically challenged masses through everything from basket weaving to computer programming and beyond. Another realization followed, in that the minutia of topics covered in the *“For Dummies”* style publications are temporal, that when this earthly life is finished, all your acquired knowledge will not matter in scope. Nope! Your vast knowledge of “stuff” will have absolutely no bearing on where you spend eternity unless the publication was genuinely purposed to enrich your knowledge and relationship with our Father God.

Today’s communication technology affords the listener many options for hearing or reading the Word, but along with that comes many interpretations and doctrines. Adding to that, there are the self-proclaimed authoritarians, though not necessarily anointed by God, admonishing what one must do to receive salvation. The latter usually involves the purchase of a “would be” best selling book of substantial page count for a small donation of \$100 or more “to seal the deal”. However, there are the truly anointed of the Lord ministering in love, non-condemning but unknowingly making the steps to salvation so complicated that by the time you reach the twelfth step, you have forgotten the first one. If you have read the biblical accounts describing the processes for atonement you will see that we are not the only duck on the pond when it comes to this.

The author of *“Reconciliation for Dummies”* has packed simple truths in this short read to show once and for all that God, Creator of the universe is not complicated and neither is finding a lasting, true relationship with Him. It is an excellent “how to” for the new seeker and a refreshing for the battle worn believer. Keep it simple and remember the three “R’s”: **Relax, Read and Receive.** Be blessed.

Dennis O’Connor

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RECONCILIATION FOR DUMMIES

Heb 12:24

***And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant,
and to the blood of sprinkling,
that speaketh better things than that of Abel.***

KJV

My three-year-old granddaughter watched as her mother put an abundance of black olives on a pizza and remarked to her, *"You sure do like black olives."* Meagan told her yes she certainly did, and little Madison smiled and replied, *"Good, I like to be right!"* She then rephrased the same fact, *"You are a black olive eater, right Momma?"* *"Yes, Madison, I am."* Madison was elated, *"Good, I like to be right!"* That small exchange brought about more statements of the obvious to declare and be right about. *"It's cold outside, right Momma?"* *"Yes, Madison, it is pretty cold out."* *"Good, I like to be right!"* This went on for a bit and was relayed to me as one of the many adorable things my grandchildren come up with. Ah, to be a simple child again. To stay a simple child in some respects is something to hang onto while letting other aspects fall away.

For example if we could hang onto that childlike faith we would find ourselves master of many things having victory over doubt and fear, but alas time has worn us like old shoes with holes. Doubt and fear have seeped through those holes causing a soggy walk of semi-faith. What might it be like if we could fight the good fight of faith once more. You know the fight. It goes something like: *"Hey Father God, with Jesus stripes we are healed, right?"* *"That is right, Child."* *"Good, I like to be healed!"* I could replace *healed* with many other promises. What has interfered with the simplicity of God saying yea and amen to His promises? What has interfered with man's trust in God to believe? A child's faith is pure and uncomplicated; how then do we complicate the simple? We have sewn together many body parts that do not belong, and it becomes Faithenstein...a monster we have created. We have put new wine into old skins sewn together, and Truth is leaking out. We cannot contain Truth with old thinking.

Luke 5:36-39

No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old.

And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.

But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.

No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.

On the other side of the story is the child who never grows in faith nor seeks it out but rehearses and repeats what is familiar parroting the same Bible statements over and over. We have a need to be right for our comfort and security. Being right is also stopping our growth. In growth change takes place and like metamorphosis there are stages of growth, which are egg, larva, pupa and adult. A Christian gets hung up in some of the stages and continues to crawl but never fly. From the crawling larva we advance to the next stage, which is a cocooned pupa in a safe small place. Now this cocooned phase is not to be a permanent residence, and yet this is where the church stops. The cocoon is like denominational walls built up for protection, sewing all the body parts for Faithenstein to come to life and live within its constraints. *“This is what we believe, amen? “Amen!” Good, we like to be right!”*

Matt 23:13 [revised Rebecca version]

But woe unto you, scribes and Faithensteins, hypocrites! for ye shut up in your kingdom cocoon against men: for ye neither venture beyond it yourselves, neither suffer ye others to come into your cocoon unless they clone and become like one of you! *“I believe like you, right?” “Right!” “Good, I like to be right.”* Then like a right of passage they enter into the fellowship of the *“similar”*. The same thing happened to Jesus when he came across the Faithensteins:

Matt 19:3-9

*The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?
And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,
And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?
Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.
They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?
He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.
And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.*

Man pit Moses' word next to the audible Word of God through Jesus. Man established in his old cocoon never to venture further disregarding Truth when confronted with it. *“Moses words are our words, right church?” “Right!” “Good, we like to be right.”* So what do we have? Confusion over the word has entered our world. What will our cocoon allow in order to be right? *“The Word is unclear, right?” “Right!” Good, I like to be right...then what I choose is up to me...”* The Word is very clear because it is no longer invisible, but the Word became flesh

and visible. We have the right answer, and it is Jesus.

I wrote this before in my book, *In The Image*, but without going into all the details let me repeat the difference between the Old and New Testament versions of God's Words:

Moses quoting God said: *"Breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him again."*

Jesus/God said: *"Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: **But I say unto you**, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."*

This happened many times that Jesus said, *"Ye have heard that it hath been said...But I say..."* The only way to the Father is through the Son. The only way to know the Father is through the Son! Are you seeing this?

We hold fast to the truth that we accept but spit out what we deem unpalatable like an unwanted vegetable. Only we are not talking about the preference over vegetables...choosing which we like and which we do not. We are talking about Truth and Life and Eternal Word. *"You cannot touch the word; it's eternal"*. Let's first define Word. All logos are not eternal. Whose words are eternal...yours? Mine? Pastor Bobs? We generally pick up the Bible and declare that it is eternal. What is eternal, the leather binding, commentaries, concordances...how about the acts of the patriarchs? Do you want to see exactly from the word what words are eternal that will never pass away?

Matt 24:35

*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but **my words** shall not pass away.*

Mark 13:31

*Heaven and earth shall pass away: but **my words** shall not pass away.*

Luke 21:33

*Heaven and earth shall pass away: but **my words** shall not pass away.*

Jesus' Words will never παρεισχομαι: which is to say they will never go, pass (away, by, over), past, transgress. While the earth and the heavens will pass away the Words of Jesus will never pass. We have a valid will and testament that can never be contested or made newer or more complete. Our New Testament given by Jesus holds His eternal Words. It is the new wine skin to hold all things eternal. *"Well what about 'In the beginning'?"* The New will and Testament has it:

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and **without him was not any thing made that was made.**

4 **In him was life;** and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and **the world was made by him,** and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

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

What I am saying is I measure all the sayings of old to the Words of Jesus. For the exact Wording of God I go to Jesus. I do not at any time pit Jesus' Words with any other words to make an average assessment of whom God is.

When we call ourselves Christians we should follow Christ's teaching, but instead we build on Abraham, Job, Moses and Elijah to name a few. We, like Peter, declare the words to build a tabernacle to each, but God says in Mat 17:4-5, "*Look it is Me; Listen to Me.*" Man does not bother to reconcile the Word from the Old Testament to the New. We will trade in our old car for a new one, but we challenge the New testament by quoting the Old! People have updated their wills as children are born into the family and included, but we cannot go from Old to New Testament. I have given these examples time and time again in other books, but we have learned to be wrong and call it right...right? Right! *Good, I like to be right!*

Abraham was told to leave his pagan homeland and in that alone was his obedience, but he packed some pagan ideas in his bags before he left. He packed the belief that if you loved God and were loyal to Him you would offer Him your firstborn. AH, but what **we** learn from this story is God may test us in something that goes against His Word...right? Right! *Good, I like to be right!*
[Data for computation: God will go against His Word.]

