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KEEP ROOT WATERED

“And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward.” (2 Kings 19:30)

“Take root downward, and bear fruit upward”

The roots of our inner life must take hold upon the riches of heaven’s grace and drink of the water that flows from heaven in our oft and silent communion with God, they take root downward, and then they go forth into life and bear fruit upward.

Results of our effectual work for God consists in more being than in doing. Do not go about in your labor with an empty basket. It is only when you go out from deep and silent communion with God that your labor will be effectual. The great wonders of God are not experienced on the shores but in the deep, it was there that they saw His wonders and great work. It was in the DEEP. It was in the deep of a life of prayer and self denial and sacrifices. *“They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.”* (Psalms 107:23-24) To spend and be spent for the cause of Christ! *“And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.”* (2 Corinthians 12:15)

Shut the Door — Alone with God

This life of ours will never be all that it should be unless we are much **alone** with God. You cannot be like God unless you are much with Him and you cannot live like Him unless you are like Him.

The men and women that have done the most for God in this world have been noted to be men and women of prayer and early on their knees . . . David says: “Early will I seek thee” (Psalms 63:1) “thou shalt early hear my voice.” (Psalms 5:3) Behind this early rising and early praying is the ardent desire which presses us into this pursuit after God Jesus Christ longed for Communion with God; and so rising a great while before day. He would go out into the mountain to pray.

Gods acquaintance is not made hurriedly. He does not bestow His gifts on the casual or hasty comer and goer. To be alone with God is the secret of Knowing Him and of influence with Him. No better hour to meet God than the early morning. At that time we can gather the Manna for our souls for the strength of the day — before the sun rises and melts the Manna.

I encourage you dear reader to meet God early and be alone with Him and His Word being God’s only means to transform us into the likeness of His Son — then we can effect the world for Him and illustrate Christ character to this world.

**Prayer is the tool of the Great Potter by which
He molds the vessel to be meet for the Master’s use.**

PROTRACTED FASTING AND PRAYER

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We are presenting in this article the way to True Revival, through protracted FASTING and prayer, by which we can humble ourselves before God and subdue the flesh and carnal man.

Fasting is clearly taught in the Bible to be a way God has chosen to afflict our souls and humble ourselves before Him, to be heard of Him. Also, Jesus clearly taught that, through fasting and prayer, we can overcome unbelief; and certain powerful devils can only be cast out through fasting and prayer. Mark 9:29 says: *"And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting."* And in Matthew 17: 20-21: *"And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."*

Jesus fasted 40 days. Elijah fasted 40 days, Daniel 21 days, Nehemiah many days, and David fasted also many days. Psalm 109:24: *"My knees are weak through fasting."* God has chosen fasting, and, by it, we humble ourselves and afflict our souls before God. Isaiah 58:5: *"Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?"*

Man, by nature, is proud, even after he gets saved. He needs the process of fasting and prayer to humble himself before God. Psalms 35:13: *"... I humbled my soul with fasting..."* Psalms 69:10 *"...and chasten my soul with fasting..."*

We read of Daniel: *"And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes:"* Daniel 9:3. *"Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am*

come for thy words." Daniel 10:12.

We read also of Nehemiah: *"And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven,"* Nehemiah 1:4. We also read in Ezra 8:21: *"Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance."* v. 23: *"So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us."*

Fasting is clearly taught in the Bible as a means to achieve spiritual growth and power, to be heard by heaven, and to accomplish great things for God. The truth of the matter is you cannot truly travail in prayer without fasting, as the flesh has to be subdued before our Spirit rises over the flesh to subdue it, and we move into the spirit world. We really know how to effectively converse with God after we have progressed for a few days in fasting and prayer.

Unbelief is imbedded in man, and you can only feel unbelief after you have fasted at least seven or eight days. Protracted fasting and prayer is the greatest means to overcome unbelief, Jesus taught the disciples.

We are Spirit and Body (flesh), and one wars against the other. Only by fasting and prayer can the Spirit put the body under subjection, and crucify the flesh, and subdue it. That is why even Paul taught that married couples should consent together, and take time to fast and pray. Paul said "in fasting often." The Apostles fasted when, in their ministry, they ordained preachers. Acts 13:2-3.

Jesus did not teach us to do something that will kill us, but, on the contrary, to help us. He said that after He is gone we should fast... as men of the Bible did fast, and achieved success in their life and ministry, so we should follow the same pattern.

