

# The Malfunctioning Man

INSIGHTS FOR WALKING IN GOD'S TRUTH

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## **Preface**

I am no preacher or prophet, I have many areas in my life the LORD is working on and I am learning to yield. I make a lot of mistakes, but I believe in the WORD of GOD and the power it has. I have spent decades in churches, reading and talking with people and have decided to share some insights that I have experienced. There have been some great moments in my life that revealed the love of GOD and his grand creation for me to enjoy, and some deeply fleshly moments that left me feeling small and worthless. In the midst of this expansive range of being, I have learned that we have more in common than we care to admit (humans that is). We all have the same creator, who created this singular spinning ball in space for us to live, love and learn upon.

I don't have a degree in anything as of the writing of this book, but I have had a lot of experiences, so many that one might suggest I have Munchausen syndrome should I began to recant them all. I have had interactions and deep conversations with people in all walks of life, many varied ethnicities and socio economic backgrounds and very few things beat a good story or heartfelt conversation. It is saddening that these types of conversations are becoming scarce as we text and Instant Message each other more than I care for. I had someone ask me today to tell them how I felt about a topic with a GIF. We are shrinking down stations within us that are there for us to take in copious amounts of information and share them so they are as awe inspiring and perfectly relayed through a myriad of methods that folk feel like they were present and understand perfectly. I will attempt to express myself and share my heart in the hopes that you may understand what a great opportunity we have to love each other and live peacefully in GOD's creation, which is his perfect plan for us.

I am writing this book because I am compelled to do so, and I think it needs to be written. I enjoy the word of GOD, and I am always moved as I see manifestation of the word in the world and applications for it in my life. That is strange, as I believe they are (the contents of the bible) the words of my Creator and the guide he has given me to enjoy his creation, which pleases him. Psalms 24 says “the earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein”. That pretty much sums up the truth--that everything on earth is the LORD’s, and he created everything. Psalms 149 says “for the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: He will beautify the meek with salvation.” I believe this speaks to the LORD’s heart for his creation and his perfect plan for fellowship and restoration for those that choose to submit.

I deduce from these scriptures that GOD is not my enemy. He created me so I could enjoy the world, which belongs to him, and he derives pleasure from my joy. And, that the only way that I can know joy is to know him and to understand how to enjoy what he has created for me. We have to have a relationship. Once the creator shows you how to live with what he has created, you can partake of creation properly and with perfect fellowship. This is joyous, to live within the plan of GOD, as he has created you and I for perfect fellowship with him and his creation that was created for us. Any other existence or endeavor to live life is based on vanity, pride and will not manifest the perfect existence GOD intended for us. We are malfunctioning in that existence. With free will GOD understood love was made perfect. In giving man free will man has to have choices, and the LORD’s grace and mercy provided through CHRIST JESUS redemption for choices (that are contrary to GOD’s order for creation) which are sin, these causes death. James 1:14-15 says: “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desire and enticed. Then when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death”



## **Malfunctioning**

“GOD’s ways are higher than my ways,” Isaiah 55:9. The LORD says, “For as the heavens are **higher than** the earth, so are my ways **higher than** your ways, and my thoughts **than** your thoughts.” So I can’t proclaim to even begin to expound on why GOD has done anything, except for what he has told me, and whatever he says is truth because he is the Creator of all things and has dominion over everything. I know that is a slippery slope as often times liars lead by saying GOD told them thus and so, and oftentimes folk that do not believe they are lying (as there is no malice or evil intent in their communications), they miss it because they do not have a relationship through the WORD of GOD and with his HOLY SPIRIT to substantiate or validate their assertions. Other times folk are agents of evil sowing discourse and unbelief as they have rejected the truth because they could not make it work to their own ambitions. They are redeemable through the shed blood of CHRIST and are not to be hated, but you must have a relationship with the LORD and his word to be led by the HOLY SPIRIT to shield their fiery darts and stand for truth. Our goal should always be to show forth the love of GOD to both saved and lost folk. Ephesians 6:12 makes this clear so we will not only separate the evil from the person, but also love and fight to win back the lost through love. I am in no way suggesting a course of action toward them, but a warning or acknowledgement that GOD created all people and we must search ourselves through the SPIRIT as fed by the word of GOD on how we are to interact with all men, which is love regardless of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation or place of origin.

Often times folks’ belief is based on having strong feelings or emotions. Strong feelings do not make truth. GOD speaks through his Word, and the manifestations of his truth are consistent with his Word. He is consistent in his truth as he changes not, the Lord says in Malachi 3:6, so

he is always true and just, and we are in no position to judge him or his truths. James 4:12 say” there is only one judge as there is only one that can create and destroy, in the Book of Job (Job 38:4), it is asked, can a man judge GOD, where were you when he made laid the foundation of creation? GOD is sovereign, not because we declare him to be, because he is.

We create our own gods often and assign sayings and convenient truths to them and worship them as they serve us. It has been the same throughout creation. Man has made gods, which he can carry, prop up tear down, and place in high places then use them to usurp authority over others as man reaps the benefits. Certain modern-day churches tell their members and visitors they are being obedient to GOD with the tithes, and GOD will bless those who tithe faithfully. GOD says in his Word--Proverbs 15 and 21--that he hates the sacrifice of the wicked, and he truly expounds on it in Isaiah Chapter 1:

*To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.*

*<sup>12</sup> When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?*

*<sup>13</sup> Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and Sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.*

*<sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.*

*<sup>15</sup> And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.*



*16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;*

*17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.*

*18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.*

The Lord desires a relationship with each one of us based on obedience and not sacrifice. As the Word says in Samuel 15:22, “And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.”

The LORD says throughout his Word that he blesses obedience. In the event that there is sin, then sacrifice can be made for the repentance, and restoration can be made through the shed blood of sacrifice, and we can be made white as wool. When all men failed to walk in the manner which GOD had created, John 1:14 says, “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.” By this act not only was scripture fulfilled, and GOD’s creations lived and died as he intended his creation to live as CHRIST is perfect, but the ultimate sacrifice was made so we could walk in relationship and not in sacrifice. Only through the blood of JESUS the perfect sacrifice can we be made white as snow (without blemish) or as wool.

The church is still preaching sacrifice instead of having transformed hearts and establishing a relationship with GOD through CHRIST. I am writing this book to speak

to establishing a relationship with CHRIST, learning how to effectively walk after the spirit and not after the flesh, and how to disciple men to do the same. The Bible already does a perfect job of doing all this; I do not proclaim to have a better remedy. I am just sharing some life experiences and understanding in accordance to the Word to help shepherd GOD's flock along. I hope it is disruptive and causes a stir and manifest change in the church and in the flock's lives, as we are in a terrible state of affairs and the truth is being convoluted intentionally to allow the manifestation of wicked, evil, perverse living that wishes to emerge from the shadows and be accepted as decent. There is also the issue of the body (the church) being torn as preachers seek to fatten their coffers instead of manifesting Christ-like folk who walk after the spirit and operate in the joy of the LORD. The parishioners, or christian folk are always seeking approval and validation and are willing to pay for it weekly, as they continue to wallow in sin without belief of a better living. The preachers are like credit card company's constantly raising your credit limit instead of showing how to temper your lust and live debt free, there is no profit for them (like pharmaceuticals firms) they believe in the cure, the profit is in the medicine which is a placebo at best (as are their sermons). This codependent relationship almost justifies the pimp/whore relationship or adds better understanding as to why a woman would sell her body and give the proceeds to someone who proclaims to care but bares suspect evidence. You work all week and give money to a church, no, a preacher who refuses to preach truth and develop you to being self-sufficient and spiritually sound. You're being pimped.

It is not my intention to write concerning tithing. I believe if you attend a church and you believe in their outreach and it is transparent, give. I believe we should give from the

heart as compelled by the Holy Spirit and not because of the bondage or yoke placed on followers by a lying preacher in the pulpit with an agenda of his own. II Corinthians 9:7 expounds on the LORD loving a cheerful giver who gives from the heart not out of necessity or begrudgingly. This is not an indictment as often used to say that if you are giving out of embarrassments or fear as oppose to compulsion from the HOLY SPIRIT (which is always joyous giving) that you are not saved and can't love the LORD. In truth you may not be hearing from the LORD and cajoled to fake obedience or charity not having been compelled by GOD through the SPIRIT.

We must walk after the spirit and not after the flesh. Galatians speaks specifically about being loosed from the burden of the law and loosed unto the spirit of liberty, having the charge to seek spiritual pursuits in understanding the relationship of saint, savior and our GOD almighty, as we are encouraged in the scripture:

*For brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.*

*<sup>14</sup> For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.*

*<sup>15</sup> But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.*

*<sup>16</sup> This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*

*<sup>17</sup> For the flesh lusteth (seeks to control or have dominion over) against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*

*<sup>18</sup> But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.*

*<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,*

*<sup>20</sup> Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,*

*<sup>21</sup> Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*

*<sup>23</sup> Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

*<sup>24</sup> And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.*

*<sup>25</sup> If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

*<sup>26</sup> Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another (Galatians 5:13-25).*

The LORD has given us direction and quantifiable results that ensure we are true to purpose. If we walk after the spirit there are manifestations, and if we walk after the flesh there are manifestation. You can observe these manifestations and decide if your course and actions are on point.

It is easy to become a malfunctioning man. What that means is, it is easy to begin to operate in a manner that is contrary to the Creator's plan. The Creator blessed man with free will and it is a special relationship when it is functioning properly. What does that look like? It looks like JESUS, in relationship although his purpose was different in many ways. His relationship with

GOD and GOD's creation was, and is, perfect. We are thrown off as we listen to preachers without fact checking against the Word. Even more so, because we do not have our own relationship with GOD from having established a prayer life and a word regimen, we do not know what to search. We are not disturbed by those things that are not GOD's truth or line up with his plan for your life, because we have not studied and don't know his will for our living. We are subject to what the preacher says because we don't know any better.

We watch things on TV, listen to things on the radio, and accept things even in the church that are not truth. Paul went to Thessalonica, and they went and got thugs to do harm to him and those followers who were moved by the Word. When he went to Berea, they searched the scriptures and saw the truth of the matter. Paul goes on to Athens and stood on Mars hill and reprimanded them for they worshipped an "unknown god". In this we see the three types of hearts or states of man in the church. In Thessalonica, folks were so steeped in tradition, that they lost the truth and the relationship--their salt had no flavor. Then you have the Bereans who studied the Word, so that when the truth came, they are ignited as they charged the doctrine against scripture and are awakened. As for the Athenians, they propped up their own gods and walk-in superstition, or rather man-made lifestyles, which spoke to natural occurrence, but denied the spirit. So they dismissed truth and spirit as they are worldly or fleshly.

The world is led astray because it has not been obedient to the calling of the spirit of GOD that indwells us all to find the truth of our purpose and creation. We make ourselves and other things gods because we are compelled by the flesh to do those things that are contrary to the purpose of our creation. Not that the sensory input of the flesh is evil, it is being misused, it has become the eyes instead of the taste buds (establishing the vision instead of the flavor). Our fleshly desires have become the ruling part of our existence instead of the means by which we accept spiritual

truths. We watch food channel instead of harvesting our own sustenance and preparing it. We live to eat and to prepare for the experience as opposed to eating to live and having a moment of flavor that enriches. We are consumed with our lust for the flavor without regard for the sustenance and the provider. The by product is most of us have a yearning or desire that goes unquenched that we attempt to satiate through food, drink, flavor, eventually manifest in sexual desire that goes unsatisfied or unfulfilled and becomes drug addiction and sexual perverseness, all that eventually destroy the flesh with diabetes, heart failure, substance abuse, and sexual immorality, which cause us to kill ourselves or be killed by others. That yearning is, in truth, your body malfunctioning and craving the instruction manual and code to be set on the right path and function in right relationship, which provides prospective. Many people suffer from cancer, apathy, and confusion as a direct result of what they have allowed into their bodies, hearts and minds. Praise GOD almighty that he is JEHOVAH RAPHA (the GOD that heals) and has made provision for healing every ailment through CHRIST JESUS.

I know it becomes a threat to lifestyle as we think, “are we being asked not to watch TV, listen to music or eat food?”. Of course not, but we are charged to understand that if we do not understand a thing we are destined to misuse it. When Paul preached about eating meat that had been presented to idols to some it sounds completely ungodly that a man would eat something that had been offered to a false god or in a manner that was not acceptable to the faith. Paul was in a different place and because of his relationship and the truth in his heart that was incorruptible, the meat was merely meat, and as he offered it up to be cleansed and prayed over it and gave thanks he knew that the blood of CHRIST and the relationship he had would not allow harm to befall him. Even a greater dynamic of the relationship is that GOD knew Paul’s heart and did not kill him dead for eating food that had been offered up to idols as GOD knew it was

only meat to Paul and that he was Paul's source (that is a relationship). This is the important part about relationships in that they are two way understandings and acceptance of the same truth. If we do not know one another and have not spent time with one another, we have not fellowshiped and understood truth then we are held to the law and to regulations. The word says in Galatians that where there is manifestation of the spiritual walk rooted in the right relationship with GOD there is no law governing those right relations and manifestations. Where the fleshly manifestations are persistent then there has to be law to govern where your rights end and mine begin, least we bite and consume each other in our lust (Galatians 5:15). We get so caught up in potentially what we could be missing that we do not consider or grasp that the ways of the LORD are to liberate, not constrict. All of creation was given man and their orders on how to use and enjoy it are gained through experience and fellowship with GOD. JESUS walked in perfect fellowship with creator and creation while here on earth, understanding the creator was to be worshiped and not the creation. That's how he could speak to storms, seas, trees, birds, fish and men in perfect order as he was clearly free and understood his relationship to perfect order. CHRIST was not giving praise or credit to the universe as it is the creation not the creator. Most folk can't control the family pet let alone speak to a plant (Mark 11:12-25).

How do we cease from malfunction? Is it possible to be restored to the creation that GOD intended for us to be in order to fully know the joy of creation? Can we live a life that is not full of doubt, fear and uncertainty, constantly seeking to be validated by a world that is intent on using and pimping you out? Yes! As every Christian accepts CHRIST JESUS and allows him to come and live inside them, at that moment they have received the new codes and manuals to be reprogrammed and to function in the proper manner. At that moment you are a new creature

in CHRIST with the strength, power and possibility to live free of sin and walk upright before the LORD. I used to think it was some type of evil joke when CHRIST would tell folk “go and sin no more” (John 8:11) to the adulterous woman (a spiritual and physical rebellion against GOD also culturally irreverent) how does one just stop sinning when it has become so common it is cultural? Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the SPIRIT you put to death the deeds of the body you will live. We have been granted power over sin, where do you get the will to do so. The will is in the understanding that it is best for you. That all of creation is meant to yield to the LORD, and does. When creation is not acted upon by man, and evil manifestation of sin (which is killing creation). GOD’s order is yet where spiritual manifestations, joy and peace reside when we yield to GOD’s order as made truth in his word, (the bible, not by most preachers like Jeroboam and the high places) we miss nothing GOD has for us and or our hearts desires as our hearts are transformed to desire his will which is best. No man can share this, it has to be revealed, and confirmed by GOD. The Jim Jones, Branch Davidians, Manson Family, member of Heavens Gates and others were led by dynamic ministers of lies, reinterpreting GOD’s word to hurting folk who refused to read for themselves and develop a relationship with GOD for themselves. I say this without reservation because not only have I read the word and their doctrine was not sound biblically, but they died as horrifically as they lied and lived as sin manifest itself as a mockery of rebellion against GOD.

The problem is that you are in the wrong place, performing the wrong task, receiving input that has nothing to do with your purpose. You now have the power through the HOLY SPIRIT to break free and live right. You just need new sensory input and relocation data so you can operate in the power of the HOLY SPIRIT which indwells you, which is where your free will and choice become essential. This is the moment where you have to decide that you will allow the GOD of



creation to have his way with you (lay down your life), surrender and have faith. What this means is that as evil is made manifest to you and as darkness is looming ahead of you, that you will shine light in those areas and turn and run from evil. As you began to develop these repetitive actions here, The HOLY SPIRIT will begin to restore you to the proper place and change your perspective to line up with the heart of GOD who already indwells you, and He will change your life forever.

Like any relationship, fellowship with GOD it is not just a one time meeting that has a lasting impact, then you cease from interacting with each other. It is important on a daily basis to reach out and have fellowship and strengthen the relationship so that it becomes the most important relationship you have. With this you can use the sensory inputs of your five senses to the spiritually reality and began to enjoy life in proper perspective. Things are seen in a different light, and take on new meaning as they are seen in proper perspective. The feel and touch of creation with heightened, senses begins to speak to his purpose and creation. The taste and flavor of things is clearer in the sacrifice made to produce something for your sustenance and enjoyment becomes an experience of taste and flavor. While the sounds of creations seem to orchestrate above the synthetic noise and your awareness of other life small and great is a symphony to the ears. I remember seeing blues and greens richer than ever after deliverance service once as I was in tune and seeking the LORD in everything, and he was there for me.

