

Hungering and Thirsting For Righteousness

Reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

2 Timothy 4:2

One of the greatest perpetrators of wrong and sin in Christianity today, if not the greatest, is the false conception regarding grace and an abject failure to see the absolute necessity of bearing what John the Baptist called fruit in keeping with repentance, and in equal regard Paul called performing deeds consistent with repentance. As so clearly forewarned in Jude 1:4, they “turn the grace of our God into licentiousness.” But it ought not and must not be this way, and all the more so with the coming of Immanuel. Peter charged, “. . . what sort of people must [to bind] you be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening [quicken] the coming of the day of God . . . ? But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, **in which righteousness dwells**. Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless . . .” (2 Peter 3:11-14). And, this is not spotless and blameless by the blood, but by our affirming and obligated actions. And once again, Peter’s charge here is all the more true for us today, for verse 3 directs this specifically for, “in the last days.” And, Immanuel is coming for a bride, “having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing” (Ephesians 5:27).

Symptomatic of the tragic moral fate of the church and its false and licentious application of grace, there are VERY few places within it—as though nonexistent—where you can find uncompromised calls to righteousness: righteousness in behavior, righteousness in what is spoken, righteousness in dress and how one presents their body, righteousness in their response to authority and how one handles roles or authority entrusted to them, righteousness in what one allows to enter into their eyes and into their ears and even into their mouth, and more.

Jude opens with the grave concern for the compromising state of the church, a concern that is MOST applicable today: “I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons,” then adds the already noted judgment, “who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness . . .” (1:3 and 4).

The church today is a fulfillment of this warning, whereby fatal compromise has crept into it unnoticed. Like a chameleon, and even with complicity, the church has changed with the corruption of society; and as Paul stated, they measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves with themselves, and for this reason they entirely

lack understanding (2 Corinthians 10:12). Here again, they turn the grace of God into licentiousness, wholly failing to hold themselves to the higher standard of personal righteousness, falsely leaning upon a straw cane of supposed “imputed” righteousness. This we will address. As Paul likewise warned, they foolishly and destructively sin as though thereupon grace may increase (Romans 6:1). And, Peter wrote regarding Paul’s words: “. . . in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort/twist, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction” (2 Peter 3:16). This is precisely what people do today with Paul’s words regarding grace. They distort/twist them to their own destruction.

Furthermore, some of their sin is due to willful blindness—e.g., women pastors and teachers, and women dressing so worldly and immodestly. Their sins are breathtakingly shameful! And by their immodest dress, following in the ways of Eve, women cause men to sin. As will be addressed, fleshly lusts wage war against the soul (1 Peter 2:11), and women’s immodesty and sensuality today launches that war within men, and in women as well with their vanity and naivety and weakness. And frankly, a righteous man deeply resents women presenting this temptation, when in fact they should be attesting to righteousness, and thus complete modesty—fully covering their bodies in a concealing and modest dress. Thus, a righteous man is MOST grateful for and delighted with any woman or girl who dresses with complete modesty and humility and lack of worldliness. Again, women need to cease causing men to have to continually fight that war with fleshly lusts.

To better understand the state of the church, and this judgment and warning to it set forth at the outset of Jude, let us look at where else this same Greek word, “aselgeia,” here translated “licentiousness,” is used. Examining these will help us understand what it is that has indeed crept into the church—especially evidenced, as you will see, before the coming of Immanuel. When reading these passages, do so with an examination as to how they so clearly apply to the church today. In each case, this same Greek word is now translated “sensuality” and “sensual,” and will be highlighted in bold. (Also in bold will be the word “nations,” so one can see how sensuality is tied to worldliness.) And remember, this is a MOST important matter for us today, necessitating that we carefully examine and give wise heed to these verses. Hereupon we can understand the problem that is rampant in the church. Therefore, read these verses very carefully and contemplatively.

First, in 2 Corinthians 12:21, here again the concern is for the compromises that take place in the church:

I am afraid that when I come again my God may humiliate me before you, and I may mourn over many of those who have sinned in the past and not repented of the impurity, immorality, and **sensuality** which they have practiced.

Oh how all the more true this is today with the church. Before stating this, Paul warned that when he came, if he did not find them the way he wished them to be, they would not find him to be the way they wished him to be. How much moreso today is the church guilty of these sins? And with Immanuel’s coming, does He not say the same? “If I do not find you the way I want you to be, you will not find Me the way you want Me to be!”

Next, in Galatians 5:19 we read of the deeds of the flesh, something we must deal with on a daily basis:

Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, **sensuality**

In Ephesians 4:17-24, we are warned not to walk in the ways of the world:

So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the **nations** also walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to **sensuality** for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness.

The remainder of those verses continue to apply in this message directed to the believer:

But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of God* has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

And you could go on reading there as well. Furthermore, the phrase, "lusts of deceit," is such a fitting and entirely relevant statement for the rampant sins in the church today. It is deceived by the lusts of the world so as to wholly accept, justify, and boldly practice them. This is the same blind fate mentioned in the preceding verses: "the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding." Such indeed is the state of the church.

In 1 Peter 4:3 we read:

For the time already past is sufficient *for you* to have carried out the desire of the **nations**, having pursued a course of **sensuality**, lusts,

And again the warning concerning the inevitable fate of the church, evidenced so clearly today, is set forth in 2 Peter 2:1-2:

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. Many will follow their **sensuality**, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned

Then in verses 7-10 in the same chapter, Peter continues:

. . . and *if* He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the **sensual** conduct of unprincipled men (for by what he saw and heard *that* righteous man, while living among them, felt *his* righteous soul tormented day after day by *their*

lawless deeds), *then* the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge the flesh in *its* corrupt desires and despise authority.

Those who choose to live unrighteously today, even though making a lame profession of Yahshua, suffer the same risk. They would be wise to heed the warning given by James: "You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? . . . You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone. . . . For just as the body without *the* spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead" (James 2:19-20, 24, and 26).

Concluding this list of passages that point to the certain and evident corruption of the church and its sensuality, while under the guise of grace, let us examine yet another that will begin to open our understanding as to what the only solution truly is. In Revelation 18:3-5 regarding mystery Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth, we read:

"For all the **nations** have drunk of the wine of the passion of her immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed *acts of* immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her **sensuality**." I heard another voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues; for her sins have piled up as high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities."

Most people tragically fail to understand who mystery Babylon truly is. They want to make this a natural fulfillment such as a financial system, when in fact Yahweh God has one focus, and that is His kingdom—the church! As clearly set forth in the writing, [The Great Tribulation](#), and more specifically in [page/section 9](#), as well in [All's Well That Ends Well](#), this great whore who sits upon a scarlet beast with seven heads and commits abomi-**nations** with the **nations**, is none other than Christianity.

In [page/section 9](#), you will see that the seals are the first Remnant, the trumpets are the second Remnant, and the "seven bowls of the wrath of God" (Revelation 16:1) are Christianity. And, immediately following the bowls in chapters 15 and 16, the great whore—again, Christianity—is addressed in chapters 17 and 18. All four chapters address the same work—the corruption of the kingdom of heaven given to earthly man. Affording further evidence of this, mystery Babylon is clothed in purple and scarlet (Revelation 18:16), the very two colors identified with Yahshua at His crucifixion and torment at the hands of the **nations** as well: purple in Mark 15:17 and 20, and John 19:2 and 5; and scarlet in Matthew 27:28 and 31. Mystery Babylon clothed in purple and scarlet, is the afflicted Body of Christ clothed in purple and scarlet.

As we read from Revelation 18:3-5 above, as well as indicated by the verses we examined leading up to this, the nations who commit immorality with her have become rich by the wealth of her **sensuality**. This has indeed been evidenced throughout the time of the church, beginning with Constantine and accelerated with the Catholic Church, and is accentuated today with the biggest shopping extravaganza in the history of man—Christmas! There are many companies that succeed based solely on this worldly holiday. What would the nations do without it?

And in addition to all of this testimony solely associated with “sensuality,” clearly there is far more evidence that the church today is very much corrupted, and as we have just seen is destined to receive the wrath of God. Paul directly forewarned that the church would fall into this present corrupted state. In 2 Timothy 4:3-4 he forewarned:

For the time will come [and is here now] when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

This, again, includes the fate spoken of in Jude where they turn the grace of God into licentiousness. Then in Acts 20:29-31, towards the end of his work, Paul wrote:

I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.

Here again, Paul knew of and forewarned regarding the corruption of the church. And there is yet another passage he wrote that is even more compelling regarding this corruption, referring to the very time in which we now live—the time of the coming of Immanuel. In 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2 he declared:

Now we request you, brethren, **with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him**, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

No, there could be no such letter at that time, for that day would not come for another 2,000 years. Let us now see what he wrote

Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy/forsaking comes first and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God [2 Thessalonians 2:3-4].

As addressed in [The Great Tribulation, page 6](#), we find that the apostasy spoken of here has nothing whatsoever to do with some beast man who comes on the scene, as Christian fiction teachings present today, but as clearly stated only three verses later, that lawlessness was at hand even when Paul wrote this:

For the mystery of lawlessness **is already at work**; only the restraining one *will do so* until it comes out of the midst [verse 7].

We will not address the restraining one right now; but rather, let us see who the man of lawlessness is. Verse 4 tells us that he takes his seat in the temple of God. In [The Great Tribulation, page 6](#), we see that Paul consistently uses the phrase “temple of God” to

refer to our bodies. However, in 2 Corinthians 6:14-16, he uses it to describe the Body of Christ, the male element of the church that he began out of Antioch. Here we read:

Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and **lawlessness** . . . ? Or what agreement has the **temple of God** with idols? For we are the **temple of the living God**; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

But the fact is, the man of lawlessness did indeed enter into that temple, even into the Body of Christ, and it has meant its abomination of desolation for 2,000 years. This fact is clearly proven in the opening section of [The Great Tribulation](#). Keep in mind, Christianity began with Paul out of, specifically, Antioch—the claimed mother church. That is when men were first called Christians. And it was Antiochus IV, who as a type of what would happen to the Body of Christ, effected the abomination of desolation of the natural temple for precisely three years—attesting to what would take place in the church for 3,000 years. So here once again, the church we have known to this very day is a corrupted work where sensuality reigns.

And if all of these testimonies of the corrupted state of the church are not sufficient evidence for someone to be convinced, then accept the words of Yahshua Himself. In Matthew 13 He clearly stated that the church would be a field with both wheat and tares. It would be a tree in which the birds of the air would nest—the false teachings from demons. And most clearly, again with the testimony of the 3,000 years of the church, it would be three measures of flour in which a woman hid leaven, which is corrupting sin, and it would ALL be leavened! If the church was given another 1,000 years, it would be all 3,000 years leavened with corrupting sin we read of in all of these accounts, and is so clearly evidenced in the church today. It would be three hours of darkness, whereupon there would be the fateful cry, "Our God, our God, why have You forsaken us?"

In summary, all of these passages, and many, many more, tell us that the church was going to be, and presently is, corrupted! This now leads us back to the opening statement: that the church turns the grace of God into licentiousness, and does little to nothing to correct their grave and even disqualifying actions. So, what then is the solution to this? Let us now see.

THE FULFILLING BRIDE

The solution is for Yahweh to call out a people who with their whole hearts will pursue righteousness and truth; who will perform deeds consistent with repentance, even as John the Baptist called for; and thereupon prepare the way for Immanuel. And of necessity, these are not Christians, but the Bride—set apart, making herself ready for Him (Revelation 19:7)—and are the completion of that which He began at the very beginning of the church in the first Remnant. These two Remnant works, separated by the Body of Christ, are the elect, spoken of in Matthew 24:22 and 24, Mark 13:20 and 27, and Luke 18:6-8. They cannot be the Body of Christ (Christians), because as clearly stated in Zechariah 13:7-9, Christians have been cut off from the kingdom of the Shepherd and died. They are sleeping, waiting for the completion of their three days

and three nights (3,000 years) in the grave. That is why it is absolutely essential that Yahweh send His Spirit; establish the second son of fresh oil spoken of in Zechariah 4:14, the second Remnant; and call the Bride up to heaven. (Read [Resurrection and Judgment](#).)

As addressed in [Trinities, page 3](#), recorded in Matthew 24:22 and Mark 13:20, Yahshua spoke of the necessity of the days of Christianity being cut short, and that accomplished by a unique and specific work:

Unless those days had been cut short, no flesh would have been saved; but **through the elect** those days will be cut short.

So we see here that it is “**through**” the elect that these days are indeed cut short. Again, this is the Bride work. And the days being cut short are the “great tribulation,” spoken of immediately preceding both of these verses. As addressed in [The Great Tribulation](#), this is the period of the church to this very day, and would last for another 1,000 years if not “cut short.”