Job was a Godly man who talked too much and did not know what his words could do, like tear down his hedge of protection for Satan to find access. God

when tempted by Satan made a statement and not a commission that all Job had was within Satan's grasp. God did not make Satan aware of a new idea but stated a well-known fact that this entity knew right well. But **we** learn that God will turn His testing over to Satan and allow us to suffer at Satan's hand...Right? Right! *Good, I like to be right!* [**Data for computation:** God not only allows Satan to test us but gives permission.]

Moses had quick reflexes and a hot temper when he saw injustice, stupidity and error. We see early on that he gets into trouble by murdering a man. As a matter of fact, Moses looked around first to see if anyone was watching before he did it and then hid the body in the sand! [Gen 2:12] We see Moses' battle with anger which caused "*an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth*" kind of thinking, seeping into the law...from God. Right? Right! *Good, I like to be right!* [**Data for computation:** God is a God of payback.]

If you were to look at the bearers of God's testimony you would see some of the most imperfect men alive, yet God was able to use them. It helps us to see what God had to work with and in most if not all cases it was the one who made himself available to avail for God. But all Bible heroes that we often times base our view of God upon had an Achilles heel of some description up until God Himself appeared on the scene in the human form of Jesus!

Abraham was manipulative and even lied to achieve a certain outcome.

Jacob was deceitful using trickery to exploit the needs and emotions of others to get what he wanted.

Noah had a problem with alcohol.

Jonah was quite a prejudice man and lacked compassion for people. He was angry with God's grace and refused God's compassion for a race of people he hated.

Moses had a murderous, hot temper that dogged his steps his entire life.

Peter was impulsive and one who at a difficult time denied his faith before men. He had a terrible time with pride and rebuked Jesus and argued with a God given vision.

Solomon was weakened by his sexual addiction, even to idolatry and paganism.

David's sexual lust over a woman caused, by his manipulation, a man's death. Contract killing is no different. But that is not the end of the story. David made a deal with Satan, through a seer, which caused the death of 70,000 of his own mighty men!

Gideon was plagued with self-doubt, insecurities and a down right lack of faith.

Samuel may have loved God, but he did not teach his own sons the valued faith. Samuel had family problems. His sons caused so much damage that this is why Israel demanded a king in place of God!

And the list goes on of Godly vessels reaching all the way to we who are just as imperfect but available.

Patriarchs with faults and problems portrayed God through their image and understanding. But surely if they were that imperfect God would not have used them so mightily...right? Right! *Good, I like to be right!* Hold on there, Bertha. God opened the mouth of a jackass to warn Balaam. Being a stubborn ass comes with the breed! Imperfect yet spoke...just like most of the above tarnished vessels proselytizing men into tarnished views with a perspective of the image of God. How can God get His image to cross over the error of man's representation? Well, Friend, my mother had a saying that went something like this: *"If you want to get something done right do it yourself."* God must have shared Mother's view for He did just that. He came clothed in flesh just like us. He now had an audible voice to be heard. He possessed hands to touch with compassionate healing. He had legs that walked along the roads of earth taking up all the trash and filth of man's garbage and carried it to the cross where all shame was dumped, and He took it there to cleanse us. Those alive on the earth watched as He walked by, while we watch Him walk by us through the Word. In a Word...JESUS, perfect, without error and this, should you want to hold on to what is right, is right! And that is good because we like to be right!

We reconcile the patriarchs to Jesus and not visa versa. Through this new reconciliation, for example, we do not offer animals as sacrifice for our atonement. Even the Jewish faith, which does not accept Jesus' blood redemption, does not use animal sacrifice any longer. By the way, there's a question for you. Why did they change their Testament? The Orthodox Jew does not accept the New Testament. Could they have been wrong? *"No, we don't like to be wrong!"*

Many things have changed because they are as clear as seeing visible God. So why then do we go back to the invisible imperfection? Why, when we are given a new will and testament do we follow the old? The old is for reference, the new is for observance, which is to say performance. Jeremiah spoke of a new will and testament coming:

Jer 31:31 Behold,²⁰⁰⁹ the days³¹¹⁷ come,⁹³⁵ saith⁵⁰⁰² the LORD,³⁰⁶⁸ that I will make³⁷⁷² a new²³¹⁹ covenant¹²⁸⁵ with⁸⁵⁴ the house¹⁰⁰⁴ of Israel,³⁴⁷⁸ and with⁸⁵⁴ the house¹⁰⁰⁴ of Judah:³⁰⁶³

- [#2319 new: fresh, new thing]
- [#1285 covenant: in the sense of cutting; a compact, confederacy, league]

Jeremiah was the forerunner who prophesied that the day was coming when God would be cutting a new fresh compact or covenant.

Paul discloses what Jeremiah had said:

Heb 8:5-13

5 Who serve unto the example and **shadow** [#4639 adumbration: faint image, faint representation, sketchy or imperfect] of heavenly things, as Moses was ***admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle**: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

6 But now hath **he** [Jesus] obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also **he** is the **mediator** [#3316 reconciler, intercessor] of a better **covenant** [#1242 testament], which was established upon better promises.

7 **For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.**

8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

9 Not according to the covenant that made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

13 **In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.**

Looking again in verse 5 at:

* **Admonished of God when he [Moses] was about to make a tabernacle.**

Does this remind you of another time when God admonished Peter?

Matt 17:1-6

17:1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

4 **Then answered Peter**, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, **let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.**

5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased; **hear ye him.**

6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.

Heb 9:11

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

The tabernacle was the church or meeting place of God with His children. God does not want an old covenant church built upon men of God quoting God and made with hands. God is saying Jesus is the church built in our hearts. There is a New Testament to build on. Jesus is its foundation. **“Hear ye Him.”**

For you studiers who will look at the *black and white* of the matter:

Heb 8:8 For¹⁰⁶³ finding fault³²⁰¹ with them,⁸⁴⁶ he saith,³⁰⁰⁴ Behold,²⁴⁰⁰ the days²²⁵⁰ come,²⁰⁶⁴ saith³⁰⁰⁴ the Lord,²⁹⁶² when²⁵³² I will make⁴⁹³¹ a new²⁵³⁷ covenant¹²⁴² with¹⁹⁰⁹ the³⁵⁸⁸ house³⁶²⁴ of Israel²⁴⁷⁴ and²⁵³² with¹⁹⁰⁹ the³⁵⁸⁸ house³⁶²⁴ of Judah:²⁴⁵⁵

- [#2537 new: as freshness, new]
- [#1242 covenant: contract, covenant, **testament**]

Heb 8:13 In that he saith,³⁰⁰⁴ A new²⁵³⁷ covenant,³⁸²² he hath made the first old.^{3588, 4413} Now¹¹⁶¹ that which decayeth³⁸²² and²⁵³² waxeth old¹⁰⁹⁵ is ready to vanish away.^{1451, 854}

- [# 3822 old: to become worn out, declare obsolete:- decay]
- [#854 vanish away: disappearance, that is abrogation which means cancel, revoke, rescind, nullify, void, invalidate:- vanish away]

Heb 12:24 And²⁵³² to Jesus²⁴²⁴ the mediator³³¹⁶ of the new³⁵⁰¹ covenant,¹²⁴² and²⁵³² to the blood¹²⁹ of sprinkling,⁴⁴⁷³ that speaketh²⁹⁸⁰ better things²⁹⁰⁹ than³⁸⁴⁴ that of Abel.⁶

- [#3316 mediator: reconciler, internunciator, which is the linker between the two, mediator]
- [#6 Abel: seed of Adam]

In other words, Jesus reconciles the New Testament and blood that testifies of greater than the testament of Abel, which is to say man.

