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- Divine Father-Son Wineskin
- Prophetic Directives
- Interpreting The Scriptures
- Accurate Building
- Grace and Repentance
- Results of Sin
- Hyper-Grace and the Law
- Resurrection, Deity of Jesus and The Trinity

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## Introduction

The purpose of the Apostolic School of Ministry (ASOM) is instruction – it is a school and not a conference. We want to know what God is saying to the church presently in the current Apostolic-Prophetic season.

**The term ‘Apostolic’ in its simplest form alludes to going back to an authentic and biblical perspective and template for how His church should function in the earth. It has nothing to do with the title ‘Apostle’.** The church is the called-out people of God, who are to represent Him accurately.

This ASOM is **centred on the Word of God**. The Word will offend and irritate many – an offense really because of the inherited positions and perspectives, which have remained unattested. Our perspective will challenge the status quo. Learn how to deal with the spirit of offence. The Word must destroy false positions we hold on to.

All speakers have a sincere **and deep love for God** and a common **objective is to build Christ in every man**.

Much of what the church believes is based on tradition and not the Word. In seeking to correct doctrine, we will also **not discredit our fathers who laboured before us**.

This ASOM must not fill you with a lot of biblical data or knowledge. Ultimately, it must **bring you closer to God**.

All the speakers have imbibed the Word they teach. **Judge them by their lifestyles**.

‘Apostolic’ has got to do with **going back to the Bible**. It places an absolute emphasis on going back to biblicity of the Scriptures.

The Apostolic season has gone viral since 2011. Prior to this, God said to me that **leaders that head ministries must be re-configured**. I had a mandate to teach and train leaders about the season. Leaders are the target of the ASOM’s. Our teachings are not largely devotional. Leaders must train themselves to sit for long sessions through teachings. **The church is far too entertainment-centred; it needs to be Word-centred**. Anointing flows from the head down. **If leaders cannot sit under the Word for substantial time frames, how do they expect their people to do the same**.

We must **break the ceiling of limitation**. We need to develop a love for God’s Word again. We must **break the fleshly limitation called ‘sleep’**. Recall Peter and others slept on the mount of transfiguration or the disciples in the garden; in the most intense engagements of divine activity, key apostles slept.

The busyness of leaders sometimes equates to barrenness. Busyness sometimes is seen as productivity. Time management in the ASOM is important. We need to be disciplined. **Self-management, time-management, discipline, concentration must be weaved into the structure of our lives**.

The ASOM's have to be of God; they have been going for 25 schools and each budget was always met.

We must embrace the totality of the ASOM. **Do not be selective of what you want to embrace.** Particularly, **do not isolate aspects you do not agree with and judge it in isolation of what God has said to the entirety of the ASOM.**

These schools have a **Christo-centric focus**. It is a Christ-centred focus. Not a Jesus-focused but a Christ-centred – i.e. the **pre-existent position of God before time began**. Christ is the fullness of Deity – of God. Everything we do comes out of Christ; He is the absolute focus of what we do. **Our view of the bible is Christological.** We do not study theology. Christ must be the centre for your knowledge of God. Christology informs theology.

Peter said to Jesus, “You are **the Christ**, the SON of the Living God”. This is the basis upon which Jesus builds the church. God builds everything on a **Christo-centric platform**. To know Christ is to know the God-head. God is ONE, expressed in the persons of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Lord your God is ONE. In this one God, there is the Father, Son and Spirit. These three persons are all spirit. Spirit is non-material, invisible, yet substantially real. **Everything created came out from Christ.**

Christ comes to us in the form **of a seed** – an incorruptible seed = the infallible, eternal and unfailing **WORD OF GOD**. **When His Word comes in you, the fullness of God comes in you.**

A **Christo-centric view of life sees Christ as the beginning and end**. Beginning means the first point of origin in a certain sequence. The ultimate beginning is Christ. He is the first in time, space and order. He is also the absolute end of everything; He is the Alpha and Omega. **All things exist in Him. All things are ‘from Him’, ‘through Him’ and ‘to Him’.**

We do not view Israel as God's time clock. Christ is the absolute standard. We are seated in Christ in heavenly places.

We also want to bring a reformation of mindset. We reform thinking.

**Some Concepts we need to take note of:**

- ❖ FORM
- ❖ DEFORM
- ❖ REFORM
- ❖ CONFORM
- ❖ TRANSFORM

There was **an original form** – it was perfect, sinless, incorruptible and glorious. Perfection had within it the power of choice. Everything functioned harmoniously and efficaciously. There was coherence and an order to it. Then the fall took place. Man fell from his relationship with God. He lost his identity; he fell from glory. His spirit was cut off from God. His soul and body decayed to the point of death. This is the **deformed** state. Then all of creation malfunctioned. All of creation is in a cosmic groan. Everything is reaching its point of exasperation.

God always **seeks to reform** that which was deformed. Reform = diorthosis = to correct and bring back to an original order. We need to know what the original form was. God does not expect all of us to rediscover His mind. What He does is, **He sends certain individuals to do this**. God shapes their minds first. God installs certain graces within them. Some are called **Apostles and Prophets**. He prepares them for some time. They start to see things in the Word – and they come to us carrying pictures of how we can get back to the original position. They come clothed with mantles of anointings in Christ. They show us how to be clothed in light. They are like Moses carrying the Ten Commandments. **They show you how to build a copy of heavenly things in an earthly structure**. Most people have sought to assassinate their leaders. Leaders of the previous season usually seek to destroy proponents of the new season. **The greatest enemy is not the devil, but the leadership of the last order that refuses to change to move into the new. Leaders of the last order crucify the Christ of the new order**. Those who embrace the new season will be a part of **reformational culture**. If leaders do not change, God will raise up a people who were not a people to steward His purposes.

We have been seeing sudden deaths of leaders globally as a sign of God shutting down a previous order. **One of the most desirable things we can see is when a father of a previous season recognises and blesses what God is doing in the new season**.

God will not put new wine into old wine skins. Your hardware has to change. You have to shut down in order to reboot. **You must shut down to get reconfigured**. You cannot sing the same, or preach the same. We all must impose change. **For example, in reference to finance, you cannot still preach ‘give to get’**. **Reformation will even challenge some of your successful models**. God wants to produce a system within us whereby, if He comes to us in fullness, we will not shut down.

**As we see, so we speak and exist**. As a child we speak as such.

In the areas where you are reformed, **you are CONFORMED**. For example, do not use worldly standards in worship. **Conformity is to the image of God (Rom 8:28,29)**. The **IMAGE of God is the standard**. We must come back to the image of Christ. If Christ is not produced in us, then whatever we do is vanity.

**We are then transformed**. Final transformation will take place at Jesus’ physical return. We do not believe in the rapture. We believe in a **victorious reigning church**. We will conquer death. We will rule with Him in heaven and earth. Jesus is the first fruit from the dead – there will be a harvest. When He returns, we will be transformed to immortality and incorruptibility.

## Methodology For Revealing Christ

Luke 24 has become key in these ASOM's. It provides a basis for the teaching framework. It is the post-resurrection methodology by which Christ is revealed. He did not appeal to physical empirical evidence to reveal His identity. Christ opened the Scriptures; He opened their eyes; He opened their minds. These two were disciples. But their minds were disconnected from understanding spiritual things.

We do not yet know the power of the resurrection. He was raised up, resurrected and then ascended to be seated.

Jesus opened the Word; He broke bread and then appeared in His naked self. He first approached the two disciples as a stranger, then as a spirit or ghost.

Our objective is to open eyes to see the Word, how it is broken down and see Him as the manifestation of the Word. You only become what you see. **What you see is what becomes of you.**

Do not try so much to see doctrine, shadows, and types. **Just try to see pictures of Christ – see Him and become conformed to the image of the Son. Many are caught up with clichés and punch-line statements, but many do not know Him.** We are to be like little children wanting to imitate our big brother. Stop reading, but learn to stare at the Scriptures. **Christ must be installed within each one of us.**

### Luke 24:13-53

13 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem.

14 And they were talking with each other about all these things, which had taken place.

15 While they were **talking and discussing**, Jesus Himself **approached** and *began* travelling with them.

16 But their eyes **were prevented** from **recognizing** Him.

**Recognise = epignsoko.**

This is different from 'oida' (sensory knowing) – an attempt to know from the seat of the soul; this is intellectual and rational. It is soulish involving human perception. In this realm, motivational speaking has replaced true preaching. **Motivational preaching does not grow your spirit.**

**Epignosis** = primarily used by Paul. **This is knowledge that comes from the right hand of God** – from the Throne-room that dispenses knowledge. Knowledge from below is earthly, sensual and devilish. Education is not wrong. **Knowledge from above is pure, without guile and prejudice.** The two disciples did not have an epignosis knowledge of God that comes to your spirit man. It is stored in the basket of your spirit. At the fall, the eye of the spirit was blinded. The spirit should know how to look into the light of God.

**The eye of the soul must be shut so that the eye of the spirit can be re-opened.** This happens by continuous washing in the pool of Siloam – the Apostolic pool. The natural man cannot receive the things of the spirit. **The natural man is not sinful, but a man who perceives things naturally. Fathering involves teaching the spirit how to function properly so that it can lead your soul in how to function properly.**

**Epignosis knowledge has nothing to do with theological backgrounds.** You can walk with Jesus and not KNOW Him. **You must know Him by epignosis. The Father-Son wineskin is integral for this. This is a pro-Christ wineskin.** Not to operate in it is anti-Christ. This **wineskin is the spirit of family.** The father will relate to children as sons. E.g. John the apostle wrote to his ‘children’. **In the church today, we are erroneously using Greek forms of speaking – orientated to eloquence. Do not speak from your soul but from your spirit as a father – so that sons come into the image of divine sonship.** Stand as a father represent.

Also, as a father, **see the household as a family unit, not as a bunch of delinquents. A father speaks to a son’s spirit. He is releasing Divine information to a son’s spirit.** The greatest impartations that take place is from **spirit to spirit. You cannot do this if you do not have love.** Love is tender but can be tough. The spirit of love must become the banner over your people. Create an environment that is peaceful, loving and stress-free. **The motivation for creating this environment must be love. The family operates on the more excellent ministry of love. Bring the grace of father in a loving way to your people.**

The focus on Divine fathering and sonship is very important (not so much spiritual fathering and sonship). **If you do not know God as your personal Father, yet you have a spiritual father, you are still an orphan. If you call a man your spiritual father, but you do not relate to God as Father, you are still an orphan.** Divine sonship takes place when your spirit is trained to know God as your Father. Jesus, the Son, slept in a storm, and provided in a time of need – He knew God was His Father.

The spirit of anti-Christ is against Father-Son wineskin.

‘Epignosis’ anchors you and brings you under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Israel knew the “God of their fathers”, but not “God, their Father”. **The ultimate objective of spiritual fathering is to bring every single person to hear God, the Divine Heavenly Father, for himself or herself.**

Epignosis is knowledge that **comes by revelation** – it is rhema out of logos. It clothes you and brings you into rest and quietness. There is no competition with anyone. You become naive and care-free.

Don’t put your trust in the principle of sowing and reaping, but in God who established that principle and commanded you to sow. It is more about obedience to God, the person, than trust in a principle. This knowledge brings you into Sabbath rest, stillness, quietness and calmness.

#### **Luke 24:17-25**

- 17 And He said to them, "What are these words that you are **exchanging with one another** as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad.
- 18 One *of them*, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?"



- 19 And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people,
- 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him.
- 21 "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.
- 22 "But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning,
- 23 and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive.
- 24 "Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see."
- 25 And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

**'Foolish'** = one whose mind does not know the things of God – spiritual things; brainless; no spiritual IQ. There are many spiritual leaders like this. **'Slow of Heart'** = because your mind cannot understand, your pace is slackened.

**Luke 24:26-27**

- 26 "Was it not necessary for **the Christ to suffer these** things and to enter into His glory?"
- 27 Then **beginning with Moses** and with all the prophets, **He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.**

**In revealing Christ from the Scriptures, you need a voice.** Adam responded to the sound of the Lord God in the garden and enjoyed the presence. Your voice as a preacher is under the breath of the Spirit of God. God is muting some voices like Zechariah that do not believe. Use your voice to communicate the Spirit of God. Faith comes by hearing. You cannot sow seed without using your mouth.

**Luke 24:28-30**

- 28 And they approached the village where they were going, and He acted as though He were going farther.
- 29 But they urged Him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is *getting* toward evening, and the day is now nearly over." So He went in to stay with them.
- 30 When He had reclined *at the table* with them, He took the bread and blessed *it*, and breaking *it*, He *began* giving *it* to them.

Breaking bread here is not communion – but sharing grace, which is Himself.

- Luke 24:31** Then their **eyes were opened and they recognized Him**; and He vanished from their sight.

He did not want to be seen physically but spiritually.

Luke 24:32-45

- 32 They said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?"
- 33 And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found gathered together the eleven and those who were with them,
- 34 saying, "The Lord has really risen and has appeared to Simon."
- 35 They *began* to relate their experiences on the road and how He was recognized by them in the breaking of the bread.
- 36 While they were telling these things, He Himself stood in their midst and \*said to them, "Peace be to you."
- 37 But they were startled and frightened and thought that they were seeing a spirit.
- 38 And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"
- 39 "See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."
- 40 And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.
- 41 While they still could not believe *it* because of their joy and amazement, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"
- 42 They gave Him a piece of a broiled fish;
- 43 and He took it and ate *it* before them.
- 44 Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."
- 45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

To see Him, know the Law and Prophets.

To know Him, you know the Law, Prophets and the Psalms.

His walk with them could not bring them to see Him. **Only in an environment of family did the Word become bread, when he broke it down.** Fathers sit at a table and impart the love of God. See yourself sitting at a table and loving and breaking the bread. In Jewish festive meals, great preparation goes into it. When the family sits, the father would not eat first, but he lets his family eat first. He was confident enough of his abundant provision. He would talk to his family – He would reminisce. He would tell them of the goodness of God. He would ensure every child understands. Preaching must take on the form of learning how to speak lovingly.

There is a **difference between being clothed with fig leaves and being under the fig tree** (no guile and ambition).

**N.B.:** Thamo Naidoo has also dealt with Luke 24 in greater detail in the following ASOM's: 15<sup>th</sup> ASOM (Sept 2000); 17<sup>th</sup> ASOM (March 2010); 18<sup>th</sup> ASOM (Oct 2010). Consult the website to listen to the audio recording of these teachings; [www.thamonaiddoo.com](http://www.thamonaiddoo.com)).

# Fig Tree Principles

## Part 1

Doctrine is our pre-eminent focus. God's Word is the centre of our table. It is the light and the bread of the table. We cannot give ourselves to private interpretations; we cannot be speculative about it. We cannot dilute it, water it down or seek to edit it. We labour in the Word and in doctrine. We give ourselves to the Word and prayer. This move will be around God's Word. God's Word must be the centre stage of all our gatherings.

There is fruit that should be produced in those who submit themselves to God's Word. God wants us to **understand the wine-skin of family**, which is submitted to one Father. **The wine-skin of Father-Son is a reference to divine fathering and sonship.**

The Holy Spirit administers this Father-Son wineskin. **This family is known for its love. Every single need is met in the environment of love. In the culture of true love, there is no beneficiary per se – there is only the desire to be a dispensary of true love. If a man or woman is selfish, stingy, frugal, non-sacrificial and non-expending, then they are not a communicator of God's love.** They have a serious salvation deficit. Giving is a quintessential feature of a father. In Jewish custom, the father eats last in his bid to ensure that all were comfortable and satisfied before he himself ate. **His comfort was in the comfort of others. The joy of a true father is always seeking to give.** True fathers always want their children to be better than they.

**The Spirit of Family and how the Word is communicated in it is the manifestation of the spirit of love and this produces innocence – a naivety – a spirit without guile, malice or ambition.**

**We want Christ to be manifest. When Christ manifests, it is called 'SON'. The Word can be subdivided into three categories (Law, Prophets and Psalms). 'Law' has statutes, principles, ordinances, protocols, religious procedure. 'Prophets' amplify, explain, enunciate and interpret the law in real life settings. Law is given in mountain-tops. The prophets unpack the law in the environment of human setting. When you marry the 'Law' and 'Prophets', you get the 'Psalms'. When the law is prophetically installed into a people, this law becomes experience – lifestyle – a psalm – personal and subjective private experience.**

**Psalms cannot be written behind a desk. "As the deer pants for the waters ..." Psalms are not just a collection of nicely packaged statements. Psalms (songs) become life. Psalms - your life -becomes a testimony to the amazing goodness of God. This is where every atom in you is a song. The sound of God in you is resounding. Capturing it in the form of song or dance is something else. The Word is finally becoming flesh. The flesh manifesting the Word is Psalms. When you love God's Word, you become God's Word.**

The manifestation of the 'son of man' is where you have an open heaven, where you connect to the heavenly envoys – the angelic realm, and have access to information, which was once hidden. The manifestation of God's Word has to be in the son of man.

Now we focus on Nathaniel.

**John 1:43-50**

- 43 The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, “ Follow Me.”
- 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter.
- 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have **found Him** of whom Moses in the **Law and also the Prophets** wrote - **Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.**”
- 46 Nathanael said to him, “ Can any good thing come out of **Nazareth?**” Philip said to him, “**Come and see.**”
- 47 Jesus saw **Nathanael coming to Him**, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is **no deceit!**”
- 48 Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”
- 49 Nathanael answered Him, “ **Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel.**”
- 50 Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you that **I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe?** You will see **greater things than these.**”
- 51 And He said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man

Philip	=	Lover of horses.
Bethsaida	=	House of fish.
Andrew	=	The man.
Nathaniel	=	Gift of God.