My goal in this book is to share practices that make this easier and understanding in line with bible truths to help you no longer live a malfunctioning life, and the power through the HOLY SPIRIT to help others do the same. Rising up dedicating the first fruits of your life to the LORD

is not mandatory, but fulfilling. To wake up and praise the LORD for the gift of life and the opportunity to serve him sets the tone for the day. Then there is the privilege to pave the way through prayer for others to impact their day and show forth the love of GOD. Then there is time to be encouraged as the LORD speaks to you of his love for you and his plan for salvation, redemption and eternity through his word. This is a ritual that has changed my life and caused me to see the LORD in my day as sovereign and real. No one can ever take that from you.

## **The god You Tote**

[1 Timothy 2:5](#) states: For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. Man does one of three things when it comes to accepting GOD in his life. He both accepts the GOD of the bible, and spends his life getting to know him and his plan for his life. Man will create a god that does his bidding or is to his conception or liking, or he denies the existence of GOD and exalts himself. Whether it is the universe or any other incarnation of imagination or choice, there is only one GOD almighty and one savior JESUS CHRIST. There are not many paths to the FATHER only one and it is through JESUS CHRIST. 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.

When the children of Israel were in the desert and Moses had gone up Mount Sinai to receive the law (which was the provision by which man would have right relationship with GOD) the children of Israel rebelled and bid Aaron (GOD's choice for priest) to make a golden calf. They reasoned that Moses was dead or had just run off, in Exodus 32:1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves

together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him (Exodus 32:1 KJV).

It takes quite a bit to come to this conclusion that GOD brought them out of Egypt after delivering 10 plagues, the Passover, parting of the Red Sea, manna from heaven, quail's in the dessert, water from rocks and leading them with a pillar of cloud and a fire tornado only to leave them alone in the desert to starve and die. In denying GOD and Moses, they immediately would have to result to the manner of living that they understood to be common in the land they dwelled in now. That is to say because the relationship they had with GOD thus far was thru the man of GOD Moses. They had not established individual relationships and standards for righteousness. Moses had not written Deuteronomy or Leviticus; he had not even come down from the mountain with GOD's law written with GOD's own hand. What they were left with was their flesh and evil hearts seeking survival and satisfaction. They surrendered to the knowledge they had of the customs of the area and of Egypt in rebellion. The children of Israel say to Aaron "Up, make us gods, which shall go before us"(Exodus 32:1 KJV). What they present in this statement is strong in that their hearts show prevalent in lost folk even unto this day. That we must have a symbol of who we are outwardly that will influence the people that do not know us. Our golden calf today bares the symbols of Mercedes, Ferrari, and brands that have been established as emblems of affluence and prosperity. The possession of these standards invokes what economists call the Veblen effect as established by Dr. Thorstein Veblen. It means that identifiable brands warrant increases in prices establishing exclusivity that separates common people and affluent (Lynne Pepall, 2016). The philosophy goes on to explain how that belief influences the supply and demand curve, but we don't need that part for this point. What we do

need to understand is that they speak before us and establish affluence. The god standard in the land for gods and worship was Baal the god of the Canaanites, often represented a calf, a man with a calf or bull head and occasionally as the sun (Pope, 2008). Back in Egypt Apis was the bull god they worshiped. The Israelites chose the hellish symbol common in the area, and they kicked it up a notch by having theirs be made of gold.

The children of Israel took their own gold in the form of jewelry they had commandeered from the Israelites and made a god they could tote in front of them as a banner or standard. It was not a god meant to inspire moral behavior within them as the consequent reveling or partying after its creation would demonstrate. The first attempt man makes when he creates a god is to validate it:

*“And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, these be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. <sup>5</sup> And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, tomorrow is a feast to the Lord. <sup>6</sup> And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play ”(Exodus 32:5-6).*

They worshipped and made offerings then exalted themselves above it by doing their own will.

Man does not want a god to serve, but a god to serve him that he can have others believe controls his will, or establishes boundaries to his lust. What I mean by that is if a man can establish the

attributes of the god he serves and have them justify his actions, then he is not acting of his own volition, but is compelled. The god he totes has not only become a standard, but a reason. In any society we establish law that defines where one person's rights end and another's begin. The one thing that we set above the law is the will of god, or to be compelled by god. In the bible we see civic law questioned by God's law often. Throughout the bible men are compelled to do things that are not conventional as they strike out and build arcs, leave their homelands, defy kings and rebel against customs in the name of the LORD. If you don't have a relationship with the LORD you can't challenge the god they tote especially when you are being told that it is the same as the God you worship. That's what Aaron did, once he had made the golden calf he proclaimed "These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. (Exodus 32:8). So you have not created a god but you are worshipping GOD almighty in a new fashion. This is sin because man does not get to decide how he worships GOD, GOD decides and declares how he is to be worshipped. It is not that GOD changes but different situations require different remedies. GOD did not send JESUS the day after Adam sinned (although he had prepared for the event, as CHRIST was with him), he established law, relationships, covenants, dispensations and administrations so the penalty of sin would be known and the price paid to remedy it established as worthy.

When Jeroboam was king of Northern Israel in his fear and insecurity established worship areas known as "high places" where he had golden calf's set up and announced that "this is the same god that delivered the people from Egypt". His fear was that people would go to Jerusalem to the temple and worship, and stay.

*"And Jeroboam said in his heart, now shall the kingdom return to the house of David: <sup>27</sup> If this people go up to do sacrifice in the*

house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

<sup>28</sup> Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. <sup>29</sup> And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan. <sup>30</sup> And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan. <sup>31</sup> And he made an house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, which were not of the sons of Levi. <sup>32</sup> And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.”.

Sound familiar? Almost the same actions of the Israelites in the wilderness before the sacred mountain.

There is only one GOD almighty, everything and everybody else that proclaims to be so is a liar. As Jeroboam made a god to serve his purpose even though he proclaims it the god of Moses that did all the work he knew the lie would not hold up by itself so he had to get yes men, and dress them up like the real priest and have ceremonies, and houses of worship, he had to make the show grand to persuade the people. Like the megachurches of our time where the truth is watered down, not preached in proper context and established to separate you from your hard

earned cash and feed your need for validation while leaving you broken and unawares. The use of grand bands, and orchestration,choirs with video presentations, while lower, base folk are placed over ministries who barely know the word, but are disciples of the pastor. This is no different than Jeroboams use of gods and idols to establish his own desires. So many of us fall right in line too, with a belief that it is Jeroboam that will be judged for his sin and not the follower. I often hear people say “If the pastor is lying or is crooked GOD will deal with him”. He will deal with you as well for allowing yourself to be lead astray when he has given you the truth in his Holy Bible.

The bible is clear on this as it judges Israel. The word states “and because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, because of his provocation with which he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger” (1 Kings 15:30). The Bible goes on to declare to several kings that they had provoked GOD to anger because they had continued in the manner of Jeroboam the son of Nebat who built the high places and establish these fake holidays. It is also clear that the worship of these idols and participation in these holidays and rituals contrived by Jeroboam are counted as sin against Israel;

*“and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked Me to anger, and because you have made Israel sin.”*

We have a responsibility to guard our hearts and our minds against false profits and practices that do not line up with the word of GOD. I pray mercy and grace on people as they discover this as it is not an easy task. Not easy because to stand up against an established evil takes heart. We are compelled to do so as it is a spiritual thing to walk after the SPIRIT and obey it. To say it is

not easy is to respond in the natural as with the influences and social order it is difficult if you do not know the calling of the Christian. 1 Peter Chapter 2:

“Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,<sup>2</sup> As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: <sup>3</sup> If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.<sup>4</sup> To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,<sup>5</sup> Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, and precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. <sup>7</sup> Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, <sup>8</sup> And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. <sup>9</sup> But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light; <sup>10</sup> Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy (1 Peter 2:1-10)”.



The scripture refers to us as a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people. We are not supposed to look like the world.

We must ready ourselves in preparation for the coming of the LORD as in Genesis 35:2 when Jacob bids fledgling Nation of Israel

*“ Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments. 3. And let us arise and go to Bethel, and I will make an altar unto GOD, who answered me in my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. 4. And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all earrings which were in their ears, and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.”.*

GOD appeared to Jacob after this and changed his name to Israel, blessed him with legacy which would include kings, and land. When we have god's with us that we accept as gods we can not move forward in the favor, and power of GOD almighty. Moses did not continue to cross the wilderness with the god Aaron created, and Jacob did not go forth with gods of the lands. What stands out to me is the Mercy of GOD in being GOD to a people that worshiped idol god's. The power of GOD's relationship with man becomes apparent as both Moses and Jacob bid their clan remove the false god and walk with GOD almighty, and the rest of the land was filled with terror as they tread through amidst the power of the almighty.

There should be a distinct difference between darkness and light, hot and cold, salt and bland, Christians and lost folk. We have a responsibility to study the word as the Bereans, and to walk

in it. I used to have issue with the scripture that tells the story of the prophet sent by GOD in 1<sup>st</sup> Kings chapter 12 and 13 where he was commanded of the LORD “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.” So he did not eat when he was charged by the king who he perceived in the natural to be evil. Then there came a man professing to be a prophet (the bible says he was a prophet as well) and he just flat out lied to the servant of the lord and said

“<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water. <sup>20</sup> 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: <sup>21</sup> 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, <sup>22</sup> 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 carcass shall not come unto the sepulcher of thy fathers. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcass was cast in

the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcass.

<sup>25</sup> And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcass cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcass: and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him. <sup>28</sup> 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.

<sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> And he laid his carcass in his own grave; and they mourned over him, saying, Alas, my brother! <sup>31</sup> 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 sepulcher wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones:

After I read this I was confused. I was like LORD he delivered your word as you had required of him. Then some old lying jealous prophet lied and had the man violate your word and suffer

death. I mean he called him out at the dinner table like Aha! You defied the LORD now you're going to die. The man said "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." And he did it and died. I have to remember two things to process this scripture and the first is that I can't judge GOD, no man can Judge GOD his actions are justice, his word is truth. GOD gave that man a direct command and until GOD told him otherwise he should have stayed his course. That is, that the thing that is contrary to the word that GOD has given you, it is to be ignored until GOD releases you from it. If GOD says in his word that we are to worship him according to the book of Deuteronomy with Levites and temples and protocols then that is what he means, until he declares something different. Again obedience is better than sacrifice.

Once JESUS died on the cross as high priest and the cross the altar there was no more need for sacrifice as he was both priest and sacrifices of perfect order. GOD shares his word through Paul and Peter and other disciples explaining what the miracle of CHRIST means, he is the word, so CHRIST fulfilled scripture, not contradict it. As CHRIST fulfilled the law, the whole law and was the word and we are extended grace as GOD sees us through the son. If we create our own god and religions, we deny the power of the truth that has been given us and deny salvation through CHRIST. It was also great to see later in the bible king Josiah after finding the grave of the prophet (the man of God that prophesied of his coming 300 years earlier) left the grave to rest peacefully, (this was the prophet that was lied to and killed by the lion) as he implemented reforms and dug up graves of evil men.

I could go on about Uzzah the man who tried to catch the arc as it was falling off the cart and died, because GOD said don't touch it (2 Samuel 6:7). There is Achan (Joshua 7) who when he was caught admitted he had sinned and though many were slain due to his disobedience he

admitted his sin and GOD was true to his word and told Joshua so. We have to separate ourselves, sanctify our lives and choose to serve the GOD of creation as he would have us serve him, not as it is comfortable for us. Though we are not saved by works but through grace in the merciful gesture of CHRIST the law is GOD's standard and JESUS had to fulfill it to be righteous. Only GOD can save man the bible speaks about these gods you tote in Isaiah

"Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages were heavy loaden; they are a burden to the weary beast. <sup>2</sup> They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity. <sup>3</sup> Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb: <sup>4</sup> And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you. <sup>5</sup> To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like? <sup>6</sup> They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship. <sup>7</sup> They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, one shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble. <sup>8</sup> Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors. <sup>9</sup> Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is

none else; I am God, and there is none like me, <sup>10</sup> Declaring the  
end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are  
not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my  
pleasure: <sup>11</sup> Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that  
executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I  
will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.  
<sup>12</sup> Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from  
righteousness: <sup>13</sup> I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far  
off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in  
Zion for Israel my glory (Isaiah 46).

My GOD carries me I don't carry him. Praise you LORD for your grace and mercy! I love the  
scripture where the prophet Elijah taunts the Babylonian priest concerning their pagn, idol, god  
and says " Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey,  
or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked". Elijah had no fear of other gods of the  
Babylonian god because he knew it was a contrivance of the minds of lost folk. Elijah also knew  
his GOD was real through a profound relationship. Elijah sought GOD with and had a great  
relationship with him, so many miracles are made manifest by GOD at the prayers of Elijah.  
Draughts were called, fire from heaven, healings and sustenance in the midst of dirth as Elijah  
knew his GOD was GOD of everything and he could call on him and be heard. Elijah was not  
an angel of the LORD or some other creation, he was a man of faith. His story is one story of  
what faith in action looks like. GOD has not diminished power since Elijah, he is still all  
powerful. Why don't we see these types of manifestations? It is not needed, all we need do is

believe in JESUS and it is all fulfilled. We don't need to make sacrifice of animals or burn incense we need to accept CHRIST as our savior and our prayers will be heard. There is more to that as GOD says in his word that in order to be heard of him we must obey his commandments and love CHRIST:

*<sup>11</sup> And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.*

*<sup>12</sup> He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.*

*<sup>13</sup> These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

*<sup>14</sup> And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

*<sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. (1<sup>st</sup> John 5: 11-15)*

Our GOD has proven himself mighty, and has shown mercy and grace, and made a way for us to have perfect fellowship and right relationship. We have to forsake self, die to self and find life in him. He is the GOD of all things and not given to our authority but is all powerful. We have to be willing to lay aside everything that will keep us from the LORD. Our understanding of comfort, ease, success has very little to do with GOD's plan for our lives. We have to be willing to tear down the idols and strongholds and walk upright before the LORD. Knowing our GOD is almighty and has power and authority over all things.

## **The GOD of All Things**

I recall when I said the sinner's prayers and was trying to live my life pious, righteous based on my understanding of right and wrong I found myself looking to dissolve relationships where I had been engaging in sin willfully. I started cutting people off left and right and focusing on the



likelihood of me committing sin at the influence of those individuals. I was a senior in high school and had been extremely sexual in my life, as a matter of fact I was keeping score and in competition with several other guys. In high school the sexual partners I had range far beyond the normal numbers and I was being praised by many for my sexual prowess. It had become my culture and sole purpose for living. Everything I bought to wear and the way I moved was part of my desire to gain sexual partners. To get saved and understand that said behavior was no longer permissible was crushing. I had no identity that I was proud of beyond that aspect of my life. Who was I do be subject to and how would that bode with the crowd I identified with.

This is the story of very many people, we create realities for living that are centered around fitting in or feeling exceptional. These actions and feeling are rooted in lies and are further confirmations of our malfunctioning. In truth GOD created everything on this earth for our enjoyment. GOD created us for his enjoyment. If you search the bible for the word enjoy in most cases it is the result of obedience to GOD. People will enjoy the land, the fruits of their labors and their children as a result of being obedient to GOD. The nature of obedience is order, to submit to the order GOD has established for your enjoyment. This works because GOD is the GOD of all good thing. This means that in creation GOD established order and as we choose to submit ourselves to this order there is joy. The fruit of the spirit is made manifest in our lives when we have power over our flesh and can force it to submit to the will of GOD. I have worked with addicts or people who are self-proclaimed addicted to drugs, and when you ask them how they stop using drugs I have heard the response “well first you have to stop using drugs. The proclamation means you have to get your actions in line with your goals, then you can figure out your cravings and habits. Cravings and callings to temptation are carnal, of the flesh, and they

must be addressed through denial and when lead by the SPIRIT, all out fasting and denying the flesh sustenance for a period. Flesh screams of its desires to be satisfied (which is a lie, flesh can't be satisfied) instead of tempered and used as sensory matter and not purpose. It is why when we seek the carnal we have to keep adding to it, as it never is fulfilling. It's not just sex anymore it's strange positions, locations, role playing, masochism, groups, toys, same genders, different species, ages, and the variants go on and on because there is no satisfying flesh. Let me reel this in though, I am not saying that there is anything wrong with sex for married folk. What I am saying is, if the sex is used for satisfaction of the marital relationship there will be problems. Marriage is not merely a license to have sex, it is a covenant relationship that has an order for it to work well. The bedroom is not defiled, you married folk get down as you like, enjoy each other. Some folk just choose to live out of order go through hell and never adjust or leave each other, but when done right and in order it can be joyous. Flesh can't be GOD, GOD is not flesh and has no gender, he was flesh in CHRIST and is Spirit indwelling us all and the creator of all things. GOD can't be tempted by the flesh and he does not tempt folk in the flesh. Sin nature and the enemy are the desires and callings that lead folk astray.