I use the word reconcile in much of my writing. I say quite often that I must reconcile the Old Testament with the New. The word **reconcile** means: **agree to change-to win over-to compose or settle-to bring to accept**. We convert from all old ideas of what God's name is to who God is by reconciling ourselves to Jesus. **We reconcile by winning over the testimony of God through man to the appearance of God through Jesus**. How was man reconciled that the world was round? Was it from the book of Isaiah? No. Was it from Columbus sailing around it? No. It was man proving it over and over until he believed it. After it is proven many times over so that enough people declare it, we can know with assurance that the world is round...right? Right! *Good, we like to be right!*

If we hold with the observance of the Old Testament then we must call ourselves Orthodox Jews, but if we have been reconciled through Jesus as heirs of salvation and Abraham's seed then we are under a new covenant, a New Testament. Our foundation is not Moses or Elijah but Jesus. There is only one way to the Father and that is through Jesus. We use the Old Testament for reference learning along with the witness of prophecies that have been or will be fulfilled, but we use New Testament observance to live and perform daily. With Moses we have the Ten Commandments plus, but God made it simple to understand:

Matt 22:36-40

36 *Master, which is the great commandment in the law?*

37 *Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.***

38 *This is the first and great commandment.*

39 *And the second is like unto it, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.***

40 ***On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.***

This changed the law of stone to a law of the heart. You can do your level best to abstain from sin, but unless the law of love is within your heart to hate sin it is a difficult process to resist it. What you do not hate you have a harder time resisting. Ask any dieter or addict. The law of stone may cause you to abstain from the act of adultery while the mind is an active perpetrator of the sin, but the law in our heart rejects it at the thought.

Matt 5:27-28

27 ***Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:***

28 ***But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.***

What happens with most ministers of the Gospel is they continue to use old skins for new wine. They take with them part of the Old and put it to the New without reconciliation, and the church has word contradicting word. The world calls us no different than readers of tealeaves and observers of every wind of superstition. They laugh to scorn our confession of *“though God slay me, yet will I serve Him,”* as being no different than cutting ourselves to Baal. The world sees that believers in healing are sick, believers in abundant life are poor and worst of all that believers in victory have none because their same God is beating them with testings! In other words the world sees that salvation saves no one from anything. What we are doing is showing the world they are right... *“Good, because they like to be right!”* You see the world may consider themselves as broken, but they will not take something else that they perceive to be broken as their remedy. So the world re-invents solutions that are no solutions but just more Godless pollutions!

There are some weak areas of contradicting faith that need reconciliation to absolute Truth. Many of which I have tackled, yet these areas refuse to fall in man's eyes. Proving the Word by the Word is still calling the world as round to someone who insists it is flat. Even if this doubter was to travel **around** the earth he will get a nosebleed just imagining the fall off the edge!

TESTATOR, TESTAMENT, TESTIMONY

Heb 9:16-18

For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.
KJV

A testator is not one who tests people, but the definition of testator is one who dies leaving a will and testament. Here are the definitions:

Testator:

1. a person who makes out a will
2. a person who has died leaving a valid will

Testament:

1. a will, esp. one that relates to the disposition of one's personal property
2. New Testament, as distinct from the Old Mosaic covenant
3. covenant between God and humans

God gave a last will and testament before His earthly death. Why did God come to earth to die? A will and testament is not valid without the death of the testator. By Jesus' death we became beneficiaries of all Jesus possessed on this earth. He left it here for us. Satan is not a beneficiary because Satan divorced God's kingdom and became disinherited.

In man's original testament was no death of the testator nor validity to work. The Ten Commandments or stipulations of the old will were not met nor could they be. The sprinkling of animal blood leaves behind no will and no inheritance, for what does an animal leave as an inheritance? God came to earth and upon leaving made us beneficiaries of a new will and testament including all His gifts to be shared among His children. Each child receives talents in different amounts to be used, but **all** children were given the abilities of Christ Jesus to have victory. Through God's body we have health, and through God's blood we have forgiveness. Not just that but all the workings of His Spirit in power on this earth He left to us that we may do the works and greater works than these because He died. We, God's own children, have been reconciled to the new will and testament through Jesus' shed blood.

2 Cor 5:17-21

17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

For us to go back to the old will and testament is to lose the new benefits given us through Jesus. The old will gives no benefit or gifts and no power to be had. Remember the Scripture from the first chapter:

Heb 8:13

In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

The only inheritance left to us is the New Testament. Also remember that Jesus said, "my words shall not pass away". Reconcile this: law to grace.

John 1:17

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

Notice the Scripture does not say that the law [νόμος/regulations] was given *through* Moses by God but was given **by Moses**. Grace [χάρις/acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace (-ious), joy liberality, pleasure] and Truth **came by** Jesus.

Jesus Himself let the old wax away to give us accuracy. Jesus was the Word of the Law of grace and truth and because it did not match the regulations of the law being practiced by man's words of God, Jesus was convicted of treason, apostasy, sedition and subversion. Man sentenced God in his courts then accompanied God to His death with criminals. *"Surely we did the right thing...right? Right! Good, we like to be right!"*

Before God left this earth He gave all forgiveness even at the cross of death to any who would receive would become heirs and partakers of the inheritance. WHAT A GOD! WHAT A TESTAMENT! WHAT A TESTIMONY!

Look at these words:

Testator=God/Benefactor

Testament=Will of God=benefits

Testimony=receiving the Will/beneficiary+heirs

Are you seeing the fine marriage covenant in these words? The church does not see what it possesses being confused which will and testament they are under. But there is only one will and testament for the Christian that was validated by the blood of the testator! ONLY ONE! Jesus/testator stood and proclaimed a new testament/will of benefits that we receive the testimony/benefit of the will. Ask yourself this question: what happened to the ceremonial sacrifice of sprinkled animal blood for the Jews who do not receive the new will of Jesus' blood? Do the Jews not receive atonement by animal blood any longer? What changed their testament? Was God actually ever in animal sacrifice? We know that pagans use animal sacrifice and do still in some cultures. Satanism is big into animal sacrifice! Are you scratching your head over this?

I believe we really need to look at this for reconciliation or **agree to change-to win over-to compose or settle-to bring to accept.**

First and foremost animal sacrifice has been discovered from the oldest archeological finds dating before written records. They were pagan rituals using animal and human sacrifices to gain the favor of the gods. When was this ritual changed for the Jews? Here is an encyclopedia's quote:

“After the destruction of the Second Temple, ritual sacrifice ceased except among the Samaritans. Maimonides, a medieval Jewish rationalist, argued that God always held sacrifice inferior to prayer and philosophical meditation. However, God understood that the Israelites were used to the animal sacrifices that the surrounding pagan tribes used as the primary way to commune with their gods. As such, in Maimonides' view, it was only natural that Israelites would believe that sacrifice was a necessary part of the relationship between God and man. Maimonides concludes that God's decision to allow sacrifices was a concession to human psychological limitations. It would have been too much to have expected the Israelites to leap from pagan worship to prayer and meditation in one step.”

Today's Jews have atonement through their ritual of fasting and prayer called Yom Kippur. It falls on the ninth day of the Hebrew month of Tishrei. Total abstention from food and drink usually begins 30 minutes before sundown, and ends after nightfall the following day. Although the fast is required of all healthy adults, it is waived in the case of certain medical conditions. Virtually all Jewish holidays involve a ritual feast, but since Yom Kippur involves fasting, Jewish law requires one to eat a large and festive meal on the afternoon before Yom Kippur, after the *mincha* prayer. Wearing white clothing is traditional to symbolize one's purity on this day. Many Orthodox men immerse themselves in a *mikvah* on the day before Yom Kippur.