Our Spiritual man can only be developed into higher degree through fasting often and through prayer. Not one day or two

day fasting. It requires at least one week of fasting to really feel its effect on your soul and sanctifying power on your spiritual life. Protracted fasting and prayer, while earnestly seeking God, will deliver you from spiritual instability and carnality, and make you an overcomer and deliver you from any tendency to love the world and the things of the world.

When we fast, we are not doing God a favor, nor are we making a sacrifice; but rather, we are preparing ourselves to get into an atmosphere where our spirit can be released from oppression and bondage of the flesh, and your spirit will be free to move into higher spiritual experiences. Fasting will arrest the desires of the flesh. The spirit will have more freedom in prayer, and clearer understanding of the Will of God for our lives.

Fasting accelerates our prayers reaching God, and enables us to communicate with God better, by the help of the Holy Spirit. Psalm 35:13: *"...I humbled my soul with fasting, and my prayer returned into mine own bosom."* (He got his prayer answered quickly.)

The PROTRACTED FASTING that we are teaching here goes beyond three or four days, because after three or four days, hunger usually starts to leave the body because most of the toxins have been cleansed from the body, and you start regaining your strength around the sixth or seventh day. Of course, it all depends on your physical condition, but you will start to feel more comfortable and better able to communicate with God in the true spirit of prayer.

In the Bible God has given us COVENANTS and promises of blessings we can have, if we meet the conditions God has required to receive them. Daniel met those requirements in Daniel 9:2 and God used Daniel. He used Nehemiah and Ezra to change the course of history and bring about great revivals! These men were not specially called prophets. They were just ordinary believers that saw GOD'S covenants to answer prayer and heal the land.

The book of Joel tells us HOW TO FAST and PRAY for a true Revival: Call a SOLEMN ASSEMBLY ... repent-

ing and turning back to God ... sanctifying the people. Weeping and mourning & AMENDING OUR WAYS and coming clean with God, so that we can be restored again to God, and not just continue in a FORM of worship while SIN is in our heart! We need to get the little foxes out of our hearts, and get back to GOD IN REAL REPENTANCE. Then, God will send back His blessings like He did before!

REVIVAL is tied up with how sincerely we repent and amend our ways before God, and see ourselves as GOD SEES US... and conform ourselves to HIS WAYS and HIS HOLINESS, AND LIVING as He has commanded us to live in His Book, The Bible! This is clearly mentioned in 2 Chronicles 7:14: *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*

REVIVAL DIES when people get hardened in their hearts and think they can conform to the world and still have God with them! When love of the things of the world chokes out the Word, you are an enemy of God. You can try to sing and shout and have praise services, etc.; but, when there is no CONVICTION of the Holy Ghost on worldliness and sin, there is NO REVIVAL. GOD IS NOT WITH YOU !

That is why the prophets Jeremiah and Hosea both cried and called on the people to *"...BREAK UP THEIR FALLOW GROUND [hard hearts], for it is time to SEEK THE LORD, till HE COME and RAIN RIGHTEOUSNESS UPON YOU."* Hosea 10:12.

"For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among THORNS. [the cares of this life, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the pleasures of other things.]" (Matthew 13:22.) *"Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the EVIL of your doings."* (Jeremiah 4:3-4)

The condition of the people in those days is similar to the condition of the MAJORITY of CHRISTIANS today! Sin was working in them. Their hearts were hardened with the deceitfulness of riches. They were engaged in the love of the world and the THINGS that are in the world and the lust of the flesh and the PRIDE of life.

God spoke through the prophets to preach to them in a way they would understand, as they were farmers. "BREAK the fallow ground" soften a hard field that has not been plowed nor softened for a long time, pull out the thorns and rocks and stones. They needed to plow their hardened hearts and remove all the thorns and thistles and stones, so that the seed of God's Word would grow and take root. They needed to be converted again. Restore the so-called believers who are not living a Holy, separated, disciplined life, but are worldly and sin is in their life.

The regular "Church Revival" is not getting the job done, though they are having a lot of these "Revivals". After the evangelist goes, everything goes back to normal as before. Not all the evangelists today have their messages from God to bring conviction of sin on the people, especially if the evangelist is trying to please people instead of hearing the "WORD at God's mouth and giving them WARNING FROM GOD." Ezekiel 33:7-16.

To bring an evangelist will NOT do the job. You need a deeper work of grace. You need to be RESTORED again, and changed from inside to the outside and become a new people by the work of grace done by FASTING and PRAYER and SEARCHING your heart and REPENTING and humbling yourself before God. You need about a week to break up your fallow ground, and sanctify your hearts, and be restored BEFORE GOD CAN WORK FOR YOU and give you a real, lasting Holy Ghost revival! Today, we have professional evangelists running from one church to another. They have learned how to professionally preach several sermons to get a little stir, to gather an offering, to go down the road for another location. And so it goes from one church to the next. After a month, you can't find a handful of people who were won to the Lord, and

the old dead-heads in the church remain as hardened as they were before. WHY?