In addition to these days being cut short through the elect, we find in Malachi, the book that reveals the Elijah, that he not only effects the same, but also purifies this Bride. Regarding the former, in Malachi 4:5-6 we read again regarding this great tribulation:

“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet in the presence of the coming great and terrible day of Yahweh . . . **so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.**”

As addressed in [The Great Tribulation, page 4](#), it is indeed the Elijah who prevents Yahweh from continuing this great and terrible day, the great tribulation—the church for the last 2,000 years.

Therefore, by Yahweh sending the fulfilling Elijah, as well as through the elect Elijah company, His Bride, the great tribulation is cut short from three to two. The Millennial Reign of Immanuel and His Bride will then fulfill what kingdom man has failed to accomplish for 2,000 years.

Likewise, this is the “restraining one” spoken of in 2 Thessalonians 2:7:

For the mystery of lawlessness **is** already at work; only the **restraining one** *will do so* until it comes out of the midst.

You can read much more about this in [The Great Tribulation, page 6](#). But clearly, the former and latter works of the Holy Spirit that precede and complete the church period—the two Remnant—are in fact those who restrain the lawless and effect Immanuel’s coming.

This restraining effect is definitely attested to in the Elijah, even the Bride. It is a restraint in sin and worldliness, which are the opposite of righteousness. We read in 2 Peter 3:11-14:

. . . what sort of people must [to bind] you be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening [quicken] the coming of the day of God . . . ? But

according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, **in which righteousness dwells**. Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, **spotless and blameless**

First, again we see the hastening, or quickening, of the day of God—quickenings it to come early. Furthermore, if Immanuel is coming for a bride that is “spotless and blameless,” and “without spot or wrinkle or any such thing” (Ephesians 5:27), it is obvious that there **MUST** be a cleansing of a people before His coming, a place in which righteousness dwells. This is equally expected inasmuch that the bride of the Lamb makes herself ready, being clothed in “the righteous acts of the saints” (Revelation 19:7 and 8). And, the same is clearly evidenced in Exodus 19:10-11, when Yahweh was to “come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.” Evidencing the Millennial Reign, this too was to be on the third day. What was their obligation beforehand? They were likewise to prepare for His coming by consecrating themselves to Him.

This was the like purpose of John the Baptist, foreshadowing the work of the fulfilling Elijah. John possessed the spirit and power of Elijah (Luke 1:17); but, he was not the fulfilling Elijah. This he clearly stated when asked if he was Elijah, and he answered, “No” (John 1:21). And after John was killed, Yahshua declared that Elijah was yet to come: “Elijah is coming and will restore all things” (Matthew 17:11). Therefore, by his call to repent and to perform deeds consistent with repentance, John testified that this will indeed be the work of the fulfilling Elijah.

This fact is exceptionally clear upon reading that which is promised concerning Elijah. In Malachi 3:1, he is identified as, “My messenger” who will “clear the way before Me,” and is the “messenger of the covenant.” Some translations want to make this Immanuel, but this is impossible. The messenger clears the way before Immanuel. Thus, verses 2 and 3 continue addressing the Elijah:

But who can endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's **fire** and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to Yahweh offerings in righteousness.

Finally, following the bowls in Revelation 15 and 16, and immediately after the great whore in Revelation 17 and 18 and her judgment—all of this being Christianity—comes the essential and fulfilling “come-out-of-her-My-people” Bride in the concluding chapters, 19 thru 22. In Revelation 19:7 we thus read, “Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.” The Bride is indeed the essential conclusion of all the wrath and corruption of the kingdom of heaven, the church, that has taken place for 2,000 years. Thus we heartily agree with the concluding words of Revelation 22:17:

The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes freely take the water of life.

PURIFY YOURSELF

Here now, is where the rubber meets the road—proving ourselves before God and man. As it is written in Hebrews 12:1, we are to “lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and . . . run with endurance the race that is set before us.” **This, of course, is the opposite of turning grace into licentiousness.** What in fact is grace? Is it a freedom from responsibility? If one believes this, he lies to himself to his own loss. Hebrews 10:26-27 clearly warns, “For if we sin willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment.” It is absolute foolishness to think that upon believing in Yahshua, one can now freely sin with no accountability. To the contrary, He clearly stated, “From everyone who has been given much, much will be required” (Luke 12:48).

In fact, for the believer, judgment is all the more relevant. One cannot and must not ignore the exhortation of Hebrews 12:5-8:

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reprov'd by Him; for those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.” It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

So what then is grace? Grace is one's entrance into the kingdom of heaven, and with that entrance possessing His nature and relationship so as to turn from sin and pursue righteousness—becoming like Him. This very truth is set forth in Titus 2:11-15:

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to **deny ungodliness and worldly desires** and to live **sensibly, righteously, and godly** in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to **redeem us from every lawless deed**, and to **purify for Himself a people** for His own possession, **zealous for good deeds**. These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

So, how are you doing with grace? Is it leading you to sin, which is licentiousness; or is it leading you to walk in righteousness and godliness and obedience? If it is the former, then you do not know or understand or even possess the true grace of God.

The title of this writing is *Hungering and Thirsting For Righteousness*. This is taken from the words of Yahshua, who declared, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied” (Matthew 5:6). How many people do you know who truly hunger and thirst for righteousness? There are those who hunger for religion, and those who hunger for a specific emotional religious experience. There are those who hunger and thirst for a name-it-and-claim-it blessing, or for religious notoriety. But who do you know who truly hungers and thirsts for righteousness, to the extent that they are not satisfied with anything else in this world? Think about what hungering and thirsting is really like. Have you ever been without food or water, and it was all you could think about and seek? Do you have this same prevailing and

inexhaustible desire and quest for righteousness, where not only nothing else will satisfy you, but the world and standard religion are entirely repulsive?

Does your heart burn when you recall the words of Yahshua when He said, “seek **first** His kingdom and His righteousness” (Matthew 6:33)? Is the kingdom of God and His righteousness first and foremost priority in your life, even over family, friends, fame, or fortune, over personal security, comfort, and convenience? Do you seek the kingdom to the extent that little else can hold your attention? Does your life reflect this pursuit in righteous life choices, so that, again, the world and religion are offensive? And even when you are doing natural things that require your labors and devotion, do you do them as unto Yahweh, as it is written, “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men” (Colossians 3:23)?

Do you indeed look for, . . . long for, . . . and live for the new heavens and new earth in which righteousness dwells, being diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless? If so, you might be worthy to be His bride.

In 1 John 3:3-10, John sets forth the clear distinction between true grace and lawlessness; whereby in the latter, one truly lives according to the devil. He begins in verse 3:

And everyone who has this hope [of Immanuel’s appearing] fixed on Him **purifies himself**, just as He is pure.

What did this just say? Purifies himself? Given the corrupt state of society and the church today, this is the very thing that people need to and must give great attention to. And, this is precisely what Yahshua said. If your hand causes you to stumble, He said, YOU cut it off. If your foot causes you to stumble, YOU cut it off. If your eye causes you to stumble, YOU pluck it out. He then adds that salt is good, and we are to **have salt in ourselves**. And if we do not apply this salt, then we will be salted with fire (Mark 9:43-50). It is our choice. Correct our tendencies toward sin, or He will correct them, and with even greater consequences!

Continuing in 1 John 3, verses 4-6, we read:

Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. No one who abides in Him sins . . .

In other words, sinning is so offensive and egregious, that to practice it is wholly unacceptable. This truth is clearly evidenced in the very next contrasting bold statement:

. . . ; **no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him.**

Think about this. No one who sins knows Yahshua. When we give our lives to Him, then sinning and worldliness, which is sin, are no longer an option. Continuing:

Little children, make sure no one deceives you [oh how so true today]; the one who **practices** righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son

of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. **No one who is born of God practices sin**, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

This is a wonderful statement! Again, to sin is far too offensive and unacceptable to do. Verse 10 concludes:

By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: **anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God**, nor the one who does not love his brother.

What a bold and blunt statement! If anyone is not practicing righteousness, even if they make a verbal claim to being a believer, they are lying to themselves and to others. In fact, by making that claim, they compound their guilt and penalty—by their personal behavior, and therein by causing others to stumble and sin as well.

Let us further address this matter of being of the devil. In 2 Timothy 3:1-5, we read from the New American Standard (NAS):

But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power. Avoid such men as these.

Did you notice in the list “malicious gossips”? If you look at the Greek text, you see that the Greek word used there is the same word used in the passage above from 1 John 3 where it speaks of the “devil.” In both instances, this is the word “diabolos.” In fact, this word is translated “devil” thirty-four times, and is exclusively the word translated “devil.” So, let us restate this verse regarding the last days:

But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be . . . devils.

Thus, this association of the devil with the last days makes 1 John 3:3-10 all the more meaningful today. This practicing of sin that is of the devil is indeed MOST relevant and evident. And realize as well, he is indeed the deceiver and leads men into sin and compromise, just as he did so in the Garden. Once again, man justifies his sins, and even calls them good. This is MOST evident in society, and in the church. “God doesn’t care if I . . .,” is an oft-repeated excuse for sin and compromise and harlotry with the world.

In like manner to salting ourselves as Yahshua directed, Peter in 2 Peter 1:5-11 gives clear instruction that once again requires our own responsiveness and self-control, which again is the outcome or product of grace, and not licentiousness. And let us also note, self-control is a fruit of the Spirit, and as it is written, “against such things there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23). Peter clearly set forth:

Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence:

In your faith supply	moral excellence,
And in your moral excellence, . . .	knowledge,
And in your knowledge,	self-control,
And in your self-control,	perseverance,
And in your perseverance,	godliness,
And in your godliness,	brotherly kindness,
And in your brotherly kindness, .	love.

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these qualities is **blind or short-sighted**, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for **in this way** the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

Applying all diligence, we are to supply each of these, by which the kingdom will be abundantly provided to us. Therefore, did you notice that to the most basic quality—faith—one is to add moral excellence. How much so is that quality overlooked, ignored, abandoned, and even ridiculed in the church and in society today? Look at the churches. Look at their worldliness, or divorce, or complete immodesty, or speech, or entertainment, or indulgences. They woefully lack moral excellence, and for this reason do not even have knowledge of the truth. Instead they teach dung—taking in the word of God, processing it with the flesh, and feeding it to the people. Their error is vast! And with the lack of true faith, moral excellence, and knowledge, they lack in the others as well, especially godliness! And the love they have is the same as the grace they have—leading to licentiousness! Yes, there are very limited and slight exceptions to this, but not enough to redeem the mass. But as individuals, we must be diligent to evidence each and all of these qualities.

Likewise, in 1 Peter 1:13-16, we find a most wonderful passage to live one's life by every day, anticipating Immanuel's return.

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, **keep sober in spirit**, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, **do not be conformed to the former lusts** which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, **become holy yourselves** also in all your behavior; because it is written, "**Become holy, for I am holy.**"

Each of us has to choose what we want. Will we keep sober in spirit and pursue righteousness and holy behavior, or will we join the masses and pursue the pleasures of the world? Will we keep sober in spirit and pursue righteousness and holy behavior, or will we dress and behave and talk like the world or simply out of our flesh? Will we keep sober in spirit and pursue righteousness and holy behavior, or will we adopt the immodesty and crudeness and carelessness of the world and the flesh? Will we keep sober in spirit and pursue righteousness and holy behavior, or will we seek the pursuits of the world and afford it to find place and entrance into our life? Will we keep sober in spirit and pursue righteousness and holy behavior, or will we abandon the order and

ordained roles of the male and the female? Will we keep sober in spirit and pursue righteousness and holy behavior, or will we join the masses and frivolously squander the time allotted to us on things that are not everlasting, diluting and even nullifying righteousness? “Become holy, for I am holy,” says Yahweh!

Again from Peter, in 1 Peter 2:11-12, we read:

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts **which wage war against the soul**. Keep your behavior excellent among the nations, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Peter would know about these fleshly lusts that wage war against the soul—which in itself is an absolutely incredible statement—for in the beginning he told Yahshua, “Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man” (Luke 5:8)! But he did not remain in that low state, and in 1 Peter 1:22 exhorted, “Since **you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls** for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart” Yes, again we are urged to purify our own souls—our mind, . . . our will, . . . and our emotions. WE, each of us, MUST win the war with fleshly lusts—not giving them any room for victory!