The fast is abstinence from: eating, drinking, wearing leather shoes, bathing or washing, anointing of perfumes or lotions, marital relations. Their prayers are corporate liturgy rather than personal. The prayer would be more like: we have

sinned, instead of / have sinned, etc.

It is said that the animal sacrifice ended when Israel lost their temple, however, the ritual was before the temple so the temple condition would not change the ritual. Did God change His Testament? Was it God's will? Many Old Testament prophets did not agree with the animal sacrifice. Read some of the following Scriptures that disclose this.

Hos 6:5-8

5 Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth.

6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

7 But they like men have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me.

8 Gilead is a city of them that work iniquity, and is polluted with blood.

Ps 51:10-17

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

15 O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Ps 50:7-14

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will testify against thee: I am God, even thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds.

10 For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the passover thereof.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:

Heb 10:6-12

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

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

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

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

10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

John 2:13-16

13 And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, 14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

Isa 53:7

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

Jesus, on the cross was not to replace the sacrifice but to do away with it as the cross did with all sin. He took animal and human sacrifice and nailed it to the cross with all the other sins committed. God gave man his final sacrifice...HIMSELF and said, enough *It is finished*. Bless God He became as one of us; bless God He became as one of his lambs...lamb of God! Look again at the precious words spoken in Psalms:

“For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.”

Or what Jesus said: Luke 12:6 “Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?”

Be reconciled from the old law and testament to the new will and testament bequeathed by the Testator before His death on the cross! Be reconciled to God through Jesus. The **Testator** left a **Testament** for our **Testimony**...receive it and live!

OLD TESTAMENT CALL FOR RECONCILIATION

The Hebrew word for Salvation is Yeshuah, which is Hebrew for Jesus. I want you to see all the mention of Yeshuah/Jesus called forth from the Old Testament. It really blessed me. Here is the definition:

- **Salvation/יְשׁוּעָה** yeshu^e 'a^h

yesh-oo'-aw [Hebrew for Jesus]

saved, that is, (abstractly) deliverance; hence aid, victory, prosperity: - deliverance, health, help (-ing), salvation, save, saving (health), welfare.

Yeshua Ha'Mashiach or Jesus the Messiah is all through the Old Testament. Look at these Scriptures. For every word Salvation/Yeshuah I will replace it with the New Testament translation, which is **JESUS**.

Gen 49:18 *I have waited for thy **JESUS**, O LORD.*

Ex 15:2 *The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my **JESUS**: he is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him.*

1 Chron 16:23 *Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his **JESUS**.*

Ps 13:5 *But I have trusted in thy mercy; my heart shall rejoice in thy **JESUS**.*

Ps 20:5 *We will rejoice in thy **JESUS**, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions.*

Ps 21:1,5 *The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy **JESUS** how greatly shall he rejoice!*

*His glory is great in thy **JESUS**: honour and majesty hast thou laid upon him.*

Ps 35:3 *Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I am thy **JESUS**.*

Ps 62:2 *He only is my rock and my **JESUS**; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.*

Ps 69:29 *But I am poor and sorrowful: let thy **JESUS**, O God, set me up on high.*

Ps 79:9 *Help us, O God of our **JESUS**, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.*

Ps 118:14 *The LORD is my strength and song, and is become my **JESUS**.*

Isa 49:6 *And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my **JESUS** unto the end of the earth.*

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 **JESUS**; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!*

Isa 52:10 *The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the **JESUS** of our God.*

Isa 56:1 *Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my **JESUS** is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.*

Matt 1:21 *And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he shall save his people from their sins.*

I love the Word! What a precious call for Jesus all though the words of old patriarchs. God watched over His word to perform it. The call was from the beginning and is manifest in our hearts today. Salvation was born and walked the earth saving. In the Old Testament we see the call for Jesus and in the New Testament we see the physical manifestation of Salvation in a body whose name was Yeshua Ha'Mashiach...Jesus the Messiah!

Just as in a young dream of marriage, we dream a vision of a mate and are ready for the call of MR. RIGHT/MR.PERFECT into our lives but when he appears we think, *"This wasn't exactly what I was expecting or dreaming."* In the same respect the people had a dream of victory and greatness to be their king, you know KING YESHUAH ALMIGHTY GOD. What they got was an average looking baby in a manger; Jesus that carpenter's boy over in Nazareth. Instead of a golden crown and throne with adoring servants round about, they saw a simple man surrounded by a bunch of sickly, poor, uneducated or unclean crowd let alone Jesus' inner circle of uncouth misfits. This was not what they called for nor expected to show up as THE GREAT AND POWERFUL MESSIAH.

This Jesus was rejected of the clergy and brought with Him a strange doctrine of casting out devils. *"Devil? What the Sam Hill is a devil? God has always plagued us and brought destruction before. Devil nothin'! This Jesus must be a devil! Right church? Right! Good, we like to be right!"* But something just as troubling was the talk of eating His body and drinking His blood! Who could abide such talk? He did not sound very straightforward Mosaic to them. *"Nope, we do not like this anti-Mosaic radical messing with our religion!"* The religious

thought Him very anti-Messiah or anti-Christ. Even though the testator showed up with a new will and testament all the religious leaders contested the will. They thought that if they killed the testator they would kill the will and testament, but all they succeeded in doing was to validate the New Testament with an inheritance for Jew and gentile alike! The Jews had no more exclusive rights...they were no longer the only child of God, for the New Testament was inclusive to all children in all nations of the earth.

Men of God are still grasping hold of the old will and contesting the new. They will not reconcile themselves to Jesus as the Testament of Truth. They teeter from old to new. From the Old Testament they say God is the tester rather than testator who allows adversity to teach us, which contests the New Testament of Faith where we are given all the equipment to fight adversity and the Word which gives us the strength and right to stand in victory. We contest the Words of Jesus with the old pagan ideas that from dead patriarchs. We say we do not believe in evolution yet we will let pagan practice evolve into Christian Faith and call it God.

We so complicate the simplicity of God who became visible in the New Testament. What did our Benefactor do first? He let us see and hear Him. He said, *“This is who I am and this is what I do!”* He was not like any before Him...He was who He was or to quote, *“I AM THAT I AM”*.

1 Cor 11:24-25

Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

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

Jesus the testator gave us a new testament in His blood, which has become our testimony.

RECONCILE TEST TO TESTER

I have heard countless people and ministers on television, radio and of books talk about the Old Testament testing of God. It always seemed so strange for God, who knows the count of our hair and is able to know our thoughts predicting our actions, to need to test us to see what we would do. Instead, I have believed it is **we** who test God not being sure what He was able to accomplish. You see, it is one thing to say we believe that God can do anything, while quite another to actually believe it. Situations **do** come into our lives everyday that test our faith. Satan also tempts our faith to get us on a detour of misery. One of the biggest misconceptions of testing is with the story of Abraham. I have written that to excess in other books and will not repeat it for the hundredth time in this one. If you want more on that, read the second chapter in *Identity Theft*.

If you look in an exhaustive concordance for the words **test**, **tests** or **testing** in both Old and New Testaments in the King James Bible you will not find one single Scripture. So I looked under the word **prove** and in the Old Testament it appears that God is putting man to proof, which would translate testing. In the New Testament the word **prove** is used every time for man proving himself or his own faith. Here are the Scriptures in the New Will and Testament.

In John 6:6 Jesus is proving himself to the disciples:

John 6:5-13

5 When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

*6 **And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.***

7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

Answer the question for yourself. Whose power and ability is being proven here? Who is it being proven to? Jesus knew the reaction and is proving Himself capable to His disciples.