Because, the evangelist did not have GOD'S message for the people! The CHURCH did not pray through. The church spent more time in entertainment, in singing specials, more than in praying. Today, in revivals, they spend more time in fellowship and visiting and eating and joking and laughing and suppers, than in praying and searching their hearts. They are not concerned. They have no burden for souls. They do not get rid of their sins. They do no weep and mourn for their own sins, and the sins of this generation. God is looking for people "...that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof." Ezekiel 9:4.

We read differently about Daniel, who mourned, and Nehemiah, who "mourned and cried." The requirements to have a real revival are clearly laid out in 2 Chronicles 7:14.

FASTING IS A SCIENCE and no way could hurt you, but, rather, will definitely help you physically. You will feel better after a one-week fast, God made the body in a way to heal itself through fasting, if man will give it a chance. Much toxic is left in the body from the food we eat. When you fast, the digestive system works on cleaning the toxic from the body. So, fasting is a science and has been used for thousands of years to heal bodies

The fasting we are teaching here is abstinence from solid food or liquids but...Use only pure water in abundance -- as much as five or six glasses a day. Caution should be given when breaking the fast...that you break it gradually on light meals, with fruits and fruit juices the first two or three days. It all depends on the length of the fast you have undertaken. The longer the fast, the slower you should break the fast. If you fasted one week, take two days on juices and soups. If you fasted two weeks, take three to four days to break the fast. USE WATER!

Caution: Fasting without drinking water could be very harmful to the body --causing dehydration, severe cramps, and complications. Eating heavy meals after a week or two of fasting could also cause complica-

tions such as bloated stomach and pain. In such a case, you must stop eating, and go on the fast again until the problem clears.

Note: The hardest thing in fasting is thirst. It is written when Jesus ended His fast, He hungered, not thirsted. Man can live 30 to 50 days on water without any danger or injury to his health. It is a proven science. Many sick people live that long on liquids without dying. Your most essential needs for life are sleep, water, and air. Food is the least essential.

WHY AMERICA IS NOT HAVING ANY MORE GENUINE REVIVALS

In the turn of a century, in 1906, at Azusa Street, Los Angeles, California, revival fires started after they had fasted for two or three weeks and had a time of heart-searching and getting rid of pet sins. The Welsh revival also started when the people prayed and hungered for Righteousness! The Hebrides revival had the same results when a few men got together, and started to pray and search their hearts. They took Psalm 15 and Psalm 24 and waited on God in intercessory prayer.

As REVIVAL is a work of the HOLY SPIRIT, and the Holy Spirit works when people sincerely pray. American churches have changed the UPPER ROOM to a SUPPER ROOM. Thirty or forty years ago, it became popular for all churches to have kitchens and fellowship rooms in the church. They tried to attract the sinners to come to church to eat hot food, instead of the preacher preaching RED HOT SERMONS that would warn the sinners to flee from the WRATH of GOD that is surely coming soon!

It used to be the habit to come to church for a good time of seeking God on their knees, and then going out knocking on doors, inviting people to church. But now, it has become so customary to have donuts and coffee and church suppers after church, that even if someone is trying to get saved, the service is rushed to a close so they can all go out to the fellowship hall for games and a meal! I'm talking about churches that used to have the fire, and souls used to really get saved and filled with the Holy Ghost!

Paul clearly rebuked even the people that had church in their homes. He said, "Don't you have homes to eat in?" They were not to come together to eat, but to worship God and to pray.

Then, in the early fifties, when television came out, the older preachers stood against having it, saying it was the picture show in the living room. Some, of the younger preachers said, "We can control it." So they allowed it. It was not long until it killed the prayer-life of the preacher and his people.

After that, came the ENTERTAINMENT EVANGELISTS -- both in the church, and on the TV. But, again in 1945 to 1950 -- fasting and prayer crusades and great healing meetings all over the world began, that brought in hundreds of thousands of souls that forsook their sins. But, in the last 15 years, these great healing crusades died out, because PROSPERITY PREACHING was substituted for God's commands to REPENT! People ran after financial promises and became covetous and greedy for more and more of the worldly things, which they got. But, like Samson when they cut off his hair, He wist not that GOD HAD DEPARTED FROM HIM!