Jesus is the manifestation of the law and the prophets – the Word made flesh. The message and the messenger must become one. You and the Word must be one. The days of trying to impress people with articulating the Bible are over. **People now are ‘rightly dividing’ us, who are the Word made flesh.**

Jesus said to Nathanael, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is **no deceit!**”

He is really saying, “Behold a prince who knows how to wrestle with God – to access blessings – here is a prince, a gift of God; in him there is no guile”. No guile – no bitterness, no deceit, no craft, no subtlety, no sarcasm, no anger, no unforgiveness, no jealousy. You must become the manifestation of purity. We have to become spotless in our conversations. We must have **innocence and purity**. We are the **Israel of God**. We should be without deceit. Deceit is satanic (recall the deceit of the serpent in the garden). The serpent is full of guile on the tree.

Jesus said, “Before Philip called you, I saw you **under** a fig tree”. ‘Under’ = ‘hupo’ = **in subordination and submission**. He was without guile under the tree, whereas the serpent is full of guile on the tree.

In the garden they clothed themselves with the leaves of a fig tree.

Nathanael calls him, “Rabbi”, meaning “Teacher”. He is calling upon **instruction**. Nathanael is saying, “**You are the manifestation of the Word, called ‘Son of God’.**”

Jesus said, “You will see **greater things than these.**”

**Greater** = elder, more, older, better gifts.

Note **Luke 1:51 in KJV** : And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Hereafter** ye shall see heaven open, and the **angels of God** ascending and descending upon the **Son of man**.

There is something called continuity and discontinuity. The point of termination is called discontinuity. The term 'HEREAFTER' refers to an interface or division between two dimensions. One system will conclude and a new system will be inaugurated. **Now you will see how everything you see will take place through a system called 'son of man'.**

**Open = anoigo =** a portal in heaven open to you. Also from now there will be a speaking from the Lord to you from another dimension.

The phrase '**Son of man**' refers to a **corporate entity** – it includes you and I.

### The Fig Tree

**Fig = suke** = a fruit – a fig.

- The fig tree depicts a **religious system**.
- It is regarded as a **dignified** tree.
- It has dignity because it became **an indicator**. It spoke when **summer is coming**. It produces the first fruits of the summer (like the almond). When you see the **early fruit you know the harvest is coming**.
- It was also a tree that spoke about **something DESIRABLE**.
- Later on it also spoke about **double standards**.
- The fig tree and the vine tree were used as a **comparative point** with thorns and thistles.

The fig tree alludes to a **man under a religious system – Judaism**. In summer it produces huge leaves for the weary traveller. **Nathanael was under this tree – he was looking for shade. He was without vice, without deceit, yet under the wrong system**. There are many like this in the earth today. But Adam and Eve used its leaves to hide their nakedness – the attempt to hide and conceal their true state.

The fig tree is known to **produce sweetness** – picture of religion. **Religion cannot give you dignity. It produces good people, but God wants godly people.**

### Judges 9:7-11

Once the trees went forth to anoint a king over them, and they said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us!' But the olive tree said to them, 'Shall I leave my fatness with which God and men are honored, and go to wave over the trees?' Then the trees said to the fig tree, 'You come, reign over us!' But the **fig tree** said to them, '**Shall I leave my sweetness and my good fruit**, and go to wave over the trees?'

Religion gives you sweet and good fruit. The law and prophets were supposed to give us sweetness - but it was to be the first fruit of a greater harvest.

**Is 28:4** And the fading flower of its glorious beauty, Which is at the head of the fertile valley, Will be like the **first-ripe fig prior to summer**, Which one sees, And as soon as it is in his hand, He swallows it.

Jesus cursed the fig tree because it bore no fruit. When people look at the fig tree – it should be an **indicator of future things**. Israel was supposed to have been this (see Hos. 9:10 below); and was also supposed to be a delight to the nations.

**Fig Tree = fathering**

**Hos. 9:10a** I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; **I saw your forefathers as the earliest fruit on the fig tree** in its first season

'Fathers' then are 'indicators'.

In James 3, the **fig tree is a sign of the tongue**.

**James 3:12** Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh

Jesus shifts the focus from **the tree** to the **son of Man**.

# Fig Tree Principles

## Part 2

The Fig tree was also a picture of the **law and prophets**; it produced **shade but not rest**.

The tree should not produce two types of fruit; there must be no double standards. We must not be hypocritical. We must live a life that is a declaration of who we are. The new fig tree is called the '**son of man**' – operates under an **open heaven where there is continuous accessing of the messages from God**. Wherever we are, we provide shade, covering, peace, and sweetness.

When Jesus triumphantly entered into Jerusalem, He rode on a donkey (father) and its colt (son). The firstborn belongs to God. It is owned by God, by virtue of the fact that it opened the womb. The firstborn was deemed holy unto the Lord. You cannot become holy; you are already holy. If an animal is unclean (donkey), you had to have a clean animal to substitute for it. You had to take a lamb on behalf of the donkey. If the lamb could not be given, the neck of the donkey had to be broken and it died – because you could not keep it.

Jesus chose a donkey – an unclean animal. The twelve apostles covered the donkey with their mantles of anointing – i.e. the 'Word' covered the donkey so that the donkey could ride into Jerusalem.

The next day after He came into Jerusalem, He was hungry at Bethany.

Bethany = the House of Dates; House of Misery or Pain.

### Mark 11:11-14

Jesus entered Jerusalem and came into the temple; and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.

On the next day, when they had left Bethany, **He became hungry**. Seeing at a distance a **fig tree in leaf**, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, **He found nothing** but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. He said to it, "**May no one ever eat fruit from you again!**" **And His disciples were listening**.

**Jesus was killing a system. He was deconstructing a system that was supposed to produce fruit but it could not.** Immediately He goes to cleanse the temple. They have made God's house a den of thieves. Institutions of religion in Christendom are so toxic that those who go in are infected. There is great corruption. Guard against the spirit of ambition.

Mark 11:18 The chief priests and the scribes heard this, and began seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him, for the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching

### Mark 11:20-26

As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up. Being reminded, Peter said to Him, "**Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered.**" And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God. Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in

his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you. Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions. [But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions]

**You cannot live under religious systems which are biblically incorrect. The mountain here, in context, is the false high place mimicking Zion. These are high places of religion.**

We will have to declare that every false religious mountain is illegal. **It is our right to cast them into the sea where they belong. Jesus came for food, not for shade.**

#### **Mark 13:28-30**

“Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, **you know that summer is near**. Even so, you too, when you see these things happening, recognize that **He is near, right at the door**. Truly I say to you, this **generation** will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

The reference to ‘generation’ could be literal or prophetic. For example, there was a literal historical fulfillment of Matt 23. **Prophecy has an immediate fulfillment as well as progressive fulfillment.** Also in Matthew 1, “This is the generation of Jesus” – not a physical one as He did not marry. This could speak of the **chosen generation**. Psalm 22 indicates that ‘**a seed** shall be counted as a generation’. In the genealogical record in Matt 1 there are forty-two generations; 3 x14 generations = 42 generations, but one is missing and this is the **spiritual seed in the loins of Christ which is us**.

He cursed the fig tree – the house of Israel – they will never be able to speak of the things of God. Now the next fig tree – **the son of man – we will not pass away until all things are fulfilled. We are the summer of God; the indicators of God.** We depict the things of God. People should study us to know what the end is. People must taste our fruit to know the goodness of God. Purity of doctrine must be evident; there must be no deceit, no sin, no fault in you.

There was another man (Zaccheus) on the FIG TREE – the sycamore tree. He was called down to sup with Christ.

**The Word must produce sweetness in us. Be free of craftiness and wiliness.**

#### **Psalm 19**

The heavens are telling of the glory of God;  
And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.  
Day to day pours forth speech,  
And night to night reveals knowledge.  
There is no speech, nor are there words;  
Their voice is not heard.



Their line has gone out through all the earth,  
 And their utterances to the end of the world.  
 In them He has placed a tent for the sun,  
 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber;  
 It rejoices as a strong man to run his course.  
 Its rising is from one end of the heavens,  
 And its circuit to the other end of them;  
 And there is nothing hidden from its heat.  
 The **law of the Lord** is perfect, restoring the soul;  
 The **testimony of the Lord** is sure, making wise the simple.  
 The **precepts of the Lord** are right, rejoicing the heart;  
 The **commandment of the Lord** is pure, enlightening the eyes.  
 The **fear of the Lord** is clean, enduring forever;  
 The **judgments of the Lord** are true; they are righteous altogether.  
 They are **more desirable than gold**, yes, than much fine gold;  
**Sweeter also than honey** and the **drippings of the honeycomb**.  
 Moreover, by **them Your servant is warned**;  
 In keeping them there is **great reward**.  
 Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults.  
 Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins;  
 Let them not rule over me;  
 Then I will be blameless,  
 And I shall be acquitted of great transgression.  
 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
 Be acceptable in Your sight,  
 O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer

Everything must be brought under the WORD. **The Word of God is the new fig tree we are coming under.**

We are creating a new model. You cannot say your church is a family without creating the environment. This wine-skin is father-son. The spiritual father must represent the Divine Father. He is to speak to the sons in the house as God's sons. Joseph fathered Manasseh and Ephraim. He produced the anointing of Ephraim, which means fruitfulness and increase; Manasseh, who was born first, must first make you forget the hurts of the past, before double fruitfulness is experienced. Every one of your people must become the signposts of a new season. **The spirit of a father must be produced.**

#### **Psalm 103:10-22**

He has **not dealt with us according to our sins**, Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

The Lord performs righteous deeds  
 And judgments for all who are oppressed.

He made known His ways to Moses,  
 His acts to the sons of Israel.

**The Lord is compassionate and gracious,**  
 Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.

He will not always strive with us,  
**Nor will He keep His anger forever.**  
 He has not **dealt with us according to our sins,**  
 Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.  
 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
**So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.**  
 As far as the east is from the west,  
 So far has He removed our transgressions from us.  
**Just as a father has compassion on his children,**  
**So the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.**  
 For He Himself knows our frame;  
 He is mindful that we are but dust.  
 As for man, his days are like grass;  
 As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.  
 When the wind has passed over it, it is no more,  
 And its place acknowledges it no longer.  
**But the lovingkindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him,**  
 And His righteousness to children's children,  
 To those who keep His covenant  
 And remember His precepts to do them.  
 The Lord has established His throne in the heavens,  
 And His sovereignty rules over all.  
 Bless the Lord, you His angels,  
 Mighty in strength, who perform His word,  
 Obeying the voice of His word!  
 Bless the Lord, all you His hosts,  
 You who serve Him, doing His will.  
 Bless the Lord, all you works of His,  
 In all places of His dominion;  
 Bless the Lord, O my soul

Do not preach based on the needs of people or to attack people - this is contextual preaching. Your environment must not shape your teaching. God does not deal with us according to our sins – He deals with us in love. **If your preaching is not connected to the Throne, and you preach to address the people, being conditioned by them, then you are more connected to the people than to God.** Don't see the problem and then seek to speak to it. Just seek to hear God who will address the root of the problem. **Speak with the heart of a father speaking to God's sons.**

#### **1 Peter 1:10-25**

As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries, seeking to know what person or time **the Spirit of Christ** within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, **in these things which now have been announced to you** through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.

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, 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**; knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a **lamb unblemished and spotless**, the blood of Christ. For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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, for you have been **born again not of seed** which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and **enduring word of God**. For, “All flesh is like grass, And all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls off, But the word of the Lord endures forever.” **And this is the word, which was preached to you.**

In the revelation of Christ is the grace of God. In studying the New Testament, you cannot just rely on Greek word studies, you must also consult the Old Testament – the school-master – look for shadows and types of the concept (e.g. with the subject ‘giving’). E.g. ‘Holy’ in Old Testament is defined by how God viewed the firstborn son – **he was holy without doing anything**. You are holy – there is nothing you can do to be holy. **Be holy and anything unclean in you will be highlighted, which you have to address.**

**The father-son wineskin – is about speech – the impartation through a voice.**

Redemption has a special meaning. It is used specifically for the firstborn. The parents take the firstborn 40 days after the birth and they give the child to the priest. The priest takes the child and lifts him to God. The law provided an escape clause. The parents could buy the child back for 5 shekels. When you buy the child you adopt the child (God’s child). Before this they had to make an offering (a pigeon and two turtle doves if they were poor; or a lamb if they were rich). The parents had to protect him because he belonged to the Lord. We were redeemed by the blood of Jesus, the Lamb – He bought us as if we were the Firstborn of God. We should live like we are God’s firstborn.

Hannah gave Samuel to the priest. She did not buy him back. She gave him because Samuel would fix the problem of a backslidden priesthood. God hated Esau because he did not value the principle that the firstborn belonged to God.

**Do not hurt your people. Do not put vomit on your tables. Fear and trembling must come back behind pulpits. Ask God for wisdom to preach accurately.**

# The Rain of Doctrine

## Part 1

Last night was a tough night. There was a cloud of darkness. God was showing us the specific principality we are dealing with. Every new level has a new devil. In the challenge of confronting death in His humanity, forced Jesus to go and pray. Before this, He had to cross a brook Kidron (turbulent times). You have to **learn how to negotiate rivers in your transitions in the spirit.**

Whenever you cross, **wrong attitudes get exposed.** Learn how to **stay in intimacy with the Lord.** In the **midst of darkness, you must look for the light that shines.** Last night God gave me a prophetic picture that could be a tool used for the healing of churches, and of the land, for the end of famine, and for the sound of rain to come back.

Something Shaun said in **Deut. 32:1,2:**

“Give ear, O heavens, and let me speak; And let the earth hear the words of my mouth. **“Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, As the droplets on the fresh grass And as the showers on the herb”**

### **Gen 2:1-6**

Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made earth and heaven. Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for **the Lord God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground. But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.**

**God created all things and went into rest. He codified all of creation and rested. He rendered Himself inactive, but all His work will be done through the principle of representation. We are stewards and not owners of anything. Servanthood is the manifestation of stewardship. We regard ourselves as slaves of God. Enter the rest by accessing the way He configured us to function. The ultimate in representation is condescension. The Son in us can be greater than us in our environment. Be disowned of the things you own – then you are free – you cannot be shackled. This brings you great freedom – from competition, contentions, lust, etc.**

**We need to understand Divine Fatherhood. The revelation of this must hit your spirit; it must not just be theoretical knowledge. Rest in the bosom of your father.**

Learn how to rest in the completed work. Do not clamour, etc.

V.4 God rearranges the order from ‘heaven and earth’, to ‘earth and heaven’.

V5,6. Note the words “for **the Lord God had not sent rain upon the earth**, and there was **no man to cultivate the ground. But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.**”

This is a seeming contradiction:

**Gen 1:9,10-13**

Then God said, “ Let the waters below the heavens be gathered into one place, and let the dry land appear”; and it was so. God called the dry land earth, and the gathering of the waters He called seas; and God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees on the earth bearing fruit after their kind with seed in them”; and it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed after their kind, and trees bearing fruit with seed in them, after their kind; and God saw that it was good. There was evening and there was morning, a third day

Everything God created came out of water. God is emphasising rain which was not needed because of a subterranean watering system. There was **no rain because there was no man** to tend the garden. But the He says a mist waters the earth.

**Deut. 32:1-4:**

“Give ear, O heavens, and let me speak; And let the earth hear the words of my mouth. “Let my **teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew**, As the droplets on the fresh grass And as the showers on the herb” “For I proclaim the name of the Lord; Ascribe greatness to our God! “The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He

In Gen 2:5, **the rain** is not physical water, **but the words God will put in Adam’s mouth**. This will be his rod, or medium of authority to administrate the earth and its inhabitants. **His words will be like rain that will replenish the earth – and bring growth to seeds – and ensure that there is no famine in the earth**. Famine is the result of a drought, which results from the absence of sufficient rain. Starvation then results, and then also the shortage of seed; a lack of bread. The story of Elimelech and Naomi in the House of Bethlehem (Bread) – there was a drought there and they relocated to Moab. **They relocated and thus dislocated**. They journey to Moab - the land that kills fathers and mocks fathers and people are the product of incestuous relationships.

Bethlehem was initially called Ephratha –fruitfulness. They go to false fathers to get bread. **Principally, a father is known as a bread or food provider.**

In Moab, Elimelech, Mahlon and Chilion all die – father and sons die.

**Rain is the source of bread**. God cannot give rain to the land because there is no man to tend the land. But there is enough in the land. MAN = Adam; land = adamah; earth = eres. **This man’s mouth will be an irrigation system. Words spoken will produce rain in your life.**

**The Word is rain. Word is doctrine. Doctrine is rain.** To fix the problem of desolation in the church, understand the administration of how God sends. False leaders make a house desolate. Desolation implies that the house is invaded by demonic forces.

To fix the problem, God sends prophets, wise men and scribes.

**Prophets:** See beyond what is apparent – plugging into the heart of God. The prophetic dynamic allows you to speak as God shows you things.

**Wise Men:** Wise master-builder season – building systems and culture, etc.

**Scribe:** The establishing of order through doctrine. E.g. people like Ezra. Doctrine will become the ultimate. The Word will be active and alive. It will start with leaders.

We will enter a revival of God's Word. There is a hunger for God's Word that is deepening. Words will come forth. A voice from the cloud spoke on the mount of transfiguration.

God will re-irrigate His people with His Word.

That which happens to us spiritually will happen to our natural world. As you start speaking everything will be healed. Governments will not solve the problems. The earth is malfunctioning. Contemporary seeker friendly churches are New-Age practitioners – they are sooth-sayers and diviners.

Produce bread in the baskets of your people. This bread will change the environment in which they live.

#### **What is the RAIN?**

It is doctrine or teaching.

Doctrine is not a statement of faith. That is the tenets of your belief system.