And worthy of being quoted gain here, from Ephesians 4:22-24 we read the like message:

. . . in reference to your former manner of life, you **lay aside the old self**, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and **put on the new self**, which in *the likeness of God* has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

In a highly revealing and profoundly prophetic statement for all mankind to come, but especially for the Bride, in Genesis 4:7 Yahweh declared to Cain:

“If you do well, you will be [lit.] lifted up. And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door, and its desire is for you; but, **you must master it!**”

Sin is indeed ever crouching at the door in our lives, and we must choose to master it. And with our obedience, as Yahweh offered to Cain, we “will be lifted up.” This is certainly the hope of and the promise to the Bride—even being lifted up into heaven. And the outcome for the Bride, stated in Revelation 19:7-8, is:

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the **righteous acts of the saints.**”

Having put away the old self and mastering sin, the Bride purifies herself and is thereupon clothed in the righteous acts of the saints! Amen and amen for evermore!

MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM

With the hugely prevailing spirit of feminism that engulfs the world today—a sign of the degenerate times in which we live—for most women, and feminized men, this will definitely be the most controversial and disliked, and even detested section of this writing. But for the same reason—the prevailing spirit of feminism—this all the more necessitates addressing this critical and essential revealing truth. If one wants to walk in truth and to have understanding that can deliver man and effect righteousness and the kingdom of heaven on this earth, they must be honest with these facts and with reality.

The shameful and clear fact is: that which took place in the Garden, is being repeated today. In the Garden, the woman was tempted to be like God and abandoned her place (Genesis 3:5), resulting in the curse upon her: “Your desire will be for *the place of* your husband” (Genesis 3:16, read [The Curse On the Woman](#)). But as a result of her sin, added by that of Adam, she became naked, as well as Adam. These two things are tragically evidenced today: the shameful and irresponsible immodesty and sensuality in the way women dress, once again leading men to sin and destroying society; and the destructive results as women seek to have equality with men, abandoning their roles as wives and mothers, as well as taking the place of governance that belongs exclusively to the man. The latter will be the subject of this section.

Let us begin by making a careful examination of the Creation account. Herein, one can see the foreshadowing seed testimony of the great social ill that so tragically befalls man today, affording us much needed insight and vital understanding. Otherwise, we are left in the blinded state where we measure ourselves by ourselves and compare ourselves with ourselves, and for this reason we are without understanding (2 Corinthians 10:12). But as it is written, “That which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:9). Only in examining Yahweh God’s revealing seed testimony set forth at Creation, can we gain clear understanding as to the wholly destructive tragedy that is upon us today. Only then can we secure a clear and essential standard that affords light and truth.

There are some who say that God is both male and female. Here again, the root of this is as old as the Garden when the woman was tempted to be like God (Genesis 3:5), and today is dramatically evidenced in feminism—the woman wanting to be equal to the man. To help understand this matter, we will begin in Genesis 1:26-27. Here we read:

(26) Then God said, “Let Us make man [Heb., 'âdâm] in Our image, and according to Our likeness; and they shall rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

(27) God created ***the/namely** ['êth] man/Adam ['âdâm] in His own image, in the image of God He created him [masculine, or distinctly a male]; male and female He created them.

* Young’s Literal Translation and the Apostolic Bible Polyglot interlinear, both translate verse 27 “the man”; in other words, the man Adam. In the Hebrew, the word “êth”

preceding “man/Adam” in verse 27, indicates something definite, or “namely.” Therefore, on that sixth day, He created namely the first man, Adam. In contrast, 'êth did not precede “man” in the verse 26 where the plural form “Us” and “Our” are used. But in verse 27 where the singular is used—“His” and “He”—here the singular man, Adam, is addressed. Furthermore, it is then stated that Adam was created in God’s own image, and even emphasizes this by reaffirming his masculine identity with: “in the image of God **He** created **him**,” not them. Once again, Adam is distinctly masculine. Thus we see that in verse 26 when the plural of God is addressed, the plurality of mankind, or “they,” is addressed. But, in verse 27 where God is singular, it is now “namely” “the man” who is created—Adam. Then, only after clearly identifying Adam in the distinct male role, possessing God’s own masculine image, is it stated that He made male and female.

In addition, in Bullinger’s Companion Bible, a footnote to Genesis 1:27 confirms what we have thus far seen. He states:

Here the Heb[rew] *'adam* has the art[icle], and the demonstrative Heb[rew] *'eth*, **to indicate that the man Adam created in [Gen.] 2:7 was the “man” here purposed.**

In other words, both verses speak of the same: the man, Adam, who bears God’s image as distinctly masculine. Let us now examine Genesis 2:7, where we read a restatement of the creation account regarding Adam:

Then Yahweh God formed **the/namely** ['êth] man/Adam of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of lives; and man became a living soul.

Once again, 'êth, or “namely,” precedes 'âdâm; and as Bullinger noted, both of these verses speak specifically of the man, Adam. Furthermore, Young’s Literal, the Apostolic Bible Polyglot, the Geneva Bible (1587), the J.B. Rotherham Emphasized Bible, and Green’s Literal, all translate this verse “the man,” meaning Adam.

Continuing in this matter, in Genesis 2:15-17 we read:

Then Yahweh God took **the** man ['âdâm] and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. Yahweh God commanded **the** man ['âdâm], saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”

Obviously, given that Eve had not yet been created, again, “the man” is indeed Adam. And then next, in verse 18 we read.

Then Yahweh God said, “It is not good for **the** man ['âdâm] to be alone; I will make him a helper opposite/before him.”

Of course, Yahweh took a rib out of Adam and fashioned a woman, who was “taken out of man” (vs. 22). First, was Eve made in the image of God? Not at all. We read in

Genesis 1:27 that Adam alone was made in God's own image, "in the image of God **He** created **him**." This is confirmed in 1 Corinthians 11:7, where we read:

For a man ought not to have his head covered, **since he is the image and glory of God**; but the woman is the glory of man.

Again, a man is the image and glory of God. So, is the woman the image of the man? No. You will notice here the contrast: man is the image and glory of God, but the woman is the glory of the man, but not his image. This is quite obvious. Yahweh is distinctly masculine, repeatedly identified as the Father, and never a mother. Thus, the man shares the Father's image. This is, of course, evidenced by the Son of God as well, who likewise came as a man. But, the woman, who was, literally, "built" apart from Adam, and was opposite or before him, was made distinctly different from the man in many ways: in appearance, in role, in purpose, in personality, in strength, in authority, in government, and in fulfillment. As you will see, this creation pattern is most important, revealing the relationship between God and man.

Let us now get back to the question and matter raised earlier in this section: Is God, the Father, both male and female? The answer? Unquestionably not! By nature, the male is law and strength, while the female is mercy and is gentler. But also, keep in mind that the female, which was created opposite or before the male, is the weaker part (1 Peter 3:7) who is easily deceived (1 Timothy 2:14) and does not have the right to rule (1 Timothy 2:12). Therefore, law and government cannot be forfeited for the desires of the weaker, which is lawlessness. Thus, as instructed by the Scriptures, the female is to submit to the male, even as the created is to submit to the Creator. Whether it be God and the created, or the man and the woman, or law and mercy (even the mercy of God is provided through the Law), the latter is the weaker and must yield to the former.

Now, having said this, God knew that to have fruitfulness, He had to create the latter of each of these, for as it is written, it is not good for the male to be alone (Genesis 2:18). Thus, in order for God to bear fruit, He had to create man. Likewise, in order for the man to bear fruit, He had to create the woman. Furthermore, it is not good for the Law to be alone. Therefore, in order for the Law to bear fruit, He had to have mercy. Yahweh God is Law, He is government, and in order to have mercy, and this is important to recognize, He had to likewise create it **apart** from Him, a separate work, even opposite or before Him. Thereupon, He sent His Son to be before Him on behalf of man. By providing a way to have mercy on man, the Father made it possible to bring forth spiritual offspring—the sons of God.

Most revealing concerning this, in the Old Testament wherein there was the Law, the word "mercy" is used only ten times regarding having mercy. (This does not count the "mercy seat," which is its own unique Hebrew word, more specifically having the meaning of covering or atoning.) Also, in the negative meaning, "no mercy" is used five times. Subtracting the latter, mercy is found only a net of five times in the Old Testament.

On the other hand, after Mercy was created before Yahweh God who is Law, in the New Testament, the word "mercy" is used fifty-eight times. The negative statement of "no mercy" was used once, and was in fact a warning to those who do not show mercy (James 2:13). Even so, this would leave a net usage of fifty-seven times, more than ten

times its usage in the Old Testament. And the fact is, this is even more significant in that the Old Testament is well over three times larger than the New Testament. In addition, if Yahweh God does not cut time short from three to two, there will be no mercy for man and the three woes spoken of in the book of Revelation will come upon us. Thus, the book of Revelation has no “mercy.” However, we know He will have mercy and establish the Bride, added in the closing chapters.

Do you now see that the Father is not and cannot be both male and female, but is distinctly male/Law? Therein, to have fruitfulness, He had to create that which is opposite or before Him—the “female,” or mercy. Thus, just like we see in the man and the woman, or the Father and the Son, the two are not one in the sense that they are equal or within one entity; but rather, they are one in purpose. Furthermore, we see that Yahweh indeed could not have given His image to the woman; for again, there would be two laws and no mercy.

Recently, a lady contacted me, noting that the glory of the male is his beard, while the hair on his head has to be short. In contrast, of course, the glory of the woman is her long hair on her head (1 Corinthians 11:15), and she has no glory on her jaw. True thus far; but, she then erred. She concluded that God the Father would have both: long hair on His head and a long beard. However, just as nature teaches us that a man is to have short hair, that long hair is a dishonor to him (1 Corinthians 11:14), so nature also tells us that one with both long hair and a long beard is nothing other than a smelly hippie. The union of the two as one is nothing more than hermaphroditic, violating the necessity of having a distinctly different creation before or opposite of the male.

Again, it was not good for Yahweh/Law to be alone, thus He created mercy, and gave it glory. Thereby, Yahweh would have the masculine beard (figuratively), even as He placed upon man and the Son of man, and mercy would have the feminine long-hair glory (again, figuratively). For Yahshua, as a man, that glory could not have been long hair per se, but the glory of attesting to the Father in His own role as a servant (John 1:14), as well as His resurrection. And of course His greatest glory will be upon His return to this earth to rule and reign. “For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and will then repay every man according to his deeds” (Matthew 16:27).

Additionally, we have noted that “the woman is the glory of man.” When the man shares his glory with the woman, it is fitting that Yahweh would create mercy and it would have its own glory. Thus, man’s beard attests to Yahweh’s/Law’s glory, and the woman’s long hair attests to Yahshua’s/mercy’s glory—the two being separate, but one in purpose.

This belief that God is both images, has at its root the woman’s desire to be equal to the man, and even the lie she listened to in the Garden: “God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God.**” Women are not made in the image of God; but in truth, they are made in the image of Yahshua—as a servant who lays down one’s life for others. And just as Yahshua knew pain in the birth of the sons of God, so women know pain in childbirth as well (Genesis 3:16).

The concern for this kind of teaching where it elicits the conclusion that the male and the female are one, is that it is at the very heart of feminism and a repeat of the

temptation of Eve and [the curse on the woman](#) (Genesis 3:16). But, spiritual growth and fruitfulness is in recognizing and respecting these clear and distinct differences, and learning to faithfully occupy the body one is entrusted with (as did Yahshua)—whether it be a man who needs to learn to rule justly and for the good of the home or society or the church, or a woman who needs to learn to serve, invest her life in her children, and obey her husband. This is, without question, the order and way of Yahweh God. In fact, the lady who noted the above equally and rightfully stated, “It seems to me a spiritual ‘Eve’ was created when prideful and vain-filled Lucifer wanted equality with God and couldn't have it, and creation was an attestation of the battle in the heavenlies. And, Satan is still using woman to serve his evil purposes. That makes me want to put on an apron and SERVE. That is all I can do being found in the body of a woman, and RESIST with all I am prideful vanity and trying to be 'like man.’ “ (And by the way, she also readily saw the error of her original conclusion that God had both long hair and a beard.)

Again, look at the Father and the Son and you find this same male/female relationship. The Son came to this earth as a mere man to serve and not to be served. He did not come in the male role to rule, but in the female role to serve (Matthew 20:28). In like regard, He laid down His life for man for the expressed will and purpose of the Father, so as to bring man to the Father. Hereupon, with the Son in the female role, He will bring forth many sons to the Father. Just as the Son demonstrated, just as natural childbearing evidences, it is the union of the male and the female that effects fruitfulness. But, that union NEVER means the confusion of the two roles of the male and the female; and the Son demonstrated and proved this by coming and laying down His life, effecting obedience to the point of death. Read 1 Peter 2:21-25 for this very testimony, summarized in verse 21: “For you have been called for this purpose [of enduring ill treatment], since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps.” And, the correlation of this with the woman who is in the like role, is clearly evidenced in the concluding statement: “**In the same way, you wives**, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives” (1 Peter 3:1).