At this same time, nation-wide hook-ups on TV by a few entertaining evangelists and their Hollywood wives filled the homes with singing but there was no preaching of righteousness nor Bible Holiness without

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which no man shall see the Lord. There was no red-hot preaching against sin in any form. As real artists in their worldly attire, they swayed the viewers to believe they had the blessings of God. Prayer life died while they were busy being entertained. Seeing worldliness on the screen, some began to lay aside their convictions of what GOD expects us to be and began to imitate the make-up and worldliness of what they saw on the TV.

The far-reaching effect of the TV on the public, and on other young preachers, made them imitate this fake revival, which exalted the flesh and prosperity that was out of bounds of the use of what God gives us. The Spirit of God was grieved away, and conviction for sin was no longer felt! Today, many churches have a name that they are alive BUT they are DEAD.

These nation-wide hook-ups penetrated

homes, with their worldly programs introducing worldly fashions... in the Name of the Lord... though many Christians could not understand how GOD COULD BLESS THEM, being so worldly. Yet, they thought: "They are doing more than they, so it must be all right." It made the people feel good, when they followed their worldliness. There was no more conviction. On the contrary, these programs condoned worldliness -- that God clearly teaches against.

We are called unto holiness and to be partakers of His Holiness. When the Church goes worldly, it grieves away the Holy Spirit, and the Church dies spiritually. Prayer life dies. Only by real weeping, praying, fasting, and obeying God will bring God back to our churches and to our individual lives,

the REAL presence of God!

The message below I received while finishing compiling this Digest from an individual I attended Bible School with in the early 1970's. Michael was led astray by popularity preaching and prayer-less religion (flesh), living out in sin for forty some years. BUT it is NEVER TOO LATE to repent and RECEIVE forgiveness from the ONE who hung on a cross for ALL man's sins. *"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."* (1 John 2:1-2) It is not too late for Jesus to open blinded eyes!

To: Jack M. Skinner

E M Bounds; The Reality of Prayer; chapter two: He makes this statement:

"Men cleave to the form and semblance of a thing after the heart and reality have gone out of it".

Was the Pentecostal movement real? I must believe that anything that could produce men like H B Garlock and A N Trotter, with the miraculous events that attended their lives was real. Is it still real today? By what I see, I have serious questions.

So what is the difference? What changed?

I am firmly persuaded that it is because we are not people of prayer.

Also in chapter two he observes: "Prayer is not merely a question of duty, but of salvation. Is not the gift, the inclination, the habit of prayer, one of the elements or characteristics of salvation? Can it be possible to be in affinity with Jesus Christ and not be prayerful? Is it possible to have the Holy Spirit and not have the spirit of prayer? Can one have the new birth and not be born to prayer? Is not the life of the Spirit and the life of prayer coordinate and consistent? Can brotherly love be in the heart which is unschooled in prayer?"

Oh Lord; help us to become a people of prayer once again.

"For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." (Galatians 1:10)

From: Michael R. Price, March 2, 2025



Worthy

Jack M. Skinner

*“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: **for they are worthy.**”* (Revelation 3:4)

Genuine Christians know that there are none righteous among men and that no human is worthy within themselves in the sight of God the Creator for redemption due to man's fall. For all have sinned and have no human recourse to appease a just God who created and rules the universe and everything therein. Therefore it was only because of the mercy and love of God Himself that the redemptive plan of salvation came to mankind through Jesus Christ the only Begotten Son of God. *“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:”* (Romans 3:10) *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”* (Romans 3:23) *“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”* (John 3:14-18) Unworthy is the state of being that all humans begin with in becoming Christians through conviction and repentance and worthy is the state of being that all obedient Christians end with by a continual walk with Christ. No human is worthy without the blood of Christ applied to them when becoming a Child of God. A Christian who does not walk with Christ will not be counted worthy at life's end; only those who live “in” Christ will be worthy to reign with Him.