Some folk will ask "did GOD create the enemy, evil and sin?", they are perversions of what was created, and represent the manifestation of rebellion to GOD's order (which GOD allowed). GOD gave us free will and when he created us with the capacity to deny and reject his truth and live in anguish and torment absent from his order for creation, it is an act of love to have that choice otherwise we are automatons, no better than puppets or tools. Noah could have jumped off the ship, CHRIST could have chosen to disobey the will of the FATHER, because he didn't he is exalted above all, because GOD's order for creation is sovereign. We can't create reality,

we can choose to live in delusion and call it real, but the order of GOD will manifest its causes.  
Here is what I am attempting to convey, the fruit of the spirit is: love, joy, peace, longsuffering,  
gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness temperance. The word of GOD goes on to expound that for  
those walking after the spirit there is no law. That is to say they are in full compliance with the  
will of the LORD already. Since they have chosen to live in compliance to the will of GOD  
there is a promise made manifest. That is the order GOD established and it is irrefutable, as it is  
truth:

*Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and  
every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is  
begotten of him.*

*<sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love  
God, and keep his commandments.*

*<sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and  
his commandments are not grievous.*

*<sup>4</sup>For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is  
the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

*<sup>5</sup>Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that  
Jesus is the Son of God? (1 John 5:1-5)*

Because GOD is the GOD of all things and this reality we live is not happenstance everything  
has a place in the order of GOD. Things that are not protected are subject to the effects of other  
things. Leave your bar-b-que grill uncovered it will rust, unless it is protected with rust resistant  
paint. If the rust resistant painted grill is left to elements eventually even the rust resistant paint

will yield to relentless presence of nature (faster in certain climates than in others). I like this illustration as in GOD's order there is protection, without his protection there is exposure and penalties each predicated on choices. Pay your bills on time and your credit score goes up and you have greater access to credit and it shows your ability to manage life, which reflects good stewardship and greater opportunities generating greater benefit. There is order. It works in the opposite for disobedience and slack that is to say that if you do not pay your obligations on time there are late fees and penalties. Your credit score goes down and you are considered not credit worthy and opportunities diminish and your character is questioned. I often share with my friends they can check for rust, mold, mildew, late fees, penalties, odoriferous emanations or negative attitudes as a barometer to how well they are handling their affairs. There is something at the bottom of each negative outcome something neglected, reflective of not being covered, cared for or managed well. It is intentional as notification that change is needed. These issues or results are intentionally unpleasant. How else would you know something was rotting or unhealthy to consume, or forgotten if it didn't stink? GOD has established indicators Joel 2 11 – 25 speaks of how the LORD and creation respond to his anger and joy for Israel:

*And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the  
Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and  
of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.*

*<sup>14</sup> Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing  
behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the  
Lord your God?*

*<sup>15</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:*

*<sup>16</sup> Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.*

*<sup>17</sup> Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?*

*<sup>18</sup> Then will the Lord be jealous for his land, and pity his people.*

*<sup>19</sup> Yea, the Lord will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:*

*<sup>20</sup> But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.*

*<sup>21</sup> Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things.*

*<sup>22</sup> Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.*

*<sup>23</sup> Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.*

*<sup>24</sup> And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.*

*<sup>25</sup> And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.*

This is a clear example of how when Israel is in compliance there is abundance and when there is disobedience there is dearth and attacks. All creation reacts and responds to the order established by GOD. There is healing and redemption for the years of disobedience and redemption from the canker-worm, the caterpillar redemption from the ills of disobedience. We have redemption of sin through the blood of JESUS and the opportunity to repent. This is the beautiful thing about the love of GOD and the manner in which all creation responds to his divine order. We can live uncomfortable, realize it is wrong and miserable, and a way has been made for repentance, turnabouts, new mercies so we can live upright in the world without having to continue to live in misery. If GOD was not sovereign there would be no way out, we would be stuck in the mire, tagged with the reproach committed eternally. People's hearts change, folk see things differently and sometimes they forgive each other.

All this is possible because GOD created all things and the way they operate or process actions. In Genesis man was in harmony with GOD's creation and there was order established. "19 And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof." (Genesis 2:19). Adam wasn't being bit by mosquitoes, chased by lions or taunted by monkeys, there was nothing out of order. This is how the GOD of creation established order and set the framework for interaction between everything he created. Adam had a job, a wife and perfect fellowship with GOD. Rebellion, the essence of sin, brought about chaos through a lie which was intended to bring about the death of GOD's creation. GOD almighty shed blood and covered Adam and Eve and set in place rules and protocols for living. This established a long purification process and a series of interactions set in place to redeem man of his failed order execution and opportunity to live life in joy and experience life on earth and eternally in heaven thru CHRIST JESUS.

Man has no predators stalking him in the food chain, there is nothing on earth that he can't be covered from or command over. GOD has granted man dominion Genesis 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.'. CHRIST the perfect man had dominion over all things GOD created, this was the order man was intended to have but lost vision of this through sin. It is no longer a curse as CHRIST through his crucifixion became a curse to break the curse upon men (Galatians 3:13). What does this mean? Romans 6 asks "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? No, because now we have authority over our flesh. You actually could and be ineffective, and in constant pursuit of lies, a hamster on a wheel, more like Sisyphus in Greek

mythology, the king of Corinth punished to push a boulder up a hill only to have it roll down and he repeat it throughout eternity. This is the lie of discord with GOD's order, that you are gaining a foot whole on the desires of your heart, happiness, being accepted, looking good, being assertive only to find out you've been rolling a boulder, putting in work that has no gain because it is contrary to the order of GOD. When man should be walking up right in dominion over creation. He must get dominion over his actions by surrendering his heart to CHRIST. He must get to know CHRIST and the promises of GOD as relayed in the bible to come to this point. So many people are carrying a god, married to an idol, living in bondage hoping that one day it will morph into freedom and wealth, when in truth they are only deceiving themselves and others with a lie they mask, cover and lie about to keep from going insane. The freedom is in walking in the order GOD established in his word.

GOD can't be pimped or whored out because he is the GOD of everything and can't be tempted to evil (James 1:13), that is to say GOD nor CHRIST can be swayed by temptation to move against his truth or his word. I have folk say the bibles contradicts itself, as the matter of temptation with CHRIST being tempted or GOD being tempted. That act or attempt is the temptation of the mind of the FATHER towards the act is not moved by the act (trying to tempt is not tempting, the act is described with the word, not the affect). The held grapes out to tempt the stranger from his task, but he was unmoved. If GOD could be tempted man would be GOD and use the almighty like a genie. Praise GOD almighty the order he has established, because in the faith of GOD and his word we should only fear him. GOD is faithful and can't be tempted or moved by evil, he is GOD and established as sovereign by himself, as there is no greater power or authority that could ordain it. In this we should wordhip him only and fear only him.



## **Fear the Great Separator**

There are two types of fear I will deal with even though there are scholars that say there are many more. There is the fear of the LORD which is the only one we should embrace. Then there is the fear that separates. The fear that separates and exalts others above GOD and we should fear GOD only as nothing is greater. To fear is to doubt GOD, to doubt GOD means you

do not have a right relationship with GOD (to the detriment of self). GOD is all powerful and loves us, all that he has created is for our joy. 1 John 4:18 states "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment, He that feareth is not made perfect in love." GOD is perfect love and does not fear anything (because nothing is greater) his love for us (as realized in a right relationship) ensures us that we are kept by him. In abiding in fear we doubt the love of GOD and deny ourselves from truly embracing GOD and the creation he has made for our enjoyment.

Fear is the perfect prison it is created by its captives and guarded by its prisoners, we are the wardens of the prison as we can lock ourselves in it, yet can release ourselves at any time. The prison of fear is only in our minds, we have all seen the mnemonic for fear (False, Evidence, Appearing, Real) that is what fear is. Our savior's murder was attempted at Golgotha (the place of the skull) he knew, and was, perfect love and his faith raised him from the dead. We are attacked in our minds and our ability to survive the murder attempt is predicated on what we believe our lives are worth and who we believe our lives belong to. Our lives are precious and have been bought by a SAVIOR's blood.

The strategy of fear is to prompt us to search our vulnerability and accept all the things we are subject to, that can harm or destroy us and live it. It does not matter that the attack is not real we live, and visualize the attacks that may or may not be real and respond as if they are real in the cell of our mind. We can't get free because we live it bigger than the reality is. Our tendency is to shun and blame, stereotype, and hate to make our fears real and justified. We are the wardens of our prisons, but prisons are prisons regardless of whether they are in the mind or real, they are

intended to be restrictive. LOVE liberates and perfect LOVE casteth out fear. GOD is perfect love and he has no fear and we should only fear GOD.

There was a king in Israel, king ASA that had a heart to do what was right before the LORD.

When the Ethiopians were assembling to conquer him he prayed to the LORD.

*Asa “prayed “<sup>10</sup> Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. <sup>11</sup> And Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said, Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God; let no man prevail against thee.” (2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicle 14:10 – 11)*

The prayer shows how he was completely dependent on the LORD to save him, and the LORD answered his prayer and he defeated the Ethiopians and chased after them (they ran from him with greater numbers). Yet later when Asa had another army confront him he didn't turn to the LORD, instead he made a pact with another country. Why? Fear. In the first battle he had nowhere else to turn and the LORD proved himself faithful. In the second battle ASA had time to meditate on his own life and faithfulness and made the power of the LORD a contingency based on his doings, meaning, Asa had not judged himself as faithful so he doubted the LORD would answer his prayer, so he did not ask. Unlike David the King who no matter what situation he was in he would still turn to the LORD for righteousness for answers for defense, because even though he sinned his heart wanted to be right before the LORD and he knew without the fellowship of the FATHER the kingship was merely a title. David knew he needed the power of the LORD with him, and he loved the LORD even though he knew he fail short

often he believed the LORD would correct him and not forsake him as Fathers do. I have a son, Joshua that I believe to be an amazing man, but he loses his way at times, but no matter what, he is mine and I am here for him as long as he wants me to be. GOD ALMIGHTY loves us even more.

We deem ourselves unworthy and are ashamed and refuse to go before the LORD (which is where the enemy wants you, alone in the wilderness so he can get in your head). We all do it, we self-judge and decide whether we believe the LORD will answer and decide not to even ask. Since Asa did not ask, he did not receive and later he was rebuked and told that since he did not ask he would be at war for the rest of his life. He still didn't learn because he later was diseased in his feet and instead of praying for healing he went to the doctor, and was yet again reminded that the LORD had spoken a covenant to him saying that he would be with him. He did not call on the LORD and the foot disease killed him. There is nothing wrong with going to the doctor if GOD himself has not come and made a covenant with you and told you, you can call on him and he will hear you, wait we all have that covenant for those that believe as such as it is written in 1 John 5:14 - 20

*These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

*<sup>14</sup> And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

*<sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*

*<sup>16</sup> If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.*

*<sup>17</sup> All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.*

*<sup>18</sup> We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.*

*<sup>19</sup> And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.*

*<sup>20</sup> And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.*

We have a relationship through obedience with the GOD of all things that he will hear and answer our prayers if we accept JESUS as LORD of our lives. We must follow his commandments and walk upright before him, not like he is some egotistical ruler demanding subservience, but because it is the order that GOD established for all things to live together. If you think you are nothing, or that GOD does not love us we are reminded who we are in the LORD in Psalms 8: 3-9

*“When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; <sup>4</sup> What is man, that thou*

art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

<sup>5</sup> For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast

crowned him with glory and honour. <sup>6</sup> Thou madest him to have

dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things

under his feet: <sup>7</sup> All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the

field; <sup>8</sup> The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever

passeth through the paths of the seas. <sup>9</sup> O Lord our Lord, how

excellent is thy name in all the earth!

GOD gave man dominion over creation, and when we are in right relationship (which means to operate in the system and manner GOD established for man) we have perfect fellowship with creation. When we are operating outside of the order GOD has established, and are in self we are in sin. Sin is to be in direct rebellion to GOD, which is often predicated on the fear of the negative type.

The source and purpose of evil, to separate us from GOD and all he has for us. The unbelief that GOD loves you and will keep no good thing from you, causes rebellion which is what caused the fall of Lucifer, and Adam. The belief that the harm will befall you, or that the LORD will keep something from you, (and not wages of disobedience) is the negative fear that hinders the joy, and peace which is the power of the love of GOD in your life, as fear has torment. You can't embrace GOD and his creation for you if you are afraid either will harm you. Sin kills, steals and destroys, being out of the will of GOD places us in subjection to the wages of sin which is death. You can't be a person of faith and fear. Wavering faith is fear and fear has torment. Often times our faith requires testing to cast out fear which is perfect love at work.

Often we do not want to be tested, but would rather not see who we truly are in the LORD as somehow we believe that if we are not tested the lie we live will be prolonged. GOD chastens whom he loves (Paul). There is no need to fear the chastisement of the LORD it is the love of a FATHER towards a son.

There is good fear which is reverence and understanding that to abide in evil towards GOD or authority could have negative consequences. Let me explain it better like this. GOD is almighty and has ways, his ways are higher than ours, as he created us. The reverence and fear and trembling is honor as he is the creator of all things and is the only thing we should fear, which is not warranted if we are walking up right. Fear is real, and often in the bible folk are greeted with the salutation “fear not” which is to say you are not in danger at this moment as I interpret it. The phrase “Fear not” is used 365 time in the bible (ME, 2015), and the number matches the days in the year which led me to believe it should be a daily mantra. The mantra should remind us to fear not, for the LORD is with us, it should also remind us to not fear anything that cannot destroy the body and the soul which only GOD can do,

I had a coach in high school tell me “ There was no such thing as respect, folk are just afraid of how people will treat them if they do not treat them in a favorable manner.”. His (the coach) belief was there is no respect, only fear. I disagree years later, as the difference is fear has torment, respect or honour does not. I can have great joy for the opportunity to show kindness to someone I appreciate which is respect (not to be confused with respect of person)and that has no torment, so it is not fear. The respect I have for the LORD does not have torment but it is joy and honor to know I am not the equal of GOD and reminded I could be utterly destroyed by the creator (justly so), but his LOVE is here to ensure I have life and have it more abundantly. Our

savior CHRIST JESUS has sacrificed through the order established and ransom for sin to ensure that abundant life. The HOLY SPIRIT indwells me to ensure that I am reminded of the sacrifice and empowered to live in the order established.

The evil fear is the pernicious, paralyzer that keeps us from enjoying the creation GOD meant for us to explore and see his greatness and his love made manifest for you. There are those that are fear mongers that attempt to capitalize on the lie that you are not good enough or undeserving of what GOD gave you. The enemy came to kill, to steal and destroy, his tools are fear and lies. This plan is to keep you from walking in the dominion granted you and have you as a mockery to GOD as your creator. We rebel against the good and godly order GOD has established, which is your power. These barriers to entry manifest themselves in so many ways I could fill a book alone with just naming examples, but they are all meant to ensure there is separation between a person and creation. To further solidify a relationship with the creator which will empower that person to enjoy the life GOD created for them. Now you might ask why would someone do that? Some folk do not believe the world is abundant and if other folk have things they will not have access. . These folk create fear as a barrier as agents of evil.

Dr Karl Albrecht breaks down fear into 5 types:

- Extinction (Ceasing to BE)
- Mutilation or Bodily Invasion
- Loss of Autonomy
- Seperation, Abandonment, or Rejection
- Humiliation, Shame or Worthlessness



(Albrecht, 2014). In truth there is only two types of fear and as I stated before, there is the fear and reverence for GOD, and the fear that separates us from him that exalts itself above us and has us fear or even praise creation over the creator. Agents of evil set these mindset in media and socialise them for profit and to limit and mock the creation.

The creation of GOD becomes an idol of worship and deny's the creator thru their evil doctrine. In the midst of this lie you surrender your authority and seek to be protected by folk and system that have little regard for you or the CREATOR. Fear is by people creating these barriers for control and profit. In truth GOD holds the heart of the king in his hand and turns it which ever way he wishes (Proverbs 21) for those who are seeking to overcome and walk upright before him. Sure there has been evil that has been the pervasive manner in which societies have lived. Some of these empires are no more. I believe this is necessary to show forth the power of GOD and how he covers his saints and the sacrifice that is made in full rebellion to the evil in obedience to GOD against all odds. We can focus on the fears or the assaults or the victories. The focus can be on the path to Rome lit with burning Christians, or decapitations from the mongol hordes to ISAL, or we can focus on folk that have been martyred in their stance that GOD is love and did not intend for us to live in fear and tyranny. The word ask what good is a posted guard if GOD does not watch over the people. I'll go even further to assert that if men stood up and were obedient to GOD despite the opportunity for selfish gain, there would be no evil society.

The bible shows hat Jeroboam caused Israel to sin because he was more interested in saving tax revenue and commerce in his town as oppose to folk going to Jerusalem to worship at the temple and staying. He built high places of worship in Dan and Bethel and recruited base folk to serve

as priest (The Book of Kings chapter 12 written by the prophet Jeremiah). What if they said no? What if the people acknowledged that this was not the way GOD said he was to be worshipped and refuse to go and worship at high places? What if these folk who knew they were not priest had said no? The fear of Jeroboams wrath and greed caused folk to choose hell over GOD's righteousness which removes them from the hedge of GOD and subsequent dirth and enslavement. The dirth and enslavement was GOD chastening Israel to turn them away from idols and back to him as only GOD has the perfect love that can sustain us.