Rom 12:2 states for the mind of man to be renewed in order to prove what the perfect will of God is:

Rom 12:2

*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that **ye may prove** what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

2 Co 13:5 tells man to examine and prove self:

2 Co 13:5

*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; **prove your own selves**. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?*

Gal 6:4 instructs every man to prove his own work:

Gal 6:3-5

3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

*4 **But let every man prove his own work**, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.*

5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

1 Th 5:21 teaches man to prove or discern all things.

1 Th 5:21

*(You) **Prove all things**; hold fast that which is good.*

I also looked up the word **try**, **trial**, **tempt** and **tempted**. Now I know some of you get this without going over all the details and see my details as tedious, but I am giving more than just a commentary opinion, and the proof is in the detail. Stick with me here and notice the word definitions in italics with the numbers from Strong's Exhaustive Concordance.

Try:

1 Co 3:13

*Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall **try** [#1381*

δοκιμάζω/ discern, examine, prove, try] every man's work of what sort it is.

1 Peter 4:12

*Beloved, think it not strange concerning the **fiery trial** [#4451*

πύρωσις/calamity, burning trial] which is to **try** [#3986

πρός/temptation] you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

Rev 3:10

*Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to **try** [#3985*

πειράζω/assay, examine, prove, tempt, try] them that dwell upon the earth.

Trial:

1 Peter 1:7

That the **trial** [#1383 δοκίμιον/trial, trying] of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

Tempted: asterisks indicate same definition given at end of Scriptures

***Matt 4:1**

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be **tempted** [#3985] of the devil.

***Mark 1:13**

And he was there in the wilderness forty days, **tempted** [#3985] of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.

***Luke 4:2**

Being forty days **tempted** [#3985] of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

***[tempted #3985 πειράζω/assay, examine, prove, tempt, try]**

1 Co 10:13

There hath no temptation [#3986 πειρασμός/adversity] taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be **tempted** [#3985] above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Gal 6:1

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a **fault**, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be **tempted** [#3895].

- **Fault:** παράπτωμα/From #3895; a **side slip** (lapse or deviation), that is, (unintentional) error or (wilful) transgression: - fall, fault, offence, sin, trespass.

The root of all of those words **tempted** comes from its root word #3900, which is the above definition. Check this out for yourself. This shows very clearly that we take a **side-slip** in error, and we are then tempted of the tempter and not God. This will be further proven if you stay with me here.

***1 Th 3:5**

*For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the **tempter [#3895]** have **tempted [#3895]** you, and our labour be in vain.*

***Heb 2:18**

*For in that he himself hath suffered being **tempted [#3895]**, he is able to **succour [#998 aid, relieve, help]** them that are **tempted [#3895]**.*

***Heb 3:9**

*When your fathers **tempted [#3985]** me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.*

***Heb 4:15**

*For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points **tempted [#3985]** like as we are, yet without sin.*

All right now here is the kicker, and you need to reconcile this in your spirit man.

James 1:13-17

*13 Let no man say when he is **tempted [#3985]**, I am **tempted [#3985]** of God: for God cannot be tempted with **evil [injurious, bad, evil, harm, ill, noisome, wicked]** neither **tempteth [#3985]** he any man:*

*14 But every man is **tempted [#3985]**, 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.

Here we are now finding that the world was not flat after all. Even though Isaiah said it we said no this couldn't be. Even though Columbus proved it we said no this couldn't be. The Bible clearly shows us what trial and tests are so you may sail all around and check it or come to the end of the page and allow Truth to fall off the edge. Do all the tele-evangelists, pastors, authors have to collectively agree before you will stick your neck out? Why not be brave and stand for Truth when it is a remnant with whom you stand? Reconcile yourself to the **New** Testament. Take the Old Testament resemblance of God and reconcile this to the **exact** image of God. The only way to the Father is through Jesus.

JOHN 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

JOHN 1:18

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared [him].

JOHN 12:44-45

*Jesus cried and said, "He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. **And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.***

God is the God of the past, present and perpetually the same. The difference in God of the OT to the NT is His visibility through Christ. God came in human form and showed us who He was. This visible God showed us that no matter what we did to Him He did not kill man. God does not kill man. It was man who killed [crucified] God, and man who kills man. Man who follows sin and dies from sin. Go back to Adam and Eve...sin brought with it every imaginable disease, whether mental and physical. The earth and its atmosphere will even vomit horrendous manifestations in weather etc. Did earthquake, tsunamis, tornadoes and the like happen before sin?

God does not test man, but man tests God. God Himself hopes that we will prove Him. We are predictable, and God knows our thoughts enough to know how we react to situations. It is we who do not know what God can do in us, and we are constantly proving and testing God and His Word.

Look at the difference between two students of faith: David and Job. Both of these Old Testament men faced death many times over. Both of them loved God. But both of them were not on the same page of the proving ground. David tested and proved God, and when a test of faith came he passed with flying colors. Job suffered believing God was testing and proving him, and when the test of life came he almost lost but transformed his mind and grew to excel in the end. Let's compare David and Job side by side.

David: Trials in death facing a lion and bear

Job: Trials in death and sickness

David: Proved God to be true

Job: Blamed God for his trials

David: Gained victory through trial

Job: Was defeated in trials

David: Declared God faithful

Job: Declared that God was slaying him

David: Faced the enemy with God

Job: Saw God as the enemy he faced

David: Shouted with victory

Job: Ask God to forgive his shouts

No one wants to stand up in tradition's face and say WRONG! That would be facing Goliath. Is there no David in this land to fight the giant? Is there no one to fight the uncircumcised Philistine? If you believe the uncircumcised Philistine was commissioned by God to test you then stand with the rest of the feeble army and let the giant continue mocking or move out of the way for a David to come along. When a David shows up, though, try not to tell him what all he cannot do!

There are still the Davids who prove God's faithful Word daily throughout life and are strengthened. There are also the Jobs going around declaring that they are tested by God with all manner of malady. Pastors and elders in the Word have a responsibility to help train the young to stand the test by proving God rather than blaming our *side-slip* as a divine test from God. But then pastors would have to be reconciled to a newer will and testament.

ALLOWANCE DAY/PAYDAY

In order for my brother and sisters to know the value of money, Mom decided to reward us weekly for doing our chores. If we did the work we got the pay. Mom and Dad allowed reward for services. They gave us the equipment for cleaning, but we put it to use. The equipment was there whether or not we used it. Likewise the reward was there whether or not we got it. [Hah, hah!]

There are other things my parents allowed for our reward. They allowed us good training so that when we were faced with odds we would have the wherewithal to deal with the situations and circumstances. They gave us good instruction on the things that would bring hard consequences and the things that would bring good reward. We were never tied up or locked in to keep us from harm but trained in the right path to go. They allowed us a good education. We all learn from trial and error, but Mom and Dad's words would come to mind to steer us back from err. Those who observed the instruction had peace while those who disregarded instruction faced many battles. You have heard of the children who learned things the hard way...well, that was not me. I thought my parents knew as much as God. I did not like trouble nor did I invite it. Yes, I got into trouble but minimally. I learned how to color within the lines, so to speak. I knew my boundaries and decided early on that leaning against the fence could end in my fall! The only way out of that fence was through the gate called *"Mother May I?"*

Learning from my parents was the best teacher to reconcile my understanding of God as a parent. God gives allowance for knowing the value of His Word. Look at some of the things God allows:

- God allows salvation through his shed blood that we may live.
- God allows us to have His power and authority through the Word to defeat the enemy.
- God allows us to use the name Jesus, which is above all names in existence.
- God allows us all of His promises and He watches over them to perform them.
- God allows us the ability to bind and loose and to be above our enemies.
- God allows us a hedge of protection against our enemy.
- God allows us to speak creation by calling things that are not as though they are.
- God allows an escape route when trials come.
- God allows us to become yoked walking side by side with Him.
- God allows us to have abundant life.