The words, holiness, sanctification, separation and undefiled are words which today's worldly Christians in America dislike and shun. These terms are hardly ever heard from today's pulpits and most churchgoers never look in their Bibles but rather follow their pied-piper preachers to the lunch line after their services where they feast on king's meat. They defile their garments while walking away from God rather than towards a life of separation and consecration. If one is going to be worthy of a life with Christ after death, they must walk a walk that is acceptable to a Just God during their life and be noted worthy of this reward. *“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity (lawlessness), and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.”* (Titus 2:11-15)

A true Christian follows righteousness not shunning it. A true believer is drawn towards a sanctified life and develops hatred towards the flesh nature that destroys a godly life and brings a reproach on the Name of Christ. To be led in the path of righteousness is to walk in obedience “for His name's sake” the Law of God not thinking about the cost to one's flesh or using human reasoning to follow carnal guidance. *“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk*

through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever." (Psalms 23:1-6) Romans chapter eight declares: "*For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*" (Romans 8:6) Since the sinner is dead in their sins, the writer is addressing those "which are in Christ Jesus". If you are in Christ and expect to dwell in the house of the Lord, you will have to be counted worthy by God and His standards, not man's. That is why the Bible is so important because the true Word of God is what man will be judged by to be worthy. Why accept an imposter and be damned when God has preserved His Word of reconciliation in order that all can be worthy.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:" (2 Timothy 4:7) It is not good enough just to fight or to finish the course, but one must also keep the faith to the end in order to win the prize. One must stay loyal to the Master and His commandments to gain the great prize at the end of life. It will cost the flesh but the reward is worth it all. To stand whole, a Christian must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Jesus. It is not enough to start but one must finish his course in faith. "*For many are called, but few are chosen.*" (Matthew 22:14) "*Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil.*" (John 6:70) A human may boast of being called or even chosen of God but this alone is not sufficient.

To enter the portals of heaven a soul must be faithful; faithful at the end of life; faithful unto death. "*These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*" (Revelation 17:14) Many have started the race but failed to finish in proper standing with the Judge of all the earth. Many may boast of great ac-

complishments but did Jesus know them in the fellowship of His suffering. Did they only desire the pleasant and glamour of walking with the King and deny Him in the shame of cross bearing?

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." (Matthew 7:21-27)

"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:10-12)

To be whole is to be complete and since there is no other name under heaven whereby we must be saved except Jesus; outside of Him is eternal damnation. "*For in him we live, and move, and have our being;*" (Acts 17:28) He (Jesus) is our life now and in eternity if we are found to be in Him at ones departure at life's end. To walk in our own strength is to die in our own strength! To reject God's whole plan of salvation is to die without His Saviour, Jesus! To die without Jesus is to be worthy of eternal separation from God and suffer the torments of the Lake of Fire! What a

horrible price to pay when God has made eternal life available to all. To be worthy of eternal life is to accept Jesus and walk in Him to the end.

“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.” (Revelation 4:11)

There is only One that is worthy and that is Christ Jesus the Lord and those who are found “in” Him are also counted worthy to share in His eternal abode and in His glory! Oh sinner, oh Christian won’t you humble yourself and repent of your sins before a loving God and allow Him to lead you unto eternal life? You do not need money! You do not need talent! You do not need human friends! You need only Jesus and He is waiting for your surrender. No matter what you are guilty of; no matter how young or how old you are; no matter what anyone else thinks or cares about you, this Jesus will accept you as you are and will make a new creature out of you and can make you worthy of eternal life!

“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.”

“And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith.” (Philippians 3:9)

“But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.” (Hebrews 1:8-9)

“He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in

through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.” (Revelation 22:11-21)

THE END

“And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?” (John 8:3-5)



“When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers?

hath no man condemned thee?

She said, No man, Lord.

And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.”

(John 8:10-11)

Confronted with sin allows forgiveness and an opportunity to make Jesus Lord!

What an opportunity!

Worthy!

A Famine in the Land!

M. A. Daoud

Our day is not the first time GOD has sent a famine for hearing the Word of GOD!

In the time of Ahab, few were the preachers that preached what GOD said, and not something to tickle the ears of their audiences. PREACHING GOD'S WORD often reveals to a person how mean they are, instead of how "nice" they are. "How miserable they stand in God's sight" and not "how privileged and happy we are to have you favor us with your presence to come hear the Word of God preached!"

Ahab had hundreds of prophets that preached whatever he wanted to hear but GOD had ONE preacher, Elijah, that dared to preach GOD's JUDGEMENT on the wickedness and sinful life of Ahab and Jezebel. Elijah dared to USE HIS FAITH to bring destruction on the nation; a literal famine, lack of rain for 3 1/2 years to make Ahab realize that GOD was NOT PLEASED one little tiny bit with his sins! And God was going to destroy Ahab and the whole kingdom, if there was not some genuine REPENTANCE and making wrongs right!