We have seen regarding hair that Yahweh evidences His truth in His anatomical design, order, and distinct differences in the man and the woman. This is never more true than the differences in the one thing that affords fruitfulness and multiplying, the very thing Yahweh set forth at Creation (Genesis 1:28), and that is the reproductive organs. Much of this significance has already been addressed in the writing, [Kissing, Lips, and Attesting Glory](#). Here, let us examine further revealing and affirming truth regarding this highly relevant matter.

In Deuteronomy 28:57, we read of “the baby that comes from between her [the woman’s] feet/legs.” The phrase “between her feet/legs” is from the two Hebrew words, “beyn regal.” (Regal is translated both “feet” and “legs.”) Most interestingly, these are the same Hebrew words in Genesis 49:10 where we read about the rod and the scepter of Judah that is likewise “beyn regal,” or “between his feet/legs.” “The rod will not depart from Judah, and the scepter from between his feet/legs” This verse is addressed in [Until Shiloh Comes](#). What we see evidenced in both of these verses is the anatomy of the woman and the man—one literally and one figuratively. The child

comes from the birth area between the feet/legs of the woman, and the rod is between the feet/legs of the man.

It is most significant that the man, who is created in the image of God, and the woman, who came out of the man, are anatomically unique from all of Yahweh God's creation in three, even four distinct ways. First, man is the only created being that walks erect. Obviously, this must be quite significant. Second, the woman is the only female "mammal," if you would, whose mammary glands serve as more than milk production. Unique from the animals, the woman's breasts are not made just of mammary tissue, but of a mix of conjunctive tissue and fat tissue that enlarges them even when not producing milk, beginning this growth at puberty (which is significant in itself). In like uniqueness from the animals, third, the rod, if you would, of the man is external at all times. In contrast, animals retain it within the concealment of their bodies. And fourth, the buttocks, particularly of the woman, are more pronounced than in the animals. What would be the significance of these differences per the testimony of Yahweh God regarding man? One thing for certain, whether it be the hair on the head, or what we have just presented, or a host of other physical qualities, Yahweh speaks vital truth through them. So what are we seeing here with regard to these four items?

Briefly, it is evident that man's erect state attests to his quest for the heavens, for the kingdom of heaven. He is unique from the rest of creation in that, like the tower of Babel, he reaches into heaven. Furthermore, this uniqueness is dramatically affirmed in that man literally ascends into heaven to receive a body that is born from above. No other creation on earth experiences this heavenly transformation.

The woman's breasts are likewise unique from the rest of creation by their pronounced appearance, as well as that they are much desired by the man, and satisfy and even intoxicate him (Proverbs 5:19). Though not unique, of course they also provide milk for his children. Here once again we see the kingdom of heaven: greatly desired by man, and even intoxicating, a land flowing with milk. On the day of Pentecost, you will recall that they too evidenced the intoxicating effects of receiving the kingdom (Acts 2:13, 15, and 16).

Concerning the man, the rod is uniquely external, attesting that he has the God-ordained right and responsibility to rule and teach. Male animals with their concealed rod do not have the right to rule. From the Garden, man has possessed the right to rule over them (Genesis 1:28).

Judah had a rod and a scepter. Again the rod speaks of the right to rule, and the scepter (a rod) is the right to teach or establish and proclaim law. The very fact that the woman does not have the rod between her feet/legs, clearly evidences that she does not have this authority. Women voting, governing, teaching doctrine, and otherwise standing in the place of authority today, violate the lawful and fruitful design and order of God, abandoning their own role to bring forth, nurture, raise, and teach "the baby that comes from between her feet/legs."

Another relevant and important point here regarding the male is most evident as well. In 1 Timothy 2:15 we read: "women will be saved through the bearing of children, if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-control." How is it that the woman can fulfill her designed purpose towards salvation? By the bearing of children,

with attesting faith, love, sanctity, and self-control. And how is it that she is enabled to bear children unto salvation? Only by the man placing his seed within her. And how is it that the man is enabled to place his seed within her? By the increasing of his rod in size and strength. And how does this take place? By the infusion of blood into it, which the Scriptures tell us is life (Leviticus 17:11).

Clearly attested here, when a man's authority increases by the infusion of life, and the woman comes under the man and yields to him for the purpose of bringing forth life and fruitfulness within herself, we see exactly what the relationship of the man and the woman is supposed to be in all areas of life. **The only way to bring forth life in and through women, is for the rod/authority of the man to justly increase!** Look at society today with its multitude of destructive and tragic social and governmental and religious ills, and you can see the effects of the diminishing of the male's authority through Eveonian feminism—his familial, social, governmental, and religious state of being “flaccid”! But evidenced in God's Creation testimony, with the lawful increase of the rod comes fruitfulness.

Men, you will notice that the phrase “lawful increase” was just used. There are two things that obligate the man to produce profitable “offspring”: (1) not being unlawful in the application of the rod (and the issue here is ruling lawfully and justly), and (2), his application of the rod must be by the infusion of Life that comes from his own Head, Yahshua.

Men, your rod has a head on it, evidencing that, yes, you are the head of your household and have the rights to teach and govern. But also remember that that head **attests to two coverings**—one that must decrease, and one that must increase. Further regarding this uniqueness of man in all creation, E.S.E. Hafez notes in *Comparative Reproduction of Nonhuman Primates*: “Man is exceptional in attachment of the prepuce [foreskin] very close to the glans [head].” Not only did Yahweh God make the man unique in that the rod is completely external at all times, but the foreskin is uniquely placed so that it is only over the head. Why did He do this? **Obviously, to prophesy of His government and effectual purpose!**

In Genesis 17:10-14, we clearly see why Yahweh made man in this entirely unique manner. Here He commanded that Abraham, the father of faith, and all the men of his household, be circumcised. Instead of the flesh (foreskin) being Abraham's “head” covering, Yahweh became that covering, and thereupon the “only begotten son,” Isaac (Hebrews 11:17), was miraculously born. In like manner, men, and this is most important, with your rod of authority—in the home or wherever God has given you authority—you are to circumcise your “head” of its flesh, and submit your plans and ways to God so that the Son of Promise might be produced.

In 1 Corinthians 11, the man is forbidden to cover his head when he prays. Why? As with Abraham, his head must be circumcised of anything upon it when he goes to God, attesting that his head covering is Yahshua. Conversely, the woman **MUST**, is “obligated to,” cover her head when she prays. Was Sarah, or any of the other women, obligated to be circumcised? No, only the men. Women do **NOT** have the right to rule, and their head/covering is their husband or father. Therefore, they must cover their heads when they pray or prophesy, being women under authority. Otherwise, they

shame their husbands or their fathers (vs. 5). Read [chapter 3 of Coverings](#) to better understand this.

So women, submit to your husbands or to your fathers. And men, submit to Yahshua, your head covering; and like Abraham, let your authority be enabled to produce fruitfulness for the purpose of good, not producing "Ishmaels" by uncircumcised fleshly actions. Let your authority be by the like infusion of Life, and let your council and purpose be from above through your Head and Head Covering.

Ladies, only the man has the right to rule and teach, and when you step into that place, there is no way true life can come forth. That which women practice today in standing in the place of the man is lesbianism. Instead of laying with the man who has the rod, they lay with another woman who does not have the rod or the seed to bring forth fruitfulness. Only as the man's rod of authority increases via the infusion of Life, and the woman yields to and under that rod, is true united fruitfulness possible. Women make the fatal and tragic mistake of taking the place of the man—in the home, in society, in civil governance, and in the church! They are blinded, along with men, and continue this usurping and destructive practice that began in the Garden. As Paul stated and we have just witnessed, "does not nature itself teach you" this?

The greatest evidence and much needed fulfillment of this fruitfulness of the rod, will be when Immanuel returns to this earth and rules with a rod of iron (Revelation 12:5)! Then we will see His fruitfulness, as the Bride yields to Him as her Head and does only His will, even as He demonstrated when He came 2,000 years ago and obediently served, laying down His life for us.

Finally, regarding these four uniquenesses of God's design of man, the fourth is added here simply to make the analysis complete: the larger buttocks, particularly of the woman. However, because of the length required for this examination, as well as its lack of relevance to the subject at hand, you can read about this at [Kissing, Lips, and Attesting Glory, page 6](#).

The point in all that has been addressed in this section, is that Yahweh has a way that we are wise to recognize and follow. That way is that the male is law and has the right to rule and teach, while the female is the created, out of the male (Adam), and is opposite or before her husband. Her purpose is to do only the will of her husband, as did the Son unto the Father, and to be one with him to bring forth fruitfulness—both naturally and in seeking what is best for him. Furthermore, there is a GREAT responsibility on the part of the man to do what is right, for even as the head of the woman is her husband, so the head of all men is Yahshua (1 Corinthians 11:3). All men have an equal, in fact an even greater responsibility to submit to Yahshua and do only His will.

THE INIQUITY OF THE WOMAN

You will recall what the lady rightly stated regarding Satan and the woman. She wrote:

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attestation of the battle in the heavenlies. And, Satan is still using woman to serve his evil purposes. That makes me want to put on an apron and SERVE. That is all I can do being found in the body of a woman, and RESIST with all I am prideful vanity and trying to be “like man.”

Being that Yahshua came to serve and not to be served, taking on the role of the woman, there is no higher calling and reward than being faithful in that place. In this regard, let us consider in a more literal translation the exhortation to women in 1 Peter 3:3-6:

Let not *your behavior* be the external braiding of the hair and putting on gold jewelry or putting on worldly garments; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of costly value before God. For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands; just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

But as we have seen and is addressed in [The Curse on the Woman](#), Yahweh cursed the woman with the following:

“. . . your desire will be for *the place of your husband*, and he will rule over you” [Genesis 3:16].

This has been the iniquity of the woman ever since the Garden, and is never more evidenced than today in the fruits of Eveonian feminism—in the home, in society, in civil governance and law, and in the church. Feminism is rampant! And as well, Isaiah 3:12 clearly expresses the fulfillment of this curse:

O My people! Their oppressors are children, and **women rule over them**. O My people! **Those who guide you lead you astray and confuse the direction of your paths**.

Why do we concentrate on women in this section? Because, as attested in the original Garden and in the passage in Isaiah, women clearly have a leading role in the moral corruption of society today. Add to this their great propensity towards vanity, and their present rampant shameful and destructive immodesty, women today have not only listened to the serpent, but like Eve they have become the serpent! Just as the woman noted above, “Satan is still using woman to serve his evil purposes.” Again, “That which has been is that which will be, and that which has been done is that which will be done. So there is nothing new under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:9). As it occurred in the Garden, . . . so it is being repeated today. And, just like with any illness, if you want to be healed, **you have to know the cause of the problem**. The Garden tells us the problem, and we are wise to learn from it.

We noted that 2 Timothy 3:1 and 3 literally reads:

But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be . . . devils.

The Greek word used here for “devils” is, of course, “diabolos.” We also noted that it is the only word translated “devil”—thirty-four times. Furthermore, we find that there are only three times when it is translated otherwise, and in all three it is translated “malicious gossips” (NAS) or “slanderers.” In addition to the above verse in 2 Timothy, what are the other two places where this is found?

First though, in 1 Timothy 3:6-7, we read concerning an overseer, that he is not to be a “new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the **devil**. And he must have a good reputation with those outside the church, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the **devil**.” Here again, of course, this is the word “diabolos.”

But most interestingly, only four verses later we read concerning the wives of deacons:

Wives must likewise be dignified, not **malicious gossips**, but temperate, faithful in all things [1 Timothy 3:11].

Yet, if we stay with the translation of “diabolos” four verses earlier, as well as the other thirty-two times where “diabolos” is translated devil, then we read:

Wives must likewise be dignified, not **devils**, but temperate, faithful in all things.

Finally, the third time “diabolos” is translated “malicious gossips” is in Titus 2:3. And here again, it is in regard to women, this time to older women:

Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not **malicious gossips** nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good

But, staying with the near-exclusive translation of “diabolos,” we read:

Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not **devils** nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good

Thus we see that we are warned once regarding those in the last days, that they will be devils; and twice there are warnings for women not to be devils. Given that, with just cause, there is more than twice the amount of instruction in the New Testament to women than there is to men (click [here](#) to see this detailed comparison), and that twice women are warned not to be devils, and that Eve became the serpent to Adam in the Garden, then this fulfillment spoken of by that lady is most certain: “And, Satan is still using woman to serve his evil purposes.” And again, this is particularly the fate in these difficult last days, evidenced so clearly in so many ways. Ladies, don’t be devils!