I could go on and on, but you see the reward for all God allows. My parents gave me a quarter for completing all my chores, but as you may read above God

has a much better offer. Why would anyone turn Him down?

We also have an enemy who gives allowance and pay for services rendered.

- Satan allows us to follow him by luring us.
- Satan allows us to partake of the lusts of the flesh whereby he may own us.
- Satan allows us to be his captive and walk along-side him in bondage.
- Satan allows us to speak death so we are hung by our tongue.
- Satan allows us to give him access by making an opening in our hedge.
- Satan allows us to side-slip into the valley of the shadow of death.
- Satan allows us to be blind and deaf by tempting enticements.

Your allowance is paid by the one to whom you render your service. You see God's own children sometimes do not understand that a **side-slip** even in ignorance brings results. It is not that God is allowing this, but the allowance is paid for services rendered by the one who employed the action. God does not employ us to slip. Satan is the employer for any temptation of a **side-slip**. That is what sin is and from the previous chapter you know that God may not tempt, test or try you with sin.

Maybe you do not understand sin very well because you think what you did was just a little mistake, but look at how sin works:

- *Sin "is regarded as the **missing of a mark or aim**: it is then amarthma//the overpassing or transgressing of a line: it is then//parabasiv//; the disobedience to a voice: in which case it is//parakoh//; the falling where one should have stood upright: this will be//paraptwma//; ignorance of what one ought to have known: this will be//agnohma//; diminishing of that which should have been rendered in full measure, which is//hthma//; non-observance of a law, which is//anomia."*

I'll show you the steps of sin from the Hebrew to our English minds:

1. missing the mark of obedience [side-slip]
2. crossing over the line [a deliberate action following the side-slip]
3. disobedient to God's voice or Word [willful choice]
4. falling instead of standing [result]
5. ignorance of what we should have known [consequence]
6. diminishing in the promises [losing the battle to sin]
7. non-observance to the Word [reprobate: beyond hope of reconciliation]

By the time you get to step 4 you are wondering why God is allowing this to happen to you. I am just picturing myself as a child who crossed over the line of error. I do not think I would be asking my Dad why I was suffering the consequences. A child might feel sorry for his or herself but not stupid enough to ask Dad why he allowed it to happen! Part of my childhood training was the understanding of the hard consequences, but for some odd reason God's

children do not seem to have the good education my parents gave me. They came from a *common sense, no nonsense* kind of people. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for teaching me that I am *allowed* to pass this on.

A side-slip is just that, and it does not need to fulfill the progression to the end. It may be stopped and resisted at any time. Repentance may occur up through all six steps until sin becomes the man.

Do you want to know what your allowance is? To whom do you render your service? Payday comes after service is rendered, and we will be rewarded and paid accordingly. The most difficult life is the lukewarm life. Lip service to God while following all desires/avarice from a different employer!

Luke 16:13

*No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and **mammon**.*

- [*mammon/avarice: excessive or insatiable desire or greed; cupidity*].

Now I am an adult no longer under my Mom and Dad's training. If I make an error in judgment or choice neither of my parents needs to punish me...the consequences of my error do that. I never whine or cry that they are wishing me evil or sending hardships into my life to teach me. Their words taught me and now I live them or do not, and I eat the result of my own choices. God taught His children things that produced life and things that produced death and in Deut 13:19 He showed the manner of both and said to choose life. Just as with my parents God encourages the right path but does not make us take it.

So maybe the next time you find yourself in a difficult trial before wondering why God is allowing this turmoil you better check to see which side you slipped to and began to reconcile to the Truth!

RECONCILE OLD THOUGHT WITH NEW

I have written so much about how men have translated the voice of God in the Old Testament. We know that men of God heard Him by faith, and it was accounted to them as righteousness. This is not to say that their batting average was any better than the men of God today in hearing by faith. Plus the fact that we may do more than hear by faith in that we may see God through the visibility of Jesus. So today's believer has an advantage, which is why Jesus said:

Luke 10:23-24

Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:

For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.

God is visible and audible to us through the New will and Testament so we are beneficiaries of greater than that of the patriarchs. The judgment is greater because of this knowledge:

Acts 17:29-30

*Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and **man's device**.*

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

So we have the old men of faith but also men of devices. God's voice was heard through devices. Outside of man's faith were devices used for God's voice. The **lot** was one of man's devices used to replace seeking God with all your heart. **Seers** and **divinations** were man's devices, and in these devices we find that God is murderous and intolerant...*i.e.* using the devices of man to interpret God. It is all historically reported as report was given. But with the devices it is written as **the LORD told... Thus saith the LORD... and God said**. We use no greater discernment to sort out the truth. We do not divide what was reported and recorded from the truth of God. We have all the tools to divide the truth in the New Will and Testament giving us reconciliation. But God's children have grown lazy through the generations. As a schoolteacher for 18 years I can tell you how children have changed even in that short a time span. Adults are no different. While parents expect teachers to train their children, Christians leave their training to the pastor solely! Many good pastors seek the heart of God, but many imitate those who seek or they use devices...Scripture of the week books...dial a Scripture. When I was a kid we had dial a prayer, but of course we had dial phones back in the prehistoric days.

Man's devices had formed God in their image, but I have written that at length also. I thought it might be a good exercise to test yourself. You will not need any exhaustive concordance nor the need to be fluent in Hebrew to take this test. Besides, the church today is big on talking about being tested, what is one more? You will need these things:

1. the ability to read and comprehend
2. the powers of observation
3. a pencil and a KJV Bible.
- 4.

Are you up to the challenge? Now before you break out in a sweat at the remembrance of being a student on test day, let me put your mind at ease...no one will see the results except you and God. Ready?

The first thing I want you to do is read 1 Kings 13 (all chapter). Keep in mind that a lion kills the man of God. The question being discerned is: Did God send the lion to punish the man's disobedience? When you have finished reading from your own KJV write your thoughts on the provided lines before continuing with the test.

Without having any knowledge of what you wrote, if you read the chapter and wrote down your thoughts you passed the first part of the test: YOU ARE NOT LAZY! Pat yourself on the back! Now we will continue together through the second part.

1 Kings 13:1-34 [read]

1 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.

2 And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee.

3 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

Questions 1-5:

- **[verse 1] Who sent the man to Bethel with a Word?**
- **Why would God bother to warn the people?**
- **[verse 2] Who or what did the man of God cry out against?**
- **What was prophesied to happen to the pagan priest's bones?**
- **[verse 3] What sign would punctuate the credibility of this word?**

[read]

4 And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him.

5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

6 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.

Questions 1-6:

- **[verse 4] What was the king's name?**
- **What was the king's response to what the man of God said?**
- **What happened to the king as a result?**
- **[verse 5] Did the sign manifest like the man of God said?**
- **[verse 6] What did the king request of the man of God?**
- **What was the result of the prayer?**

[read]

7 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward.

8 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place:

9 For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no

*bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest.
10 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.*

Questions 1-4:

- **[verse 7] How did the king want to reward the man of God?**
- **[verse 8] How can you tell that the man of God was adamant not to eat with the king?**
- **[verse 9] Why could the man of God not go with the king?**
- **What is your opinion in why God would be specific in this man's steps?**

[read]

11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father.

12 And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah.

13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon,

Question

- **[verse 11-13] Considering the word given by the man of God, why might this prophet [priest] be so anxious to talk with him?**

[read]

14 And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am.

15 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread.