**Doctrine is taught by true churches connected to the throne of God; taught by revelation, disclosure, spiritual connection. Doctrine can only be taught by a group of people who can stand in the holy mount, whose feet have been washed by the Lord, and not by men who have learned the science of preaching we have borrowed from Greek culture. We have to distinguish between eloquence and the anointing. The one stirs the soul and the other speaks to the spirit. One speaks from his soul to the soul of men; the other speaks from his spirit to the spirits of men.**

Doctrine is the act of teaching and the art of instruction. Do not sweat; speak from rest. **When you speak from your spirit, you breathe God and words fall like rain upon people.**

**Learn how to DROP God's Word that releases productivity. The word 'drop' implies the activation of the cloud of God. It saturates the field of human bodies. Your word must be like your hand laid on someone. God is looking for a man so He send the rain again.**

Doctrine is the nature and content of what is being taught. It includes theoretical and practical knowledge. **Don't treat God's Word lightly. Don't allow the spirit of Balaam to put a question mark of doubt (Balaam means 'perhaps'). Don't allow the serpent to put a question in your mind. When God speaks, just obey. Learn how to trust God.**

When you speak, your Word goes into two realms, into the 'adamah' and into the earth. **Your words are God's irrigation system.**

**Doctrine includes the ability to demonstrate.** It produces results.

Jacob asked Judah to direct their faces toward Goshen. The word '**direct**' is akin to doctrine. **Doctrine directs the path by speech.** You will speak certain things and before you know it, it will happen. The Word will not return to you void. Everything you need will come to you.

**Doctrine teaches skills and aptitudes.** A spiritual gene will be implanted. Certain impartations will come forth. Doctrine **gives wisdom.** This doctrine comes by imitating the apostles – plug into grace.

# The Rain of Doctrine

## Part 2

**We must know God as our Father.** Jesus knew God His Father and therefore had no problems submitting Himself to Joseph. You may know your earthly father and not God, Your Father. If this is the case, then you are not fathered. The surname of Jesus was in essence 'Judah'. Mary was from the family of the High Priesthood (Levi). Jesus was not after the Aaron priesthood (Levi), but Melchisedek. Natural genes do not define us. **When God places you in His family under a spiritual father, he imputes His genes into you. This family defines your standard, your emblem, etc.**

Kill the spirit of ambition and insecurity. An insecure man always looks for an open door. Be free from the entanglements of this world.

**The Father-Son wineskin is Divine father and son – this is the Divine family of God.** Everything we do in the church must be in the environment of family. Everything is defined by love. Love does not excommunicate people from the family.

The correct definition of 'ecclesia' (church) is 'FAMILY' according to the Old Testament. We baptise words by giving them Heavenly definitions. **God's people were known as God's family.**

**Preachers must know the spirit of FATHER and your communication must be in the essence of the FATHER. The Father in you must speak. The love of God must be the motivating factor for leading the House of God. The most excellent ministry is love. In love is perfect faith and hope. Come back to the place of pure love. Treat your own people like you treat your own natural children. The spirit of love must become the predominant force in our houses.**

**Doctrine** (continued from previous session):

The 'false Christ' – impersonates the Father-Son wineskin. Anti-Christ is that which opposes Christ. There are also false apostles and preachers. Doctrine is not about just quoting Scriptures – even the devil can quote Scriptures.

**Doctrine ...**

- The medium in which doctrine is quoted is preaching.
- Includes the content and nature of what is being taught.
- It could be theoretical and informational. But there is a practical side – an impartational side.
- It must be **demonstrated. It must be imbibed.** The early church imitated what the apostles taught. Emulate authentic apostles. Timothy does not create his own doctrine. Timothy's life was so indelibly marked by Paul, he was willing to follow him. Study the messenger. **People do not come to hear what we say; they come to SEE what we say. Study the conduct of what we say.**



**2 Tim 3:10-16** Now you followed my **teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, persecutions, and sufferings**, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I **endured**, and **out of them all the Lord rescued me!** Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. But evil men and **impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them**, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings, which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith, which is in Christ Jesus. **All Scripture** is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

**You do not teach until you have become the message. We must be current in our teaching – but it must be lifestyle. People can attack your doctrine but not your testimony.** 2 Tim. 3:10 encapsulates the man of doctrine.

‘**ALL SCRIPTURE**’ here includes the Old Testament. The Scripture is the breath of God. Words are the clothing that houses the breath of God. **The whole Bible is the breath of God. His Words are spirit and life. When you share doctrine, life is coming upon people. Your words are spirit and life.** You do not use the pulpit to give people a turn to preach simply to keep them in your church.

**Scripture is profitable for doctrine.** Your doctrine is the sum total of all that you are. John on the isle of Patmos – he turned to see the voice – and he first saw seven golden candlesticks and then the son of Man in the midst of the candlesticks. We have a biblical view of Christ. Candlestick = apostolic doctrine; then he saw the son of Man. **When you preach to impress or to showcase your knowledge – you are not Christo-centric. Do not preach for money.** Preach Christ and not silver and gold. You will not get ‘rain’ until you deal with these issues. You may get some rain, but it will be filled with toxic waste.

**Doctrine also reproves people.** It means to RE-prove yourself – authenticate yourself. Doctrine will come to test you. Moses met God at the burning bush but later God sought to kill him because he did not circumcise his son. **You cannot move into God’s purpose without alignment into His perfect will.**

**Doctrine instructs you in righteousness.** The effect of doctrine is that the “**man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work**”. Doctrine affects the MAN OF GOD in every way – especially for good works.

**SOUND Doctrine:**

**2 Tim. 4:1-5**

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: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. For the time will come 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. But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, **fulfill your ministry.**

Itching ears = indicates a condition of the diseased soul. Those with itching ears need someone to scratch it. The more it is scratched, the more it itches. When preaching is centred on how to make people 'successful' – this is an itching ear generation.

**1 Tim. 1:12**

As I urged you upon my departure for Macedonia, remain on at Ephesus so that you may instruct certain men not **to teach strange doctrines**, nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God, which is by faith. But the goal of our **instruction is love from a pure heart** and a **good conscience** and **a sincere faith**. For some men, **straying** from these things, have turned aside to **fruitless discussion**, wanting to be **teachers of the Law**, even though they do not understand **either what they are saying** or the **matters about which they make confident assertions**.

But we know that the Law is good, if one uses it lawfully, realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, **but for** those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who **kill their fathers or mothers**, for murderers and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and **whatever else is contrary to sound teaching**, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, with which I have been entrusted.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has **strengthened me**, because He **considered me faithful**, putting me into **service**.

Fathers and mothers above could also refer to spiritual fathering.

'Sound' = healthy, wholesome, hygienic. The source from which doctrine comes determines the soundness of the doctrine.

**DOCTRINE has its SOURCE in GOD.**

True doctrine is not the son of God's, but of HIM who sent the son of God.

**John 7:16-17** So Jesus answered them and said, **"My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me**. If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or whether I speak from Myself.

**True doctrine is LOGO-centric.**

**Luke 4:16,17** And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And **He opened the book** and found the place where it was written.

Jesus started His ministry by referring to the Word. True doctrine will produce amazement and astonishment.

When true doctrine is released, it is bread; but when false doctrine is released, it is called the leaven of the Pharisees.

Doctrine is like dew falling. Those who produce true doctrine are rainmakers. Doctrine managers and stewards the earth.

See the value of what you share. Believe that your words will irrigate human lives (spirit, soul and body), but also even the natural will be watered. What happens in the spiritual must affect the natural. The sky will bear witness to what the spirit is releasing.

True doctrine will heal the earth.

# The Rain of Doctrine

## Part 3

IF the vessel is unclean, then what we produce will not be pure. There must be dignity and purity. This kind of man will always have access to the Word.

### Prophetic Scriptures Depicting Rain:

#### **Isaiah 5:1ff**

Let me sing now for my well- beloved  
 A song of my beloved concerning His vineyard.  
 My well- beloved had a vineyard on a fertile hill.  
 He dug it all around, removed its stones,  
 And planted it with the choicest vine.  
 And He built a tower in the middle of it  
 And also hewed out a wine vat in it;  
 Then He expected it to produce good grapes,  
 But it produced only worthless ones  
 “And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,  
 Judge between Me and My vineyard.  
 “ What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it?  
 Why, when I expected it to produce good grapes did it produce worthless ones  
 “And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,  
 Judge between Me and My vineyard.  
 “ What more was there to do for My vineyard that I have not done in it?  
 Why, when I expected it to produce good grapes did it produce worthless ones?  
 “So now let Me tell you what I am going to do to My vineyard:  
 I will remove its hedge and it will be consumed;  
 I will break down its wall and it will become trampled ground.  
 “I will lay it waste;  
 It will not be pruned or hoed,  
 But briars and thorns will come up.  
**I will also charge the clouds to rain no rain on it.”**  
 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel  
 And the men of Judah His delightful plant.  
 Thus He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed;  
 For righteousness, but behold, a cry of distress  
 Woes for the Wicked  
 Woe to those who add house to house and join field to field,  
 Until there is no more room,  
 So that you have to live alone in the midst of the land!  
 In my ears the Lord of hosts has sworn, “Surely, many houses shall become desolate,  
 Even great and fine ones, without occupants.  
 “For ten acres of vineyard will yield only one bath of wine,  
 And a homer of seed will yield but an ephah of grain.”

Woe to those who rise early in the morning that they may pursue strong drink,  
 Who stay up late in the evening that wine may inflame them!  
 Their banquets are accompanied by lyre and harp, by tambourine and flute, and by wine;  
 But they do not pay attention to the deeds of the Lord,  
 Nor do they consider the work of His hands  
 Therefore My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge;  
 And their honorable men are famished,  
 And their multitude is parched with thirst.  
 Therefore Sheol has enlarged its throat and opened its mouth without measure;  
 And Jerusalem's splendor, her multitude, her din of revelry and the jubilant within her, descend into it.  
 So the common man will be humbled and the man of importance abased,  
 The eyes of the proud also will be abased.  
 But the Lord of hosts will be exalted in judgment,  
 And the holy God will show Himself holy in righteousness

This is a picture of the church. God commands the clouds to rain no rain on the house = God Himself stops the flow of doctrine to the house.

V. 9 : Many houses and networks will become desolate.

V.11: Alludes to those pursuing the wrong doctrine. Be careful of just following any teachings that smack of truth. **A little lie in a lake of truth makes the lake a lie.**

If a church is satan-centric (overly demon conscious) – that church does not have sound doctrine.

#### **Amos 8:1-11**

Thus the Lord God showed me, and behold, there was a basket of summer fruit. He said, "What do you see, Amos?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me, "The end has come for My people Israel. I will spare them no longer. The songs of the palace will turn to wailing in that day," declares the Lord God. "Many will be the corpses; in every place they will cast them forth in silence."

Hear this, you who trample the needy, to do away with the humble of the land, saying,

"When will the new moon be over,  
 So that we may sell grain,  
 And the sabbath, that we may open the wheat market,  
 To make the bushel smaller and the shekel bigger,  
 And to cheat with **dishonest scales**,  
 So as to buy the helpless for money  
 And the needy for a pair of sandals,  
 And that we may sell the **refuse of the wheat?**"  
 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob,  
 "Indeed, **I will never forget any of their deeds.**  
 "Because of this will not the land quake  
 And everyone who dwells in it mourn?  
 Indeed, all of it will rise up like the Nile,  
 And it will be tossed about  
 And subside like the Nile of Egypt.

“It will come about in that day,” declares the Lord God,  
 “That I will make the **sun go down at noon**  
 And make the earth dark in broad daylight.  
 “Then I will turn your festivals into mourning  
 And all your songs into lamentation;  
 And I will bring sackcloth on everyone’s loins  
 And baldness on every head.  
 And I will make it like a time of mourning for an only son,  
 And the end of it will be like a bitter day.  
**“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord God,**  
**“When I will send a famine on the land,**  
**Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water,**  
**But rather for hearing the words of the Lord**  
 “In that day the beautiful virgins  
 And the young men will faint from thirst.  
 “As for those who swear by the guilt of Samaria,  
 Who say, ‘As your god lives, O Dan,’  
 And, ‘As the way of Beersheba lives,’  
 They will fall and not rise again

- V.5 God wants just scales. Religion gives you a false indication of your true state. We have to teach people what it means to be the sons of God.
- V.6. Monetisation of the gospel has increased.
- V.9 Implies there is no light – no revelation.
- V.11 Famine in the land of hearing God’s Word
- V.12 Wandering from sea to sea – from nation to nation – looking for the Word of God.
- V.14 Samaritan = mixture; integration of half truths with truth; this is the New Age gospel; joining of different dogmas to create a fig-leaf theology.

Famine = lack of food.

**Deut. 32:1-4**

“Give ear, O heavens, and let me speak;  
 And let the earth hear the words of my mouth.  
 “Let my **teaching drop as the rain,**  
**My speech distill as the dew,**  
**As the droplets on the fresh grass**  
**And as the showers on the herb.**  
 “For I proclaim the name of the Lord;  
 Ascribe greatness to our God!  
 “The Rock! His work is perfect,  
 For all His ways are just;  
 A God of faithfulness and without injustice,  
 Righteous and upright is He

God purged the lips of Isaiah before he spoke. The lips of preachers must be purged to speak on God's behalf.

God's speech is as dew. The dew on Mount Hermon produces a powerful river. Even the toughest mountain produces a river. See yourself as a rainmaker.

**Doctrine could also include eloquence.**

**Ecc1 12:10** The Preacher sought to find **delightful words** and to **write words of truth correctly**. The **words of wise men** are like **goads**, and masters of these collections are like well-**driven nails**; they are *given by one Shepherd*.

This eloquence is not soulish eloquence which is the wisdom from below.

The reference to 'dew' in Deut. 32 alludes to gently delivering the Word.

**Deut. 11:1ff**

"You shall therefore keep every commandment which I am commanding you today, so that you may be strong and go in and possess the land into which you are about to cross to possess it; so that you may prolong your days on the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give to them and to their descendants, a land flowing with milk and honey. For the land, into which you are entering to possess it, is not like the land of Egypt from which you came, where you used to sow your seed and water it with your foot like a vegetable garden. But the land into which you are about to cross to possess it, a land of hills and valleys, drinks water from the rain of heaven, a land for which the Lord your God cares; the eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning even to the end of the year.

"It shall come about, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today, to love the Lord your God and to serve Him with all your heart and all your soul, that He will give the rain for your land in its season, **the early and late rain, that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your oil**. He will give grass in your fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied. Beware that your hearts are not deceived, and that you do not turn away and serve other gods and worship them. Or the anger of the Lord will be kindled against you, and He will shut up the heavens so that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its fruit; and you will perish quickly from the good land which the Lord is giving you.

" You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontals on your forehead.

You shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your sons may be multiplied on the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens remain above the earth. For if you are careful to keep all this commandment which I am commanding you to do, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and hold fast to Him, then the Lord will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you. Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours; your border will be from the wilderness to Lebanon, and from the river, the river Euphrates, as far as the western sea.

The secret to being successful is not in your ability to take care of your allotment. Change the vegetable garden mentality. This is the self-sustainability mentality. Let the rain of God resources you – just stand under His Word – His law and His statutes. God’s Word must saturate your spirit, soul and body. Your soul has powerful capacity to make sense of the created world. Your spirit can absorb everything about God. Just let God’s doctrine get absorbed in you.

v.12 : Consistent fruitfulness

v.13 : ‘Obey’ = bring yourself under my Word.

### **1 Cor 3:1ff**

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men? For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not mere men. What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave opportunity to each one. I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God’s fellow workers; **you are God’s field**, God’s building.

PAUL recognised that God was the source of all revelation. Apollos is acknowledged too as receiving from God, although Apollos came in years after him. He who plants and he who waters are ONE. We are God’s field – that He wants to water.

### **Zech. 10:1ff**

**Ask rain from the Lord at the time of the spring rain -**

The Lord who makes the storm clouds;

And He will give them showers of rain, vegetation in the field to each man.

For the teraphim speak iniquity,

And the diviners see lying visions

And tell false dreams;

They comfort in vain.

Therefore the people wander like sheep,

They are afflicted, because there is no shepherd

“My anger is kindled against the shepherds,

And I will punish the male goats;

For the Lord of hosts has visited His flock, the house of Judah,

And will make them like His majestic horse in battle

“From them will come the cornerstone,

From them the tent peg,

From them the bow of battle,

From them every ruler, all of them together.

“They will be as mighty men,



Treading down the enemy in the mire of the streets in battle;  
 And they will fight, for the Lord will be with them;  
 And the riders on horses will be put to shame.  
 "I will strengthen the house of Judah,  
 And I will save the house of Joseph,  
 And I will bring them back,  
 Because I have had compassion on them;  
 And they will be as though I had not rejected them,  
 For I am the Lord their God and I will answer them.  
 "Ephraim will be like a mighty man,  
 And their heart will be glad as if from wine;  
 Indeed, their children will see it and be glad,  
 Their heart will rejoice in the Lord.  
 "I will whistle for them to gather them together,  
 For I have redeemed them;  
 And they will be as numerous as they were before.  
 "When I scatter them among the peoples,  
 They will remember Me in far countries,  
 And they with their children will live and come back.  
 "I will bring them back from the land of Egypt  
 And gather them from Assyria;  
 And I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon  
 Until no room can be found for them.  
 "And they will pass through the sea of distress  
 And He will strike the waves in the sea,  
 So that all the depths of the Nile will dry up;  
 And the pride of Assyria will be brought down  
 And the scepter of Egypt will depart.  
 "And I will strengthen them in the Lord,  
 And in His name they will walk," declares the Lord

v.2. Denotes an influence of New Age doctrine.

v.3 Judah = the apostolic.

# Divine Father-Son Wineskin

## Part 1

Holy Spirit discernment is the **training of the five senses** to know what the Holy Spirit is picking up in you. The **spirit of simplicity, of meekness and of love** has been my focus in this ASOM. The **man without guile** is the kind of man we want to produce today.