Though evidenced moreso in women because of their governmental place and inherent propensity, their weakness, and the curse upon them, weakness can be evidenced in both men and women, and most assuredly in and through a failed or failing society. Remember, man is the created, the female, and God is the Creator, the male. Therefore, man is inherently weak and given to error.

Let’s look at this matter another way. If God created two worlds, and on one He was there and personally ruled, and on the other man ruled and He was not there, which

world do you think would succeed, and which would fail? Which world would you choose? Without a doubt, the one where God ruled would succeed, and the one where man ruled would fail. Why? Because God is the greater, even the Creator, and man is the weaker, the created.

In equal regard, on this earth there are the same like options. Even as there is the correlation of God and man, so there is the like correlation of the man and the woman. Man came out of God, and the woman came out of the man. And the curse on the woman is that she wants to be in the place of the man. Therefore, anytime the woman is equal to the man and governs, it is like man wanting to be equal to God, and will be just as it is written in Isaiah 3:12 and is a curse. Are men perfect in governing? We have already seen that man is equally cursed, from the fall, and he is destined to fail. However, that alone being bad enough, the failure is compounded all the more by adding to governance the failure of the woman.

Providing further evidence of this, in Ecclesiastes 7:29 we read, “Behold, I have found only this, that God made men upright, but they have sought out many devices.” So, with the fall, man is indeed corrupt. But, in the immediately preceding verse we read of this contrast of men and women: “I have found one man among a thousand, **but I have not found a woman among all these.**” Remember, this is the Bible, the word of God, that makes this important and instructive distinction; and we would all be wise, as wise as Solomon who wrote this, to recognize and heed its truth. Even immediately preceding this, Solomon wrote, and is MOST relevant to the wholly destructive effects of feminism:

What has been is remote and exceedingly mysterious. Who can discover it? [Even Eveonian feminism.] I directed my mind to know, to investigate and to seek wisdom and an explanation, and to know the evil of folly and the foolishness of madness. [Feminism.] And I discovered more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares and nets, whose hands are chains. [Feminism.] One who is pleasing to God will escape from her, but the sinner will be captured by her [vss. 24-26].

This highly compounding failure and evil effected through deceptive Eveonian feminism is most certainly evidenced today in a multitude of ways! And in Solomon fashion, think about it. Man is already in a fallen state; so when the woman steps into his place of governance, not only does she abandon the home and leave it to destruction, but she compounds the destructive results greatly by bringing into governance the effects of the curse of Genesis 3:16. It is difficult enough and fraught with enough troubles just for fallen man to be ruling; but to bring in the curse of the woman seeking his place, is even more certain disaster! It feminizes government so that it is no longer masculine law, but sinful homosexuality—one and the same sex.

Remember, God made the man separate from Him, and the woman separate from the man. Women becoming equal to men corrupts law, which must stand alone as head. As much as women today vainly and foolishly want to be equal to men, by doing so they completely destroy posterity and what is right. It is just and wise to note that our nation, and the world, would not be experiencing the great degree of destructive practices evidenced today, if women had stayed at home and were not allowed to get involved in governance and the man’s workplace.

Some women undoubtedly think that staying at home is a waste or loss of talent, and that all that women have done for supposed good by abandoning their place would have otherwise never be done. But, look at all the overwhelming destruction instead! Destruction of the home, of the family, the murder of millions of children, countless destroyed lives, moral aberrance and immodesty, failed government, and most of all, setting society on a course that leads to its own destruction and God's judgment. Some will also say that financially, women have to work outside the home to make ends meet. Well, women did not have to do so until feminism created the economic problems that threaten nations today. This very necessity was created by the curse of the woman taking the place of the man in the first place! So, like our compounding national debt, more of the same only makes the problem worse!

When the woman takes the rod of authority, which creation attests that she does not have the right to possess, like with Moses at the burning bush, it turns into a serpent! The man alone has the right to take the rod, while the woman physically evidences that she lacks this right and the rod she holds is a serpent. This, again, she has proven in the Garden.

Considering this matter further, in 1 Corinthians 11:3 we read of God's divine governmental order: "But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ." Thus we see that this order is:

The Father

The Son

The man

The woman

Obviously, the Son does not compromise the Father's government, nor will do so in the slightest regard. But, this is not true with fallen man, nor even further so with the woman. Let us see what this means relative to the man and the woman.

Anytime the female is involved in governance, it is one step further removed from the Father—diluting, complicating, manipulating, and corrupting the will and order of the Father. With authority already given to the man to rule, this alone leads to certain error and corruption. But, then add yet another step away from God, that being the woman, we now go two steps away from Him, which most certainly compounds the destructive effects all the more!

Again, the Scriptures clearly speak to this one-step-away weakness afforded in the woman. When Paul set forth the rightful requirement that a woman could not teach or exercise the authority of the man, he turned to the Garden testimony and justly related the following:

And it was not Adam who was deceived [apatao], but the woman being wholly deceived [exapatao], fell into transgression" [1 Timothy 2:14].

You will notice that the Greek word regarding Adam not being deceived is *apatao*. But, when addressing the woman, it is now more than deceived: now *ex-apatao*, or literally, wholly deceived! Such is the state of the woman, who came out of man.

In this regard, remember, the correction that God gave to man in the Garden was: **“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife/woman”** (Genesis 3:17). With this statement, He then cursed the man for doing so. This same error is being repeated today, as men have listened to the voice of women.

So, when Adam listened to Eve, he effected that double step away from God. Does this then mean that a man should never listen to his wife, or for that matter to women? Not at all! But there is a vital lesson and order to be learned and followed here.

We know that Abraham listened to his wife/woman, Sarah, and Ishmael, the son of the flesh, was born. This is of course identical to what happened in the Garden, when Adam listened to Eve. In fact, the Hebrew words are identical. To Adam, God said, “Because you have listened to the voice (*shaw-mah’ kole*) of your wife/woman.” And regarding Abraham listening to Sarah, it is written, “And Abram listened to the voice (*shaw-mah’ kole*) of Sarai” (Genesis 16:2). In both cases the act was wrong and had unacceptable effects.

But, there was another occasion when Sarah spoke something to Abraham, and he did it and the outcome was correct (Genesis 21:9-12). So, what was the difference? Sarah told Abraham to drive out Hagar and Ishmael, and this greatly distressed him. The difference here that made the outcome correct and not another Ishmael, was that God told Abraham to listen to Sarah, and do whatever she told him (vs. 12). So on one occasion, as well as in the Garden, the man listened to the voice of his wife and failed to seek his own head, God. In the second occasion, after hearing from Sarah, Abraham then heard from God, his head, and could thereby listen to the voice of his wife. Herein is the great difference: the man deferring to his Head who is above him, and not blindly deferring to his wife who is under him and his authority. The man must always do the will of his Authority, and not blindly follow the will of his wife. If his Authority says to listen to his wife, or to another woman, then most certainly he is to do so. He continues to keep his headship with God, and not give himself over to the second step of the woman. So, though man may not be perfect, he is one step closer to God in headship, which is absolutely critical—evidenced in the Garden and with Abraham.

Does this faithfulness and even ability as a man hold true with all individual men? Absolutely not! There are many men who are totally corrupted and even feminized and do not turn to Yahshua as their head and perform gross errors. But corporately, this whole aspect of feminism TOTALLY violates God’s ordained order. Corporately, the man is to rule, even though there are individual men who absolutely corrupt the system, as we have already seen in history. But the reality is that the government of God is that men rule, and women submit to the men. This is the ONLY system that works, albeit flawed by natural men. But again, the faults of men are not solved by making it twice as bad and destructive by bringing women into the ordained place of the man.

Likewise, there are individual women who are wiser than most men. But the problems of society are not solved by making them an exception to God’s government. They still need to occupy their place as a woman. The government and order of God cannot be

compromised just because there are some women who are wiser or more capable than other men. The principle and divine order still holds—women are not to govern. And the woman who is truly wise will recognize this order, and uphold the government of God and not try to usurp or stand in the place of the man. She is indeed to resist the Genesis 3:16 curse on the woman and be a good example to other women.

And let us restate here as well: when the woman seeks to take the place of the man, she is abandoning her God-given role as mercy and is unnaturally seeking to be law. She compromises and abandons what she has to offer as being apart from yet before the man, making true fruitfulness impossible by the mixing of the two opposites. She is seeking to be male and not female, committing homosexuality. Women have done society a GREAT and fatal injustice by not remaining to be the fulfilling and completing and fruitful woman. They have abandoned their place, which is addressed in the most revealing four-part video series titled, [Abandoned!](#)

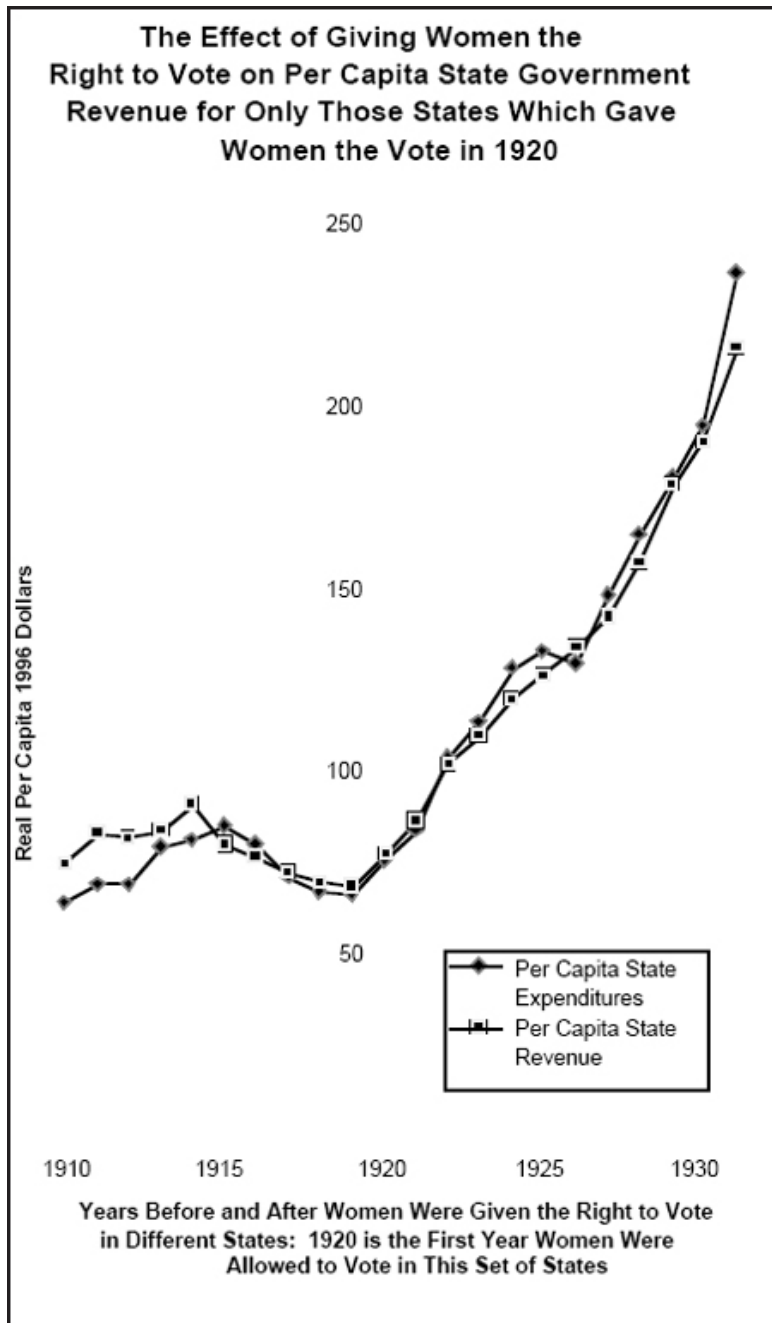
Most worthy and even essential to be noted here, one can be very certain that Satan will make it seem that feminism is working, and is even “fair” and good. He does so in order to lure society into sin, death, and destruction. Remember, he is the god and ruler of this world, which has been given over to him. Of course, just as he tempted Eve, he rewards wrong with the purpose of corrupting and destroying what is right. In truth though, he is setting a snare. Satan makes sin pleasurable, and even acceptable. How else would people continue to sin if it was not pleasurable? It is the alluring deception that originated in the Garden. And he even raises up religious leaders to justify sin so that he might dull the consciences and lull people into error, making error religious so that people are deceived into thinking that what they are doing is of God. This is exactly what he did in killing Yahshua. He deceives people so that they call good evil, and evil good. And the blind and naïve and fleshly will gladly follow and justify all of their godless and worldly actions and practices.