16 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place:

17 For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest.

*18 He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. **But he lied unto him.***

19 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

Questions 1-5

- **[verses 16-17] Did the man of God tell the prophet of God's warning about his travel?**
- **[verse 18] Did the old prophet dispute God's word with a lie?**
- **How do you know that the man of God believed the lie?**
- **Why would you think someone younger, a novice in the faith would believe an older more experienced man considered a prophet of God?**
- **What do we now know about the character of the older prophet?**

[read]

20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back:

21 And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,

22 But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the LORD did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcase shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers.

23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcase.

25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him.

Questions 1-3

- **[verses 20-22] Who were the only witnesses to what was said between the old prophet and the man of God at the prophet's table?**
- **Does God use a liar to proclaim His Word?**
- **[verse 26] Who was the only living witness that could have possibly told the story of what was said in the lying prophet's home?**

[read]

27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him.

28 And he went and found his carcass cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcass: the lion had not eaten the carcass, nor torn the ass.

29 And the prophet took up the carcass of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him.

30 And he laid his carcass in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother!

31 And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:

32 For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

33 After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became one of the priests of the high places.

34 And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

Final questions:

- **After reading verses 27-32, what was the lying prophet's motive behind all of this?**
- **[verse33-34] Was the commission of God fulfilled upon hearing the report of the lion and the man of God?**
- **Would God cut His nose off to spite His own face?**

There was only one living witness to what was said between the man of God and the lying prophet. The report came from the lying prophet, but because we see it written out of order we do not pick up the clues. The commentaries will evaluate the story as God truly sending a lion to kill the man of God. Even if you obtained the minutest of common sense, does that tell you that the man God chose to benefit was the liar? Look at this story with some perspective:

1. God sends His word to warn people for their repentance.
2. The man of God was sent to cry against the altar rather than the people even though it was the people's sin.
3. God ordered His servant's steps in order to keep him safe from, what we find out later in the story, a lion in the road.

4. God healed an idolatrous king's arm through prayer.
5. There was only one reporter [lying prophet] of an incident that supposedly happened in his home where the only other witness was now dead and not able to dispute the tale.

God's intention was to warn a people in order to save them. God had no desire that anyone should perish. God also warned the young man what course to stay on for his own protection. Reconciling the Old with the New Testaments, we look at Jesus to see if God is in the lion or if it is the enemy who is like a roaring lion seeking whom he may destroy. This man of God deviated from the green pastures, still waters and paths of righteousness to head into the valley of the shadow of death from following a lie and in the process was found by a roaring lion that God tried to keep him from encountering in the first place!

Ask yourself why the old liar of a prophet was not crying against the altar? I can tell you why...because he was an idolatrous man allowing pagan practices and whose bones would one day be cast out and burned had he not connived a way in which to save his bones through this treachery! But we do not see because we are not told to see or taught to see nor do we think another thought but what we are told to pass on from one generation to the next! We are told what is right, and that is good because we like to be right! The Truth does not really matter if only one believes it. Belief must be a collective effort to be agreed upon for it to be right. Do you think God cares what we believe about Him collectively or otherwise? Do you think it hurts God to be misunderstood? Does God's reputation rest on the words of a liar? Do you believe the reputation of God through a liar calling himself a prophet or do you believe God through Jesus? This is a good question to ask yourself. The Scriptures told the story correctly if we discern where the lie began. From the beginning we know the lie exists. This is not something we cannot see in black and white. Yet we confuse the story and make God whom He is not. We say that Jesus is the image of God and indeed God, but do not actually believe it by the way we discern God.

If you completed the second part of this test, I just want to tell you how very proud I am of your effort!

Now for the last part of our test, and actually where the real test of the believer lies. I am going to let you see commentary written by men of seminary thought whose well-educated writings are in hardbound books and very much more expensive than the one you are now holding.

Adam Clarke's Commentary: *"By permitting himself to be seduced by the old prophet, when he should have acted only on the expressly declared counsel of God, he committed the sin unto death; that is, such a sin as God will punish with the death of the body, while he extends mercy to the soul."*

Barnes' Notes: *"It was his [man of God] duty not to have suffered himself to be persuaded. He should have felt that his obedience was being tried, and should have required, ere he considered himself released, "the same, or as strong, evidence," as that on which he had received the obligation. Disobedience to certain positive commands of God, was one which it was at this time very important to punish signally, since it was exactly the sin of Jeroboam and his adherents."*

Jamieson, Fausset, and Brown Commentary: *"What a sad contrast between his present and his former conduct! When first introduced to our notice, he presents a spectacle worthy of admiration. He appears in the schismatic chapel at Beth-el, a fearless messenger of God—a faithful and uncompromising bearer of terrible denunciations—yet he stood undaunted in the midst of a multitude, and the frowns nor the flatteries of a king, neither the pleasures of a luxurious table nor the prospect of comfortable lodging after the fatigues of a long journey, could tempt him to swerve from the path of commanded duty. But now we see him who had refused to be cajoled by a king readily yielding with weak credulity to the ill-disguised falsehood of an equal, and, in the enjoyment of congenial society, forgetting his character and his mission. What a sad fall! Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the Lord ..."*

Matthew Henry's Commentary:

"The proceedings of divine justice hereupon; and here we may well wonder that the wicked prophet, who told the lie and did the mischief, went unpunished, while the holy man of God, that was drawn by him into sin, was suddenly and severely punished for it. What shall we make of this! The judgments of God are unfathomable. The deceived and the deceiver are his, and he giveth not account of any of his matters. Certainly there must be a judgment to come, when these things will be called over again, and when those that sinned most and suffered least, in this world, will receive according to their works. The message delivered to the man of God was strange. His crime is recited, v. 21, 22. It was, in one word, disobedience to an express command. Judgment is given upon it: Thy carcase shall not come to the sepulchre of thy fathers, that is, "Thou shalt never reach thy own house, but shalt be a carcase quickly, nor shall thy dead body be brought to the place of thy fathers' sepulchres, to be interred." Yet it was more strange that the old prophet himself should be the messenger. Of this we can give no account but that God would have it so... Those who preach God's wrath to others have hard hearts indeed if they fear it not themselves."

All of these intellects believed the lie told by the **lying prophet** who was the only living witness to any and all conversation at his home. What they ask you to believe is that:

1. God ordered the steps of a man to call a warning of repentance upon a people to restore them.
2. In the process God heals an idolatrous king's hand.

3. The lying prophet gets away with murder while...
4. God sends a lion to kill His own servant through His anger because...the ways of God are unfathomable! [Which goes to show they do not get it either, but they will still teach it to you anyway.]
5. Out of God's anger the mission was aborted and everything went back to idolatry! The end! **[Data for computation: God will cut off His nose to spite His face!]**

These are the masters of thought teaching the ministries of the future in whose education in faith we rely! We novices take the word of these older more experienced...hmmm, I guess we are no different from the man of God in this story. That could explain why the lion gets us huh? We set these commentaries in stone as if God chiseled them Himself!

***Look at the word commentary:** *a series of explanations with opinions derived thereby.* But look at the word play in **commentary**: *to tarry over a comment.* To tarry is to delay or be tardy in acting, lingering, loitering. Not one of these masters of interpretation recognized that the liar...actually lied! The lie won over the ancient town simpletons and has hoodwinked the commentators. We tarry over the comment derived from a lie. But I am way too simple for that, being just one of the plain ol' everyday *common taters!* If the Word tells us the old prophet was a liar, and I find out that the liar was the only witness to the tale of what was said in his home, plus the fact that God's mission was thwarted by the lying witness...I agree it is unfathomable to believe it the way popular opinion asks us to believe! I see God as going to the cross to die *for* our error not sending the lion to kill us *in* our error. The cross bears out my proof of what lengths God will go through for the punishment of His people. I GET IT, do you?

And so the commentators teach, the pastors preach, and the people hear from one generation to the next. We believe what is taught is right! Right? Good, we like to be right. **[Data for computation:** God bends over backwards to heal the idolatrous, but has no mercy for one of His own...why? Because God is unfathomable...In other words, forget trying to understand.]