The **Father-Son wineskin** = a **Christological** construct. This is reference to **divine Fathering and Sonship** and not spiritual fathering and sonship. The spirit of anti-Christ is an anti-Father and anti-Son belief system. Anyone who rejects the Father and Son is anti-Christ. We could say we believe in the Father and Son – but it must incarnate itself into every form of structure we live in.

### Rev. 12:1-6

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.

Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. And his tail \*swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. 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. Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she \*had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

Church (woman) clothed in the sun = Glory.

Light has got to do with Divine revelation and information.  
‘Light’ is the self-disclosure of God. A church clothed in the sun is one **clothed in the brilliance of everything God is.**

‘Moon under the feet’ = This church controls darkness.

‘Head a crown of twelve stars’ = Governmental order and structure

She is with Child – she cries out in pain to give birth. She is pregnant with a corporate son. In Rev 17, 18 she devolves into a harlot – she become less than what God wants.

In Rev. 13, a system emerges from within the earth in the nations. The people are marked by a number, viz. 666. 6 = man; man is spirit, soul and body. **666 = implies humanising of man in spirit, soul and body.** You are humanised if you only think ‘I, me and myself’. This system teaches you how to trade, buy and sell. Most churches are teaching sowing to reap. This system comes under the architecture of a Lamb with horns. You survive by buying and selling - it deceives you to thinking God blessed you when you are functioning by the rules of the system. This system bows the knees to a predatorial and beastly spirit. It is competitive and proud (no humility); it teaches how to ascend – it cannot condescend at any level. It

carries the spirit of Nimrod. This is a wicked spirit. It is dictatorial. Capitalism is part of it. It is colonial and predatory.

Sonship implies total dependance upon your Father. The man of '666' cannot depend on the Father.

**Rev. 13:16-18**

And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead, and he provides that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty

**Forehead = paradigm and mentalities, attitudes, etc.** The biggest enemy that apostles have to deal with is mindsets and thoughts – personal thoughts - democratic thinking. If apostles can correct thinking in Christ, it reduces the devil to be of little significance. **When you know who you are, your enemy becomes who he is – absolutely defeated.**

In my walk, I knew God in many ways, but not as Father. Many are carrying the mark of the beast in some way, and do not know God as Father. **If you do not know God as Father, then you are still an orphan. We must be baptised in the name of the FATHER, then the SON and HOLY SPIRIT. We need to be baptised INTO Father. Then you will not speak evil of your brother – you will forgive your brother 70X7 in a day. You will not be put off your brother when you see your brother's weakness.**

**Rev. 14:1,2**

Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty- four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps.

**The lamb was a substitutionary animal – it covered sin. It represents purity, innocence, covering, substitution ; mute-ness not expressing its own opinions; it lives to die for another. We have a substitutionary existence – we live for others.** Lambs are harmless and defenseless. It has no spot or blemish.

We stand with the Lamb. You have to be in agreement with the Lamb. The word, 'WITH' implies **'in the same spirit and position'** – the highest form of emulation. 144 000 = people living in the fullest expression of the divine will of God; it represents a trans-generational community. **These live for another and not for themselves. When you come into innocence you just want to share everything you have.**

The name of 'FATHER' is only on the forehead, not the hand (work) (the mark of 666 is on the forehead and the hand). Just their **paradigm and mentality is infused with 'Father'**. As a man thinks so he is.

"I have a father, and I am His son" = this thinking and reality must be in our spirit, soul and body.

As son, we do nothing unless our Father shows it to us. It is more blessed to give than to receive. We give and we just love unconditionally. Everything I do is about my Father. I am '**Father-centred**', because I know I am His son. We do not say, "I will make things happen", like the 666 group. They operate on a principle of faith as in positive thinking like the 666 groups - imaginations - idolatry. Our family must be known for the Father-Son wineskin.

**Jer. 31:31-36**

"Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord, "I will put **My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.** They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord, ' **for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,**" declares the Lord, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." Thus says the Lord, Who gives the sun for light by day And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar; The Lord of hosts is His name: "If this fixed order departs From before Me," declares the Lord, "Then the offspring of Israel also will cease From being a nation before Me forever."

The 'law' is 'God-principles' which guides you and shapes your mentality. God wants to be 'Father' to us. The phrase '**know the Lord**' has reference to how a child knows his father; he does not need convincing nor evidence; its **an instinctive knowledge of knowing. It is a knowing of the mind and heart.** This must infuse itself into all of our lives and expressions: "My name is inscribed on my Father's hand; I am the apple of His eye; I am His horizon; I do not ask for certain things like money and clothes - I seek first His kingdom and things are added to Him."

**The 'teaching' referred to in the text above does not discount the need for teaching. It refers to an intimate knowledge of God as Father. The New Covenant is to know God as your Father and yourself as His son.**

All of creation testifies of who God is - i.e. your Father.

# Divine Father-Son Wineskin

## Part 2

We are sons of God. God is our Father. The wine is "I AM A SON"; the wineskin is your heart and mind. As you think, as you confess from your heart; your confession must be everything you create in your church. Everything you do must carry the imprint FATHER on it. Anything else is 666; if you are not God-conscious, you are self-conscious.

### **Rom. 9:25-26**

As He says also in Hosea, "I will call those who were not MY people, 'MY people,' And her who was not beloved, 'beloved.'" " And it shall be that in the place where it was said to them, 'you are not MY people, 'There they shall be called sons of the living God.'" Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "Though the number of the sons of Israel be like the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved; for the Lord will execute His word on the earth, thoroughly and quickly." And just as Isaiah foretold, "Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left to us A posterity, WE would have become like Sodom, and would have resembled Gomorrah

### **2 Cor. 6:11-18**

Our mouth has spoken freely to you, O Corinthians, our heart is opened wide. You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained in your own affections. Now in a like exchange—I speak as to children—open wide to us also. Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? 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. "Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. "And do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you. "**And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me,**" Says the Lord Almighty.

### **Matt 5:45ff**

" You have heard that it was said, ' You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. ' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **so that you may be sons of your Father** who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? **Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect**

### **Matt.6:1ff**

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven. "So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving will be in secret; and **your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.**

You know God is your Father. From God, your Father's perspective, planet Earth is like a spot of dust. If I helped anyone and boasted about it, it diminishes the Father. Giving is not a great thing for us – it is very normal for us. We do not magnify giving.

### **Matthew 5:5ff**

“When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

“And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. “ Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words. So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

“ Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father who is in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.

‘ Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven.

‘ Give us this day our daily bread.

‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. ’]

For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.

“ Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by men when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

“ Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“ The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

“ No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth

“ For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life? And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory

clothed himself like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith! Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

"So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Stature = the levels you have come to.

Do not develop a wineskin of prayer and fasting so that you will change things. Your Father will address things for you. You talk to your Father. You do not take responsibility for God's intervention. Your matters with Him and discussions are private, but performed publicly – do not take the glory.

We have constructed our churches around an economic dependency model around food, drink and clothes. This is a humanistic 666 model. In the Father-Son wineskin, obedience is key. We do sow – because it is normal for us to do. Be delivered from the tithe income of the church. 90% of all church problems are money related.

Many pray out of duty or work, devoid of father-son wineskin.

In God's mind everything is summarised in His Son, Christ – and hence us in Him.

Worshippers cannot take you into the presence – Jesus rent the veil.

#### **1 John 1:1-4**

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life— and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us— what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; **and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.**

**Joy may be full only when you fellowship with father and son. The Father-Son wineskin is expressed in family and one-ness where there is love. The wineskin of father-son defines family.**

John addresses his audience as a father would.

#### **1 John 2:1**

My **little children**, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world. and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

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 ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked

Speak to people as a father; they are God's sons. Do not be disrespectful. Love is tender and tough at times. As the Son walked, so must we walk.

### **1 John 2:12ff**

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father. I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one

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.

Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, so that it would be shown that they all are not of us. But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? **This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.** As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide **in the Son and in the Father.**

False Christ = pretenders – imitators – they mimic a father-son wineskin.

Anti-Christ = 'against all' that is Christ.

This is the system of the beast. On the 6<sup>th</sup> day the animal world was created; and then man. Beastly systems feed the flesh. This does not place emphasis on the divine revelation of Father and Son.

The beastly system loves recognition. Paul fought beasts at Ephesus. People began to copy the principles of the principalities.

**You deny the father and son by your behaviour. Your works must show that you confess Him. You cannot say you are a son of God if you do not reflect your Father behaviourally.**

Build 'Father and Son' into every system of your life and church.

Nothing you build must not have the name - 'Father-Son' - on it. It must magnify God.



### **1 John 2:25ff**

This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life. These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him. **Now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him**

### **1 John 3:1**

See how great a love the **Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God**; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure

SEE = take into your mind – take it in completely. In your darkest times, take time to SEE or BEHOLD the truth that you are God's son.

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; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him

The more you see HIM, the more you refuse to violate His principles.

**Sin is not moral failure. The basis of sin is not knowing you are a son of God. The more you come into the knowledge that you are God's son, the more you do not sin.**

God sent His Son as the model – if you want to be a part of the family, Jesus is the model. Once adopted, the father could not exclude the adopted son in Roman Law. God has elected us as His son. While the Father has elected us, we could elect not to live by His rules.

There is an anti-Christ spirit fighting the Father-Son wineskin.

# Divine Father-Son Wineskin

## Part 3

We need to have a father-son mentality in our thinking. Build something that is the result of your mind. "I am a son; God is my Father" - this mentality is our paradigm. We don't think as orphans influenced by a humanistic world system (666). This is your forehead, not your hand - it is not works based, it is identity-centred. We stand with the Lamb - we live for one another. This is a selfless mentality. The father-son wineskin must be brought into the mentality of all of our churches.

The Father-Son wineskin is pro-Christ.

### 1 John 2:22-24

Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father

**When the subjective revelation of this hits your spirit - you will automatically come to a place of rest. You will not be ambitious, self-promoting, isolated or destitute. It gives you identity. You cannot get any closer to God than being a son. You are the heir of the Father and co-heir with the Son. Your cup and lot is the Father.**

### 1 John 3:1

See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.

Model your life after Christ the Son.

### 1 John 4:1ff

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world. You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love

is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. We love, because He first loved us. If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

Your spirit must confess - not your tongue - i.e. it must become your personal and subjective experience. God can be presented as flesh in the Son - and thus so can He be in us.

Christ the Son is in you - greater is HE that is in you than anything that is in the world.

### 1 John 5:1-5

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God

The incarnation of Jesus as flesh was to show how a son relates to his father. If you do not have love - the spirit of antichrist operates in you. When you understand love, you will go the extra mile.

### 2 John 1:7-11

For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward. Anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.

- CREATOR - FATHER
- WORD - SON
- SPIRIT - HOLY SPIRIT

Everything God created must reveal God. It must be an indicator of God. We are the ultimate of this - we show how a son relates to a father and a father relates to a son.

Anyone who teaches anything not rooted in Christ (father-son wineskin) must not be received into your HOUSE. This is anti-Christ.

Nurture the spirit of Father and it will naturally produce the spirit of son.

A proof of a fatherless culture in the earth is the absence of the spirit of father in many natural homes. We have male-dominated houses but not father-headed. We have pastor-headed churches, but not father-led churches. Elders (fathers) lead churches.

We have an effeminate spirit in the church. We have weak men and strong women. Women are equal to men – grace defines ministry and not gender.

The spirit of anti-Christ corrupts relationships – male with male and female with female. This is marring the image of God in the earth. Because of the absence of the father-son wineskin, we are producing some perverted expressions of our humanity. Most churches are widow's houses. The only way this can be fixed is by the restoration of the spirit of father.

In **Rev. 12**, 42 months or 3 and a half years or half of 7 years = a period of time that is incomplete. Elijah stopped rain for 3 and a half years. The woman was in a wilderness for 42 months – not literal but a period of preparation before we cross over into another phase.

Before you possess Canaan, they crossed Moab (despising fathering) and Ammon (tribalism). Right there is the beheading of father-led churches. Most churches have a hiring mentality - they hire pastors and fire them.

**Rev. 2:12-17**

“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this: ‘I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the **teaching of Balaam**, who kept **teaching Balak** to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to **commit acts of immorality**. So you also have some who in the same way hold the **teaching of the Nicolaitans**. Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the **sword of My mouth**. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give some of the **hidden manna**, and I will give him a **white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it**”

Pergamos means ‘height’ = an elevated position. Yet there is a throne of the devil right there.

They hold on to God’s name; they did not deny My faith which comes by the word = they live by the word – they believe God’s Word. But kept Antipas where satan dwells. They permitted Antipas to be killed. Antipas means Anti-pater = anti-father (people opposed him); he was the father over the church. Where he was killed, that is where the devil came to rule.

Antipas = like the father; one who is like the father – he represents the heavenly Father to the church.

The word 'Anti' implies that the father is the radar system in the house. If a church does not accept the principle of father, they will be prone to attack. Antipas is God's security system. This is not a father as a figurehead (position); it is a function.

If you reject the father, the house becomes a playground of demons. Receive the man who leads the house as the representation of God.

The reference to immorality in the text alludes to a violation of true and pure covenantal relationships.

Balaam beheaded the spirit of patriarchy in leadership through father-leadership.

Nicolatians – brings democracy into the house. It gave the vote to the people.

When you remove the head of the home- you have a headless body and everyone wants to vote.

The Father only wants to give to the son; and the son gives it back.

Balaam (means 'perhaps') – puts questions in your mind – he is engaged by kings to change policies and ideologies. He is recruited by Balak (devastator or spoiler of the people), who is king of Moab (= What father; who needs a father; produced through incest; Moab wants the seed of the father without recognising him). It seeks to disfigure the spirit of patriarchy. **We need Father-headed government – even in the world.**

Balaam brings an intellectual view or rational view of how you can corrupt seed. He brings licentious Gnosticism. He also brings apostasy in the teachings. He cannot curse what is blessed.

Recall the census on the nation in Numbers 1 and 2. In the second month of the second year, each person was identified and classified by his father's house. 37 years later they are now ready to move – they are ordered as families moving. They have the mentality of family. Balaak recruits Balaam. This spirit dilutes the word and is motivated by gain (money). This is a deluded prophet known for madness.

**The land of Moab is on the wilderness side of the Jordan. To possess Canaan they had to pass through Moab and then Ammon. Deal with fatherlessness (Moab) and clannishness (Ammon). One spirit removes father and the other moves one tribe against another.**

Two brooks – Arnon and Zerath. Arnon = rushing river;

What is Balaam's attack? Dilute the seed – seductive attraction.

When you deal with this spirit, you will cross the Zareth = exuberant growth.

The man who controlled the treasury was Tobias – the Ammonite – he dictated what was spent, and did not listen to the spirit of father.

Different families can live harmoniously together – no Ammonite spirit.

God is calling us to shift (democracy model is an individualistic model). Removing father invites satan to live in that house. God wants us to bring the wineskin of family.

## Prophetic Impressions

We are coming to a place of culmination. What are the issues that we need to be aware of? Huge processes are working themselves out in the earth. Our journey is **out of time, into the place of origination in the heart of God**. These are not local church issues, but **global issues**. In a governmental position, the church must discern the kairos and **what exactly are the constituted events of this kairos**. Government has to do with how the all the prophetic points find a place of culmination.

### The Purification of Doctrine.

We must come to the **most accurate expression of doctrine**. What is the central theme around which doctrine is organised? Acts 2:42 – they devoted themselves **to apostolic doctrine**. You **devote yourself to the doctrine – you do not go off-course from it**. The doctrine is **not dogmas or belief systems**. Doctrine is a **person**.

### 2 John 1:6-9

And this **is love**, that **we walk according to His commandments**. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it. For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do **not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh**. This is the deceiver and the **antichrist**. **Watch yourselves**, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may **receive a full reward**. Anyone who goes too far and does **not abide in the teaching of Christ**, does **not have God**; the one who abides in the teaching, **he has both the Father and the Son**. If anyone comes to you and does not bring **this teaching, do not receive him into your house**, and do not give him a greeting; for the one who gives him a **greeting participates in his evil deeds**.

The apostles' doctrine is the **doctrine of Christ** - the centrality, supremacy and universality of Christ. We must ready ourselves for the **onslaught of deception**. **Pure doctrine, not prayer, is the antidote for deception**. **The deception has got to do with wrong representations of Christ**. In Matthew 24 – watch out that you are not deceived, for false Christs will come. Our Christology must be pristine and integrous. False apostles bring another Christ and parade themselves as angels of light.

### True Understanding of the Function of the Prophet

Water is purest at its point of origination. Doctrines of demons will be perpetrated as the doctrine of Christ. We need true authentic apostles that will bring us the pure stream of the doctrine of Christ. Five-fold ministry brings the 'unity of the faith' = one system of belief = doctrine of Christ = have the Father and the Son.

Is it possible that spiritual ministry in signs and wonders can be false in the mind of God. "Lord did we not drive out devils, etc. **Iniquitous works can be cloaked in lying signs and wonders**.

**Biblical Eschatology:**

We need to come into a proper perspective of eschatology. We go back to the most ancient pathways in God. Rebuild the ancient ruins.

**Acts 3:19-21**

Therefore repent and return, so 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 Christ appointed for you, 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.**

He cannot return until there is the reconstitution of everything.

Reconstitution = Apokatstasis.

Apo = to go back

Kata = to go underneath

Stasis = to stand up in rebellion against what is already there.

This is the methodology by which God will restore all things to its original position. God will go underneath the foundations of things to find what is in error – (by epignosis) – under the foundations laid by popular religion - and will stand up in rebellion against what is falsely built.