So evil is established as a system of operation in the world Ezekial 18:24 "But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned; in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die". We have to decide who we will serve sin and evil or righteousness and life as asked in Romans 6: 16 "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servant to obey, his servant ye are to whom ye obey;whether of sin unto death, or obedience unto righteoneess? This speaks to the responsibility of the individual to resist sin, and the authority we have to do so. The enemy is not more powerful than GOD, and GOD has given us power through the HOLY SPIRIT and the resurrected CHRIST to command our bodies and mind to live righteously. Fear is the agent used to convince us that this is not possible. When the word of GOD says the in 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:14 that"For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds" This speaks directly to the spiritual power within us to tear down sin nature steeped in recidivism,perpetuated as a curse. Praise GOD for the blood of CHRIST.

I love the stories of David as GOD said he had found a man after his own heart(1 Samuel 13:14 and Acts 13:22, this was possible because David was fearless before the LORD. David had faith that the LORD was with him and would strengthen him to be used to his glory. David did not fear the lion. The bear, goliath or any army as he has faith in the LORD GOD almighty. Faith is the necessity for casting out fear through love. The word of GOD says it is impossible to please GOD without faith Hebrews 11:6. We must read the word of GOD to began to walk in faith and be liberated from the fear that separates us from him and the creation he made for our joy. We have to decide to walk in faith.

## **Faith**

### ***Hebrews 11 King James Version (KJV)***

*11 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

*<sup>2</sup> For by it the elders obtained a good report.*

*<sup>3</sup> Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

*<sup>4</sup> By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.*

<sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

<sup>6</sup> But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

<sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

<sup>9</sup> By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:

<sup>10</sup> For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

<sup>11</sup> Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.

<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

<sup>14</sup> For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country.

<sup>15</sup> And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned.

<sup>16</sup> But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

<sup>17</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

<sup>18</sup> Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

<sup>19</sup> Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.

<sup>20</sup> By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.

<sup>21</sup> By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

*<sup>22</sup> By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.*

*<sup>23</sup> By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.*

*<sup>24</sup> By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;*

*<sup>25</sup> Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;*

*<sup>26</sup> Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.*

*<sup>27</sup> By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.*

*<sup>28</sup> Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.*

*<sup>29</sup> By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.*

*<sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.*

*<sup>31</sup> By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.*

<sup>32</sup> And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

<sup>33</sup> Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.

<sup>34</sup> Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.

<sup>35</sup> Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:

<sup>36</sup> And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:

<sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;

<sup>38</sup> (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

<sup>39</sup> And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:

<sup>40</sup> God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect

I start out with this scripture on faith because the word says without faith it is impossible to please GOD, so we need to understand what faith is, and the power we gain with it. I also believe it is important to show examples of men (heroes of the faith) who walked courageously before the LORD seeking to please him and be in proper fellowship. Faith is the only thing that can conquer fear. Faith is the manner in which you assert, and confirm your belief that GOD is almighty and you have surrendered to his order for salvation by accepting JESUS CHRIST as your savior. If that is not liberating and empowering for you, you need to be girded up and educated on what it means to be saved. Without faith it is impossible to please GOD, as faith represents buy in. I used to have a lot of problems with this as I always wanted be an individual and stand alone. I viewed Christians as sheople (the words sheep & people combination), weak folk that needed a savior or a god to help them deal with their fears. I believed with a strong singular wit, and healthy bank account and a good stiff jab a man could have anything he wanted if he was confident enough. I didn't believe there was a need for GOD, not that I minded Christians or their faith, but I saw it as an indicator of weakness and an opening to exploit their weakness and vulnerabilities. Even though I had accepted Christ as my savior (in ritual of process) my heart was not transformed because I saw the hierarchy in the church. I saw a pastor or preacher that was living off the money of parishioners, filling them with guilt for not giving enough. Pastors were having sex with weak women or cunning women who were lost or desired things, and his cronies who benefited from ensuring folk stayed in line so they all could eat (eat, slang for thrive). I saw this in church after church, and in the white churches I attended, the sex part may not have been as prolific, but the money part was. As I studied the bible I saw that this madness has existed since Jeroboam son of Nabat and it was perfected here. I also had to learn that this was not the church GOD intended and it was weak in the power or authority needed to



cultivate men of valor, men of strong faith. This system stripped men of faith as it had a form of godliness yet lack the power thereof as proclaimed in 2 Timothy:

*2 Timothy 3 King James Version (KJV)*

**3** *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*

*<sup>2</sup>For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters,*

*proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,*

*<sup>3</sup>Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers,*

*incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,*

*<sup>4</sup>Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers*

*of God;*

*<sup>5</sup>Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from*

*such turn away.*

*<sup>6</sup>For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive*

*silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,*

*<sup>7</sup>Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the*

*truth.*

This scripture perfectly described the nature of the church as I saw it and I believe its practitioners and parishioners were ignorant as they had not studied the word for themselves and were being lead in a fashion that stripped them of their responsibility to keep the man, or pastor honest. They could not call him out because they not only did not know the word other than what “pastor said” but the forum, and or gathering that allowed for dialogue and correction was non existent. These folk are denying themselves of the building blocks, the nourishment needed

to have faith, and see it strengthened and grown. Where does faith come from? Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of GOD (Romans 10:17).

There are those that will say that their pastor reads scripture in service, he might, but does he then go into a diatribe of describing what you heard and using text that has nothing to do with the situation? How many time have you heard Malachi 3 misused? The pastor, right before he takes an offering will say “Can a man rob GOD!?” and the lord says “you have robbed me with your tithed gifts and offerings”. This is to make the parishioner consider all the things they did with God’s money, they thinking about the hot wings they bought and that bottle of whiskey, or the new clothes, whatever is keeping them from believing they have that ten percent of their gross income they OWE (Ought to Willingly Expend) God. In context the children of Israel were bringing to the priest diseased sheep and the worst and remnants of what they had because they had lost faith, and were weary from captivity and drought. GOD was establishing with them that he was still their GOD and was mindful of them, as was saying let us break this cycle, give me your best and I will bless you abundantly. I believe this scripture is useful in showing how GOD will meet us at our obedience, but not to guilt folk into believing they have robbed GOD. The scripture is very situational as a lot are and easily misused for manipulation.

Want to know what perfect church looks like? On the day of Pentecost when the HOLY SPIRIT filled men and they spoke in diverse tongues and were heard of each other in their own language. There were men that ridiculed and accused these men of drunkenness, yet their hearts were transformed once Peter spoke to them of the prophecy of Joel, and of David. The WORD says “their hearts were pricked” and they asked “What shall we do”, and the church was formed and these men immediately began to fellowship, and sell their possessions and give to each as they

had need, and dine together in this fellowship and pray for and with one another. They praised GOD and show forth the love of GOD to all:

*<sup>41</sup> Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.*

*<sup>42</sup> And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*

*<sup>43</sup> And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.*

*<sup>44</sup> And all that believed were together, and had all things common;*

*<sup>45</sup> And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.*

*<sup>46</sup> And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,*

*<sup>47</sup> Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. (Acts 2:41-17.)*

The word came forth and faith was made manifest, and with that faith came works. The bible is clear that “Faith without works is dead” (James 2:20 & 2:26). There is a vast difference from this effective church of Pentecost and the ineffective church of today that I compare to the church of Jeroboam son of Nabat (that caused Israel to sin) as it was, and is ineffective. I make the comparison plain; as the high places had fake priest, fake holidays to entertain the people, demands for offerings, makeshift temples, no HOLY SPIRIT, and no gospel truth spoken by a

man of GOD. The Pentecost church was filled with the HOLY SPIRIT, the WORD of GOD, preached by a man who loved the LORD and men gave, as opposed to taking, and were saved, as opposed to pacified and sent home. Faith is built where the word is studied and preached and discussed, and shared. It is hard to build strong Christians filled with the HOLY SPIRIT doing the will of GOD when they are in the word for a couple of hours (if that) once or twice per week, attending the “church show” and having limited interactions with Saints seeking to do GOD’s will.

Faith is power to overcome sin, activate in yourself the power of the HOLY SPIRIT through the use of his full armor so you can fight the good fight and celebrate creation. If you don’t know who your enemy is and you’re not getting clear direction and instructions from the bible, (the life guide user’s manual), how can you know what you are, who’s you are and what to do? Sound doctrine breeds sound Christians who are indomitable and loving. There are many people, devices and systems hell bent on your demise, moreso your compliance and inactivity to the end of robbing you of your birth right (dominion) and to use you for profit.

The great thing about faith is that when you have done all you can or know to do, when there seems to be nowhere else to go GOD is there. There is no bottom, the options are not exhausted as “the king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will” (Proverbs 21:1). The oil cup does not fail, water is turned to wine, men run across deserts, few defeat the many, the dead are awoken the sick are healed, there is no condition the LORD can’t change, reprise, correct for the faithful. There are levels of faith and some are fine with receiving food, other are healed while some expect and pray for demons to be cast out and the laws of physics are broken. The LORD has said “According to your faith be it to you”

Matthew 9:29. When it comes to the unsaved centurion Jesus marveled at his faith and commented that he had not seen such faith in Israel. What was so special about the centurion's faith? The Centurion was able to develop faith from watching order and nature to establish at the utterance of the word real faith. Christ is the word made flesh, all of creation speaks to the order of GOD and the power of overcoming adversity.

Ever see a root break through concrete, ever watch an animal escape a group of attackers that looks like certain death? How does a tree grow from a seed, or animals survive perilous journeys to spawning grounds? These are testaments to the power of will. Imagine what happens when you add faith and promise to man from GOD with understanding of who you are in creation, and what you mean to your FATHER is heaven? This is precious for those who have accepted CHRIST as their savior and are committed to walking after the spirit and not after the flesh. Faith has meant so much to me I can't begin to explain how I live it at every minute of my life as I have known GOD's grace and mercy. I have had the LORD manifest such compassion when I was at my wits end, and sustain me beyond my last dollar and the end of my resources. I have had checks come in the mail unexpected from money I didn't know I had. Cars donated to me, clothes purchased, tuitions paid, debt forgiven, storms pass over, cars go beyond tank limitations, healings in my body, jobs, business, prayers answered, favor given to me and my family and I could go on and on all made manifest after I had given all I had and had nothing but prayer left, and GOD showed up!

The work part of faith process is as essential to the outcome as the work part legitimacies the request. Moses standing on a hill with his arms up to the point where other folk had to help hold them up to finally getting a stone for him to sit on, but he endured. Joshua defeated Amalek

because faith and work were combined as Moses prevailed and his arms remained up. Imagine getting out of the boat to even attempt to walk on water at the beacon of the LORD. We concentrate on the fact that his faith was not strong enough to keep him held up, but he got out the boat and took steps, that's faith and effort! I have to restate though that GOD is not a genie. Prayers and wishes are not the same. Prayers are predicated on biblical principles and the order GOD has created and not on lust. Faith does not make life perfect or ensure that you get everything you want. What faith does is provide you with the evidence you can hope for. Peter saw Jesus walking on water (evidence it could be done) and hoped he could do it as well, he stepped out (work) and his faith held up until he doubted. Faith is the substance of thing hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). Faith comes from the word, proof of an almighty GOD that loves man and is mindful of him. The bible is proof that GOD can and has made a way out of no way. The word demonstrates that as Paul said in the word, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.". Paul's confession was to acknowledge the many trials he had suffered and was confessing his faith in the LORD to strengthen him and keep him in any situation. Faith does not mean there are no trials. Trials are there to prove and strengthen your faith. The conclusion you hope for has evidence made manifest through the word of GOD, your knowledge of the word will increase and feed your faith so hope is not lost assuring you will work until your faith brings what you hope for into fruition. Romans 15:4 King James Version (KJV):

<sup>4</sup> For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

The knowledge of the word and the relationship with the FATHER thru CHRIST JESUS the redeemer, while being filled with the HOLY GHOST pleases GOD as in Ephesians 5:14-21

*<sup>14</sup> Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.*

*<sup>15</sup> See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,*

*<sup>16</sup> Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

*<sup>17</sup> Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.*

*<sup>18</sup> And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*

*<sup>19</sup> Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;*

*<sup>20</sup> Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;*

*<sup>21</sup> Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

This scripture encourages the reader to “wake up” to no longer be unaware and to take action and understand there is evil. Jesus will give you a pathway to righteousness and you must understand it is not a time to drink yourself to forgetfulness or to go party and act as if there is no fight. We are instructed to walk after the SPIRIT and pray and praise GOD giving thanks for the SAVIOR and the way to be saved and submit to these ways and commandments. This walk is serious and it should not look like the world as it is an endeavor of Faith, and Works bringing forth the things hoped for from the unseen.

The walk of faith becomes difficult as folk tend to lose focus and concentration as there is so many distraction, so much noise. The scripture with Peter walking on water is one I love as a demonstration of faith as it illustrates, faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of GOD (Jesus is the word and he bid Peter come). Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things unseen (Peter had faith as he had heard the word of GOD, and had hope he could obey and “come” to JESUS by walking on water something he had not seen of himself or done, yet he hoped). Faith without works is dead, so Peter stepped out the boat (the work of faith) and walked on water demonstrating faithfulness to the word. Peter sank because he listened to the noise contrary to the word given and believed the noise from wind and surf or information contrary to the word to be more powerful to him than the word. Here is the scripture:

*26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.*

*27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.*

*28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.*

*29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.*

*30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.*



*<sup>31</sup> And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him,  
and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou  
doubt?*

*<sup>32</sup> And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.*

*<sup>33</sup> Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him,  
saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.*

We have to establish faithfulness in our life for our faith to be effective. Faithfulness is where we decide that the object of our faith is truth and the only truth, which renders noise ineffective. If Peter did not make the wind and the waves lord over JESUS he would not have begun to sink, but he doubted (which is to remove the power and not remain faithful) in the word. Agathocles of Syracuse in 310 BC, Emperor Julian in 363, William of Normandy in 1066, and Cortez in 1519; all burned their ships after the troops arrived for battle so there would be no area for retreat (Sledge, 2017). Faithfulness is a matter of burning the ships in your mind (fear, doubt, escape routes, other options) so there is no retreat, no other action available. Imagine how the divorce rate would drop if after marriage there were no other options. What I mean is if there were no way to cheat with anyone else be comforted by anyone else if the husband or wife you choose was the only answer for marital bliss. They would have to find a way to live together, because who wants to spend the rest of their lives miserable. Now, even if they do not have extramarital affairs their lives are filled with retreats, TV, the company of others, work, the kids, everything but hammering out the issues and dedicating themselves to ensuring the marriage lines up with the word of GOD.

Solomon after building the temple to GOD ask GOD be faithful. He ask GOD to be merciful if men turn and prayed towards the temple to remember them. Solomon lacked faithfulness, he had

faith that GOD was GOD, yet he was unfaithful in that he built altars to other god's, he listened to the noise from all them other women he had and sought to please them, and was not focused on the word as the only truth. Like Peter and most folk who fail to walk upright after hearing the WORD and begin to listen listen to the noise and give in to hearts that are unfaithful, filled with lust, desire and fear. We often decide because we do not want to do the work, that there must be another answer, an easier way so we create other truths, or realities. In truth the boats are always burned, there is no alternative, our retreats are delusion. There is only one GOD, and JESUS is the only way to salvation, everything else is delusion. All other worship and actions lead to death as are the wages of sin, and disobedience to GOD is sin. This is no joke, it is a fight for your eternal soul, and the way to eternal joy through right living. It is difficult, it can be hard as the path is filled with liars, naysayers, and temptation, but if we burn the ships and move forward only towards the victory we will find life more abundant.

There is a cross on a hill with a blood stained banner in the vision of most saints that believe JESUS suffered on the cross and died for their sins, and is now sitting at the right hand of POWER praying for them that they may have life and have it more abundantly. This is why the WORD of GOD is so important for establishing faith because it speaks of the rewards of the war and right living. The bible attempts to explain it in a fashion we can receive with passages that speak to mansions, crowns, treasure and everlasting joy, but we have to understand what GOD created here was corruptible, what he has for saints in heaven is not. Our life's work is to accept CHRIST JESUS as SAVIOR for redemption of sin, and to have fellowship with the creator and his creation in the order GOD has established. That looks like walking after the spirit, which yields fruit and peace, and then there is an award ceremony and eternal joy and peace. If your

life is filled with the wages of fleshly living it is because you are not walking after the spirit.  
That is not a judgement. it is a biblical truth. Sure there are trials and tribulation, but the heart of  
a man speaks to where he lives and believes. The value of a man and the quality of life is not  
established by external forces and folk; it is a choice. Faith is the catalyst that determines the  
value of a man's life and it is demonstrated by faithful living. Noise from fake life on television  
(which does not operate in the order GOD has established), lies and distorts expectations, as it is  
contrived and does not follow the order GOD has created naturally. Every life event will not  
take thirty minutes to resolve and end happily. The hero does not always get the girl, and  
sometimes things are not fair. The truth of the matter is you should be encouraged by the word  
of GOD and through the testimony of other saints. This builds faith and gives us the hope we  
need to put works into actions that bear fruit. Noise from other sources can cause doubt and also  
move us away from sources that encourage, as most often noise is time consuming and hard to  
bear as it is contrary to GOD's established order.