So again, why do we focus on women here? **Because they are in fact the weaker (1 Peter 3:7), the easily deceived (1 Timothy 2:14), the ones who listened to Satan in the Garden, the ones who do not have the right to rule (1 Timothy 2:12), and given the opportunity do so to our destruction. And in this role of proven and demonstrated failure, they in truth represent the failure of mankind and the church.** Yes, women are tragically and entirely and destructively failing. Let us now address some of these specific failures and their consequences. We will be brief with each matter so that they can be quickly set forth.

Today, while this is being written and published (July / August, 2012), the nations of the world are standing on the brink of a monetary Armageddon. Whether it be Europe or the United States or Japan or other nations, the problem is overspending, primarily related to burgeoning entitlements. So, how does this relate to women?

In the book, *The Curse of 1920*, beginning on page 40, there is a section on a report by John Lott and Dr. Larry Kenny titled, *How Dramatically Did Women's Suffrage Change the Size and Scope of Government?* You can download a free PDF version of *The Curse of 1920* to examine this report and more by [clicking here](#). We will be brief here—for you can read all about this in *The Curse of 1920*—but they set forth the findings of an exhaustive study on the effects of women's suffrage on state spending and the size of government.

What they found was that as soon as women were allowed to vote in a state, the cost and size of government ceased a path of decline and immediately and dramatically increased. This factual information is clear and revealing evidence of the destructive effects of the woman standing in the place of the man. Here is one of the charts from that report:



The authors noted:

State government expenditures declined for four of the five years before women began voting and expenditures reach their lowest point immediately before women were given the right to vote. Within four years after women's suffrage, expenditures had risen above their previous peak and, within eleven

years, real per capita expenditures had more than doubled from \$101 to \$208.

You will notice the dramatic increase specifically at 1920 when women received the national right to vote with the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. This is one prong in the Curse of 1920 that has led to the demonstrative deterioration of society, not only in America but throughout the world. Evidenced by what we see clearly attested here, this nation's coming monetary Armageddon, as well as for that of the world, **is a direct consequence of feminism**. The report continues:

Giving women the right to vote dramatically changed American politics from the very beginning. Despite claims to the contrary, the gender gap is not something that has arisen since the 1970s. Suffrage coincided with immediate dramatic increases in state government expenditures and revenue, and these effects continued growing as more women took advantage of franchise. Similar changes occurred at the federal level as female suffrage led to more liberal voting records for the state's two Congressional delegations. In the Senate, suffrage changed voting behavior by an amount equal to almost 20 percent of the difference between Republican and Democrat senators. Suffrage also coincided with changes in the probability that prohibition would be enacted and changes in divorce laws .

The point in adding this is to show how feminism, giving women the right to vote and govern, makes a nation feminine, rather than masculine as it should be—having misplaced feminine mercy rather than sound masculine governance/law. Feminism turns a nation into a nanny state, rather than exercising sober masculine physical and financial responsibility and restraint—the chief cause of how we have arrived at this imminent monetary Armageddon. Thus, one can categorically say that giving women the right to vote and govern is financially destroying this nation, and other nations as well.

Related to this, giving women the right to vote and govern is literally killing millions of babies, even contributing to this monetary Armageddon. By killing our babies, this depletes a nation's future potential. Frankly, this infanticide is shocking and insane!

Roe v. Wade was filed by two feminist women attorneys who were members of the Women's Equity Action League, an organization that worked for equal opportunity for women, and was co-founded by the same woman who co-founded the National Organization for Women, feminist Betty Friedan. They filed this suit because they believed that women could not get equity in employment until "they had control over their fertility." Like the twisted serpent the woman listened to in the Garden, this is irrational, twisted justification. But in 1973 abortion was made legal by the Supreme Court. Since then, well over fifty-three million babies have been killed in America! Today, over 3,300 babies are killed EVERY DAY in America! That is over 1.2 million babies killed in a year! Stuningly, 23% of all pregnancies in the United States end in abortion! Women are abandoning their place and murdering their children! Here alone, can anyone have any doubts about the TRAGIC effects of feminism, where the woman takes the place of the man? (To learn more about this, read chapter 12 of *The Curse of 1920*.)

If you know that abortion is wrong and that people are deceived to not recognize this, then why would you not think and conclude that the same is true with regard to women voting and being involved in governance and entering into the man's workforce and abandoning the home, which are at the very heart of abortion? Why do you not recognize the systemic nature of ALL of these fruits of the woman abandoning her place as a mother and wife? We have to accept the whole package and cannot pick and choose. All of these tragic ills are from the same source and even curse that goes back to the Garden: "Your desire will be for *the place of your husband.*" Killing babies is not a unique exception. If you want to stop abortion, then get women out of governance and out of the man's workplace and back into the home! Then, men will protect women and their children. It is their God-given nature to do so.

Let us now see yet another evidence of the male and female, where the female is corrupting this nation and bringing it towards ruin. This most demonstrative testimony is the stark difference between Republicans and Democrats. Lott and Kenny noted that when women received the rights to vote, changes took place at the federal level leading to more liberal voting. Clearly, Republicans evidence masculine law, and Democrats evidence feminine weakness and being easily deceived. Democrats thereby advance feminism, homosexuality, abortion, destructive welfare, irresponsible spending, and the like; while Republicans seek the more masculine. Democrats advance their cause and seek to manipulate the masses by feminine emotions and deception (the serpent), while Republicans seek moreso to use masculine logic. Of course the Republicans are not perfect either, for they have been influenced in allowing women into governance. If they were more truly masculine, they would have a platform against the Nineteenth Amendment. But society is feminized and deceived from listening to the twisted serpent. Even so, one can see the two starkly different male and female testimonies and the conflicts and unique characteristics that arise from this. Here as well, the feminine Democrats need to submit to the masculine Republicans.

Next, in the writing, [*Arresting Our Fate Under Feminism*](#), we carefully examine two specific areas relative to these destructive effects of feminism: predominantly in education, as well as in the workplace. We note how we have abandoned the principles, practices, and beliefs upon which this nation was founded; and that the solution is to forthrightly and fearfully return to them. One of the earliest moves towards feminism was the desire of women for a higher education. For two hundred years—throughout the latter 1600s, 1700s, and into the 1800s—our nation's colleges were exclusively for men. It was not until 1850, when the feminist movement began to be more prominently evidenced, that colleges began experimenting with coeducation, placing young men and women in the same educational facilities. But as innocent as that may seem, it was the doorway to women abandoning the home and seeking the place of the man.

Today, according to the Census Bureau, in 2009 (the last year for which these statistics were published) 685,000 men and 916,000 women graduated from college. Thus, 25 percent fewer men received college degrees than women. In that same year, 260,000 men and 397,000 women received master's degrees. Thus, 35 percent fewer men received a master's. More recently, for 2011 high school graduates, the college enrollment rate was 72.3 percent for young women and 64.6 percent for young men (Bureau of Labor Statistics). Again, women are abandoning their place in the home and seeking to be equal with the man—the curse of Genesis 3:16. Where are the women who fulfill this much higher quest and purpose: "But women will be saved through the

bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint" (1 Timothy 2:15)?

Looking back to 1874 when feminism was beginning to make its push, Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer was elected the first President of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union and served in that role for five years. However, she lost that place to Ms. Frances Willard in 1879. Why? Because she refused to support women's suffrage. In her own words, here was her sober prediction as to the outcome of women's suffrage. She warned that it would:

"Strike a fatal blow at the home!"

Today, looking at the fruits of the tragic women's rights movement, her words have proven to be profoundly and soundly and sadly true!

Finally—and this is not in any regard the full extent of all the host of destructive ills we see today from the weaker, the woman—there is the complete and profound immodesty of women's dress. Chapter 7 of *The Curse of 1920* addresses this matter of the woman being uncovered, so you can read more about this there. Also, the two videos, [The Slippery Slope of Compromise](#) and part 3 of [Abandoned!](#), address this. Here, once again, we see the shameful and destructive effects of repeating the Garden: becoming naked! But frankly, it is far more than just improperly covering one's body, but dressing in a way so as to seduce men and cause them to sin. And, swimsuits are shameful beyond description! Yahshua said, "Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man [or woman] through whom the stumbling block comes" (Matthew 18:7)! Tragically, women of the world indeed afford MANY stumbling blocks for men by the way they dress, and woe to these women! But even more tragically, women who claim to follow Yahshua dress in the same way. They are indeed walking in the ways of the world, causing men to stumble, and they naively ignore the VERY clear and grave warning:

You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God [James 4:4].

Thus, WOE to these Christian women all the more! It is amazing how common it is for these women, young and old, to dress like the world with immodesty and sensuality. And as well, they follow in the ways of feminism and wear the pants that belong to the man. You can read more about women and pants in *The Curse of 1920*, beginning on page 128. And consistent with the woman's iniquity for vanity, they of course take the man's pants and modify them so as to seduce men with them, further becoming a stumbling block.

But what do the Scriptures say to these women? First, in 1 Peter 3:3-4 women are clearly instructed:

Let not *your behavior* be the external braiding of the hair and putting on gold jewelry or putting on **worldly** garments, but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God [1 Peter 3:3-4].

And, in 1 Timothy 2:9-10 we read:

Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness.

The word “clothing” here is the Greek word “katastole,” which is a long garment that can be worn with dignity, one that fully covers the woman’s body without accentuating its form (read [Coverings, “Kata, the Thorough Covering”](#)). Therefore, the Scriptures give clear and specific and much needed instruction to the woman who makes a claim to godliness—that her clothing is to be a modest and discrete dress that fully covers her body and her form. OH, what a GREAT delight it is to see a woman who dresses in such Scriptural manner! She is a PURE DELIGHT to behold, possessing a beauty that does not exist in the worldly woman. It is highly recommended that you read the entire writing, [Coverings](#).

A righteous man resents the way women dress so immodestly, unwantedly placing him in conflict with his own flesh. As it is written, fleshly lusts wage war against the soul (1 Peter 2:11). And briefly, a woman seeking after godliness will not wear “kosmos,” or “worldly,” cosmetics. “Avon” is the Hebrew word for “iniquity,” and women seeking righteousness will put away this iniquity of cosmetics and seek to cover their faces with the beauty of simplicity and joy and contentment and goodness and peace. Remember, it is written, “By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: **anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God**” (1 John 3:10). Righteous behavior is NOT looking and acting like the world and causing men to be tempted to sin! If a woman is hungering and thirsting for righteousness, she will put away immodest and masculine dress, as well as makeup, and clothe herself modestly and with simplicity, putting away vanity.

Concluding this section, what again is the testimony, the seed testimony, that God has given us from the beginning of man? It is the weakness and vanity of the female, as well as the rebuke to the man: “Because you have listened to the voice of your woman.” And on this very basis, again, Paul set forth that the woman is not allowed to teach or exercise the authority of the man: “A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise the authority of a man, but to remain quiet. For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being wholly deceived, fell into transgression” (1 Timothy 2:11-14). Why can people today not learn from this and take sober heed to its warning? Instead, they think themselves wiser than God. But in fact, they too are listening to the serpent, and even as that lady pointed out, listening to the serpent through the woman. When are men going to be godly and righteous men, reject this lie, and take their place and responsibility as governing head under Yahshua?

In addition, one could look at the Garden and conclude that if Eve had never listened to the serpent and sinned, averting the extension of that serpent through her to cause Adam to sin, in testimony we would not have sin in the world today. In like regard, if women had not played the Eve and listened to Satan and demanded the rights to vote and entrance into higher education and into the man’s workplace and into governance, then we would not have the out of control spending and debt and deterioration of the

family and society, and there would be fifty-three million more Americans living today. Likewise, divorce would not be as high as it is, and the family would be far more stable and more godly. Why? Because the integrity and moral fiber of the home would have been preserved. All one has to do is look back at the consequences of the Garden, to know that the same curse and destructive results have come about because women have played the Eve, even the serpent. And as we briefly addressed, this temptation is all the more of the serpent in that women expose their nakedness, and with sensuality and worldliness provide yet another temptation and stumbling block for the man. **Ladies, . . . quit being devils!**

Leading up to and in 1920 and since then, men have once again listened to the voice of the woman, and once again that curse of death has followed: “Because you have listened to the voice of your woman . . . !”

BLESSED ARE YOU AMONG WOMEN

Now, having said all of this regarding the woman, one would ask: Will Yahweh God use women? Absolutely! Women were used by Him throughout the Bible, and are used today.

Elizabeth and Mary were used to bring forth both the foreshadowing Elijah and Yahshua. And what kind of life did those two pursue? Regarding Zacharias and Elizabeth, we read: “They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord” (Luke 1:6). Oh, such a quest we should follow. Though advanced in years and in disgrace without child, still Elizabeth’s heart was towards Yahweh. And today, among women, where is this sense of disgrace and unfulfilled purpose for not having a child?