**Issues of Deception:****2 Thess. 2:8-12**

- 8 Then that **lawless one** will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the **breath of His mouth** and bring to an end by the **appearance of His coming**;
- 9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all **power and signs and false wonders**,
- 10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the **love of the truth so as to be saved.**
- 11 For this reason God will send upon them **a deluding influence** so that they will **believe what is false**,
- 12 in order that they all may be judged who did not **believe the truth**, but took pleasure in wickedness

This deception will take place in the house of God. It will come by the lawless one – this is the mystery of the lawless one. Just beyond the level of sight, iniquity operates – and here the deception lies in lying signs and wonders. Do not connect with Christ based only on external signs and wonders. **Hence the place in which the deception will be the most, is in the signs and wonders. Why? No love for the truth.** God sends the delusion that they may believe the lie. These are occurring now in our day as it was then in Thessalonica. **God's counter attack is the doctrine of Christ. Be connected to true apostolic streams. Our people need to be trained prophetically.**

Do not put things off into the future – these things are happening now. John 4 – disciples postponed the harvest to four months later. **Lift up your eyes and see the way God sees.** See what God sees from His throne, **because you may just become counter-productive to what God wants to do.** Consider Elijah

shutting rain for three years. This was judgement upon Ahab and his house. Elijah has no genealogy – “Elijah, the Tishbite”. There are many men like that arising. True prophets are constantly frustrated concerning the status quo. He warns and rebukes. Elijah says, “At my word there will be no rain”. Elijah initiates the crisis. If you pray for rain – you are working in contradiction to what God’s will is.

“Four months more” – hence the disciples were standing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> month – a Pentecost position. The platform from which they were looking at was Pentecostal. Bring the future into your present and reap the harvest now.

**Prophets do not just go around giving personal prophecies. They bring vision to God’s people.**

There are false winds of doctrine blowing.

### **Divine Sovereignty:**

God is initiating the crisis of the earth. God shuts the heavens in the days of Elijah. Rain was the currency that caused the ripening of the harvest. No rain = economic downturn. God is behind the current crisis. God is after something. In Elijah’s days, God is deposing Baal, whom the people believed brought rain. **God wants to bring Himself into view as the controller of supply.** Right now every system will be touched.

The Sovereign Lord does nothing until He reveals His secret to the prophets. He partners with humans in the earth – this is the means by which His sovereignty works. **God is moving the earth to His one opinion. The devil is counter-moving through deception to his view.**

Psalm 2 – a fight between God and the devil. See the church triumphant. Do not curse God’s people. See them with love. **The whole church is the Body of Christ, but in it there is the most accurate representation of current truth – these work with activation of the final work of immortalisation – Elijah was taken up.** The Elijah spirit is back in the earth – we, like him can say, “At our word, nothing will happen”.

We have the power of double mouth. **In Hebrew, ‘peh’ = double mouth. In other words, we do not need another witness to corroborate the truth of what is spoken.**

“As it was in Noah’s day” = Truth is cyclical. **Prophets look for certain recurrences in the logos for templates and historical foundations – out of this your rhema proclamations proceed. Your speech proceeds out from what is already written. Your speech must be bolted to the reality of the logos. Prophets speak in alignment with the truth revealed.**

In Noah’s day, everyone was lawless, except Noah. He is **standing in righteousness.** Righteousness must again be revisited. Hyper-grace movement is erroneous – wrong understanding of imputed righteousness’. The issue in Noah’s day is righteousness – he stood in righteousness. Your righteousness will be challenged in Babylon. The stone cut out from the mountain destroys Babylon. In the book of Revelation, Babylon is a whore.



See Dan. 1:8. Daniel does not eat the king's wine/meat. Wine = ideology of Babylon. Meat = principles of a fallen system. We need to bring doctrine out from Daniel. As a young man – castrated – given new name. He found favour with Asbenaz, who represents a principle designed to re-identify you.

Daniel studied the system first. We are living in a post-modern society (ecumenical). Daniel outlived all the kings – after 70 years he is still alive in Babylon. **Chapter one is key to why this was so.**

God is moving all things into one – even Christ – see Eph. 1.

Dispensation = oikonomos; oikos = house; nemo = law

**The house of God is the family of God - is the means by which God dispenses Christ to the world. Christ in us as a corporate man must come into fullness. Everything comes back to the centrality of Christ.**

In Hebrew 12 – God uses His voice – through the preaching to shake all things. The preacher – the ‘kerux’ (Greek term for preacher) – not the ‘crooks’. You can only hear the voice when the preacher preaches. It's not the art of preaching, but the message preached.

Post modernisms say there are no absolutes. Absolutes come in three dimensions:

- Thy word is Truth – truth from the logos.
- I am the Truth - a person – the embodiment of truth in a man.
- Spirit of Truth.

#### Isaiah 28:14-20

Therefore, hear the word of the Lord, O scoffers, Who rule this people who are in Jerusalem, Because you have said, “We have made a **covenant with death**, And with Sheol we have made a pact. The **overwhelming scourge will not reach us when it passes by**, For we have made **falsehood our refuge and we have concealed ourselves with deception**. Therefore thus says the Lord God,

“ Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone,  
A costly cornerstone for the foundation, firmly placed.  
He who believes in it will not be disturbed.

“I will make **justice the measuring line**  
And **righteousness the level**;

Then hail will sweep away the refuge of lies  
And the waters will overflow the secret place.

“Your **covenant with death will be canceled**,  
And your pact with Sheol will not stand;  
When the overwhelming scourge passes through,  
Then you become its trampling place.

“As often as it passes through, it will seize you;  
For morning after morning it will pass through, anytime during the day or night,  
And it will be sheer terror to understand what it means.”

The bed is too short on which to stretch out,  
And the blanket is too small to wrap oneself in

God is judging scornful men in God's house. They made a covenant with death and hell and made lies their refuge. They bring a refuge to God's people - that is a lie.

God's answer: a stone in Zion - to lay a foundation - this foundation is Christ upon which the foundation of apostles and prophets are laid. **They lay principles of Christ into the minds of men - so that we cannot be deceived.**

# The Rain and River of Doctrine

## Part 1

**Deut. 32:1,2** “Listen, O heavens, and I will speak! Hear, O earth, the words that I say! Let my **teaching fall on you like rain**; let my **speech settle like dew**. Let my **words fall like rain** on tender grass, like gentle showers on young plants.

**Isaiah 55:11** It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always **produces fruit**. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.

**When we do not understand the spiritual significance of the time or season, we act indifferently to the demand of God.** In the book of Haggai, the people refused to build the house for failure to discern and understand the time.

### Three Imperatives in the Book of Haggai:

- The **House**
- The **Time**
- The **Building** of the House.

In our attempt to know God (Deity) we must not look at the external environment in which we live to understand God. We must understand the ‘eternal’. Our view of God is **monotheistic** – **God is one**. He reflects His one-ness in three persons. All of God is Spirit. He is after His Spirit in the earth. In God there is a Father and there is a Son. We are God’s corporate entity.

**In God there is co-equality of persons; no competition; there is ranking for function. The invisible eternal realm must be built physically in the earth.**

God was in Christ reconciling men to God, not counting men’s sins against them. **Our culture is Christocentric** – i.e. **in Christ there is Father, Son and Spirit**. You study the Father when you study the Son. The Son is the gateway to the Father. The church is the Body of Christ – the corporate entity that reflects the entirety of God. We were called out from Christ before time began.

God wants family.

**Eph. 3:14** For this reason I **bow my knees before the Father**, from whom **every family in heaven and on earth derives its name**.

The Father spirit gives the family its identity. ‘Father’ constitutes the family into the essence of His nature. The family and the Father must be of the same orientation.

**Rom. 8:28,29** And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become **conformed to the image of His Son**, so that **He would be the firstborn among many brethren**.

**The more we are being conformed to His image, the more He becomes the Firstborn Son in us.**

God has certain communicable attributes for us so that we act and operate in nature just like Him. For example: **God is love. God is Spirit. The way that the Spirit expresses Himself is through love. Live for the benefit of another. You are becoming like Father in nature and essence. God is love – it does not say God has love. If He gives love, He is not diminished. You have the love of God by the Holy Spirit.**

When doctrine fills you, it is like rain coming into you. **Rain makes up the river** and a river must flow. The river is within all of us. It must flow out from the church. **We need to burst the banks. The river of the doctrine of Christ must flow in the earth.**

The word 'church' in Hebrew is 'bethab' = house of Father. The Greek mind for 'church' is the senate of Caesar, who put laws into operation on behalf of the king. We must go back to the school-master to understand 'church' – it teaches in types – and it leads you to Christ.

Now that there is purification of doctrine, it can flow like a river from under the Throne.

**Rev. 22:1,2** Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

The river of doctrine proceeds out of the Throne of God and of the Lamb. 'Throne' implies Kingdom dynamics. 'Out of the Lamb' – i.e. it carries **God's government in the perfection of doctrine of the Christ** – in it (the Lamb), is the government. Note the symbol of the Lamb seated on the Throne. This indicates what doctrine is supposed to produce in us; **we have to be constituted in the same order as the Lamb of God.** The government of God is carried by the nature of the Lamb. In the 'Lamb' there is no arrogance; it is substitutionary; it has no defense systems (a man of sorrows, He opened not his mouth = he has an internal strength vested in the knowledge of his Father. God's methodology for fighting is to have a 'Lamb'. The ultimate that describes the love of God is the symbol of the 'lamb'.

**A river has a point of origination in the mountains (Government) and flows, pouring water out into the sea (unregenerate humanity). We must flow out into humanity.**

Verse 2: The river caused the productivity of the tree (see also Psalm 1). The root system of the tree must go beneath the externalities of human make-up. The doctrine of Christ is the river of God. The sinner is led progressively, of himself becoming what he is standing in (note the terms, "walk – stand – sit" in Psalm 1). But the righteous man stands as the planting of the Lord.

John 7:37 indicates that water flows from your innermost being. The flow of the river was in Jesus. See Him measurably in His exalted state.

12 kinds of fruit = apostolic signs. It is naturally impossible to bear fruit every month. Sowing (Passover), watering (Pentecost) and reaping (Tabernacles). The seed of Christ is planted in Passover; development

takes place in Pentecost; Maturation occurs in Tabernacles. But the rain is important. In the final feast, HE gives you, the teacher, rain (former and the moderate rains). **We have entered into the final phase of the maturation of the seed.** The outflow of the river is the appearing of the Son in us. The glory of the latter is greater than the former glory. We are the double glory people. We are the firstborn of God.

**Ezekiel 48:35** The city shall be 18,000 cubits round about; and the name of the city from that day shall be, 'The Lord is there.'

This the culmination of all of Ezekiel's vision : **The Lord is There = Jehovah Shammah.** The Tabernacle of God is with men. We must become the throne of God. (see Jer. 3:17)

The temple is the place where God wanted His name recorded. His name is FATHER.

What is the preceding principle to realise this final state at the end of Ezekiel? The symbolism of the river.

#### THE River related to ...

- ✓ The Throne (point of origination),
- ✓ The Altar (the cross - here the river is purified)
- ✓ The House
- ✓ The Land (bringing it productivity).

**John 7:37** Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, " If anyone is thirsty, **let him come to Me and drink**

Pentecost - was the glorification of Jesus.

**Ezekiel 1:1** Now it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth day of the fourth month, while I was by the river Chebar among the exiles, the **heavens were opened** and I saw **visions of God**

**Acts 2:32-33** This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. **Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit,** He has poured forth this which you both see and hear

Only when He was glorified did He receive something. The Son poured out the Spirit upon the waiting Church.

**Acts 2:36** Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified

What was the result of the exaltation of Christ? The miracle of Pentecost.

On what basis was the Spirit first given? It was because of the exaltation of Jesus. We are the holding place of that Spirit.

**The river will not flow until there is an acknowledgement of the Son in exaltation.**

The so-called 'Lord's Prayer' concludes with, "Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory". Father does not want you to concentrate on your needs but on affirming your Father in His glory, then your needs are met.

**Thamo's Vision:** Doctrine will fall as rain. Gen 2:5 - no rain to sustain the earth. Rain and us have something in common; if there is no man to till the ground there will be no rain. We speak the doctrine of God which is wholesome. When it is spoken there will be rain upon the earth; if we don't, there will be a drought - and famine - no food - no sustenance. As we speak it the land will start to heal.

## The Rain and River of Doctrine

### Part 2

Let us look at Elijah as the principle that activates the rain of God. Elijah shuts the heavens and opens it. Elijah is God's antidote for a system in corruption. Ahab is representative of an inaccurate spiritual governmental order. It was an all time low in the worship of Jehovah in Israel at that time.

**Elijah, as a dimension of grace, is implanted in a wrong system to rectify it.** Elijah has got the power of **acceleration**. Within 3 and half years God could deal with what is false and bring true order back.

Famine has got to do with economic downturn. Spiritual famine produces a lean church that is starved. Do not support a fallen and corrupt system. In Isaiah 28, false leaders are called scornful men, connecting people to the principle of death. They think they will escape the overwhelming scourge. A death veil enshrouds the people. In this chapter, the phrase "the bed is too short" alludes to a covenantal principle. **Doctrine chops always at the false covenant so that the bed is becoming shorter, such that the death veil cannot cover the people.**

God brings attention to the sure and chief cornerstone – a foundation. Every time God wants to correct the false, He always lays foundations.

**Eph. 2:20**      Having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone.

Foundation = **themelios** = an ascending staircase. You have to step on to 'themelios' in order for you to have an ascending reality into the revelation of Christ.

We have to build accurately in this season. Building is essential. The gates of hell do not prevail against a built church.

**Do not position yourself arrogantly against your brothers in a wrong location. Learn how to consistently sing the song of the bow.**

Many fathers are struck mute like Zacharias because he did not believe God when the start of a new season was declared. There will come a day when the muteness is healed. Love your brothers.

Two High Priests functioned simultaneously: Zadok at Gibeon and Abiathar at Zion. Zadok was inaccurate because there was no Ark there – no third dimension – no principles of the Ark.

Abiathar was always next to David. One of David's sons usurped his authority. Abiathar's heart was exposed. He went with Adonijah. He was deposed and Zadok was reinstated. One was positioned correctly with the wrong heart and one was positioned incorrectly with the right heart.

“I hear the sound of an abundance of rain” – Elijah heard this – but his servants did not hear this. He sent his servant out 7 times to see. God’s judgements work redemptively for God’s people. This ASOM, we have heard this sound. **We are hearing the sound, but need to see the evidence of it.**

Elijah, in the structure of his life, was prophetic. He was the standard for holiness, for correct judgement. He desires to see the **spiritual recovery of the truths that were lost by the church. The Prophetic dimension must be infused with apostolic reality. He has a building anointing. The prophetic interprets the mind of God to the people.**

When there is an absence of doctrine, the ordinary people are the widows in the systems that produce orphans. **Elijah destabilises the government, but simultaneously he is the answer for the widow’s houses. You need to have Elijah in your house.**

**1 Kings 17:1** Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word

### **Three processes:**

1. The Initialisation of the Crisis (the day when he declares no rain).
2. The process.
3. The Immortalisation of Elijah.

For us, the apostolic was initialised 20 years ago. It was declared that Elijah is back in the earth. Elijah is an anointing that is corrective and restorative. It wants to reclaim lost truth. In Elijah is locked up tremendous authority and power. He has a mixture of characteristics that defines him. He had the power to reconfigure things in the earth that were wrong.

The same rain that made the boat float was the same rain that judges every inaccurate thing. What Noah built saved him. In the days of famine we must build a system which gives us shelter.

**How do you build? The first anointing for building is the apostolic. Connect to a pure apostolic stream in the earth. Anything that has not built structure will be taken out.**

Elijah called the people to decide between God and Baal. Baal was called the rainmaker. People were connected to the wrong order – to Ahab meaning ‘uncle’.

**The first spirit that comes against you is the mocking spirit – it questions your ability to finish.** The finish brings the judgement. When Noah finished the boat the rains fell. That is why we must warn the people as Ezekiel did to blow the trumpet. Blowing the trumpet – this literally means “keep on blowing the trumpet”.

**1 Kings 17:2** The word of the Lord came to him, saying, “Go away from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan



**Understand that in the day of famine, it is vital for us to train our ear to hear the voice of Lord. Elijah has immunity while God judges everyone else. How do you hear God in this season? This is not personal. You have to connect to ‘sent’ apostles. The voice of Father is the voice of doctrine – that falls like rain.**

At the Feast of Tabernacles, people were astonished at Jesus’ words. They asked him about His doctrine. Jesus said it was His Father’s doctrine.

All systems are under Divine judgement. Russia presently is God’s hammer.

### **1 Kings 16:29-32**

Now Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel in the thirty- eighth year of Asa king of Judah, and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty- two years. Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord more than all who were before him.

It came about, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he married Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went to serve Baal and worshiped him. So he erected an altar for Baal in the house of Baal which he built in Samaria.

The issue with inter-marriage is the preservation of a pure seed. Ahab worships Baal and erects altars for him. This equates to the perpetuation of the worship of Baal.

Idolatry is the crafting of false images of Christ in the mind of the people. We need to make our stance absolutely clear. It must be devoid of mixture and hypocrisy. God is asking us whether we are halting between two opinions. The children get judged. The Father-son wine-skin perpetuates the eternal covenant and design of God.

Jeroboam has two altars – two golden calves – one in Bethel and one in Dan. He caused the people to worship in an inaccurate location. He made priests of the lowest of the people who were not of Levi. Lowest = katsa = peripheral things. They sway the authority in God’s house. They are swaying the masses. **Peripheral issues become the core values of the faith;** building of wrong concepts of eschatology; advertising by profiling.

Certain houses will quarantine the ‘kata’s’ – the inaccurate. Get the relational order in the house of God right. Come out from under the administration of the katas of the earth.

The Tabernacle Feast was kept in the 8th month by Jeroboam = wrong order. Ahab introduces the nation to a Samaritan system. Spiritual duplicity – double standards. They would sacrifice after the nations from which they came – this is mixture.