## **Noise**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God (John 1:1).  
The Word is the order GOD established for creation. The Word speaks to the relationship  
between GOD and creation. Order is established and outcomes and effects of all actions are in

the order established by the creator. We can learn the Word, have a relationship with the Word (good or bad), obey the Word, or ignore the Word. The action we take will have outcomes that will determine how creation interacts with us. Currently folk are calling this order “the universe” celebrating the creation above the creator (this is a great example of noise). As order is established by the creator, the creation merely responds to the order established by the creator to the creation. Folk speaking of the universe doing thus and so, rarely understand that the order of things is established by GOD the creator. The confluence of rhetoric establishing the independent responses to actions by the body and creation are lies, noise established to justify desire and intent. We create false realities and use responses out of context to justify our beliefs and desires to empower our frailties and evade the truth and its healing power. Beliefs that are contrary to the Word and empower things, thoughts, images over the order GOD has created, is noise. Those things acting out of the order GOD, hoping to achieve results contrary to established order of GOD are in rebellion to GOD’s order.

Rebellion is the propensity or action to move against the will of GOD intentionally. My brother and I often discuss the 1<sup>st</sup> rebellion the nature of it and its effect on the noise we are subjected to today. As taught in the church, the enemy rebelled after being appointed over the praise and worship service and decided he was glorious and should rule. We were taught that the enemy and rebelling angels were cast out of heaven unto the earth. We know that the enemy is the great accuser of man and he has an audience with GOD where he accuses the creation to the creator, “And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.” –Revelations 12:10. We see also in the

book of Genesis the first example of noise caused by rebellion as the enemy accuses GOD of lying to Adam and Eve as he says “<sup>4</sup> And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: <sup>5</sup> For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”. The message from the enemy (in the guise of a serpent) is in direct conflict with what GOD has said, and is contrived to have a man look for evidence that GOD is a liar. We have to know that GOD is not a man that he should lie (Numbers 23:19). We have to also accept that the word of GOD is the truth. Only in this can we began to filter out noise and decide to live by these truths and accept them as the standard of life.

We will always have the excuse of blame and accusation (which are the tools of the enemy) from others as having an effect on the life we live, and choices we make. Often we are quick to say he, or she made me angry, or caused me to sin, based on their words or actions. We choose to sin or operate in a manner contrary to the results we want because we listen to noise. The truth is our peace and joy are established by forces that are incorruptible, because they are incorruptible. JESUS did not sin as he was the word made flesh, and the word is incorruptible and is truth. When we are saved and the HOLY SPIRIT which indwells saints (those confessing CHRIST as SAVIOR) which knows all things, because it is the Word and all creation is in the Word and submits to the order of the creator. The choices we make control the realities we live based on fleshly or spiritual walks (choices) we walk. We know what choices we have made beforehand by the SPIRIT which indwells us, we are sure by the manifestations of those choices as to whether they were spiritual or fleshly. The distortion between the intention and action that causes rebellion in choices contrary to the SPIRIT is noise, it is a small gap, but it is where the distortion, or lie is planted. For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any

two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Hebrew 4:12). This scripture is powerful, because it proves there is help, hope from the Word to fight in the minutia between thoughts, actions, intentions, the heart and actions, we have to be mindful and obedient. The choice to be obedient to the Word and line up with GOD's order is the gift of free will. You go to church, or read the word and it resonates with you, and you decide to be mindful in an area in your life. For example you hear the scripture:

*James 4:11-12*

*Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.*

*<sup>12</sup> There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?*

You decide to extend grace to people and not be so quick to judge and condemn folk. On the way home from work someone cuts you off, or you receive bad or rude service at the restaurant after church, and the scripture goes out the window. Why? Because this is real life and that was church. You have a choice, but you have not decided that you do not have the right to control someone else's actions, you can control you. We have not extended the grace and mercy we receive to other, the word is not real because we are listening to the noise. The noise is all the words you heard contrary to the scripture and opinions you have formed up to hearing that word today. That person that cut you off in that car is not a person, he is an idiot that is inconsiderate and cares only for their personal situation and does not deserve grace because they are not giving it (lies, noise). That person giving you rude service is not a person, but an entitled dummy who

should be happy someone at least let them wait tables, their missing out on tips because they have no proper home training and we are going to fix her by leaving a terrible tip and filling out the comment card (instead of showing love and possibly some tutelage on what good service looks like). Matthew 5:13 King James Version (KJV) <sup>13</sup> Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. We have to tune into the message, tune out the noise so we will be salt and light to the lost, and not worthless.

We have the goal set before us to be the best we can be, and tools to be serious about the choice. The HOLY SPIRIT will guide you and ensure you know what to do, the WORD of GOD and the full armor and faith will ensure you have the power to do what is needed of you. You are never alone, but the decision and the work is yours to do. The noise is unrelenting, it is warfare. In relationship to communication noise is anything that distracts from the message or its hearing. Standing on a factory floor yelling instructions is hard because of all the noise. It is also anything that keeps you from receiving from the Word of GOD. How do we hear from GOD receive his Word and walk upright through all the noise? It's through dedication, it is deliberate. It is hard to do if you are listening to garbage on the radio and watching hell on TV, it is distracting and divisive. I can recall being on the flight line with aircraft engines running and people everywhere and everyone had a heightened sense of their surroundings, the message was clear that if you were not dedicated to understanding your surroundings, and what was expected of you, you could die. You can be around noise and be focused "be in this world not of it" The fight is the same, the enemy is seeking to destroy you and to keep you from walking in the glory, and birthright given you by the creator. The noise blasted at you from many sources has one purpose alone, which is to cause you a slow agonizing death by your own hands, thereby proving

you unworthy and unfit (The accusation of the enemy to the CREATOR regarding the creation).

We already know we are unworthy and unfit, yet our creator LOVES us and has bestowed upon us the opportunity to fellowship with him and have dominion over creation in love. The question is will you listen to and abide by the word of GOD or the noise broadcast by the enemy.

'Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience':

[Ephesians 2:2](#) One of my pastors used to say the "The prince and power of the air waves" as he believed the noise that was influencing the saints was from the TV and radio more so than from the bible. I agree and believe that disobedience is a result of rebellion manufactured through noise from media leading many to believe GOD is unjust, GOD is not essential to living, and GOD is contrived by man to handle his fear and ignorance. And furthermore leading man to believe he is GOD and gets to pick his higher power and its limitations (as the Israelites bid Aaron). This is apparent as we listen to the noise and it tells you its intentions boldly, as there are ways GOD has established that bring about the fruit of the spirit and ways that bring about the wages of sin and man justifies the later and lies about the results. I listen often to arguments over liberalism and conservatism, and have heard folk say the greatest assault on America is the rise of socialism by the liberal agenda. Then I listen to another position that asserts the greatest threat to America is corporation and special interest and the diminishing middle class. Then there is CNN and FOX news furthering the rift and a cry about the reality of the news, and in truth they're all lying or rather holding back the truth. The truth is the word of GOD and the order he has established for living. That we love each other and give of our lives that another



may live. It is not our place to limit anyone and judge them based on any forum or position. I will give you Romans 14 then come back this argument:

*Romans 14 King James Version (KJV)*

14 Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.

<sup>2</sup> For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.

<sup>3</sup> Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.

<sup>4</sup> Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

<sup>5</sup> One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

<sup>6</sup> He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

<sup>7</sup> For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

<sup>8</sup> For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

<sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

<sup>10</sup> But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

<sup>11</sup> For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

<sup>12</sup> So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

<sup>13</sup> Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

<sup>14</sup> I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

<sup>15</sup> But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

<sup>16</sup> Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

*<sup>17</sup> For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but  
righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*

*<sup>18</sup> For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God,  
and approved of men.*

*<sup>19</sup> Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace,  
and things wherewith one may edify another.*

*<sup>20</sup> For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are  
pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence.*

*<sup>21</sup> It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing  
whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.*

*<sup>22</sup> Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that  
condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.*

*<sup>23</sup> And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not  
of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*

In reading this, what I get is that the things that make us different are less important than the  
GOD that connects us. What I understand is that every man will have to give an account for the  
choices he has made. The more relevant thing that I understand is that we assign dispositions  
and nomenclatures to each other so we can deny GOD's order for all men. We are missing the  
fellowship and power of unity sighting differences that GOD will settle at judgement. On the  
issues GOD has already ruled on through the commandment we need not argue these. What we  
do is create issues where by we attempt to determine who is even human and born into a place to  
receive the dominion from GOD or even the rights granted in the constitution. Once those issues

are resolved we created laws that ensure people's rights are not violated, seeking to have some semblance of civility. These laws ensure, or are supposed to prohibit discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, and genetic information, as well as reprisal for protected activity (EEOC, 2018).

When these issues are resolved we began to turn each other into threats creating hysteria and the broadcast noise become louder. We further justify, hate, greed and fear to fulfill our lust by crying danger from invaders, gang members, free riders, hippies, and many other words to justify there are spooky people hell bent on our destruction and the compromise of our way of living. We are here to love each other, that's how we overcome and make it all better. There are people who want to love you, that you have decided are incapable of loving you, because you believe the noise which states only your kind can love you. "Love is at the root of everything. All learning, all parenting, all relationships. Love, or the lack of it." - Fred Roger -.

What I love about my father is that he made variety, he created many people, flavors, visions because we process information quickly and get bored easily. There is rich calming in depth for me, in sound I like all the vibrations and frequency interacting and building, music is of GOD. I see us all as his orchestration rich and full, completely dependent to complete the work (A matter of my muse or vision). The noise of hate seeks to destroy the harmonious orchestration of love, which is in us all to share with each other as is GOD's creation, more than intention, but it is there, we refuse all to walk in it. Which brings me to why there is death which is the wage of sin, the rebellion of truth and love.

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## **Death**

Noise can kill you, or provoke GOD to kill you or have you killed. GOD created you and he has every authority (which is GODs) to destroy what he has created. As GOD is a loving GOD he established order for living and a way by which man could have the fruit of the spirit in walking in obedience. I will remind you what the fruit of the spirit is:

*“love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*

*<sup>23</sup> Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.” Galatians 5:22 – 23*

This is the manifestation “The Fruit” of walking in GOD’s order and it is available to everyone without discrimination. Those that refuse to walk after the spirit but after the flesh (meaning they have made a conscious effort in their hearts to be in rebellion) will reap the fruit of the flesh which is:

*Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,*

*<sup>20</sup> Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

When these things are in a person's life they are a direct reflection of the choices one has made, and they will be given the opportunity to hear the WORD of GOD, be cleansed and repent. Most are so weary as the sole purpose of these life choices is to kill them with a slow and agonizing death, whereby in most cases they don’t even know they are dying, they are just broken. When approached with light, and salt at the hour of despair most will run to the cross, to the love of GOD and be healed, transformed, and on fire for the LORD. I love these type of saints as they have been through it and are not disillusioned they know there is nothing off the arc but death, so they cling, and if they are nurtured in the WORD and LOVED they become mighty in the LORD. They die to self, and the death to the flesh and they know is the first death and resurrection of the spirit which will bear fruit. The greatest love story of all to be cleansed by the

blood of JESUS and to be forgiven of sin and offered a chance to enjoy in peace the order and creation of GOD.

Then there are those, the stiff necked and the hard hearted who have decided to embrace the noise and seek a different solution. The order of hell in them seeking power, glory, sex, filled with vanity as Solomon said there is only vanity, for those who are seeking life outside of GOD's order. Some are given to reprobate minds because they are stiff necked and hard hearted, and eventually the wages of sin are death.

I have been asked how could a benevolent GOD kill people or allow the Israelites to kill other people, and order the slaughter of folk. The wages of sin is death it is the order GOD established, as the willful disobedience to GOD's order erodes, kills, destroys whatever comes against it. Disobedience is friction and erosion against GOD order which will never be triumphed over so it is in conflict and will dissipate or disintegrate. The process of being in conflict with GOD also serves as an irritation or countering force to the righteous or those traveling in the right direction, so if it fails to yield it will be destroyed. There is good and evil, there is that which goes with righteousness which is the order GOD created for man to have right relationship with creation. Then there is evil or that which brought about to kill man, steal his gift of dominion and destroy the creation he has dominion over and intended to enjoy. There is opportunity when there is conflict in this area depending on how great that one force will subside to the other. There are many folk that have decided to be Christian (disciples of CHRIST) from all walks of life. So there is grace to conform and flow in the order of creation. Then there are those who have willfully decided not to do so, and there destiny is both a physical and spiritual death. It is not a game I used to have a preacher that would say before GOD allowed the enemy

to have more souls he would turn rocks into souls (can't find it in the bible though). The matter becomes one of how, long and how much to tolerate, and GOD judges.

It is apparent when the Israelites cross Jordan that the GOD of Abraham had been there before them. Balaam received messengers from the king of Moab. The king requested that Balaam speak to GOD and bid GOD destroy the Israelites. GOD would speak with him (Balaam), and said for them to leave the Israelites alone for they were blessed. The intention of the King of the Moabites was to wipe them from the earth. These people on the other side of Jordan after having heard the WORD of GOD and denying the GOD of creation created their own gods. Some even patterned their religion after the promises and prophecies given the Israelites to make it seem as if their gods was GOD. There are several pagan religions that tell of a virgin birth and a savior, yet there is only one CHRIST. They can do this because they heard the word, had an experience with GOD and refused him. Job was not a Hebrew, he was from Uz, yet he knew the rituals and process known to Hebrew priest for praying to and worshipping GOD. These folk knew the GOD of creation and had willfully turned away and decided to kill the folk that had decided to walk with him as his people. These pagan religions consisted of ritual involving sacrificing children, self-mutilation and other forms of lascivious behavior. It was apparent that living with Moabites was not an option as the influence of their evil could influence GOD's people. Balaam told those seeking to destroy the Israelites that waring with them was not the solution, but intermarrying would be their downfall. We can see time and again even with Solomon the wisest man alive that after building a temple to GOD, he shortly thereafter built temples to other gods and sacrifices his children to their gods. There is no satisfying flesh, evil is all consuming. Only GOD can pass the judgement to kill, because only GOD can create. GOD is merciful and in life

there are occasions where the evil must be abolished to preserve the righteous. A man can't judge GOD, he sets the order and has made provisions for us to enjoy creation, yet the word is clear that thief comes but to kill, to steal and destroy –John 10:10. GOD is the defender of those he loves and his order:

**Psalm 5:11**

*But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou **defendest** them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.*

**Psalm 20:1**

*The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob **defend** thee;  
Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: **defend** me from them that rise up against me.*

**Psalm 82:3**

***Defend** the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy.*

**Isaiah 31:5**

*As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts **defend** Jerusalem; **defending** also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it.*

Defending the faithful and weak Christian against the tyranny of evil is an essential part of the relationship we have with the LORD. Destruction of others is for GOD ALMIGHTY alone and his appointed. Destruction is not for folk claiming to be the left hand of GOD, or people who are



angry and fearful of other based on race and or socio-economic status. If you have not heard from GOD directly, then killing other folk is not a task that is appointed you. I understand freedom is not free and soldiers follow orders. One of my favorite movies is Sgt. York and I believe that sometimes it is necessary to take life to ensure the innocent, and weak may live. The LORD has ordered entire people killed, children, women livestock everything and on those occasions GOD's appointed heard from him or his prophet. If you are commanding a soldier to kill you need to be sure you have heard from GOD. Ultimately we war and kill each other because of lust and sin. Sometimes the lust of a collective will grow to the point where they infringe upon the peace of others to satiate their desire. The book of James 4: 1-12:

*From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?*

*<sup>2</sup> Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.*

*<sup>3</sup> Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.*

*<sup>4</sup> Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*

*<sup>5</sup> Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?*

*<sup>6</sup> But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.*

*<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

*<sup>8</sup> Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.*

*<sup>9</sup> Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.*

*<sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.*

*<sup>11</sup> Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.*

*<sup>12</sup> There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?*

What we need to kill is ourselves not in suicide, but in death to self (flesh). We need to die to our desire, lust and envy, and learn to give of ourselves and walk upright before the lord. That is the point of this interaction as the created, to learn to love each other and give of ourselves to ensure others have a better life.