Elijah was not a POPULAR preacher that was invited to all the tea-parties Ahab had neither was John the Baptist invited by the Chief rulers of his day. John had the crowds but he did not flatter them. Because you have come so far to hear me preach, if you will just bow your head and repeat after me, you will go straight to heaven, even with the 3 women you visit secretly, or the illegal financial deals you are making ... just pay your tithes and you will be a favorite son in God's family! ... NONE OF THAT ... John said: "WHO WARNED YOU to flee from the WRATH to come? BRING FORTH FRUITS that show you have really stopped lying, stealing, committing adultery, and all the rest of the fortune-telling, sorcery junk ... clean up your lives ... stop your crooked walk ... then you come and I'll preach to you how to live for God and I'll baptize you."

BUT TODAY ... THAT KIND OF GOSPEL PREACHING is NOT HEARD IN THE LAND!!! WHY???

Because GOD has sent this famine of hearing the WORD of God ... people run to and fro, they gather in large congregations, hungry, hungry, hungry to hear old-fashioned preaching ... but the preachers are afraid to preach the pure WORD of God that brings judgment on sin and real heart stirring conviction. God has not changed His demands for holiness and God-like living here on earth. God has not changed His hatred and judgment on sin of every kind. "Cry ALOUD, and spare not, LIFT UP THY VOICE like a TRUMPET and show my people (the ones who claim to be Christians—saved believers) their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins."

Preaching that does not clearly denounce sin and show the deliverance from sin, is NOT THE GOSPEL Jesus left his His Disciples to preach! Jesus chased out the money-changers out of the Temple at the beginning and at the close of His ministry! It was Jesus' direct preaching against the sins of the Pharisees from the first sermon He preached in Capernaum to the last He preached, that made the religious leaders crucify our Lord and Master!

They wanted an outward form of being so much better than others, so much superior, etc.—but underneath they held on to all the sins of the flesh innumerable in Galatians 5 and Romans 1. BUT BECAUSE JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD ... He illuminated their covered up lives ... and brought sin out into the open ... which made the Pharisees ashamed ... but instead of humbling themselves and ASKING FOR JESUS TO DELIVER THEM from their sins ... they hardened their necks and said "You will not meddle with my life" ... and they crucified Jesus with full well-planned decisions.

But THANKS be to GOD ... who always TRIUMPHS ... Jesus rose from the grave with the keys of death and hell ... and behold HE HAS THEM TODAY ... and HE IS GOING TO RETURN SOON to put all the wicked, once and for all, into the eternal lake of fire and brimstone, where there

shall be weeping, and wailing and gnashing of teeth ... where the fire is not quenched and the worm dieth not! Glory be to God!

Here are some Scriptures that are soon to come to pass in our day ... that I want us to read together: "But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves in the valleys, all of the MOURNING, everyone for his INIQUITY. All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be as weak as water. They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth, and HORROR shall be upon all faces and baldness upon all their heads."

"They shall CAST their SILVER in the streets, and their GOLD shall be REMOVED. Their silver and their gold shall NOT be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord!: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumbling block of their iniquity." Ezekiel 7:16-27.

As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty: BUT they made the images of their abominations of their detestable things therein: therefore have I set it far from them.

And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the WICKED of the earth for a spoil; and they shall pollute it.

MAKE A CHAIN: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. Wherefore, I will bring the WORST of the heathen, and THEY shall POSSESS their houses: I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled.

"Destruction cometh! And they shall seek peace, and there shall be NONE!

Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; THEN SHALL THEY SEEK A VISION of the PROPHET; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients. The King shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with DESOLATION, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled; I WILL DO UNTO them AFTER THEIR way, and ACCORDING TO THEIR DESERTS will I JUDGE THEM, and they shall KNOW that I am the LORD!"

This prophecy is right upon us. Newspapers throughout the world are filled with news about changes being made concerning economic failures bringing chaos with plans to control and only those that will go along with this setup will be given jobs or be allowed to "BUY OR SELL" Read Revelation 13:16-18, 14:9-12.

Men will throw their gold and silver in the streets ... literally this will happen. It has happened in Finland in the early 1900's. Invading armies offered the people their lives if they would bring out all their gold and silver ... this they did and threw it in the streets . . . only to be killed by the invaders as soon as they got the gold.

The Jews never thought such horrible things could happen to their beautiful Temple ... but it did ... When man sins and refuses to live for God nothing he has is of any value to God! Don't think you can bring God an offering of money from sin! ... God wants HOLY OFFERINGS ... offerings from our labors, our toil and our sacrifices ... but NOT FROM sin and wicked practices and wicked businesses! It is a stench in GOD's nostrils!

God has had His hand on America because they feared God for all these years . . . but today GOD's hand is removed from our beautiful shores ... we see the handwriting on the walls ... GOD'S JUDGMENTS ARE IN THE LAND ... to bring us to our knees in real genuine repentance.