Samaritan = spiritual half-breed; participating in the Lord’s tables but not embracing sacrifices; lowers the standards of righteousness; they brought the right sacrifice in the wrong places. David had the right desire, but he did the right thing the wrong way. **Do the right thing the right way.**

A religious spirit isolates spiritual activity to make you feel more spiritual.

# Interpreting the Scriptures

## Part 1

Issues covered in previous schools:

- Autonomy vs. Independence
- Set man and Second Man
- Rapture was dismantled
- Economic Principles
- Spiritual Fathering and Sonship
- Rest
- Intimacy with God
- City Church
- Grace (Hyper grace)  
(Churches have become centres of motivational speaking – but we must declare the Word of God. Some say people no longer need to repent.)
- Emergent church  
(Denies that Jesus was punished; they say that He was not the substitute – but He was the sacrifice.)

**We need more and more young people to love doctrine.** The present flaky kind of Christianity will not last.

No Scripture is of private interpretation. Private = 'idios'. Interpretation of Scripture is always communal – it happens in a place of accountability. (Get books by Kevin Connor)

Hermeneutics is the science of the interpretation of Scripture. It is reproducible. Two pastors applying the same rules and laws must come to the same conclusions. Interpretation is also determined by the stature of the man interpreting.

Exegesis = to explain what the author meant.

Isogesis = inserting your own meaning

Homiletics = interpretation of the meaning of the passage for us today.

**Neh. 8:8** They read from the book, from the law of God, translating to give the sense so that they **understood** the reading.

**2 Tim 2:15** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling the word of truth**

The Bereans were called noble because they searched the Scriptures.

**Acts 17:11** Now these were more noble- minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, **examining the Scriptures daily** to see whether these things were so

There is one interpretation but many applications.

## Guidelines for the Interpretation of Scripture:

### 1. Historical Guideline:

Consider the geo-political setting; know bible manners and customs.

#### Example 1: Issue of Covering

##### 1 Cor. 11:2-13

Now I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you. 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**. Every man who has something on his head while praying or prophesying disgraces his head. But every woman who has her head uncovered while praying or prophesying disgraces her head, for she is one and the same as the woman whose head is shaved. For if a woman does not cover her head, let her also have her hair cut off; but if it is disgraceful for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, let her cover her head. 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. For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man; for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but woman for the man's sake. Therefore the woman ought to have a symbol of authority on her head, because of the angels. However, in the Lord, neither is woman independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. For as the woman originates from the man, so also the man has his birth through the woman; and all things originate from God. Judge for yourselves: is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered

This has been used to force woman to cover their heads. But there is historical context for this. Head covering signifies the woman honours her husband. She was in submission to her husband – this was Jewish custom. Paul was writing to the Greeks at Corinth. Paul was teaching the Corinthians to be submissive using the culture of the Jews. This cannot be superimposed on all cultures. The principle of submission applies, but not the method. That which was symbol of submission has become a symbol of oppression.

##### 1 Cor. 14:34-35

The women are to keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but are to subject themselves, just **as the Law also says**. If they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is improper for a woman to speak in church.

1 Cor. 14:34a: "Let your women keep silence in the churches ..." (KJV)

Let "YOUR" woman = a reference to the Corinthian woman – not ALL women.

Silence = sigao = to hold one's peace; (still)

This is not a command to be still, but rather they were not **to cause a disturbance**; in Corinth women were already prophesying. Woman sat at the back – they would interject from the back. – Paul was addressing this.

Speak = lalelo = to chatter. The admonition is **not to disturb the meeting**.

‘As the law also says’, i.e. they are to be submissive as the law says.

**1 Tim. 2:11,12**

Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

Silence = to be still; not to disturb; learn in all subjection. You cannot learn without subjection.

Woman must not teach so to usurp authority. Priscilla and Aquila taught Apollos.

**Example 2:**

Jesus taught them not to greet anyone on their way to their assignment. This was so, simply because the Jewish custom of greeting was lengthy.

**Example 3:**

Jesus said to Peter, ‘Simon, satan has desired you to sift you as wheat’. This was allegorical. Grain would be mixed with grain, tare grain, stone particles, etc. The women would sift it – shake it and blow. Peter went through the shaking process, the blowing process and picked by Paul the apostle (when Paul publicly rebuked him).

**2. Rational Guideline**

Is there logical consistency?

**Isaiah 1:18** “Come now, and **let us reason together**,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool.”

**Is. 43:25,26** I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Put me in remembrance: **let us plead together**: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified (**KJV**)

Paul prayed for deliverance from ‘unreasonable’ men.

**Example 1:** The ‘**rapture**’ theory has rational logical inconsistency.

The so-called ‘meeting’ the Lord in the air around the earth, which is round – there will be no common meeting place.

**John 17:15** “I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.”

**Example 2: Application of the Blood.**

The blood was never meant to be applied on inanimate objects. Life in the blood = Old Testament; NT = Life in the Word. The blood of Jesus is never mentioned in the armour.

**Example 3: The mansion in Heaven in the Father's house.**

'House' means 'family' – you are the dwelling place of God.

**Example 4: The Israel of God: Who is the Israel of God?**

Gen. 35:10 : **Jacob** = Israel

Exod. 4:22 : The **nation** = Israel = Firstborn Son; Israel = whole nation;  
Hos 11:1- Out of Egypt I called my son = Israel coming out of Egypt;

Matt 2:15 : The same scripture talks about JESUS. Hence Israel = **Jesus**;

Gal. 3:29 : The **Seed of Christ** = Abraham's descendants; Isaiah 41:8  
Abraham's descendent = Israel; Therefore **WE**, the seed of Christ, are the Israel of God.

In the upper room, the **120** people were the Israel of God = all Jews. That 120 is the **church** and **Israel** at the **same time**. 100 000 Jews get saved in the first 4 or 5 years. The Jerusalem church was Jewish at this time. By AD 70 – the church survived the destruction of the temple. **Gentiles were grafted into it. They were the Israel of God.**

Get rid of futurism – TODAY is the day of salvation. City dialogue is necessary for rational discussion to take place.

**3. Mention Principle**

First-mention principle.

Comparative-mention principle

Progressive-mention principle

Complete-mention principle

**4. Election Principle**

God sets aside the first that He may establish the second (E.g. Esau; Ishmael)

## 5. Nature or Genre Principle

Consider the source book.

Examples:

- The Pentateuch is history;
- The Psalms is poetry;
- The Epistles is teaching;
- The Book of Revelation is symbolism.

E.g. A “**new heaven and new earth**” in the book of Revelation is not literal when the genre is already symbolic. It simply means a ‘**new covenant**’ – it is finished and done. The biblical basis for this is **Isaiah 51:13ff** - God speaks to Israel after God’s dealings with them, and He says He creates a new heaven and new earth indicating a new covenant.

## 6. Etymological Principle

This is interpretation based on analysing the **meaning in the original language**. Meanings change over time. Examine the meaning at the time of its usage. Check out the statements in which the word is used.

**Example:** There are more than 7 words in Hebrew for the English word ‘**Praise**’ – and they mean something different.

## 7. Unity or Contextual Principle

**The part must agree with the whole.** Scriptures do not contradict each other. The context determines meaning. **The passage must harmonise with the book from which it is extracted.**

**Example 1:** The phrase, “**Call no man father**” (Matt 23). The context of this is - Jesus was talking about the Pharisees. The chairman of the Sanhedrin was called ‘father’. What Jesus was saying is, “Never make the Pharisee your father”. Paul called Timothy his son. John called his audience ‘fathers’.

**Example 2:** **Street of Gold:** this is not in heaven – its in the holy city coming out from God. There is only one street – Jesus Christ.

## 8. Typical or Symbolic Principle

Jesus spoke symbolic language.

**John 6:53** So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves

**John 6:66** As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.

They thought He was teaching cannibalism. Jesus did not explain many of HIS symbols.

One of the reasons that many of His disciples went back is that they did not understand symbolic language. Any ordinary person would have interpreted Jesus' requirement as cannibalism instead of a covenantal relationship.

#### **GUIDELINES FOR SYMBOLIC INTERPRETATION:**

- a) **FEATURE LINK** There must be features common to both.
- b) **CONTEXT LINK** Because an object may symbolise more than one thing, the context must be examined to determine what is being symbolised (e.g. lion may symbolise satan, Jesus or an overcoming believer.)
- c) **BIBLICAL LINK** Because the Bible interprets its own symbols, the scriptures must be searched to determine the interpretation of the symbol.
- d) **CULTURE LINK** The symbol must be interpreted in its cultural context.
- e) **LANGUAGE LINK** Interpret the symbol in the language in which it was communicated.
- f) **SYMBOLIC LINK** If the verses under consideration make literal sense, then symbolic interpretation is valid if the contextual scriptures suggest this or the Bible uses the object as a common symbol.

Symbolic interpretation of Scripture lost its import because of over symbolism - men like Oregon. Jesus communicated in symbols.

**Matt 13:10-12** And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" Jesus answered them, " To you **it has been granted (or GIVEN)** to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. For whoever has, **to him more shall be given**, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.

**The word 'GIVEN' implies that understanding symbols is a gift.**

Whoever has - more will be given. **'HAS' means to possess as a valuable thing. Whoever possesses grace and revelation, more will be given to him. If you do not value it, even what you have will be taken away from you.**

**MARK 4:23-25** If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." And He was saying to them, **"Take care what you listen to. By your standard of measure it will be measured to you; and**

more will be given you besides. For whoever has, to him more shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him

Those who CREATED capacity by studying and meditating – more will be given.

#### Other Examples:

- Gal. 4 : Talks about Sarah and Hagar. These represent two covenants.
- Matt 12:39-40 : Three days
- Gal. 3 : Posterity of Abraham portrayed in Christ.

### 9. Illuminatory Principle

The Holy Spirit illumines. There is one interpretation but there may be many Holy Spirit led applications.

**1 Cor. 2:11** For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even **so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.**

**1 Cor. 2:14** But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, **because they are spiritually appraised.**

**John 16:13** But when He, **the Spirit of truth, comes**, He will guide you into all the truth; for **He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.**

### 10. Christo-Centric Principle

Interpret Scripture in relation to the centrality of Christ. You should see Christ in every book.

### 11. Apostolic Principle

Study how the apostles interpreted the Scripture, e.g. Peter on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 interprets Joel 2:28. James at the Council of Jerusalem in Acts 15 interprets Amos 9:11.

### 12. Literal Principle

Take it as face value. Analyse the context to explore another sense.



### **13. Experiential / Existential Principle**

In Apostolic Hermeneutics, one of the main principles is the Experiential or the Existential principle.

Heb. 4:12 indicates that the Word of GOD is LIVING and powerful. THE BIBLE IS LIVING. You can experience it. You can make the Scriptures your personal experience.

*(This principle is further elucidated in the next session)*

## Interpreting the Scriptures & Accurate Building

Continued directly from previous session:

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The experiential or existential principle. The Word of God is living. The word can be made your experience. Your experience must not determine the Word of God.

Luke 24 – the two on the road to Emmaus. Theologians say it is descriptive and not prescriptive. They distinguish between the narratives and the epistles. **But the descriptive scriptures are in fact more prescriptive.** ALL scripture is profitable for doctrine, correction, reproof and instruction in righteousness. **Luke 24 can become your personal experience. EYE(S) of your understanding being enlightened – many eyes are opened progressively.**

The portion from 2 Cor. 4 that Mike shared – “always bearing in my body the dying of our Lord Jesus Christ” – we too can practically experience this.

What Shaun shared from 2 Thess. 2 – that we are surrounded by error. This is our experience – hence we have to accurately interpret what the ‘temple’ is. Your Body is the temple; and also the corporate company. Within the city church there are false elements – this is the man of perdition or the man of sin who is opposed to the authentic. Antichrist is a not a single man but a corporate entity (cf. the goal of five-fold ministry in Eph. 4 is that we come to a perfect ‘man’ – this is corporate).

### Genesis 12:7-10

So Abram went forth as the Lord had spoken to him; and Lot went with him. Now Abram was seventy- five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew, and all their possessions which they had accumulated, and the persons which they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan; **thus they came to the land of Canaan.** Abram passed through the land as far as the site of **Shechem, to the oak of Moreh.** Now the Canaanite was then in the land. The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “ To your descendants I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the Lord who had appeared to him. Then he proceeded from there to the mountain on the **east of Bethel**, and pitched his tent, with **Bethel on the west and Ai on the east**; and there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. **Abram journeyed on, continuing toward the Negev.**

Now there was a **famine in the land**; so Abram went **down to Egypt** to sojourn there, for the famine was severe in the land. It came about when he came near to Egypt, that he said to Sarai his wife, “See now, I know that you are a beautiful woman; and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, ‘This is his wife’; and they will kill me, but they will let you live.

Abraham **builds an altar between Bethel and Ai. Result – there was famine. Abraham built between order and chaos (Ai).** He flees to Egypt.

**Gen 13:1-7**

So Abram **went up from Egypt to the Negev**, he and his wife and all that belonged to him, and Lot with him.

Now Abram was **very rich in livestock, in silver and in gold**. He went on his journeys from the Negev as far as **Bethel**, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, **between Bethel and Ai**, to the place of the altar which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of the Lord. Now Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. And the land could not sustain them while dwelling together, for their possessions were so great that they were not able to remain together. And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. Now the Canaanite and the Perizzite were dwelling then in the land.

Now he does the same thing and reaps strife.

[The neurotic builds castles in the air; The psychotic lives in the castle; The charismatic charges rent for the castle; The fool pays the rent.]

The apostolic brings ORDER into our lives. Some are building at Ai. As you spend time with the Word, your speech improves. At Ai – something happens to your language.

Some have chaos even in the management of documentation, time and diet.

**We must shift to Bethel = House of God – structure of accurate building.**

Examine whether you are an accurate builder. **Do not build your church with a borrowed axe. You as the set man must preach regularly in your house.**

**Also inaccurate building includes mixture, building in isolation, building by copying, building for human glory and building just for winning a soul.**

What would constitute building at Bethel?

**Consequence of inaccurate building?**

Famine – short of bread (word), oil (anointing), wine (revelation). Major depression will hit many pastors because of this. The joy of the Lord is your strength.

### There are Several Causes of Famine:

1. **Inaccurate Building** as above
2. **Abominations like idolatry.** In Ahab's time this was prevalent. Elijah decreed famine in the land.
3. **Famine manifests anointing and grace.** E.g. Joseph manifests in famine. Elijah went through the famine, which exposed his grace. The famine at Antioch manifested the anointing upon the church at Antioch.
4. **Isolation.** Benedad surrounded Syria; Nebuchadnezzar around Judah.
5. **Violation of Covenant.** 2 Sam 21- Saul violated the Gibeonite covenant.
6. **Disconnection from grace,** e.g. the prodigal son.
7. Gen 26:1 there was famine. Gen 25:28-36; **Famine because sons were misbehaving;** One son was **selling his birthright and the other supplanting** it. There was buying and selling. Jacob should have just given him the stew. In hyper-grace churches, everything is for sale. Churches have become places of big business. Many TV ministries are based on buying and selling – this is an illegitimate order.

### ACCURATE BUILDING

What would constitute building at Bethel?

#### Heb. 8:10ff

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, says the Lord: **I will put MY laws into their minds, And I will write them on their hearts. And I will be their God, And they shall be MY people.** “And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, And everyone his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord, ’For all will know ME, From the least to the greatest of them. “For I will be merciful to their iniquities, And I will remember their sins no more.” When He said, “ **A new covenant,**” **He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.**

**Law in the mind and in the hearts.** No believer has full memory of the law after he is saved. How is the law installed into our heart and mind? Law in Jeremiah = Torah = doctrine = teaching and instruction. In the new covenant the insertion of the law is into the hearts. Something happens at the time of an authentic salvation. Divine nature is received. **This nature has a certain proclivity – e.g. to hear God, to practice righteousness, to obey God, to walk in the culture of God, to resist sin, to be victorious over the flesh, to call upon God, to know God, to love people, love the Word of God, etc. This means a significant portion of our people is not saved – and we are maintaining them. We must be born again of the incorruptible seed.**

Jesus selected His disciples – **He was very selective. He choose those who would follow Him. Every man He healed He sent back – because the message would not be based on healing or deliverance.** Who are you looking for in accurate building? It must be those who love God's Word. Paediatricians declare a neo-natal emergency when a baby does not cry for milk – septicaemia and meningitis - same is true in the spirit. Whoever is born of God loves God, loves His Word, etc.

People who love God's Word change the world. Love is a fulfillment of the commandments. Love drives our obedience.

**1 John 2:5** 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 ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked

Love is the fulfillment of the Law.

**Rom 13:8-10** **Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.** For this, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." **Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.**

This is an automatic love for the Word. The sonship model is a Word-intensive model.

Jer. 20:9 – Your word was the joy and rejoicing of my heart.

Those who love God's word are low in maintenance. Heb. 4:12 – Word also cuts – it offends – it pierces. Hence Apostolic doctrine is the first pillar.

**Hyper-Grace concentrates mainly on motivational speaking. People are being fed psychology with a few Scriptures.**

#### Differences between Preaching and Motivational Preaching (MP)

- **MP maintains and meets felt needs.** Preacher focuses on what the people want to hear. Paul told Timothy to 'Preach the WORD' – preaching focuses on the present demand of God.
- **MP operates in eloquence – driven by this – skillful use of language.** Acts 12:21-23, 24 Eloquence does not mean accuracy (cf. Apollos). Word is not a slave to eloquence – see 1 Cor. 2:4.
- **MP focuses on pulpit therapy – flatters believers;** Preaching against sin is called condemnation today.
 