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Romans 8:1 speaks to the liberty afforded those that walk after the spirit and not after the flesh. In truth life walking in the spirit is liberating, we are often told that Christianity is full of restraints and most that follow or seek to be a disciple of CHRIST often fail, or garner hypocritical positions on sin as they secretly are as carnal as the world, while

condemning all others. I will share a truth, that most pastors will not share. The bible explains that for those who have died to self and live unto the LORD all things are permissible, not all things are prudent. Paul explains it this way regarding himself and the faith:

*<sup>12</sup> All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient:  
all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the  
power of any.*

*<sup>13</sup> Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall  
destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but  
for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.*

*<sup>14</sup> And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us  
by his own power.*

*<sup>15</sup> Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I  
then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an  
harlot? God forbid. <sup>1st</sup> Corinthians 6: 12-15*

All though all things a permissible, that does not make them right before the LORD and they are subject to GOD's word on spirit and fleshly consequences. What we have to understand is that we have to die to self and live unto the LORD. What does that mean you may ask? It means that lust and desire of the flesh, fornicating, and eating for pleasure, drinking excessively and like behavior are actions that speak your desire to serve you, which is lust. They are attempts so satisfy the flesh and fleshly desires you have, after being programmed by the noise. The noise has you seeking selfish gratifications which can't be fulfilled. They always leave you sad, drunk, hurt, and most all belittled from the state you should be in to have dominion. These thing mock you and give occasion for the accuser to bear witness of how far away you are from what you

were created to be. The way to overcome is to die to self and live for CHRIST. Even though you are forgiven of sin you have authority over your flesh and you choose to walk after the spirit or after the flesh. Romans 6:1-19:

6 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

*<sup>10</sup> For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.*

*<sup>11</sup> Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*<sup>12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*

*<sup>13</sup> Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

*<sup>14</sup> For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

*<sup>15</sup> What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.*

*<sup>16</sup> Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*

*<sup>17</sup> But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.*

*<sup>18</sup> Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.*

*<sup>19</sup> I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your  
flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness  
and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members  
servants to righteousness unto holiness.*

You have authority over your flesh, having had it subjected to death through baptism with  
CHRIST and more so into its resurrection, now as the scripture says, live unto righteousness  
after having survived death and resurrected through faith. That is why there is so much scripture  
in this writing because faith cometh by hearing, and hearing from the word of GOD.

We should not allow ourselves to be the very reason we live in misery doubt and despair,  
suffering slow agonizing deaths, as we live in fear, doubting our existence and its purpose,  
failing to enjoy what has been created for us, turning to drugs, drink and sex for temporary fixes  
never the solution. The answer is to live ,love, and learn. Live unto GOD by loving each other  
and learn of him (GOD) so you can understand what the plan is for your life. I assure you it is  
not to go to work for some company that pays you as little as they can to keep you on board,  
giving a tenth of that to a pastor, that holds you hostage in guilt so you can retire, grow old and  
wait on the early bird special (GOD forbid). Once you die to self, live a life that leaves a legacy  
that bears witness to your love of GOD and your obedience, and dedication to serving others.  
Have a life that sees creation and not on some all-inclusive retreat where you spend all the time  
eating and drinking and laying by the pool. Walk in the faith and meet folk from all over and  
you will find you share so much in common. Live a life that leaves a legacy that says you cared  
to leave an inheritance for your children's, children and asserts you laid your hand to the task and  
gave your all. In order to do this it takes commitment. GOD is committed to the order he has

established, he does not change the rules midstream, since creation GOD has been committed to ensuring we have right relationship with him. He is GOD ALMIGHTY and he changes not, yet he has prepared for us since creation a way to have fellowship with him and creation. It is dependent on our faith an level of commitment.

## Commitment

Success in a relationship or I should say harmony is based on the reality established when fellowship is formed. When GOD created man he did not create a man that would die, or be down trodden or sad, enslaved or abused. GOD created a man and gave him dominion (sovereignty or control) over all creation. Then he assigned a task to Adam which was to tend to the garden which he presided over and lived within” And then Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.’ Genesis 2:15 Then GOD endowed him with dominion, fellowship with all creation, as GOD brought all creation before Adam, and whatsoever he named it, that’s what it was. Then GOD fellowshiped with Adam and walked with him in the cool of the day, where he shared with Adam the order of creation and the effects of his interactions with creation. The knowledge GOD shared with Adam was truth, as GOD is not a man that he can lie. This is how Adam knew that it was out of GOD's order for him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Within the order GOD created was a committed order that would not yield to self, lust or evil. There was no reset there was a path that moved forward which required actions to offset the effects of disobedience, which is sin and warrants death. GOD in his gracious and merciful, committed relationship to man and order provided a SAVIOR to restore the relationship between HE, man and creation and the commitment and order he established. All, everything could have, and should have perished at the rebellion of Adam against GOD and the order of creation. GOD’s love for us has created a path for us to better understand the full balance he established with order and allows for us to enjoy creation and his fellowship through a committed relationship.



“Go and sin no more” as JESUS bid folk after healing and absolution of sin is to request that they be committed to the order of righteousness and fellowship with the creator, and creation. We must be committed to the order GOD has established as it will not yield, or change (Mercy and grace are not affirmations for repentance from GOD). Mercy is GOD holding back judgement that is due, often due to CHRIST, always because of love, and grace is the power of his love for us that is committed even beyond our failures. GOD is perfect in this that his order does not change and is what commitment is, we have to ask what are we committed to. If we have not died to self and accepted CHRIST as savior, we are often committed to dying and chasing a feeling that continuously evades us because it can’t be fulfilled in the flesh. A committed relationship means that you have burned the ships, accepted the order of engagement (the work needed) from the WORD. Committed means you are faithful that your work and efforts will yield peace and joy which are fruit of the spirit, not succumbing to the noise of contrary opinion.

We often have relationships where we confess commitment, but our actions are to the contrary, so our results are to the contrary. You cannot tell me (well you could but you would be lying) you are walking after the spirit while you are fornicating, committing adultery, committing sin which is rebellion to GOD's order for the righteous of GOD. It does not mean that you are not saved, or betrothed, to a covenant relationship, it means you are not committed to making it work. Most marriages do not work because of lack of commitment, not money issues, but where your heart is committed is where your treasure will be. The money issue is a reflection of lack of commitment to each other and where the money is, is where the commitment lies. The order is established for how creation works regarding how walking after the spirit or the flesh yield results. The marriage bond is a covenant that will yield results based on an established order. If

you are committed to holding each other up, keeping each other accountable and an established reality of the power of the WORD of GOD being absolute truth there is unity of purpose, and the commitment to that order will yield the fruit of the spirit. If there is rebellion to that order and no commitment or loose (insincere) commitment it will yield the fleshly results. This lack of commitment is why many of you are miserable, and commit adultery, yell, fight, drink and cuss each other out, because you are uncommitted. It does not matter that he or she does not know that you are not committed, GOD knows and his order is established, you can't hide. Adam and Eve tried to hide but the sin was done and as sin does, it seeks to expose you and mock you. Sin when discovered tries to blame others, and deny authority over the choice, as Adam said "And the man said, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." Placing blame on GOD and Eve. One of the lessons of this is that GOD did not just say "Well OK" and just send them on to die (which they did die that day, they did not cease) he with the order established, shed blood of an innocent lamb (as he did with you through JESUS CHRIST), and covered them from their sin. The wage is paid, but the order is not broken so fellowship may remain.

You can't have idols in your life and be committed to something, or someone else. You are the servant of the GOD you obey, or the order you obey which has its own set of consequences or results. Romans 6:16 "16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" You don't have to be caught to be guilty. Idols today may not look like the idols of old but they have the same ramifications. You don't have to have a giant golden bull or a statue you carry, but anything you exalt above the established order of GOD is an idol. The

truth is in most cases idols area symbol of rebellion and selfishness. As I stated earlier we create gods we can tote and place our desire as their power and then submit to ourselves through them, we are the evil, not the material. Gold is not evil, we are, as we worship our lust through it. Money is not evil as the Word says “ For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” Timothy 6:10. There is no evil in material, there is no certain type of wood, metal or water that is evil. Man impresses his desire upon a thing and makes that thing the confirmation of his wicked heart. Whether a man sacrifices his heart, time and or resources to a thing it is not compelling, it is a thing. There are times when a logo (man made symbol) speaks to a culture and serves as indicator of an associated life style, but in truth it is a symbol of the collective hearts of men that empower it, which takes commitment to selfishness, and lust. GOD is clear that we are not to hold up graven images or create idols, because he is our source, the only creator. Looking to lottery winnings, wagering on chance, or submitting to others principles for your sustenance is not commitment to GOD. Let me bring this home, if a woman is married to a man, yet she allows another man to take care of her, who has her loyalty? To whom is she committed? She is committed to herself, yet one man facilitates her desire, which one can make demands? The Word says in Mathew 6:21-24:

*<sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

*<sup>22</sup> The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.*

*<sup>23</sup> But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!*

*<sup>24</sup> No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one,  
and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the  
other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

You can't serve two masters with all our heart, and where your heart is, is where you will spend your money and your time. People can tell you anything, the question is do they know the truth do they truly understand where their commitment lies. Some folk will say they don't, then they deny the HOLY SPIRIT because it will convict you, and you will know. If you do not have the HOLY SPIRIT then you are not saved and you need to pray for deliverance. I know there is some contention here as some believe that once you confess the LORD as SAVIOR you are filled with the HOLY GHOST others believe that the HOLY GHOST will fall on you when you are ready and you will bear evidence by speaking in tongues. The truth is that CHRIST promised a comforter that knows all things and that he would indwell us. This is the most powerful dispensation man has known, not GOD leading us by pillar of fire and cloud, not GOD directing us by prophet, but GOD indwelling us, that's commitment to your salvation. How committed are you to your salvation? Living the lie in sin will continue to yield the wages of sin, renew the commitment, go before GOD and confess your sin, and be cleansed in the blood of CHRIST whose sinless life and shed blood covers a multitude of sin, and go and sin no more, REPENT! Sure you will make mistakes, but your commitment governs your actions as it is dependent on your faith and belief, and mercy and grace preside with in GOD's order, but you are his in the covenant and he is committed to your success. Paul writes to the Philippians he is "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" Philippians 1:6.

Most people are not solely committed to being evil or forsaking the LORD. They have moments where they are willing to rebel, even issues or topics that spark anger and rebellion. I had a wise man tell me that “you can’t be angry with someone unless you judge them first”. There are people, or races, or religions even whole countries of people whereby folk will refuse to extend love or be gracious because they have judged them unworthy. “A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.” Galatians 5:9. It only takes a little evil, and selfishness to begin a series of qualifiers or judgements for rebellion. We start out by stating matters we will not yield to, like being yelled at, or mistreated, which turns into summoning anger and ill temperament (which we regard as having spunk or a backbone) lodged against folk in situations where we should extend grace. We do not trust GOD for deliverance so we develop strong holds, places we keep from the LORD where we may retreat. In these areas the order of GOD does not matter as they are our refuge. We retreat into pornography to handle stress and loneliness, alcohol to handle the same or to relieve stress and loosen your resolve to even sin more. Sex, drugs, lies, anger, wrath other relationships (the wages of the flesh) or simply shutting down from the world as places we do not allow the LORD into because we are not fully convinced in our hearts he will love us enough to heal us there. We are not committed to the relationship and transparency. Even more direct, these are areas in our flesh that we have developed to handle the world that we have not turned over to GOD. We have to understand GOD is a rock and a strong place, his word, and his spirit which resides in you can handle any matter. “The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.” Nahum 1:7 . We have to trust the LORD completely and be committed to the relationship of restoration that can only be manifest by surrendering to the LORD. Pride is a strong hold we build whereby we resolve that the loss of dignity is unbearable. We do not consider the loss of dignity CHRIST endured that he may die

for you so he could ensure that you could have fellowship with GOD ALMIGHTY and be saved from condemnation and eternal darkness. You're upset because someone disrespected you, unwilling to give grace and mercy to those, after receiving it from CHRIST which you were redeemed. We have to be fully committed to LORD in trust and in faith to have breakthroughs that tear down the strongholds in our lives.

I love the book of Job where GOD explains who he is in relationship to creation:

*Job 38 King James Version (KJV)*

*38 Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,*

*2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?*

*3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.*

*4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.*

*5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?*

*6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the corner stone thereof;*

*7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

*8 Or who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?*

*<sup>9</sup> When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,*

*<sup>10</sup> And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,*

*<sup>11</sup> And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?*

*<sup>12</sup> Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;*

*<sup>13</sup> That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?*

*<sup>14</sup> It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment.*

*<sup>15</sup> And from the wicked their light is withholden, and the high arm shall be broken.*

*<sup>16</sup> Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?*

*<sup>17</sup> Have the gates of death been opened unto thee? or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?*

*<sup>18</sup> Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth? declare if thou knowest it all.*

*<sup>19</sup> Where is the way where light dwelleth? and as for darkness, where is the place thereof,*

*20 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?*

*21 Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born? or because the number of thy days is great?*

*22 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,*

*23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?*

*24 By what way is the light parted, which scattereth the east wind upon the earth?*

*25 Who hath divided a watercourse for the overflowing of waters, or a way for the lightning of thunder;*

*26 To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is; on the wilderness, wherein there is no man;*

*27 To satisfy the desolate and waste ground; and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?*

*28 Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of dew?*

*29 Out of whose womb came the ice? and the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?*

*30 The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen.*



*31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?*

*32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?*

*33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?*

*34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee?*

*35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go and say unto thee, Here we are?*

*36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? or who hath given understanding to the heart?*

*37 Who can number the clouds in wisdom? or who can stay the bottles of heaven,*

*38 When the dust groweth into hardness, and the clods cleave fast together?*

*39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion? or fill the appetite of the young lions,*

*40 When they couch in their dens, and abide in the covert to lie in wait?*

*<sup>41</sup> Who provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry  
unto God, they wander for lack of meat.*

This scripture shows the power of GOD over all things from the majesty of creation, to the order of clouds and elementals to the desire of animals to feed, nothing is to great or too small for GOD, because he is the GOD of creation. Folk will not allow GOD into the dark places of their heart because they don't trust and believe in GOD. You trust what you rely on, and we have to be trained out of that. We have to determine this whole thing is real, and not just an amalgamation of stories, fairy tales and people full of game. What I hope to show you is that you can commit your life to the order GOD has established in his word, not what your pastor, or preacher said (he should be confirming what you read and the experiences you are having) and his order will yield what he said it would.

I had a friend tell me that he confessed, and gave testimony to people so much concerning the works GOD had done in his life that, that GOD had to uphold them because folk would believe GOD had not done his job. I laugh at the story because he proclaimed healing years ago from a life threatening issue and a seriously potentially progressive issue and never went back to the doctor regarding the issue accepting his healing. He finally went back to the Doctor and had his faith confirmed. He says he hangs his hat on that issue in his life to confirm GOD is real. Have you had a GOD is real moment? GOD is faithful to take the issues of life and confirm his reality to you. Now I have a friend that confesses he has given GOD many opportunities to be real to him with many projects and lottery chances and GOD has not shown up once. I assert GOD has shown up every time because if he had the money he would be a problem; until his heart changes he is better off broke. GOD is not a genie that he should serve you, or a prostitute that he should serve you for your gain. GOD is almighty and sovereign and when we realize he is the

ALMIGHTY GOD authority, sovereign ruler of all things we can find out what it is he has for us to do, and how we should live and commit to it.

I stated earlier that my life is full of situations where I was at my wits end, and what on some occasions should have been my life's end, yet I survived. The issue is one of not so much surrender but crying out. There is a song by the musical group Take 6 that I used to play over and over, where they say "he can make a way out of no way exchange lonely nights for brighter days" and it was my mantra in hard times along with the Psalms 31, and 71 challenging the LORD not with indignation, but a sorrowful hopeful plea that he would be with me as with David, and he has never failed me because he is real to me and he loves me. I pray his grace and mercy abide with me forever, and I pray you would know him as your LORD and savior and that he will be real to you. I know we trust what works, but we can't decide what working looks like either. GOD knows what is best for you and sometimes his answer does not look like what you decided is best for you. The issue is a matter of TRUTH what is your truth. I often say when you know the truth it replaces what you believed to be truth. Those sailors sailing towards the horizon with expectations of falling eventually never did and came back to where they started from, from the other direction, they knew the world was not flat as they once believed. The truth is that the world is round and they had to discover the truth, before it became truth to them. How many fallacies do you believe? How many wives' tales, superstitions, lies, folk tales that you have accepted as truth, that have nothing to do with what is really true. Sure it is your reality, and you operate in it as truth, with results that are manageable or never conflicting with truth so they remain real to you, even though they are not truths. Truth is the order GOD has established for creation and it is absolute. It may not be realized by you as you may not have heard it or

interpreted it as it has not rubbed up against your fallacy, but there is absolute truth. In order for you to commit to GOD and his order you must accept his word as truth, or you will continue to use what makes you comfortable, the reality you can tolerate. Which in most cases is a lie and not the truth.