Mary was of a like heart as Elizabeth, and she too had “favor with God” (Luke 1:30). We see as well by her continual response—to the angel who came to her, and to Elizabeth—why she was so favored. To the angel she replied, “Behold, the **bondslave** of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word” (vs. 38). And to Elizabeth, who proclaimed to her, “Blessed are you among women,” she likewise humbly replied, “For He has had regard for the **humble state** of His **bondslave**; for behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed” (vs. 48). Oh what an example for women: to be regarded blessed because of their humble state and heart of a bondslave.

Will Yahweh use women? Absolutely! Mary Magdalene was the first to announce Yahshua’s empty tomb, and she did so because she availed herself to such honor by being a servant—going to the tomb early in the morning (John 20). And after the disciples came to the tomb, and then went away to their homes, she remained at the tomb weeping. She was then honored as well to see two angels and spoke with them. And, she was the first to speak with Yahshua after His resurrection, thinking at first He was the gardener (and in fact He truly is). And, she then spoke to the disciples yet a second time that fateful morning, being the first to proclaim that He had resurrected from the dead! All these events were a true honor—having taken the place of a servant.

Yes, Yahweh will indeed use a woman who is a servant, even as He will use a man who is a servant. As it is written, he who humbles himself will be exalted, and he who exalts

himself will be humbled (Luke 14:11). The woman is the weaker vessel, but Yahweh's word says that "when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10); and, that "strength is perfected in weakness," His grace being sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9); and, that He has chosen the weak and the foolish to shame the strong and the wise (1 Corinthians 1:27); and, that we are not "adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, who [makes] us adequate as servants of a new covenant" (2 Corinthians 3:5-6). Thus, Yahweh reduced Gideon's army down to a state of weakness, Hebrews 11:32 and 34 noting, they "were made strong out of weakness."

Acknowledged weakness is the place of total dependence upon and complete hope in one's Creator. As we have noted, Yahshua Himself, God's Son, came in weakness in a female role—to be a servant and not to be served (Mark 10:45)—and we, men and women alike, are to do likewise. And, we can have no confidence in the flesh, but our hope is to be in Yahweh and His work. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). As Paul equally declared, "Where then is boasting?" There is none.

When the apostles asked Yahshua to increase their faith, His reply was to become a faithful servant. And when we are asked to do more than might otherwise be considered reasonable, He said that we are to do it and reply, "We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done" (Luke 17:5-10). And the one who prepared the way for Yahshua gladly proclaimed: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30). How much moreso is this to be our attitude if we are to see His coming today? Our attitude must be as Paul declared: "But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all" (Philippians 2:17).

Will Yahweh use women? Absolutely! He has given them the attesting sign of His glory—her long hair. For either the man or the woman, He desires the female quality of humility and being a servant. It is when one usurps that role that sin takes place. This is what we see in feminism and seeking to be like the man.

Will Yahweh use women? Absolutely! **He is glorified in using the weak.** But He uses the woman who does not seek to usurp the man or abandon her place and role—whether it be in society or in the home or in the church. It is written that the meek will inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5).

Timothy was such a man. When Paul called him, he came. He did not exalt his own agenda or place. And the centurion who was a man under authority had great faith (Luke 7:8-9).

And let us recall here the testimony from 1 Peter 3 concerning that which is pleasing to Yahweh regarding women. It is most certainly not outward adornment that is according to the ways of this world, making them His enemy, but that which holy women in former times evidenced. This included the "gentle and quiet spirit, which is of costly value before God," as well as "being submissive to their own husbands." Where are these examples today? Most sadly, it must be said here that with the way society is today, the only way for most women to see an example of a holy woman is to indeed look back to the women of old.

One of those women who equally found favor with God was Sarah. She is forever recorded in the Scriptures as an example for all women. And what was that example? She submitted to her husband, Abraham, "calling him lord." How many women possess that godly attitude today? Herein then is the Scripture's challenge: "and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear" (1 Peter 3: 6).

Will Yahweh use women? Absolutely! The woman is a type of the Bride. Just as the woman is naturally desirable to the man, so God desires the feminine, even mercy, even the Bride. The woman, even the Bride, is created in order to effect fruitfulness. They are to look to Yahshua as their example, as we have noted. Proverbs 31 speaks of the virtuous woman, whose worth is far above rubies, and the heart of her husband trusts in her. "She does him good and not evil all the days of her life. . . . Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears Yahweh, she shall be praised."

And there is the woman of Song of Solomon as well who is described in many affectionate and desirable ways, and she became in her husband's eyes as one finding peace. (Notice, she did not become in the world's eyes as one finding professional or political fulfillment. She was not designed or ordained by the Creator for such place or purpose.) She too speaks of the Bride, and women have the opportunity to attest to that much-desired and effectual Bride. The fact is, we all, male and female, must become in His eyes peace and joy and fulfillment.

Abigail was also a faithful testimony of a godly woman, and most certainly the Bride. She was faithful to her husband, Nabal, delivering him, as well as all the men of that household, from the wrath of David (1 Samuel 25). Though he was in fact a worthless man, nonetheless she interceded for him. In the end, God took his life, and David took Abigail as his wife. She too is a type of the Bride, taken out of the "worthless" Body of Christ. These events took place at Carmel, which means "garden." It is the kingdom of heaven where the test of Carmel occurs, where the prophets of Baal are killed and Elijah's offering is taken up to heaven. Abigail attests to the same—being taken up to David.

Many who wrongly and iniquitously desire to exalt women to the authority and place of the man, turn to Deborah as an example (Judges 4:4-5). But, she too was a type of the Bride, and not a justification for women today to violate the Scriptures and the clearly established governmental order of Yahweh God. As a testimony of the Bride, she attested to and was most certainly one under the authority of the male. First, she sat under a palm tree. The Hebrew word for "palm tree" is "tamar," which literally means "erect." Thus, Deborah sat under the testimony of the male rod of authority. Furthermore, her husband's name was Lappidoth, which means "torch." This is essentially the same Hebrew word used in Genesis 15:17 where a burning torch and a smoking oven passed between the split covenant parts laid out by Abraham (Genesis 15:17). The torch is a rod with a fiery head, and the oven is the female womb. (Watch [Thinking Governmentally, Part 2](#), for a most revealing account regarding this.) Thus, Deborah was a woman under the rod, and her head/husband was a burning rod. She is the Bride. Also, she was a prophetess, and 1 Corinthians 11:5 confirms that a woman may prophesy. But there is one thing Deborah does not do, and that is to justify women today being out of place and exercising the authority of a man—the curse of Genesis 3:16.

And speaking of Deborah and her prophetic role, we read in Judges 4 that because Barak would not go without her to defeat Sisera, then the honor would go to a woman. That woman was Jael, the [Kenite](#). Sisera fled to her tent and she covered him under a rug to hide him. He asked for water and she gave him milk, and he went to sleep. Jael then took a tent peg, and with a hammer drove it into his temple until it went into the ground. So what are we seeing here? It is the second Remnant Bride who provides the second blow to Satan's head and kills him. To see and understand these two blows to Satan's head, [read here](#).

And taking this matter even further than we have ever before considered, providing a most interesting and revealing testimony, in Judges 5 we find the song that Deborah and Barak sang. In verse 27, we read a most unusual and obviously prophetic statement regarding Jael and Sisera:

Between her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay; between her feet he bowed, he fell; where he bowed, there he fell dead.

Do you recognize anything in this statement from what has been previously noted? You will recall, it is the phrase, "between her feet," and in the Hebrew is "beyn regal." But "regal" is translated both "feet" and "legs." In Deuteronomy 28:57, we read of "the baby that comes from between her [the woman's] feet/legs." In Genesis 49:10 we read: "The rod will not depart from Judah, and the scepter from between his feet/legs . . ." This phrase, beyn regal, is used in three instances in the Scriptures: these two, as well as Judges 5:27. Quite uniquely, here we now see Sisera prophetically taking the place of an infant, even being given milk, and "Between her feet/legs he bowed, he fell, he lay; between her feet/legs he bowed, he fell; where he bowed, there he fell dead." What could this mean?

In Revelation 12:4-5, we read a uniquely similar account:

And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

One can assume that the dragon was standing between her feet so as to devour the male child. Clearly, this dragon is Satan, who wanted to devour the Son of God, but instead He was caught up to God, and will come again to rule all the nations. But in the testimony of Sisera, we see the opposite. In fact, it seems to be the principle that you reap what you sow, or as you judge, you will be judged. While the dragon sought to devour Yahshua between the feet of the woman, he failed to do so. And we find testified in Sisera, who fell dead between the feet/legs of Jael, that where Satan sought to take the life of Yahshua while with the first Remnant, he will die with the work of the second Remnant.

This is the like testimony in Revelation 2:10, versus Revelation 3:9. In 2:10, some of those at Smyrna were to be cast into prison by the devil (the synagogue of Satan), and they were to be "faithful until death." But in 3:9, those at Philadelphia would see the synagogue of Satan "bow down at [their] feet." These two churches are the two Remnant, the first and the second as noted in [Whose Coming Is Through Water and Blood](#),

[page 3](#). And as we see, they are a key part in the death of Sisera Satan. Even as Sisera bowed between the feet of Jael, and the synagogue of Satan bows down at the feet of Philadelphia, so Satan will bow down and die at the feet, the kingdom rights, of the second Remnant.

On June 18, 1994, Yahweh told me that the masculine Body of Christ will not receive Yahweh's glory, but it will be given to the feminine Bride. As we see testified with Jael, the masculine Barak will not receive the glory, but it will be given to the female Bride. Sisera Satan will bow to the Bride in yielded submission, will fall, and will die between her feet. He stood between a woman's feet to kill Yahshua, and he will thus bow and die between a woman's feet—the Bride's. He will reap what he has sown.

The wonderful thing concerning Bride truth is that it is repeated over and over again throughout the Bible. Thus, what we see testified here, is evidenced in yet another way with Solomon's temple. Here we must be brief. Just as a child and a rod pass between the feet/legs, so Yahweh designed the passageway into and out of Solomon's temple to be between two "legs"—two bronze pillars. There is no mistaking that those two bronze pillars evidence two legs.



In [The Tale of Two Pillars](#), we see that those two large bronze pillars are fulfilled by Christianity, taking its place on both sides of the Millennial Reign. Already we have witnessed one of those pillars: the first 2,000 years of the church. There will then be a like 2,000 years after the Millennial Reign.

So again, what is between the two legs? The Millennial Reign of Immanuel with a rod of iron. And, what happens to Sisera Satan during that 1,000 years? He "dies." He is bound and thrown into the abyss and it is shut and sealed over him (Revelation 20:2-3).

So again we see testified that between two “legs,” Sisera Satan bows, he falls, he lays there, he falls “dead”!

In conclusion, there is no question that the woman—both the natural and the Bride—is indeed in the position to have a MOST fulfilling role! But, this fulfillment requires that we, both women and the Bride, must be the Proverbs 31 woman, and the heart of her Husband trust in her and she do Him good, as well as the Song of Solomon woman, and become in His eyes peace and joy and fulfillment. Let us now further see what this requires.

EXHORTATION

In the opening of this writing, as well as in section two, we noted that Peter charged:

. . . what sort of people must [to bind] you be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening [quicken] the coming of the day of God . . . ? But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, **in which righteousness dwells**. Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, **be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless . . .**” (2 Peter 3:11-14).

And again, this is not spotless and blameless by the blood, but by our affirming and obligated actions, especially at this time when we look for the coming of Immanuel.

We have just considered the testimony of the Bride; and in section two regarding the fulfilling Bride, we noted the clear necessity of the Elijah preparing her for Immanuel’s coming. In this final section that is an exhortation in the pursuit of righteousness, first and briefly let us consider further this Elijah work. This will be followed with further exhortation by quoting a number of Scripture passages that are highly relevant for our lives before Immanuel’s coming.

In Luke 1:17, we read the words of the angel, Gabriel, regarding the birth of John the Baptist, the foreshadowing Elijah. To Zacharias, he declared:

It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, **and the disobedient to the insight of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord**.

There is no question that before the coming of Immanuel, there must be a very specific work that calls not only a people to righteousness, but the nations as well. This is something licentious and deceived Christians entirely miss as they falsely proclaim “Jesus’s coming.” They do not see the absolute necessity of a purifying work beforehand, preparing the way—a people and the nations—for Immanuel.

In section two we also noted, and needs to be repeated here, that the Elijah, even as indicated by Gabriel, will come as a refiner’s fire and fuller’s soap. In Malachi 3:2-3 we read:

But who can endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to Yahweh offerings in righteousness.

This is the Bride of the Lamb, who makes herself ready (Revelation 19:7) under the refining work of the Elijah. But, when looking at what the Scriptures say regarding the Elijah and this work, there is something else we find that makes our pursuit of righteousness all the more significant.