Heb. 4:12	The Word is cutting, separates the precious and the vile.
2 Tim 3:16	The Word of God is for righteousness.
1 Thess. 2:3-8	Paul never used flattering words in Thessalonica.
- **MP intrigues the soul without the development of roots;** it excites without developing them in Christ. Preaching the word causes us to be rooted in Christ – see Col 2:3-8
- **MP venerates human strength – develops the human psych to overcome.**

Zech. 4:6; Phil 2:13

- **MP avoids the use of the name of Jesus.**

See Acts 4:12,18

**Col 1:27** To whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.

- **MP glorifies the preacher; Preaching the Word glorifies Christ.**

See John 5:39; Heb. 10:7

As a preacher, do not get addicted to the 'amen' of the people. The Word of God does not need your assistance.

- **MP entertains, but true preaching has results of reproof, correction, training in righteousness.**

The Word will not return void.

**Thamo:** Platform from which you are speaking is changing - we speak from spirit and not from soul. You cannot speak from your soul and hope to touch the spirit of your people.

## Grace and Repentance

Recall the previous session. Abraham should have been building at Bethel. First pattern of accurate building is the installation of the divine nature installed into the believer – such that there is a proclivity to love God, His people and His Word. Then there is the desire to obey God.

The Word has many benefits, e.g. Psalm 1 = prosperity.

### John 8:42-47

Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word. You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me? **He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear them, because you are not of God**

The hearing of God’s Word is supernatural. It is a sign that you have proceeded from God. Those who continuously contend with you for their failure to accept TRUTH – simply walk away because they are of the devil, who is their father. True sons of God love and celebrate the Word of God. Jeremiah said he ate the Word of God.

The Word is living, powerful, piercing, cutting and discerning. **The Word has an offensive element to bring transformation.**

The Word comes to separate the precious from the vile. **Where the Word is consistently proclaimed, all who are alien to God depart.**

### Numbers 5:11ff

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, ‘If any man’s wife goes astray and is unfaithful to him, and a man has intercourse with her and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband and she is undetected, although she has defiled herself, and there is no witness against her and she has not been caught in the act, if a spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife when she has defiled herself, or if a spirit of jealousy comes over him and he is jealous of his wife when she has not defiled herself, the man shall then bring his wife to the priest, and shall bring as an offering for her one-tenth of an ephah of barley meal; he shall not pour oil on it nor put frankincense on it, for it is a grain offering of jealousy, a grain offering of memorial, a reminder of iniquity.

‘Then the priest shall bring her near and have her stand before the Lord, and the priest shall take holy water in an earthenware vessel; and he shall take some of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle and put it into the water. The priest shall then have the woman stand before the Lord and let the hair of the woman’s head go loose, and place the grain

offering of memorial in her hands, which is the grain offering of jealousy, and in the hand of the priest is to be the water of bitterness that brings a curse. The priest shall have her take an oath and shall say to the woman, "If no man has lain with you and if you have not gone astray into uncleanness, being under the authority of your husband, be immune to this water of bitterness that brings a curse; if you, however, have gone astray, being under the authority of your husband, and if you have defiled yourself and a man other than your husband has had intercourse with you" (then the priest shall have the woman swear with the oath of the curse, and the priest shall say to the woman), "the Lord make you a curse and an oath among your people by the Lord's making your thigh waste away and your abdomen swell; and this water that brings a curse shall go into your stomach, and make your abdomen swell and your thigh waste away." And the woman shall say, "Amen. Amen."

'The priest shall then write these curses on a scroll, and he shall wash them off into the water of bitterness. Then he shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that brings a curse, so that the water which brings a curse will go into her and cause bitterness. The priest shall take the grain offering of jealousy from the woman's hand, and he shall wave the grain offering before the Lord and bring it to the altar; and the priest shall take a handful of the grain offering as its memorial offering and offer it up in smoke on the altar, and afterward he shall make the woman drink the water. When he has made her drink the water, then it shall come about, if she has defiled herself and has been unfaithful to her husband, that the water which brings a curse will go into her and cause bitterness, and her abdomen will swell and her thigh will waste away, and the woman will become a curse among her people. But if the woman has not defiled herself and is clean, she will then be free and conceive children.

If the women in the text above commits adultery, her stomach would swell and her thigh would rot. Water = Word. Woman = church. Adultery = she has another husband. Church must be loyal to Christ. When the water of the word comes, the abdomen swells up, medically = pseudosysis = phantom pregnancy = serial failures in vision.

Rotting thigh: Thigh = covenant ; Eleazar had to hold Abraham on the thigh; Rotting thigh = serial covenantal failures.

**Now Let's Focus on the Second Point for Accurate Building:**

### **THE HOUSE MUST BE BUILT BY GRACE**

Grace has many forms (dominion grace, salvation grace, etc.)

➤ **Grace for numerical strength in your church.**

#### **Acts 11:21-23**

And the hand of the Lord was with them, and **a large number who believed turned to the Lord**. The news about them reached the ears of the church at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. Then when he arrived and **witnessed the grace of God**, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord.



➤ Grace to Give

**2 Cor. 8:1-5**

Now, brethren, we *wish to* make known to you **the grace of God which has been given** in the churches Of Macedonia, that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, *they gave* of their own accord, begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, and *this*, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

➤ Grace to Serve God Acceptably with Reverence.

**Heb. 12:28** Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let **us have grace**, whereby we may **serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear** (**KJV**)

**2 Thess. 1:12** 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.

➤ Grace to Operate as Kings and Priests

**Rev 1: 4 - 6**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: **Grace to you** and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood-- and He has **made us to be a kingdom, priests** to His God and Father--to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

➤ Grace to Minister

**1 Peter 4:10** As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good **stewards of the manifold grace of God.**

➤ Grace that makes us Accepted

**Eph. 1:6-7**

To the praise of the **glory of His grace**, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, **according to the riches of His grace.**

**Hyper-Grace and False-Grace:**

People under the present 'Hyper-grace' teaching do not grow in grace. This doctrine teaches that believers do not need to confess their sins since the blood cleanses our sins past, present and future. Holiness is seen as legalism. Believers lead loose lives. They call any teaching about sin as sin consciousness and legalism. This is false.

**Rom 6:1-2**

What shall we say then? **Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?** May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know

**Believers are called to confess their sins.** Unbelievers cannot repent, unless they have been enabled. Lazarus had to have supernatural intervention for him to come out of the tomb.

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Acts 19:18** Many also of those who had believed kept coming, confessing and disclosing their practices.

**James 5:16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

Letters to the seven churches – all addressed to believers. In five of them believers were called to repentance.

The godly sorrow of the Corinthian believers lead to repentance.

**2 Cor. 7: 9-10**

I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to *the point of* repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to *the will of God*, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. **For the sorrow that is according to *the will of God* produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.**

**Prov. 28:13** He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, But **he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.**

Hyper-Grace cannot deal with sin. Repentance is essential to deal with sin. We have not been delivered from the presence of sin.

**1 John 2:1** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

**What is sin?**

- ❖ Missing the mark
- ❖ Lack of faith
- ❖ Unrighteousness
- ❖ Hatred
- ❖ Violation of commandments
- ❖ Foolish thoughts
- ❖ Garrulousness = excessive talkative-ness is sin
- ❖ Those who know to do good and to not do it, is sin.

The Holy Spirit will **convict of sin – He will tell you that you are sinning. This is not condemnation – it is a reminder.** Confess your sin and repent.

Deal with the flesh and sin. By faith, in the fear of God examine yourself, abstain from fleshly lust, and have self-control.

The Hyper-grace doctrine encourages passivity regarding sin. Hyper-grace teaches that you do not have a sin nature. One-naturism (belief that we only have the Divine nature) deludes the believer that there is no sin nature. We have two natures within us. Our human nature is contaminated by the sin principle; our human nature must be influenced by the divine nature. Sin nature is removed permanently at the second coming.

Know your weakness. Paul advised the Thessalonians how to walk in divine nature.

**1 Thess. 4:3-7** For this is the **will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God; and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you. For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification**

Paul told the Romans that sin could reign in their mortal bodies.

**Rom 6:12** Therefore do **not let sin reign in your mortal body** so that you obey its lusts.

**Repentance is an ongoing process.**

**2 Cor. 10:4** for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

**2 Cor. 10:4** For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds **(KJV)**

Regular renovation of the mind is required. It includes repentance.

**Rom 12:1-2**

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. 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.

Present your body as a living sacrifice.

Positional righteousness must translate into practical righteousness.

You are saved by Grace THROUGH FAITH. Faith without works is dead. Not works of law but works of faith. Repentance is part of the works of faith.

1 Cor. 15 - Believe in the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Even the devil believes this. What are the works of faith?

1. Confess
2. Receive
3. Repent

Zaccheus in the sycamore tree – confessed Jesus Christ as Lord; received Him into his house; repented by restitution.

Repentance = to change one's mind for the better. It has two processes - a deconstruction of an old mindset and then building of a new mindset = renewal.

#### Components of Repentance:

1. Sorrow for the sin – not sorry that he was caught for the sin. Luke 22:61,62
2. Confessing: Num. 5:6-7; Prov. 28:13; Lev 26:40ff; Dan. 9; Ezra 9; Neh. 9 = confessing and repentance of individual and corporate sin; Jer. 14:20
3. Forsaking of the Sin: Prov. 28:13
4. Build a mindset that does not get entrapped in the same sin again.

Bankruptcy does not prevent you from repaying the debt.

#### John preached repentance:

**Matt 3:1- 2** Now in those days John the Baptist \*came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

#### Jesus preached repentance:

**Luke 4:17** And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

**Mark 1:14** Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God,

#### Apostles preached repentance:

**Mark 6:12** They went out and preached that *men* should repent.

At the End of the Emmaus road:

**Luke 24:47** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem

Repentance can occur several times. Became a serial repentor.

**BENEFITS OF REPENTANCE:**

1. Rest. Is. 30:15; Joshua and Caleb entered into the rest of God.
2. Forgiveness of sins: "I will hear from heaven – forgive their sins"
3. Healing
4. Freedom from sin (Joseph and brothers; David repented)
5. Mercy (Prov. 28:13)
6. Outpouring of God's Spirit (Prov. 1:23)
7. Dominion (cf. prodigal son)
8. Illumination of God's Word (Prov. 1:23)

Paul's turning on the road to Damascus positioned him to write the New Testament. The coming of Jesus was preceded by the message of John preaching about repentance. Josiah's repentance positioned him to receive the book.

Repentance = humbling yourself

Josiah repented – he prospered wherever he went.

Hezekiah – 2 Chron. 32:24-29. He blessed him even with property – he knew how to repent and humble himself.

The meek shall inherit the earth. Brokenness is the posture for getting land. Ownership of property is a statement of dominion.

**Jer. 5:25** – 'Your iniquities have turned these away, And your sins have withheld good from you.

The devastation of hyper-grace will have long-term consequences for the next generation.

Pastors need to repent.

Many need to repent of the dishonourable manner in which they had left the previous congregations or networks. Many are one repentance away from their breakthrough.

How desperate are you for a breakthrough. Only desperate people can repent. God wants humility and brokenness. The Lord will add to you when you are broken. Beware if your church starts to grow and you do not repent – you will attract tares unto you.

The Son is GIVEN. God will GIVE you good sons.

## Results of Sin

Many ministries need the rain. You should be excited about ministering in your church

### Consequences of Sin:

#### 1. Hardness of Heart

**Heb. 3:13** – But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

#### 2. Alienation and Separation from God.

**Isaiah 59:2** But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden *His* face from you so that He does not hear.

#### 3. Separation from the Glory

**Rom 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

#### 4. Social Isolation

**Psalms 38:11** My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague; And my kinsmen stand afar off.

Read Job 19:13-19

#### 5. Physical Death

**Rom. 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### 6. Eternal Separation

#### 7. Misery – seen in fear

**Gen 3:13** Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

#### 8. Pursued by evils and troubled

**Psalms 40:12** For evils beyond number have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to see; They are more numerous than the hairs of my head, And my heart has failed me.

## 9. Guilt and Shame

**Psalm 51:3** For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me.

Rom 6 'Who shall deliver me ...'

## 10. Reaping of Corruption:

Sow to flesh = corruption

## 11. Sickness and Disease:

**Psalm 38:3ff** There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation; There is no health in my bones because of my sin.

Man at the pool – JESUS said, "Go and sin no more lest a worst thing come upon you."

## 12. Activates the wrath of God.

Every son He loves, He scourges. God chastises Israel in many ways; God allows sickness (Miriam, Gehazi): demonic oppression (Saul), famine, scarcity.

**Rom. 1:18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

### **Rom 2: 5 - 9**

**But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:** to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life; but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. *There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,*

**Col 3:5** Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.

13. **Religion** – sewing of fig leaves.

14. **Thorns and thistles** – Gen 3:17

15. **Produces an addiction to Sin;** Rom 7 - Everyone who practices sin is a slave of sin.

You cannot have a reformation process without repentance.

## 16. Invasion by Demons

**Ecc. 10:8** He who digs a pit may fall into it, and a serpent may bite him who breaks through a wall.

If a believer has demons you deal with this differently. Believers have to repent. Early reformers cast demons out of cities – demons returned because there was no watchman over the cities.

Keep the door shut – do not open the hedge. **Be consistent in your obedience. There must be no breach.**

**1 John 5:18** We know that no one who is born of God sins; **but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him.**

**What is your immunity? Keep yourself by walking in righteousness.** Among pastors, the greatest desire is the ownership of another human being. In the Father-Son wineskin – do not make everyone your sons. You do not relate only to those who are your sons. Repent of titularity and unforgiveness. Tithes demonstrates your giving nature.

The false concept of “**Grave Soaking**” is a growing trend – where people lie on the grave of apostles and prophets. This is demonic – necromancy.

**Evil speaking opens the door.** If you hate your pastor – it is a demon; also if you are constantly fighting with each other. No demon can come near you if you walk in righteousness. The way you treat other people and pastors (especially those in the previous season) is very important. Present the message in love.

Many sleep during the Word – often it is a demonic component.

The demonic can live in your soul whilst the Spirit lives in your spirit. Church at Thyatira – you allow that woman Jezebel to teach.

Sin is dirt.

**Isaiah 52:2** – Shake yourself from the dust, rise up, O captive Jerusalem; Loose yourself from the chains around your neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

Be aware of background operations:

**Luke 22:31-32** "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded *permission* to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

Satan feeds on dust. His food is dust. Peter was dusty. How? The ‘Context’ principle tells you.

**Luke 22: 24-27**

And there arose also a dispute among them *as to* which one of them was regarded to be greatest. And



He said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who have authority over them are called 'Benefactors.' "But *it is* not this way with you, but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant. "For who is greater, the one who reclines *at the table* or the one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines *at the table*? But I am among you as the one who serves.

Peter was in strife as to who would be the greatest. Then his pride manifested when he said he would never forsake Jesus.

**Zech. 3:1-7**

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. The LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! Indeed, the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments and standing before the angel. He spoke and said to those who were standing before him, saying, "Remove the filthy garments from him." Again he said to him, "See, I have taken your iniquity away from you and will clothe you with festal robes." Then I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments, while the angel of the LORD was standing by. And the angel of the LORD admonished Joshua, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If you will walk in My ways and if you will perform My service, then you will also govern My house and also have charge of My courts, and I will grant you free access among these who are standing *here*."

At the first installment of the exiles, while building the temple up to foundation level, Samaritans attacked them and stopped the building process for 15 years. **But there was something happening in the background. Joshua the high priest – was being resisted by devil – because he was clothed in filthy garments. He thought he could build the temple with his own strength.**

**Never before is there a greater need for repentance. Spirit of competition has beset the church.**

An apostolic function involves the remittance of sins. Repent of our prayerlessness. How desperate are you for the rain to fall?

Paul epitomised repentance his whole life. Always bearing in his body the dying of the Lord Jesus. Some are still one step away from major breakthrough. You were meant to go from glory to glory – from strength to strength.

## Hyper-Grace and the Law

Hyper Grace denies the wrath of God. It denies repentance. Churches had to repent.

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| Ephesus  | - | Repent from departure from its first love, which was their love for the word of God.  |
| Pergamos | - | Repent from Mixture. Antipas (Like the Father') was killed. Balaam and the Nicolations doctrines were about mixture. Balaam suggested to the Midianites and Moabites to marry the Israelites. |
| Sardis   | - | Called to repent from its spiritual death.  |
| Thyatira | - | Repent because she entertained Jezebel; If they would not repent – they would be in a sick bed. Ordinary believers become eunuchs.  |
| Laodecia | - | Repent of luke-warmness; they were blind and deaf and embraced democracy; They were called to repent of this.   |

To Sardis – how do you deal with a spirit of death? Death = absence of the spirit. Life comes when you are delivered from strife and contention; hunger for God, His Spirit and Word; Relationships; Submission, etc.

Hyper-grace will have serious consequences in the future.

### HYPER GRACE AND LAW

(The notes that follow are graciously provided by Dr Sagie Govender – these are his personal teaching notes. We express our gratitude for this kind act)

HYPER GRACE TEACHERS AFFIRM THAT THE LAW IS OBSOLETE AND IS NO LONGER NECESSARY IN CHRISTIAN CULTURE. THEY DO NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE MORAL AND CEREMONIAL LAW (CIRCUMCISION, OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES, REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD, FEASTS, SPECIAL VESTMENTS ETC).

### REBUTTAL

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND THE LAW OF MOSES.

THE LAW OF MOSES IS CALLED THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ARE ALSO THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ARE NEVER CALLED THE LAW OF MOSES.

### DIFFERENCES:

#### 1. DIFFERENT DESIGNATIONS

GOD'S LAW AND MOSES' LAW

*Daniel 9:11 NKJV* *Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the Law of Moses the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him*

- “YOUR LAW” AND “THE LAW OF MOSES”

Distinction between “Your law” which refers to the Ten Commandments and “the Law of Moses”.

## 2. TWO COMMANDERS

- “I HAVE COMMANDED” AND “MY SERVANT MOSES COMMANDED”.