## **Truth**

I have heard the argument that the bible is not the truth of GOD. I have heard that Shakespeare wrote the bible King James Version so he could have a homosexual relationship with the king of England. There is one that says it was written to control slaves, others state that it is missing books and is an incomplete work. I have heard scholars say it is not literal and filled with metaphor that are open to interpretation. There are enough doubters, and naysayers that there are books written on why the bible is not truth. When you have sailed the world you can speak of what you have seen on the voyage. When you have not you can only speculate. I have seen GOD work in my life and in the life of other, I have relied on the word of GOD (the bible) to help establish truth in my life. I gave this a lot of thought and considered critical thinking models to separate fallacy from truth in an attempt to convince folk that the bible speaks truth. I considered stating an argument and then utilizing critical thinking analytics to resolve the matter,

but I subscribe to the a thought process more intently which states, “That which will demonstrate a truth to one person, possibly will never move another. Because our reason does not consist in a mathematical point: and the heart of reason, that vital and most sensible part, in which only it can be conquered fairly, is an ambulatory essence, and not fixed: it wanders up and down like a floating island, or like that which we call the life blood” (Taylor, 1660). No matter how well I convey a point there will be naysayers. The argument will shift and all types of issues come into play that are not even jerman to whether the word is GOD’s truth or not. Folk dispute the bible as truth, and it was written on the hearts of men by GOD, what can I say that will convince a man. The Truth has to be spoken into a man’s heart which must be ready to receive it. Truth is not universal, it does not appeal to everyone no matter where they are in their life. Some folk will be offended by the truth because the path they are on is so far from aligning with it, that it is a judgement against their character and intellect to be that far off. The truth is beneficial for all universally because it is established by the creator as a guide for all men. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all speak of seed falling on soil as a story about truth falls on men’s hearts and where they are in life can determine how it is received ( I will use Mathew):

*Mathew 18:3-9 “And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow;*

*<sup>4</sup> And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up:*

*<sup>5</sup> Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth:*

*<sup>6</sup> And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.*

*<sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them:*

*<sup>8</sup> But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.*

*<sup>9</sup> Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.*

Seed is seed, it is a constant in the parable like the truth which it symbolizes. The wayside seed as CHRIST explains later feel on those that had no relationship with CHRIST and the noise from the enemy was heard above it, folk came and deterred he that should receive it. Then there is the man that receives the word, but has no place of growth and encouragement, the order of GOD is strange to him. When he received the word it resonated well, it bodes well in his heart, but when it was challenged he had no support so when hardship came, or the trial he was offended. Then there was he that received the word amongst naysayers, and unbelievers, those that were hard hearted and decidedly rebellious. Then there is the man that heard it, believed it and was ready for it, so much so that he shared it and others believed.

Simply because you do not believe in a thing, does not make it a lie. There are those that know the truth and do not abide in it and later have a change of actions predicated on the truth being there. I like discussing Solomon because he was wise, he spoke with GOD or heard from GOD and still served other gods when he knew it was wrong. The truth is if you serve yourself it will fail you, it's not why we are here. If you serve GOD there is growth and abundance. Solomon speaks in Ecclesiastes of having seen sun rises and sunsets, eating and drinking, possessions and interactions with folk on all levels from loving to dying, wealth and poverty, ownership and freedom, being old and young and concludes, if it does not serve GOD and follow his order it is vanity. Selfishness separates us from truth often as we decide that we will have the truth serve

us instead of serving the truth. Once you hear truth you will immediately know how close you are to it. If you are deeply offended and find, that this is completely contrary to what you believe, in most cases you will judge the truth as a lie. If you find the truth is in line with where you are in life you will probably accept it easier. Truth tells us where we are as it is a standard like the North Star, or magnetic North. Truth is not in different places for many people to find on many different walks. The truth bears witness to CHRIST, CHRIST fulfills the WORD of GOD as GOD became flesh and walk amongst us and sent his HOLY SPIRIT to indwell us that knows TRUTH as the WORD is TRUTH, which is CHRIST, and CHRIST which is JESUS, and JESUS "saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" John 14:16. There is one truth and one way to GOD and right fellowship and it is through CHIST JESUS this is the TRUTH.

The point of truth is not to bring torment to men, but to show the way to and of GOD. Truth is to torment evil and expose it as evil so it can flee man, and man can move from it. Christ came upon men with evil spirits, blocking the way that no man could pass, (this is what evil noise does, block the way for man) and JESUS very presence (as he is the truth, way and the life) as truth tormented evil (as fear does) and evil sought to flee Mathew 8:28:

*<sup>28</sup> And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.*

*<sup>29</sup> And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?*

*<sup>30</sup> And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding.*

*<sup>31</sup> So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.*

*<sup>32</sup> And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.*

The men are free from their torment, yet evil is tormented and encapsulated in drowning pigs, and the way is made clear for other men because of the truth. If you will read this scripture you will notice that there are those that are having a degree of consternation at the loss of revenue at the cost of freedom, brought about by truth as their pigs are dead. It is the case often that there are those that will seek to benefit on the effects of evil and its hold on men there. There are news outlets and many other amplifiers of noise that benefit on the stagnant nature of man as he listens to noise and is arrested in his development by it. Without truth there is no growth, as the way is blocked and a man is held captive. Why do doctors want you all on some kind of medication that alters your reality and your ability to process and cope with truth. So they can profit and be the only ones not on meds. I had a Dr. ask me.” how is it that I you are not on any meds?” and I asked him, what meds was he on?...nothing. Not that you can’t take meds, but there are folk on everything from stress to sleep medicine curbing your body’s natural order to be uncomfortable with noise and seek truth. Medicated folk are more compliant and less involved, yet just as aware as the matter is spiritual.



John the Baptist came speaking truth and as a herald to the living WORD. He is described as a man in the dessert eating locust for meat and wild honey, he spoke truth and Herod, and JESUS and righteous men came and were baptized as they heard truth. Those that were far from the truth were offended as John called out the religious leaders of the time for being ineffective and ungodly, Mathew 3:4-12:

*And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.*

*<sup>5</sup> Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,*

*<sup>6</sup> And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.*

*<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*

*<sup>8</sup> Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:*

*<sup>9</sup> And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.*

*<sup>10</sup> And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*

*<sup>11</sup> I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:*

*<sup>12</sup> Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor,  
and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff  
with unquenchable fire.*

John the Baptist continued in this vane all the way to his death, as he spoke truth to Herod and his brother Philip's wife (whom Herod had known) was cut to the core as she was living far from the truth, and so she desired to kill John to silence him, but the truth shouts in her heart and mind. Mark 6:18-20: For John had said unto Herod, "it is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife". Therefore, Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not: <sup>20</sup> For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

We often see in the bible folk bringing the truth killed by those who do not want to hear the truth or be exposed by it. Stephen is stoned to death after he shares the gospel, the good news with people who chose to kill him rather than repent. The evil are tormented by the truth Stephen relays, while CHRIST stands at the throne showing love and acceptance for the truth that is spoken.

CHRIST JESUS came as the ransom, for sin, the sacrifice for sin, and the atonement for sin so man could continue on the path and accept truth. You don't get to define truth because you will make it suite you, the fact that sinners are offended by the truth, proves it's truth. Truth has power because it is from GOD, truth is the order GOD has established for how all creation interacts. Though GOD created harmony between man and all creation, as GOD granted man dominion over his creation. Man sinned by listening to noise, lies from the enemy and established discord between himself and creation, as he took action contrary to the truth GOD had established. Even though man sinned the order was established before creation for JESUS to

be the solution to sin for man as GOD's truth made flesh and walking in the perfect order and authority of GOD's creation without sin (actions out of GOD's order) and thereby cleared the path for man to have power over sin and walk in restored order. That is the gospel truth, which takes faith to accept as reality. Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things unseen, without faith it is impossible to please GOD, because faith comes by the truth which is the WORD of GOD and by hearing it, yet faith without works is nothing, we must walk in what we believe because we are the servants of the god we obey, but through the HOLY SPIRIT we have the power, the authority and the knowledge to walk upright in perfect order and serve the truth and walk after the spirit (which has guided us) and not after the flesh (willful, selfish desire which can't be satisfied and seeks to kill you), and the bear fruit of the spirit in our lives which is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law, because this is proof that a man is in harmony, and order with GOD, to which there need be no interference from law as in this order there is proof that this man is walking in the order of GOD and no longer malfunctioning. When a man is no longer malfunctioning it opens the door for harmonious interaction with GOD's creations, and bears the fruit of the spirit.

I talk to men often that struggle with selfishness in that they are constantly pursuing the brass ring (status, wealth, power) which is lust as the WORD say there are only three things the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life. Sometimes it is important to have others around that hold you accountable and confirm you are, or are not delusional. This is why it is important to have a body of believers that you share your committed relationship with GOD with. This collection of believers should comprise the church.

## The Church

When we think of the church many images come to mind. The old building with three doors so the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY GHOST can enter, with a small vestibule, one big room with wooden pews. Often there is a baptismal under the pulpit, or behind the choir stand, often with 12 stain glass windows each one dedicated by an organization or board with pictures of 1 of the 12 apostles. The pews filled on the back side with hymnals and funeral home fans with pictures of Martin Luther King or White JESUS. Between the hymnals holders the little holders for communion juice and ink pens. This was the church of my youth, now there are these grand halls with lights, and sound system. Huge monitors all around so there is not a bad seat, and overflow rooms with HD TV so no one can miss the JESUS show and every dollar can be collected. Bombastic praise and worship services, and I have seen churches with bookstores, coffee shops and heard of some with ATM machines and VIP valet parking. In truth it does not matter what the building looks like, none of these pastors have been ordained by GOD to rebuild the temple in Israel, or duplicate it anywhere else. These edifices are meant to impress the parishioners not to GOD's standards. The building means very little, when the WORD of GOD speaks of the Church, it is speaking of the collective body of believers, the Ecclesia.

The bible first mentions the word church in Matthew 16:18 as CHRIST addresses Peter and tells him he is the rock on which he will build his church. There was no church prior to this as there was no body of believers. Christ had not come, had not died for the sins of the world, nor had he been resurrected. There was nothing to believe in prior to CHRIST as there was a different dispensation, or process for GODLY relationship, or fellowship. To be saved one must believe JESUS is the son of GOD, who walked the earth without sin, was crucified and died for all the sins of the world, and was raised from the dead. That is the faith of believers, and the basis of the Church, the body of believers, that truth. Any other group of people that believe in a different path to salvation, are a group of people that believe in a different path of salvation, they are not the church. Most Christians do not even know what salvation is. I remember when I first said the sinner's prayer and heard Christians refer to people as saved, they were referring to the manner in which believers behaved, or carried their salvation. They spoke of pious (deeply religious reverencing GOD) folk, which seem to be happy most time, that did not, drink, smoke, cuss, or fornicate. Sometimes they were mean folk that held harsh judgements for everyone else, and were harsh on anything that seem like fun. Whatever the understanding of who was actually saved the examples seemed to be people who had given up on life, and remained close to the church (the building) and were content with listening to gospel music and watching Jubilee, and The 700 Hundred Club, (GOD forbid). There is nothing wrong with those folk I just can't see youth and vibrancy, filled with personality and zeal confined to this existence only, and it is not the example given by saved folk in the bible. Let's tackle this by first understanding salvation. What is salvation, who is saved and what are we being saved from.

I love the old testament because we see the direct interaction with GOD and man and the prophets speaking to GOD and hearing from GOD explaining the word of GOD (I have had preachers say the heart of GOD speaking to his intent for man) so man could live. I believe salvation prayed for in the old testament referred to salvation from the wrath of GOD for evil. When you read the old testament it speaks of action needed for salvation. In the book of Numbers, there are cries to be saved from the enemies of Israel, and in Psalm to be saved from drought, enemies and atrocities. In Isaiah and Jeremiah there is a different perspective that speaks to a person, being saved, and truly saved and there being a peace about him as the strength of the LORD is with them. The prophet Isaiah speaks to eternal salvation as it is written in Isaiah 45:16-18:

*<sup>16</sup> They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.*

*<sup>17</sup> But Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.*

*<sup>18</sup> For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.*

This is powerful to me because it references CHRIST in the old testament, and it speaks to exclusivity of salvation as it says “I am the LORD and there is none else” the Lord JESUS

CHRIST is the only way to salvation, and it speaks to the order GOD established and that he made the world to be lived upon, to be inhabited. GOD did not create the world for there to be constant conflict between its inhabitants, he created the world to be full of peace and love, man has chosen to be greedy, and possessive and filled with lust that he seeks to fulfill. Here we understand that those that are not ashamed of the LORD shall be saved. Openly denying the ways of the flesh and walking after the spirit opens up the world in truth as GOD intended a man to live upon it without fear of anything on it, that is the first salvation. The second salvation that is afforded believers is the salvation from the wrath of GOD at judgement. I am not saying that GOD has changed salvation, it is clear that we should fear the GOD of our body and soul and he has always been that. I am saying that in the old testament we see more prayers for salvation from physical threats, while later in the new testament it is apparent that our immortal souls are subject to the judgement, and wrath of GOD. Salvation is to be saved from the repercussions of sin. Those folk that have accepted CHRIST as the intermediary between GOD's wrath and GOD's love, having realized that there is nothing that they could do to overcome sin accept CHRIST's life as sacrifice for sin, as it is perfect and eternal. Again, back in the days of sacrificial animals, men took animals to the altar before the priest (as specified for that sin) and said this is me, and the priest killed the animal, blood was shed and sin forgiven. This salvation was so the wrath of GOD would not cause death, captivity, famine, drought and it was flesh for fleshly actions. CHRIST JESUS having lived a life without sin, being both high priest and sacrificial lamb (or all flesh for all sin) was sacrificed and death could not hold him as he is risen from the dead. The veil in the temple is rent (symboling the barrier between GOD and man is gone) as CHRIST is now the way, the life and the truth for all men who accept his sacrifice. The church the body of believers are those that have accepted this sacrifice as them (their person as

the sacrificed flesh before the priest) and are seen before GOD through this act and are disciples to this life.

Disciples of CHRIST can sound very serious, and it is, but what does it mean? It means the principles of the life of CHRIST as taught during his time on earth are the doctrines and principles you live your life by. How do you know what those are? By reading his word and coming together as a collective studying his word, and practicing those principles together. On the day of Pentecost those men ate together, shared the word, praised GOD, and gave to one another as there was need, that is the way of the CHURCH! We as the church should be holding each other up, and there should be accountability and not judgement. What does that look like, it looks like the life of CHRIST. Mercifully JESUS finds a lady caught in the act of adultery, he has her released from her accusers and bid her go and sin no more, he loves her through the fault. She was probably terrified, and understood that she was caught dead to rights, and expected the penalty, that she knew went along with the act, but was set free from death. I doubt if she would allow herself to be in that predicament again. Then there are the money changers in the temples and those that sold doves, who have no kindred to the order of sanctity of the process of sin forgiveness. That is to say instead of them handling folk with contrite hearts seeking to get right with GOD through sacrifice, they seek gain, and make the burden harder than it is, under the guise of being righteous folk, They were flogged and ran off, as they violet the path to sin freedom just like the twins that were demon possessed, the evil had to be run off. JESUS is love and mercy, but he was vigilant in calling out sin in folk. CHRIST did not cuss out disciples that were responding to the influence of the enemy, he rebuked the enemy not the person. CHRIST was the word and understood that “we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual



wickedness in high places” (Ephesians 6:12). The people are precious and redeemable, as the question is ask “How can one say I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?” 1 John 4:20. The function of the church is to love your neighbor, and give of yourself to ensure his life. That looks like prayer, fellowship, and giving. If that is not being done, then the collective you have is not a church. The greatest growth I’ve seen in my life was in a small group where we met, and prayed, had accountability partners, and cared for one another. The enemy caused judgement on some folk against the affliction of other folk when we all were afflicted by sin. I know it sounds silly how we can be in fellowship in the name of the LORD while accusing each other in the manner of the enemy. Paul and Peter did it to each other, so it will happen, but we have to be vigilant in our hearts not to entertain this mess.

Most church groups that I have seen in disarray are the product of gossip and judgmental believers. I love the way Paul would go into a church and just call out the sin and explain what the word had to say about the action. He didn’t call out the sinner he addressed the sin. The bible is clear about handling the matter it states if a brother be caught in a fault those that are walking after the spirit are to restore him in meekness. That is with tender mercy and love seeking to be meek in the matter, and not with authority, power and judgement, because as the scripture goes on to say, “you might be tempted”. There are at least several ways one approaching someone caught in a fault might be tripped up themselves;

- Pride that you could not be caught up in something so silly yourself (you may be tested in that area).

- Not having mercy and grace that has been extended you through CHRIST when your heart was contrite or broken.
- Losing a brother as he is shamed and feels unworthy to continue in the fellowship, there by losing a seed.

Remember the parable of the seed, that the seed fell on good ground, but it was shallow and when the weeds sprang up to choke it out there were no saints about to protect it. You are the saints that protect the seed. The saints water and tend, and GOD provides the increase. We are to tend the garden as it was appointed to Adam. We now know we are both the seed, and the gardener, and we have to tend to each other, and GOD will cause growth in our church. It is not the pastor, preacher job alone to tend to the body of believers. Paul did not live in Corinth, Ephesus or Philippi but the word did in the hearts of the church and those committed to the discipleship of CHRIST.