The early New Testament church went something like this:

Acts 2:42

*And they continued stedfastly in the **apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.***

The apostle's doctrine was the New Testament/new covenant/Jesus. Because of the New Testament that the apostles brought there was much persecution from the religious. *Foxes Book of Martyrs* tells much of it. Still there has been confusion bringing the old back into the new to try to make it one. There is only one Testator who made valid one Testament to bring us to a good Testimony. Jesus Words are the Words that will never pass away...*"Hear ye Him."*

RECONCILE HATE TO LOVE

1 John 3:2-3

***Beloved, now are we the sons of God,
and it doth not yet appear
what we shall be: but we know that,
when he shall appear,
we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
And every man that hath this hope
in him purifieth himself,
even as he is pure.***

It is said in the entire church world regardless of denomination that: **God hates sin but loves the sinner.** However, in a recent conversation, my dad straightened me out on this idea. To tell you the truth I had heard and repeated that phrase without taking the time to realize what I was saying. I have always heard that God loves the sinner but hates the sin. Sounds truthful...sounds reasonable, right? *“Good, I like to be right!”* You know sometimes we can be so full of what is right we do not see what is good, and God is GOOD. Dad said that the truer statement would be: *God loves the sinner and grieves over the sin or God loves the sinner and warns him of the sin.* How about this one: *God loves the sinner and died for the sin.* In other words: ***“God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” [John 3:16-17]***

Now why didn't I think of that? Why didn't you think of that? Dad does not write books nor preach from church pulpits, but he is a man who knows God and is like Him. Dad loves everybody. He doesn't know a stranger and never passes up the opportunity to bless in word or deed to any and all...whosoever. So thinking about this, the question that arises...is it possible for God to hate? First of all I look at the definition given in the New Testament that God is “Love” and from all New Testament Scriptures love and hate cannot come from the same place. Good does not use evil nor evil good. Here is a good rule of thumb to measure and discern what is or is not God:

1 John 4:1-12

***Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:
And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.***

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

They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

*We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. **Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.***

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

One of the things I did after going over this in the Bible was going online just to see what was being said about what God hates. You would not believe some of the awful things being said of God. One title alone said **GOD HATES FAGS**. Do you see where a phrase like “God hates sin but loves the sinner” takes us? We become religious hypocrites turning the sinner away from the unconditional love of God.

When we are disgusted with the sin through hatred, which perceives our hatred: the sin or the sinner? To which are we sending our message? The sin is not what discerns our distaste and hatred but the sinner. Jesus called sinners to Himself, restoring, healing, delivering them and declaring to them the good news. It was the religious hypocrite of judgment without love that Jesus admonished. The church gets it backwards making allowance for hatred while the sinner is starved for love! Satan capitalizes on our religious intolerances as a spiritual genocide toward unrepentant sinners, while God’s heart breaks for His church. “*But the Word says that God hates.*” I know of one Scripture right off the bat that may have crossed your mind:

Prov 6:16-19

*These six things doth the LORD **hate**: yea, seven are an **abomination** unto him:*

A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

- **Hate//שנא enemy of** [*hater of God's kingdom; enemy of God's kingdom*]
- **abomination/תועבה תועבה /idolatry, custom or culture**

The Scripture should read:

[Hebrew trans.] *“These six things are the enemy against God: yea seven are idolatry unto Him: A proud tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.”*

Haughtiness
Lies
Shedding blood
Wicked imaginations
Mischief
False witness
Discord

These seven things are against God's kingdom. In other words these seven things are from the enemy camp and grievous to God. That is why God warns us. God is not a God of anger causing God to operate in the very things He calls sin but is slow to anger and in that anger sins not. God's anger sent Him to the cross to take care of the enemy once and for all to those who would receive!

Compare the seven enemies of God to the personality of God, which is called the fruit of the Spirit:

Gal 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

GOD'S SPIRIT VS. SPIRIT OF DARKNESS

- Love/Joy/Peace** vs. discord
- Longsuffering/Gentleness** vs. shedding blood
- Goodness** vs. false witness/lies
- Faith** vs. wicked imaginations
- Meekness** vs. haughtiness
- Temperance** vs. mischief

These are two kingdoms that do not walk together in agreement. They do not come from the same source at all. Hatred and Love are not partners any more than blessing and cursing. I have heard more Christians curse a curse. *“I curse you cancer!”* They are saying in effect, *“I curse you curse.”* That's rather like saying, *“I bad you badness!”* You cannot curse cancer because cancer is a curse. You may call death to it or bind a spirit of cancer or call for healing from

the effects of cancer. A kingdom, whether God's or Satan's, is not compatibly able to work together nor given permission or carte blanche by one another. God's kingdom works in love freeing us from the evils of Satan. Likewise, Satan works in pride and jealously using hatred against us to keep us bound. Satan has tried to tempt God with evil, but as we read in an earlier chapter that this will not be successful, and God does not commission Satan. Their kingdoms may cross paths but never cross over working the other side.

Matt 12:24-28

But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

*And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, **Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:***

And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?

And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.

But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

In other words what you are in agreement with you are not against. You cannot fight anger with anger. You would be fighting against a kingdom with which you have made an alliance.

James 3:10-12

Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

With that being said, you cannot fight sin with hatred because to hate is sin. It is only by love that sin is crushed. God does not work in both kingdoms. God is love without shadow of turning.

James 1:16-17

Do not err, my beloved brethren. 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.

I am telling you of a new freedom here if you can catch it. Some reading this already have this revelation, but I have been transformed recently. My repentance is still fresh, and I am basking in this new freedom and cleanness. My heart has been reconciled and created anew. It is quite amazing to have things lifted from your heart that you had no idea were a heavy weight pulling you

down. As a matter of fact there were even faces I felt released from holding on to with resentment of their sin. Looking at the sinner through the uncomplicated eyes of love with no malice or hatred for them or their sin is God. To be able to love the sinner and grieve over the sin enough to be stirred by love into fervent prayer is our commission. Hatred has no place of function on the Christian. If I have indicated otherwise in any of my books then let me just clarify for you now **I WAS WRONG!** Look again at the Scripture from the beginning of this chapter:

1 John 3:2-3

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

(Revised Rebecca version) *“Now I am a son of God and I do not always see what I should appear to be like: but I know that, when I can see Jesus I can be more like Him; for I shall see Him as He is. My hope lies in Jesus who purifies me, even as He is pure!”*

When we make God a God of payback, an angry God who hates and punishes, we then pattern after Him. Is that what the church has come to? Have we gone full circle from love’s grace and forgiveness to being judgmental Pharisees?

I know it is hard to live in a world that tempts you to join in sin, fights against you standing for right and truth, and then tries to take over the entire realm in which we live. I must admit that it is not easy. How do you think it must have been for God to leave Heaven’s glory to walk in the filth of this earth? All He did was tirelessly help and encourage man who ended up nailing His love to a cross. In parting what were God’s words? *“These people are ingrates!” “This is a useless cause!”* No, He said, *“Forgive them for they know not what they do.”* That surely sounds like a loving parent defending their child in the midst of the child’s guilt. There is no hatred at all pointed to the sinner. God did not nail the sinner to the cross, nor did He nail the sin to the cross, but God took the sin to Himself and allowed Himself to be ridiculed and crucified out of love and not because of hate. Love was crucified not hate.

You know something else? I may not be right all the time nor have all the right answers, but I know God’s love for me. That love is great enough to reconcile me and transform me into His Image.

Heb 12:2

*Looking unto Jesus...Looking unto Jesus...**LOOKING UNTO JESUS** the author and finisher of our faith...*

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