Addressed in [Response to Authority, page 2 titled "Elijah,"](#) we read the message given by Peter after the lame man was healed at the gate Beautiful. Acts 3 provides this account. Also, addressed in [page one of The Great Tribulation,](#) we see that this event is a testimony of the latter rain. Thus, in verses 19-23 we read a most important proclamation by Peter:

"Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that **times of refreshing** may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Messiah appointed for whom heaven must receive until the period of **restoration of all things**, about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time. Moses said, 'The Lord God shall raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren; to him you shall give heed in everything he says to you. And it shall be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed out of the people.' "

As you can see, this is a very serious warning. If the prophet is not heeded, then one will be utterly destroyed out of the people. But, this is not the only time when like grave and serious warnings are made. In Romans 11:22, Paul warns those in the church to look at the Jews and to take heed:

Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, **if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.**

And Hebrews 10:26-27 gives no less warning, and in fact an even more sober warning:

For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.

And regarding being cut off, this is indeed the fate of the first 2,000 years of the church! Zechariah 13:8 clearly tells us that they too have been cut off and died. Remember, the kingdom of heaven is on the earth, and if you die you sleep and are not in the kingdom that is here. But, what Paul and the writer of Hebrews warned, as well as the stated consequence for those who do not heed the prophet, Elijah, are effected even while one is alive, and are far more impacting.

So many times we hear in churches that salvation is all by grace and there is nothing one can do to be worthy of it. But that is a GREAT and deceptive lie that compromises

one's spiritual walk and invites sin; and as we have read, thereupon can negate one's place in the kingdom of heaven. To put it in other words, it deceives people and brings shame to the gospel. John stated this obligation and required distinction on one's part best when he wrote:

By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: **anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God**, nor the one who does not love his brother [1 John 3:10].

Therefore, all who are wise and fear God, as one should so do, will do exactly what the Scriptures warn (2 Corinthians 13:5):

Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves!

Let it be understood that the only message that will bring Immanuel back to this earth, is a call to righteousness, to righteous behavior, performing deeds in keeping with repentance as John the Baptist heralded. This is clearly the Elijah message, **and nothing short of this will prepare His way.**

In the remainder of this closing section, let us comb the Scriptures further to see how they truly exhort us to live our lives. Here we will primarily let the Scriptures speak for themselves, which is always a good practice. Most of these compelling Scripture passages have not been addressed heretofore in this writing, but are exceptionally worthy to be noted. Frankly, these are passages that most people, including preachers and teachers, ignore or simply pass over. With today's careless living, these are the forgotten scriptures. But frankly, thereupon they are the most important.

You will want to read each one of these passages very carefully and with sincere contemplation, reflection, and personal application, even judgment. And, you should mark this entire section/page as a valuable reference source to return to for Scriptures to live by, and to refer others to. We will examine seven areas: being worthy, the world, righteousness, our words, correction in righteousness, endurance, and God's choice of the lowly.

WORTHY

With all the erroneous emphasis on grace, grace, grace, grace—to the extent of licentiousness—people fail to see the necessity to be regarded as worthy of that grace. Here we read:

Only conduct yourselves in a manner **worthy** of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel [Philippians 1:27].

For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner **worthy**

of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God [Colossians 1:9-10].

. . . just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, so that you would walk in a manner **worthy** of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory [1 Thessalonians 2:11-12].

This [persecution and afflictions] is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you will be considered **worthy** of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering [2 Thessalonians 1:5].

To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you **worthy** of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ [2 Thessalonians 1:11-12].

“But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are **worthy**. He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels” (Revelation 3:4-5).

THE WORLD

Christians today commit harlotry with the world in all manner of ways: in speech, in dress, in pursuits, in entertainment and music, in attitudes, in holidays, in regard to feminism, in divorce, in what is focused on, and more. They fail to see their grave error. But the Scriptures warn:

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [Romans 12:2].

Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: . . . to keep oneself unstained by the world [James 1:27].

Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever [1 John 2:15-17].

And worthy of being repeated here, we read this fateful warning:

You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God [James 4:4]!

And equally worthy to repeat, women are instructed:

Let not *your behavior* be the external braiding of the hair and putting on gold jewelry or putting on **worldly** garments, but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God [1 Peter 3:3-4].

Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness [1 Timothy 2:9-10].

RIGHTEOUSNESS

The scriptures concerning pursuing righteousness and putting away sin are replete. The kingdom of heaven we have received is, as we have noted, the kingdom of righteousness. It is not the kingdom of feel goodies. It is not the kingdom of make money. It is not the kingdom of doing your own will. It is not the kingdom of self-indulgence. It is not the kingdom of worldliness. It is not the kingdom of a loose tongue. It is not the kingdom of selfishness. It is not the kingdom of whatever I want to do. It is not the kingdom of no self-control. It is not the kingdom of lawlessness. It is not even the kingdom of religiosity. But rather, it is the kingdom that follows and fulfills the following:

. . . and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in *further* lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. Therefore what benefit were you then deriving from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the outcome of those things is death. But now having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you derive your benefit, resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord [Romans 6:18-23].

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. But avoid profane empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus *men* who have gone astray from the truth saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and they upset the faith of some. Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness." Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if anyone **cleanses himself** from these *things*, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work [2 Tim. 2:15-21].

He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed [1 Peter 2:24].

. . . that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor . . . [1 Thessalonians 4:4].

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior; because it is written, "you shall be holy, for I am holy." If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth [1 Peter 1:14-17].

"How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the one and only God?" (John 5:44.)

By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him is obligated to walk in the same manner as He walked [1 John 2:3-6].

And though mentioned earlier, these concluding three passages regarding righteousness are more than worthy to be repeated:

. . . what sort of people must [to bind] you be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening [quicken] the coming of the day of God . . . ? But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, **in which righteousness dwells**. Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, **spotless and blameless** . . . [2 Peter 3:11-14].

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds. These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you [Titus 2:11-15].

And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him **purifies himself**, just as He is pure. Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. No one who abides in Him sins [i.e., it is unacceptable for them to sin]; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him. Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in

him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother [1 John 3:3-10].

OUR WORDS

Most people wholly fail in one way or another by not guarding their tongues—in worldliness, in crudeness, in lack of self-control, in gossip, in not speaking the truth, in criticalness, in unfulfilled commitments, and so on. James says that “the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity, . . . set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell” (James 3:6). Thus, the Scriptures are most clear concerning our responsibility over it:

O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding profane empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called “knowledge” [1 Timothy 6:20].

And this was repeated in Paul’s next letter to Timothy:

But avoid profane empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness [2 Timothy 2:16].

If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man’s religion is worthless [James 1:26].

For, the one who desires life, to love and see good days, must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit. He must turn away from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it [1 Peter 3:10-11].

Let your speech/words always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person [Colossians 4:6].

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear [Ephesians 4:29].

With [the tongue] we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God, from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way [James 3:9-10].

And one of the most profound and clear warnings there is, is this issued by the One who will judge all men:

“But I tell you that **every** careless/idle word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. **For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned**” [Matthew 12:36-37].

CORRECTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS

Concerning correction in righteousness, there are three options: correct ourselves, man correct us, or God correct us. We will look at all three of these. In 2 Timothy 3:16 we read:

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for discipline/instruction in righteousness.

Since the kingdom is the place where “righteousness dwells,” and Yahshua said that the kingdom of God is within us (Luke 17:21), then righteousness should and must be evidenced in and through our lives. If it is not, then there is real cause to question if indeed the kingdom truly resides within us. Herein should be the highest goal of and expectation from the believer: to serve God, and for **righteousness** to be evidenced in and through our life.

In regard to righteousness and our obligation to purify ourselves, to perform deeds consistent with repentance, we have already noted the instruction of Yahshua. He said that if your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. If your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. He then adds that salt is good, and we are to **have salt in ourselves**. And if we do not apply this salt, then we will be salted with fire (Mark 9:43-50). Furthermore we read:

For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep. But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged [1 Corinthians 11:30-31].

Therefore, if anyone **cleanses himself** from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart [2 Timothy 2:21-22].

For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God [1 Peter 4:17]?

In this regard, if we fail to effect these changes in ourselves, then others are to correct us, and of course God does likewise Himself. Regarding the latter, we read of His response as our Father:

You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons: “my son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproved by Him; for those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom he receives.”

It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and

live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant; later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it [Hebrews 12:4-11].

And in like regard, we find in Psalms 7:11 an affirming and most interesting and revealing passage:

God is a righteous judge, and a God who has indignation every day.

But, this can equally be translated:

God judges the righteous, and God is angry every day.

Looking at the state of the church today, God has every reason to be angry every day regarding the righteous. Then like unto Hebrews 12:4-11, verse 12 of Psalms 7 adds:

If a man does not repent, He will sharpen His sword; He has bent His bow and made it ready.

Likewise, there is an obligation, a responsibility, on the part of godly leaders to instruct, judge, and correct the people and individuals for wrong behavior—something that is not only severely lacking today, but the wrong behavior is both approved and even encouraged. But it is written:

We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience is complete [2 Corinthians 10:5-6].

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: . . . reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction [2 Timothy 4:1-2].

For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light; and reproofs for discipline are the way of life [Proverbs 6:23].

And concerning the Elijah who prepares the way for Immanuel, we have read:

But who can endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's **fire** and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to Yahweh offerings in righteousness [Malachi 3:2-3].

“Moses said, ‘The Lord God shall raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren; to him you shall give heed in everything he says to you. And it shall be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed out of the people’ ” [Acts 3:22-23].

And finally, we read regarding Immanuel's coming:

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy before Yahweh, for He is coming to judge the earth; He will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity [Psalm 98:8-9].

ENDURANCE

The matter of endurance is added here because of the absolute necessity of persevering in doing what is right. There is no substitute for perseverance/endurance!

"By your endurance you will gain your souls" [Luke 21:19].

"But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved" [Matthew 24:13].

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect work, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing [James 1:2-4].

For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay. But my righteous one shall live by faith; and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him [Hebrews 10:36-38].

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God [Hebrews 12:1-2].

And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us [Romans 5:3-5].

Here are two favorite passages, both wholly worthy of being memorized and applied to your daily life (as are so many of these passages).

Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right [1 Peter 4:19].

Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render

you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ [2 Peter 1:5-8].

There are many other passages having to do with perseverance, and you can look them up on your own.

THOSE WHO ARE NOT

We close with a most important recognition, goal, and right attitude if one wants to be chosen of and used by God: humility and lowliness. First, here is a most interesting, significant, but also humorous testimony. It is from Luke 3:1-2, and is the testimony regarding John the Baptist. This passage is laid out here item by item so you can see each one as individually set forth:

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar,
when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea,
and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee,
and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis,
and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene,
in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,
the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness.

The irony and the great way of Yahweh is evident. Here you have seven men who are of high esteem among men. But, also in Luke, the One who came as a servant and not to be served said this: “You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; **for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God**” (Luke 16:15).

So, here we read of seven men who are highly esteemed among men. BUT, who was it that God went to? John, a nobody, in the wilderness—a man who did not wear the fine clothing of those in palaces, but wore camel skins and ate grasshoppers and wild honey and resided in the wilderness, desiring to do nothing but the will of God.

In like regard, to whom did Yahweh go who would bear His son? A palace queen? No, a common woman of humble state who called herself Yahweh’s bonds slave. And where was this Son of God born? In a palace? No, in a barn, with livestock. And to whom did the angels go to herald His birth? To the elite? No, to common shepherds.

The purpose in pointing all of this out is not to show the humble circumstances of all of these, but to show that which Yahweh God desires and even chooses: humility and lowliness. It is not the flamboyant mega churches that please God. They too are the “highly esteemed among men” that are “detestable in the sight of God.” It is not the chambers of man’s government or the board rooms of successful men, in the eyes of men. Obviously, what is desirable to God is a Mary, who when used is humbled, and proclaims, “He has had regard for the humble state of His bonds slave.”

In affirmation of this choice, in 1 Corinthians 1:27-29 we read:

God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God.

Thus, Yahshua repeatedly proclaimed:

“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” [Luke 14:11, 18:14].

Whether it be a man or a woman, God seeks those who will humble themselves before Him and in the eyes of men, and like His Son, will take the place of a servant. Let women be godly women who know their calling and role as a woman. And let men be godly men, who submit to Yahshua and lead in righteousness and humility. And let both lay their lives down for others, regarding others as more important than themselves.

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men [Philippians 2:3-7].

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise [Psalms 51:17].

But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, “God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble” [James 4:6].

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time [1 Peter 5:6].