We have to surrender our lives to GOD in intimacy to see how he chooses to use you as an individual before you will be much good to the collective. The surrender of self can be difficult as folk believe they are proud individuals meant to stand alone. JESUS had twelve walk with him, while accountable for the world. Moses had Aaron and Joshua while accountable to all of Israel. David had mighty men of valor and I could go on about how the men of GOD had folk around them supporting the word of GOD challenging each other and growing. In some cases, there was bickering and judgement and power struggles, but the ones who had surrendered to GOD and had an intimate relationship, committed themselves to following GOD. To have the individual relationship with GOD is to have the knowledge of who you are in relationship to creation, so that bickering and relationship, association mess does not deter you from what GOD

has said. When you are committed seeking intimacy we understood the GOD of creation and  
has established the order of life, and there is no other way by which a man can live peaceably on  
creation other than surrender to the creator and his order. How does one have an intimate  
relationship with GOD? GOD already knows everything about you, and his ways are higher than  
your so how can you be intimate?

## **Intimacy**

I feel a little giddy at the thought of intimacy as it is a mature serious thing. It is almost impossible to have an intimate relationship of value without knowing yourself and person with which you are intimate. I equated intimacy to sex when I was younger and felt weird when my brother would speak with me about having intimacy with CHRIST and being the bride. In truth intimacy is releasing your guard and allowing yourself to be known or familiar with someone. There is exclusivity as intimacy is privileged. Sure there are levels of intimacy as I have been to concerts that boast a close intimate performance, which means you are close to the stage or artist. Seeing as though often there is not enough capacity for everyone to be close, those that are, are privileged. Intimacy means there is potential for harm based on proximity and very few people will allow people to get that close as there is little to no defense where there is intimacy. That is why it is important to choose well with whom you are intimate as intimacy produces vulnerability.

The vulnerability we have with GOD is always there he is all powerful, but in the relationship with GOD he offers his son to live in you and for you to trust in him, as he knows him completely and will know you through his sacrifice. I am reminded how the Israelites decided they wanted a King to go before them like the people whose land had been given to them. They had a way of order that did not demand sacrifice of them from insatiable flesh, but from spirit which only required sacrifice to strengthen them and ensure their growth. They chose the symbol of power instead of the almighty power.

*And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.*

*<sup>6</sup> But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord.*

*<sup>7</sup> And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.*

*<sup>8</sup> According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.*

*<sup>9</sup> Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.*

It reminds me of the young person who has been raised under the care and instruction of a loving father. A father who has worked to ensure the child can cook for themselves, drive a vehicle, has provided for them the clothes, and things that entertain and educate them. This father has helped with homework, and driven to all types of events and activities because he loves the child and wants them to be responsible and driven. Eventually the child grows up and the father has saved so the child can attend any college of their choice, and the child moves into the dorm room. The young adult seems to have forgotten every lesson learned and wants to go to the club and hang out. The young adult wants to be with people who have not been raised with a carrying father, and they just want to party and have fun because they are not equipped and want to drag them down, because they don't have what the child has been given.

The children of Israel were being led by GOD ALMIGHTY and judged by his prophet who feared GOD and only sought to ensure there was right relationship between GOD and the Israelites. Israel wanted to go to the club and hang out with folk who had reject GOD so long ago they didn't even remember him before the pagan gods they served who could not protect them from the promise of the Israelites subduing the land from them. They want a king like them other folk. I see often a man that goes to work and breaks his back or racks his mind to eek out a living greater than what he had growing up, only to find a wife that does not appreciate it, and wants to go to the club and hang out with single and unhappy women, who would secretly kill to be in her situation. GOD in his ultimate display of free will, his love for us, allows them to have a king, and understands there is no commitment, or intimacy for him from Israel. GOD does not abandon Israel, but allows rebellion to have it course, as GOD's order does not change, but friction against it will either wear you down to disintegration or change your course, it is dependent on how hard hearted and stiff necked you are where you end up.

GOD is committed to your salvation and allows for us to get to know him and see that he is kind, and faithful. We grow to the point where we can appreciate stability, knowledge and faithfulness and grow closer to the LORD as we begin to see the power of the word and understand how GOD's order is better than the world which is seeking to kill us in the pursuit of flesh. We see that others are seeking to satiate the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life and are competing to see who, can make whom the most envious. Ephesian 4 speaks of the transformation that should take place in our lives as we move from carnal folk, to carnal Christians, to saints seeking after the LORD. Being evolved into people walking in the spirit and not in the flesh as we are prepared to be the Church, the bride of CHRIST washed and made ready.:

Ephesians 4 King James Version (KJV)

4 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.

2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

*<sup>13</sup> Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*

*<sup>14</sup> That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

*<sup>15</sup> But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*

*<sup>16</sup> From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*

*<sup>17</sup> This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,*

*<sup>18</sup> Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:*

*<sup>19</sup> Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.*

*<sup>20</sup> But ye have not so learned Christ;*

*<sup>21</sup> If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:*



*22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man,  
which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;*

*23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*

*24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in  
righteousness and true holiness.*

*25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his  
neighbour: for we are members one of another.*

*26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your  
wrath:*

*27 Neither give place to the devil.*

*28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour,  
working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have  
to give to him that needeth.*

*29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but  
that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace  
unto the hearers.*

*30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed  
unto the day of redemption.*

*31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil  
speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:*

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

I wanted to break this up, but it was perfect. It surely explains how we as individuals should grow, and the manner in which we should fellowship based on the love, grace and forgiveness we have received for CHRIST's sake. We are saved because CHRIST wanted it to be so, we are loved and forgiven because CHRIST wanted it to be so, he has seen us at our worst and saw the bride he will live with eternally. He loves us so much that he gave us his HOLY SPIRIT to indwell us, not to control us, but so we might know him fully regarding his love for us. How many times have you thought to yourself "If I only I could just share my heart with the person I love, so they could know how much I love them", that you would give your life for them. Christ loves you so much that he did both, not only did he die for you, but he put his spirit in you so you would know him and not fear him.

This is intimacy as we turn away from foolish pursuits to understand the perfect order of GOD's creation. This ensures we can't be persuaded by the serpent in the garden, we will not build idols of pride, this ensures we will not forsake the promise and destroy the love that saves us. The book of Ephesians goes on to explain the relationship between CHRIST and the church. The scripture uses the relationship between CHRIST and the church to show the tender love and preparation essential for intimacy, I must share it:

*<sup>20</sup> Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;*

*<sup>21</sup> Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

*<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.*

*<sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.*

*<sup>24</sup> Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.*

*<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*

*<sup>26</sup> That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*

*<sup>27</sup> That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

*<sup>28</sup> So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.*

*<sup>29</sup> For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:*

*<sup>30</sup> For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.*

*<sup>31</sup> For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.*

*<sup>32</sup> This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.*

*<sup>33</sup> Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.*

One of the most incorrectly used scriptures in the bibles, one where many have said “See woman it says right here wives submit yourselves to your husband” not realizing if he has done all the preparation of laying down his life, washing her in love, and presenting her in her best light he

should not have to use the scripture, because she will know his heart and see the authority he is submitted to. Paul states in the scripture the relationship between CHRIST and the church was a mystery. Paul did not have the rest of the story as it is given by John in revelations. John goes on to speak about the church as the bride of CHRIST. CHRIST is the groomsman that prepares the bride (which is the church). There is intimacy with the church as the church completely surrenders to the order of GOD as Revelation says:

*And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

*<sup>4</sup> And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

*<sup>5</sup> And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*

*<sup>6</sup> And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*

*<sup>7</sup> He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

We are cleansed in the blood of CHRIST, transformed through his death and resurrection, as we are baptized unto his death and resurrection. We are raised from the dead (after physical death)

passing through the resurrection and faith of CHRIST and are seen as overcomers now, the sons of GOD, and we will be given of the fountain of the water of life and we shall live eternally, and we shall inherit all things. The bible is like a treasure hunt sometime that speaks of crowns, and mansions and treasure the faithful will receive in heaven. All of our sorrows, and pain shall be washed away. We can have great lives here on earth as the faithful walking in GOD's order and a better life in heaven walking in his glory and basking in his light and his love.

If you have got this far in the book and do not know CHRIST as your personal savior, now is the time to change that and get it right. Confess with your heart if you believe, JESUS CHRIST is the son of GOD who walked the earth without succumbing to sin, and was killed, crucified on a cross, yet was raised from the dead, and now sits at the right hand of POWER (GOD ALMIGHTY) praying for you and all of us that we might have life and have it more abundantly. If you are saved and know the LORD died for you and cleansed you of sin, now is the time to listen to the HOLY SPIRIT and yield to it. To turn your life around and start living in the order God has created for you. It is time to stop malfunction and follow the code of your creator. If you are abiding by the WORD of GOD and living a fruit filled life of blessing it is time to share a life of significance sharing with other, being light and salt extending yourself planting and watering more seed. We live in a wicked time filled with divisive noise set on proving GOD is a lie and using difference to promote lies that render us judgmental and ineffective, don't give in it will not be comfortable speaking to hurting people who are malfunctioning in rebellion. We must remember we were once lost and JESUS in his grace and mercy sojourned with us and feed us, we are not fighting against flesh and blood (Ephesians 6:12). So put on the whole armour of GOD, and restore folk with meekness and love. GOD is faithful he is worthy of your faith, as he

created you and love you. I pray peace and love on your walk and I will see you at the fountain in heaven. Blessings.

## **Epilogue**

When I started this book it was because I was afraid of what America was becoming. I have neighbors talking to me about race wars, and people preparing for civil war. I watch the fabric of America (its constitution) being discussed as if it may not have been perfect, or its authors genuinely seeking equality through rule of law for all men. I have watched great chasm created in men based on politics and economic viewpoints. There is candor that is threatening concerning global alliances and rumors of wars and conflicts. With all the conflict and erosion of social checks and balances, the question arises, what governs our interactions with each other? My son asked me why don't our molecules intertwine and we see folk that are half chair and half

man? Why don't we phase into other rapidly moving molecules? As we talk about everything on an atomic level I understood there was an order in place throughout creation. If there is order, who gave the orders, or who established the order. There must be a divine architect. I understood the argument of the missing link, and learned behavior of matter, as we see nothing in flux, or evolving.

I began to wonder how we can be so much alike and yet so fearful of each other. I was in the Air Force (coolest name of any branch) and got a new roommate that was white. He came into the room that I had been living in and did not speak and was tentative in his movements and range of eye motion, I spoke introduced myself he said "hi" and he asked "if I listened to that music all the time" (It was Cameo, Single Life playing) to which I responded "That's my boom box, I can use earphones when you're in the room, but it plays what I like". He immediately left the room, 30 minutes later he entered the room with the day Sargent who was pissed. He yelled at me that I was not going to have a room by myself and I had to accept that I was going to have a roommate. I told him I welcome having someone to talk to, and explain what had happened. He asked the young Airmen if my assessment was accurate and he confirmed my conveyance of the events was on point and accurate. The Sargent (a white man) looked at the Airman and said, "you're wasting my time. You're going to have to learn to get along with folk that don't look like you. Buy your own boombox, get headphones and listen to Hank Williams or whatever you want" he left and slammed the door as he left the room. The white Airman stood there looking at me awkwardly. I got up and left the room and went and chilled with my buddy Sanders. Sanders was angry and went on to call them every kind of cracker he could think of. I decided I was going to get to know this guy and make him my friend.

When I got back to my room there was another white guy in the room that explained he had switched rooms with the first Airman, and he was from California and didn't have a problem bunking with a brother. I introduced myself and began to chat with him about the whole thing. He explained the other white guy was from some small town in Georgia and was not used to being around Black folk in this capacity. He went on to say that the guy was trembling because he had been told we (Black men) had tails and would choke him to death in his sleep. I was like "Get out of here" he has never seen The Cosby Show, A Different Word, Miami Vice (Tubbs) or seen the movie Sharky's Machine (I love Bernie Casey in that movie). My mind was still made up I was going to get to know that guy. He wanted nothing to do with me.

I later started dating a beautiful blonde girl name Anne Miller from Highland Park Detroit, and we got along on levels I didn't believe possible. She was fiercely loyal, and protective and also had no reservations about making it clear that she was in love. We had taken a retreat to some cabins in the woods on an Air Force camping ground, and low and behold the Airman was there with a bunch of friends and we all sat around and talked, smoked Marlboro Light cigarettes and played quarters and drank beer, and he loosened up after a while. He came over and sat by me and Anne and said to her, "I see why you chose him over all the other guys on base that wanted to date you. He's smart in class, he treats you well and he is a good man, I can tell". He said he had been watching me for weeks and determined that all his kin had taught him about Blacks was wrong. He didn't understand why this beautiful white lady had chosen to date me a Black man and why I had chosen her. He figured either of us could have anyone in our own race we wanted, he even admitted he thought Anne was gorgeous. He had come to the conclusion that there's good white folk and good Black folk, then there's bad white folk and bad Black folk. We



talked late into the night then Anne and I went to bed she leaned over kissed me and said “What a freakin Goober, that guy was. I can’t believe you talk to him so long!”. I wanted to, needed to have him see me, not to validate me, but see himself as wrong in his beliefs. I had this relationship with many people of many races and backgrounds. I went on to hang out with a Latin brother Sgt. Belasario who drove a Supra and listened to Fog Hat, Airman Parker from Willacoochee GA that could play the dozen better than any Black man. Sgt. Banick and his cat (that was really a dog inside) name Butterball, and Dan Whipple and I learned we are all the same. I became friends with Asians, Indians, Africans and at the end of the day we all are the same. The same in that we derive pleasure from favorable unions with each other, relish honesty and integrity and are seeking to ensure our family’s live well, it is universal. It is universal because we are all humans. There are cultures less trusting than others based on colonialism, and media marginalization. There are stereotypes, and unpleasantries bestowed upon most races as one race attempts to prove equality or superiority, which would stop if we all treated each other as equals and gave of ourselves so that others might live.

Then later in my life I witnessed president Obama become the first Black Man President (I put some respect on it) and I heard pastor announce that “Having a Black president meant the end of racism in America” I was not sure how he came to that conclusion, but as he went on to explain, I came to understand that he had no idea what racism was. Racism was not over, it was in a stranglehold brought about by a new sense of political correctness that relegated racist to being “Goobers” as Anne had said, or idiots as David Duke had been displayed as. In short people had begun to eloquently express their racist view points, and we began to see something I had never seen before, White confronting the establishment of advantage they had created and profited

from and confess that a diverse America was needed to be a better America. While I saw racist vilify actions or behaviors stereotyped as Black, and proliferate traditional cooneriscm entertainment and label it urban to further showcase the Black experience as alien and deficient, only to have it embraced by other cultures and expressed their way. It demonstrated to me that fear separated us, but there is something in us seeking to belong, and accept each other. I have Black friends that profess to be ultra conservatives, when ultra conservatives are seeking to separate themselves from Black folk as equals and gird up the platforms that have ensured white supremacy and white rule (Black folk have a place, it is subordinate). I watched White folk march with Black Lives matter, and rally in places where Black folk had been killed by white police. Then Trump was elected and racism was released from its stranglehold under the guise of Making America Great Again and we saw xenophobia and racism emerge like an imprisoned genie loosed from years of captivity and really pissed off.

This is not GOD's plan for life! How did we get here? Consolidated media outlets with a singular agenda? Corporate culture intent on ensuring its welfare and survival above social norm and negative externalities, translated into plain old greed? We are fearful and not living in GOD's order and are destroying our own homes with poor environmental choices more concerned about the now than sustainable options. We don't know each other as we listen to noise to filter our hearts yearning to connect. I met a lady recently with a Trump sticker on her car and she told me of folk giving her the finger, and scratching her car and being mean to her because of the bumper sticker, and I asked her then why keep it? She responded because she had a right to, regardless of whether she supported Trump any longer or not her property should not be damaged based on her sticker. I agreed with her, yet further inquired if she was a true believer in Trump, and she did not answer fully, but did explain she did not believe anyone had

all the answers. I agree also, from a political standpoint, but CHRIST has all the answers and he has given them to us. I tried to find the answers and give them readers as I understood the issues and answers which is all we can ask for anyone to do honestly.

After having navigated through interaction that have allowed me to have conversation, interactions and relationships with people of all sorts of socio-economic diversities I believe the truth and answers for harmonious coexistence is biblical. I do not believe we can coexist as we are, meaning having different gods, and religions and agenda's that we prop up above GOD's edicts and statutes expressed in the Holy Bible. For example, I watched a Ted talk recently where a lady was advocating pedophilia and was stating the way she feels it is natural, well anyone can feel anything there has to be truth regulating social interactions. I read an article on a prolific serial killer that kept speaking of his world (filled with poverty, drugs and despair and racial diversity) as opposed to the interviewing officer who was white and assumed that he was middle class and mainstream, indicating as long as he murdered the weak and disenfranchised he could continue as no one cared. Unfortunately, the serial killer is right. We make it a point to wall up our hearts and our country from the ugly. We live in gated communities and gated private schools because we are fearful and rather interact and find answers to help make change universal we would rather relegate conditions to choices and imprison, wall off and identify things that do not look like the 1% elite ruling class as threats, and Black, brown and other non-whites are easier to profile and easier to engage in the fear that separates us. The universal answer is in the Bible and what I hope I did was share who GOD is and how his LOVE for us can save us and the world. If not your life your eternal soul that it would dwell in heaven in perfect peace after having lived a life of significance on Earth ensuring that you live by GOD's

order walking after the spirit and not after the flesh. Selah (I always wanted to write something where I can close with that).

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