Amos 8:11-14 gives another picture of these days: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I WILL SEND FAMINE in the land; NOT a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, BUT OF HEARING the WORD of the Lord." And they shall gather together (there will be big meetings ... people will come long distances in search of someone who preaches the WHOLE WORD OF GOD without fear or favor ... but they will not find the WORD preached ... entertainment programs, plans, forms will be in evidence ... but the powerful convicting WORD OF GOD is not heard!) And they shall gather together from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro TO SEEK THE WORD of the LORD, and SHALL NOT FIND IT."

Jeremiah 5:19 says: “And it shall come to pass, when you shall say, ‘WHY does the Lord Our GOD do all these things to US ? Then you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord, BECAUSE YOU have forsaken ME and served strange gods, in your land, so YOU SHALL SERVE STRANGERS in a land that is not yours!’” (If WE don’t correct our young folks, the heathen will do it for us! For God will turn us over to the WORST of them ... who will show no pity on old or young ... at that time, they will have to bow when he says bow, and stand when he says stand . . . and eternal lake of fire will be the end!)

“Fear ye not Me? saith the Lord: will ye not tremble at MY PRESENCE, which have placed the sand the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?”

“But this people hath a revolting and rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter in his season ... YOUR INIQUITIES have turned away these things, and your SINS have withholden good things from you! For among MY PEOPLE are found wicked men; they lay wait, as he that setteth snares; they set a trap, they catch MEN. As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich! They are waxen FAT, they SHINE: yea THEY OVER-PASS the deeds of the wicked (Some CHRISTIANS HAVE BECOME MORE WICKED than rank sinners!)

It is AMONG MY PEOPLE, Jesus says, that He has found wicked men that plan how they can become rich thru deceit! But they judge not the cause of the fatherless ... YET THEY PROSPER” ... in other words, just because a “Christian PROSPERS” does not mean GOD prospered him. Things are so set up today in advertising, that even the wicked can prosper if they work at it.

Too many Christians are laying aside all CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES AND PIERCING THEMSELVES THRU WITH MANY A DART, BECAUSE THEY

ARE RUNNING AFTER RICHES of this world! 1 Timothy 6:9 they will stoop to tell any kind of lie, saying they will use the money gotten by deceit to PROMOTE GOD’S KINGDOM!!! GOD FORBID such a promotion GOD’S Kingdom is not built on a rotten foundation that is built on the foundation of TRUTH and JUSTICE.

It is time for millions of Christians to grow up and put on the whole armor of GOD and take the WORD at what GOD says it should do for us .. If we have the Spirit of GOD we will have the spirit of a SOUND MIND that will judge RIGHTEOUS JUDGEMENT . . . not excusing the wicked .. nor condemning the just ... but one that controls his life by the SCRIPTURES ... and if this was not humanly possible, Jesus would never have taken on Him the form of man and suffered to DELIVER US from all the works of the devil ... and to destroy the works of the devil

We love to think of the crucifixion and Jesus’ resurrection and ascension to heaven ... and that is wonderful ... but we are closer to His second coming to earth, when He shall come to punish the wicked that would not have HIM to rule over them! THIS is the thing we must prepare for . . . for JESUS IS COMING in an hour WHEN YE THINK NOT!!! But this time He is coming with POWER AND GREAT GLORY ... to RULE THE WORLD with a rod of iron, until everything is put under subjection to Christ . . . then Christ will turn the whole world to the Father

NO ONE can separate CHRIST’S SECOND COMING from JUDGEMENT of both believers and unbelievers ... Jesus is coming to JUDGE the world and give to everyone ACCORDING AS His WORKS were here on earth. YOU CAN live holy for God and have greater JOY and LIFE than anyone in the world living for self and sin! Jesus made this possible thru the PREACHING OF THE WORD ... GOD HAS CHOSEN to save the world! I Corinthians 1 :21.

Without preaching, our young generation has nothing to guide them in the right way.

His “Purpose”

Jack M. Skinner

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

You don’t need to be a scholar to understand what “His Purpose” was in sending (coming) to earth. Consider your ways!

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” (John 3:16-17)

God’s purpose of sending and Jesus coming to earth was to provide an escape from spending eternity in the Lake of Fire with Satan and his angels before death arrives to claim a human soul. Man has an ending in life (death) and then comes facing the Creator in judgment. Then comes facing the One who was sacrificed for a human’s sins on the cross. What a human does with their choices in life will determine how they will pass through this judgment time: either granted entrance into heaven or sent to hell for eternity!

“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:” (Hebrews 9:27)

Now, how does this digest or any true ministry fit into this picture of a life of a human? What responsibilities does a believer who has been redeemed by the blood of God’s Lamb have? Who shared with them how to be saved and how to stay saved? Was it a celestial being or a human being?

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, (purpose) as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.” (2 Corinthians 5:19)

“But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.” (Matthew 9:36-38)

No shepherd! No human to guide a soul to the way of salvation. God’s purpose was and is to redeem a soul from going to hell! To give a soul an opportunity of making a choice while they are alive and capable of doing so. BUT, how shall they hear? Who is going to try to convince them to consider facing eternity before it is too late?

“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!” (Romans 10:13-15)

Brothers and Sisters this message is for us who have experienced the love message sent from a loving heavenly Father and paid for by the obedient Son at Calvary for all mankind! All mankind: the lost and the backslider! Those who have never heard and those who have turned back to the mire and the vomit of this sinful world.

The carnal church world is not going to care for a soul. They have gone in the way of--- *“But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without*

water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.” (Jude 1:10-13)

History of man’s religious organizations have always been infiltrated and corrupted by satan and become influenced by worldly practices while being blinded and ignoring the true Word of God and its warnings.

“Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? Neither said they, Where is the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt? And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination. The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit. Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and with your children’s children will I plead.” (Jeremiah 2:5-9)

I am not surprised by how many churches of today (2025) have become entertainment centers. The music and the pulpits of these so called houses of God are far from being what the Bible (KJV) instructs as a place where Jesus would approve of. They are not much different than the movie houses I used to attend for my carnal pleasure.

What can true believers do?

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.” (Isaiah 6:8)

“Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention.” (Habakkuk 1:3)

“But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.” (Luke 10:33-35)

This certain Samaritan did not take the wounded sinner to the synagogue where the certain priest and Levite just came from but took him to an inn! *“Thus saith the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain?”* not his purpose to have a self-righteous (vanity) unprofitable (vain) religious establishment inside four walls ignoring a hurting sinful lost world outside its doors!! Get alone in your closet praying through and wait for His instructions in helping constructing **His church!**

“Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly. And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.” (Matthew 6:1-6)

Do not be guided by man’s purpose nor by your own purpose in life but shut the door to all influences, get alone with God and follow the Leader! **Mark 8:34**

February 2, 2025

Brother Jack,

“Thanks be unto God “for his unspeakable gift.” 2 Corinthians 9:15

When we first read of your ministry last year in the Miracles and Missions Digest, given to us by a brother, our hearts leapt with joy for what God is doing. We saw that the church is very much alive. That alone was an answered prayer to us. Then we received an unexpected package from you one day and upon opening, stared in amazement at the beautiful KJV Bible along with three beautifully-bound Gospel of John. Nobody but God knew of the frustration and confusion we had over the many translations out there today, and how I had prayed for God to choose one for me. It was as if our Father reached down from heaven that day with His righteous right Hand and placed His beautiful Word into my hands. Oh how I wept that day as I held that treasure tightly to my chest and close to my heart. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift!

After praying for an open door to get these books of John into the right hands, I received an urgent and desperate call from my daughter to go down the street to meet with her friend who was about to hang himself on a tree. With him safely down from the ladder, and the rope still slung over the tree, we prayed together, along with his believing mother. I gave him one of those precious bound books of the Gospel of John before the police took him away for an evaluation at a local hospital. I went to meet with him the next day in the locked ward of the hospital, and he told me how he had been reading it. It was the only thing allowed him to have in his sterile and empty room. The Word of God was there with him and making its way into his heart and soul, what a miracle! Glory to the most high God! What the devil meant for evil, God was surely using for good. God continues to move in such wonderful ways in this young man’s life. His own mother’s prayers being answered, as the hand of God once again reached down from heaven to deliver His Word to a hopeless young man about to succumb to the devil. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift!

Then we received your latest Miracles and Missions Digest which we wait for each quarter with anticipation. It took some time to study through as I didn’t want to miss a thing in that most incredible photo of “The Broad and Narrow Way”. Though the verses were difficult to read on the photo, the text that followed it was so helpful. Oh what a truth-filled visual of the Gospel! If you would tell me where I could get a clearer copy of that photo, I would so appreciate it. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift!

God bless you, brother Jack, for your faithfulness to the kingdom of God, in Christ Jesus. This ministry is reaching others in incredible ways!


“For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men; And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.” (2 Corinthians 9:12-15)

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