*2 Kings 21:8 NKJV and I will not make the feet of Israel wander anymore from the land which I gave their fathers—only if they are careful to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them.”*

## 3. DIFFERENT WRITERS

- TEN COMMANDMENTS WRITTEN BY THE FINGER OF GOD

*(Exodus 31:18 CWSB)*

*18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.*

*(Exodus 32:16 NKJV)*

*16 Now the tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God engraved on the tablets*

- LAW OF MOSES WRITTEN BY MOSES.

*(Deuteronomy 31:9 CWSB)*

*9 And Moses wrote -- this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bore -- the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and unto all the elders of Israel.*

*(2 Chronicles 35:12 NKJV)*

*12 Then they removed the burnt offerings that they might give them to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the lay people, to offer to the Lord, as it is written in the Book of Moses. And so they did with the cattle*

## 4. DIFFERENT MEDIATORS

- GOD SPOKE DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLE.

*(Deuteronomy 4:36 NKJV)*

*36 Out of heaven He let you hear His voice, that He might instruct you; on earth He showed you His great fire, and you heard His words out of the midst of the fire.*

*(Deuteronomy 4:13-14 NKJV)*

*13 So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone. 14 And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might observe them in the land which you cross over to possess*

*(Deuteronomy 5:22 NKJV)*

22 "These words the Lord spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

*(Exodus 20:18-22 CWSB)*

18 And all the people saw -- the thunderings, and -- the lightnings, and -- the noise of the trumpet, and -- the mountain smoking:and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.

19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear:but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not:for God is come to prove -- you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

22 And the Lord said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

- WITH REGARDS TO THE CEREMONIAL LAW MOSES WAS THE MEDIATOR.

*(Exodus 33:9 NKJV)*

9 And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses.

*(Deuteronomy 31:9 CWSB)*

9 And Moses wrote -- this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bore -- the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and unto all the elders of Israel.

*(Deuteronomy 4:13-14 NKJV)*

13 So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone. 14 And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that you might observe them in the land which you cross over to possess

*(Exodus 19:7 NKJV)*

7 So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the Lord commanded him.

*(Exodus 39:1-7 NKJV)*

1 Of the blue, purple, and scarlet thread they made garments of ministry, for ministering in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

2 He made the ephod of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen. 3 And they beat the gold into thin sheets and cut it into threads, to work it in with the blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and the fine linen, into artistic designs. 4 They made shoulder straps for it to couple it together; it was coupled together at its two edges. 5 And the intricately woven band of his ephod that was on it was of the same workmanship, woven of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

6 And they set onyx stones, enclosed in settings of gold; they were engraved, as signets are engraved,

*with the names of the sons of Israel. 7 He put them on the shoulders of the ephod as memorial stones for the sons of Israel, as the Lord had commanded Moses*

## 5. DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

- TEN COMMANDMENTS WERE PLACED INSIDE THE ARK

*(Exodus 25:16 CWSB)*

*16 And thou shalt put into the ark -- the testimony which I shall give thee.*

- THE LAW OF MOSES WAS PLACED NEXT TO THE ARK

*(Deuteronomy 31:24-26 CWSB)*

*24 And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing -- the words of this law in a book, until they were finished,*

*25 That Moses commanded -- the Levites, which bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying,*

*26 Take -- this book of the law, and put -- it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee*

## 6. WRITTEN ON DIFFERENT MATERIALS

- TEN COMMANDMENTS WRITTEN ON TABLETS OF STONE

*(Exodus 31:18 CWSB)*

*18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.*

*(Exodus 32:16 NKJV)*

*16 Now the tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God engraved on the tablets*

- LAW OF MOSES WRITTEN IN A BOOK

*(Deuteronomy 31:24-26 CWSB)*

*24 And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing -- the words of this law in a book, until they were finished,*

*25 That Moses commanded -- the Levites, which bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying,*

*26 Take -- this book of the law, and put -- it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee*

## 7. TEN COMMANDMENTS WERE WRITTEN AGAIN.

God wrote the Ten Commandments again after Moses broke the first.

*Exodus 34:1*

*"Hew thee two tablets of stone like unto first; and I will write upon the tablets the words that were on the first tables, which thou didst break."*

*Deuteronomy 10:1*

*"...Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount; and make thee an ark of wood."*

If the Ten Commandments were part of the Law of Moses it would not be necessary for God to write it a second time. God wrote it a second time to indicate it was not a part of the ceremonial law given to Moses.

## 8. TEMPORARY VS. ETERNAL.

- THE LAW OF MOSES WAS TEMPORARY

*(Ephesians 2:15 CWSB)*

*15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;*

- THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ARE ETERNAL

*(Psalms 111:7-8 CWSB)*

*7 The works of his hands are verity and judgment; all his commandments are sure.*

*8 They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.*

## 9. CARNAL VS. SPIRITUAL

- THE CEREMONIAL LAW OF MOSES IS CARNAL

*(Hebrews 7:16 CWSB)*

*16 Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life.*

- THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ARE SPIRITUAL

*(Romans 7:14 CWSB)*

*14 For we know that the law is spiritual:but I am carnal, sold under sin.*

## 10. PERFECTION AND FAILURE TO PERFECT

- THE LAW OF MOSES COULD NOT PERFECT THE SOUL.

*(Hebrews 7:19 CWSB)*

*19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.*

- THE TEN COMMANDMENTS PERFECT THE SOUL

*(Psalms 19:7 CWSB)*

*7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.*

## 11. ADDED BECAUSE OF SIN VS. EXPOSES SIN

- THE LAW OF MOSES WAS ADDED BECAUSE OF SIN

*(Galatians 3:19 CWSB)*

*19 Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till -- the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator.*

- THE TEN COMMANDMENTS EXPOSED SIN

*(Romans 3:20 CWSB)*

*20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*

*(Romans 7:7 CWSB)*

*7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.*

## 12. AGAINST US OR FOR US

- THE LAW OF MOSES WAS AGAINST US AND CONTRARY TO US

*(Colossians 2:14 CWSB)*

*14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;*

- THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ARE GOOD

*(Romans 7:7 CWSB)*

*7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.*

*(Romans 7:12 CWSB)*

12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

*(Psalms 19:7-8 CWSB)*

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul:the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

*(1 John 5:3 CWSB)*

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

### **13. NON JUDGEMENTAL VS. JUDGEMENTAL**

- THE LAW OF MOSES CAN NO LONGER JUDGE US.

*(Colossians 2:14-17 CWSB)*

14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

- THE TEN COMMANDMENTS JUDGES ALL MEN

*(James 2:8-12 CWSB)*

8 If ye fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well:

9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

### **SCRIPTURES USED ERRONEOUSLY:**

#### **1. "CHRIST ENDED THE LAW"**

*(Romans 10:4 CWSB)*

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

#### **REBUTTAL:**

*(Romans 10:4 AMP)*

4 For Christ is the end of the Law [the limit at which it ceases to be, for the Law leads up to Him Who is the fulfillment of its types, and in Him the purpose which it was designed to accomplish is fulfilled. That



*is, the purpose of the Law is fulfilled in Him] as the means of righteousness (right relationship to God) for everyone who trusts in and adheres to and relies on Him.*

*End – telos – completion*

End means He completed or fulfilled it.

Those who are in Him, fulfill the law through Him.

*(Romans 8:4 CWSB)*

*4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

We fulfill the law in Christ. WHICH LAW ENDED OR WAS FULFILLED ON THE CROSS? THE CEREMONIAL LAW.

*Romans 10:4,5*

*4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth. 5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law. That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.*

This refers to the Law of Moses – the Ceremonial law (Mosaic Law, Law of Moses, Book of the Law, Ordinances.)

This ceremonial law ended on the cross.

REVIEW METAPHORS OF THE MOSAIC/CEREMONIAL LAW.

THE FACT THAT THE MORAL LAW IS REPEATED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT DEMANDS THE APPLICATION OF THE RATIONAL PRINCIPLE OF HERMENEUTICS. THE MORAL LAW DID NOT END ON THE CROSS – IN THE NEW TESTAMENT THE LAW IS REPEATED AND INTENSIFIED BY GRACE.

JESUS DID NOT COME TO ABOLISH THE LAW.

*(Matthew 5:17-20 CWSB)*

*17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.*

*18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

*19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

*20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

THE MORAL LAW IS NOT ABOLISHED. WE ARE ADMONISHED TO KEEP THE LAW:

*(Romans 2:13 CWSB)*

*13 (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.*

*(1 John 2:4 CWSB)*

*4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*

*(Revelation 14:12 CWSB)*

*12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.*

*(Revelation 22:14 CWSB)*

*14 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.*

THE LAW IS GOOD

*(Romans 7:12 CWSB)*

*12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.*

CEREMONIAL LAWS ARE THE ORDINANCES:

*(Ephesians 2:15 NKJV)*

*15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace*

LAW OF MOSES CALLED "LAW OF COMMANDMENTS" CONTAINED IN ORDINANCES.

*(Ezekiel 45:17 CWSB)*

*17 And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt offerings, and meat offerings, and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare -- the sin offering, and -- the meat offering, and -- the burnt offering, and -- the peace offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.*

*(Colossians 2:14-17 CWSB)*

*14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;*

*15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

*16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:*

*17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.*

SABBATHS ARE IN THE PLURAL – REFERRING TO CEREMONIAL SABBATHS(7 CEREMONIAL SABBATHS).

The Ceremonial law (RITUAL CLEANSING, CIRCUMCISION, OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES, REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD, FEASTS, SPECIAL VESTMENTS ETC) was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ.

*(Galatians 3:24-26 CWSB)*

*24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

*25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.*

*26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*

The Ceremonial Law pointed to Christ. Now that Christ has come, the ceremonial law is obsolete. THAT WHICH IS OBSOLETE IS AGAINST US BECAUSE IT WILL TAKE US BACKWARDS.

PAUL REBUKES THE GALATIANS FOR OBSERVING CEREMONIAL LAWS OF MOSES:

*(Galatians 3:10 CWSB)*

*10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse:for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.*

*(Galatians 4:9-11 CWSB)*

*9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?*

*10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.*

*11 I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain.*

*(Galatians 5:1-2 CWSB)*

*1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*

*2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.*

PAUL CORRECTS THE COLOSSIANS

*(Colossians 2:14-17 CWSB)*

*14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;*

*15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*

*16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holy day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:*

*17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.*

God's Law, the Ten commandments are not abolished.

Under grace the Ten commandments are intensified and we are supernaturally graced to obey them.

Thus we are admonished to obey and teach the law.

*(Matthew 5:17-20 CWSB)*

*17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets:I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.*

FULFILL – TO OBEY THE LAW FULLY, TO PERFORM FULLY.

*18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*

*19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven:but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.*

*20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT.

*(Matthew 22:36-40 CWSB)*

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

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

*38 This is the first and great commandment.*

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

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

*(Deuteronomy 6:4-5 CWSB)*

*4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:*

*5 And thou shalt love -- the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.*

*(Leviticus 19:18 CWSB)*

*18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against -- the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am the Lord.*

BUT THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS WERE UNTIL JOHN. THIS LAW (GREAT COMMANDMENT) WAS NOT IN THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. IT WAS THE MORAL LAW IN THE CEREMONIAL LAW JUST AS THE SABBATH WAS THE CEREMONIAL LAW IN THE MORAL LAW.

*(Luke 16:16 CWSB)*

*16 The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it.*

THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS DEPENDED ON THESE TWO LAWS.

FIRST FOUR LAWS – RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

LAST 6 LAWS – RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WERE MEANT TO PRODUCE LOVE.

*1 Tim 1:5-7*

*5 Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith,*

*6 from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk,*

*7 desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm. (NKJ)*

THIS WAS THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW. EXTERNAL DEMAND TO PRODUCE AN INTERNAL REALITY.

THIS LOVE DID NOT END WHEN THE CEREMONIAL LAW ENDED.

LOVE FULFILS THE LAW.

*(Romans 13:10 CWSB)*

*10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.*

*James 2:8*

*If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well;(NKJ)*

WE ARE NOW UNDER THE LAW OF CHRIST.

*Gal 6:2*

*Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.(NKJ)*

*Heb 7:11-12*

*11 Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?*

*12 For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of the law.  
(NKJ)*

THE LAW OF CHRIST IS LOVE.

*Gal 5:14*

*For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."(NKJ)*

THIS WAS A LIMITATION OF THE LAW. IT WAS NOT BEYOND YOURSELF.

JESUS GAVE A NEW COMMANDMENT.

*(John 13:34-35 CWSB)*

*34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.*

*35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

THIS LOVE IS BEYOND LOVE FOR SELF.

WE ARE TO LOVE ANOTHER AS HE LOVED US.

HOW DID HE LOVE US – BY DYING FOR US.

WE ARE TO LOVE OTHERS BETTER THAN OURSELVES.

THIS LOVE IS INTENSIFIED.

THIS IS BEYOND THE LOVE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT. IT IS THE AGAPE OF GOD INSTALLED IN US.

This is beyond human love. IT IS NOT HUMANLY POSSIBLE. IT REQUIRES GRACE.

WE ARE UNDER THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT.

THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT IS LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS – THE "IN HIM" POSITION.

*Rom 8:1-3*

*1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

*2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.*

*3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,(NKJ)*

WE OPERATE FROM HIM, NOT FROM THE LAW OR A DAY.

*Rom 3:31*

*Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.(NKJ)*

Establish means to “cause to stand”.

*Rom 13:8*

*Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.(NKJ)*

*(Romans 8:4 CWSB)*

*4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

We fulfill the law.

THROUGH GRACE WE GO BEYOND THE LAW:

- BARNABAS GAVE PROCEEDS OF WHOLE SALE.
- MACEDONIANS WENT BEYOND THEIR ABILITY.

IN CHRIST MORAL LAWS ARE NOT ABOLISHED – THEY ARE INTENSIFIED.

## 2. “MINISTRATION OF DEATH”

*(2 Corinthians 3:7-8 CWSB)*

*7 But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away:*

*8 How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?*

Hypergrace teachers consider the Ten Commandments to be “ministration of death” and use this scripture to affirm that the ten commandments are “done away”.

REBUTTAL:

SIN IS TRANSGRESSION OF THE LAW.

*(1 John 3:4 CWSB)*

*4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.*

THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH.

*(Romans 6:23 CWSB)*

*23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

THE LAW DID NOT KILL YOU. SIN KILLED YOU.

*(Romans 7:11 CWSB)*

*11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.*

Another reason why Paul refers to the Old Covenant as "the ministry of death" is that God required the Levitical priesthood to execute those who transgressed certain laws. God's law mandates the death penalty for certain sins like murder and dishonoring parents (Exodus 21:12-17), Sabbath-breaking (Exodus 31:14-15) and certain sexual sins (Leviticus 20:10-13). The priests were responsible to enforce the death penalty by actually putting such transgressors to death in the proscribed manner. In this sense, the Old Covenant ministry was indeed a "ministry of death."

The law did not kill the people but sin did.

WHAT EXACTLY WAS DONE AWAY WITH?

IT WAS THE GLORY OF HIS COUNTENANCE THAT WAS DONE AWAY WITH. NOT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

Moses was the mediator of the Old Covenant. The Old Covenant reflected the face of Moses and had a glory. This glory was done away with.

Christ is the mediator of the New Covenant. Under His ministry the Law that was on tablets of stones is transferred to our hearts by the Spirit.

*Hebrews 8:10*

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

*Ezekiel 36:26-27*

*"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments, and do them."*

*(2 Corinthians 3:3-4 CWSB)*

*3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.*

*4 And such trust have we through Christ to God- ward:*

THE LAW IS INTERNALISED BY THE SPIRIT AND THE BELIEVER IS ENABLED TO OBEY THE LAW THROUGH THE SPIRIT. AT REGENERATION THE BELIEVER IS INSTALLED WITH THE LOVE OF GOD - TO LOVE GOD, HIS PEOPLE AND HIS LAW.

SEE "PROCLIVITY"

The moral law is still needed today.

The moral law is repeated in the New Covenant and even intensified. Grace intensifies the law. Jesus came to fulfill the law, not cancel it.

### 3. “THE LAW DIED”

*(Romans 7:1-6 CWSB)*

*1 -- Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?*

*2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.*

*3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress:but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.*

*4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.*

*5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.*

*6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.*

Death annuls the marriage and so you free to marry someone else.

Hyper-grace teachers purport that the law is the husband who is now dead. We are now free to marry grace and are no longer obligated to law.

#### REBUTTAL

Who died? The allegory must be interpreted carefully.

Death frees one from the obligation of marriage.

The husband died.

The husband is Christ. He died. Not the law.

We too must die. This death is a reality in the body of Christ.

*(ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ;)*

Christ died and we died – not the law.

In Resurrection(new birth) we are joined to Him.

In this joining we bring fruit to God – fruits of obedience.

*(we should bring forth fruit unto God)*

in our joining to Him we “serve in the newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.”

We are now empowered by Him to obey the law.

THE LAW OF GOD DID NOT DIE. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ARE REPEATED AND SOME INTENSIFIED IN THE NEW COVENANT.



## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

### *Exod 20:3-17*

3 "You shall have no other gods before Me.

4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

6 but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

7 "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

8 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.

11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

13 "You shall not murder.

14 "You shall not commit adultery.

15 "You shall not steal.

16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."(NKJ)

### *John 14:6*

### *Matt 5:17*

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.(NKJ)

THE LAW IS FULFILLED IN CHRIST AND EXTENDED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. THERE IS A HIGHER STANDARD FOR THE NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVER. THE NEW TESTAMENT REFERENCES ARE OUTLINED BELOW.

#### **A. YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.**

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.(NKJ)*

### *Acts 4:12*

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."(NKJ)

**B. DENOUNCES IDOLATRY***1 Jn 2:15-16**15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.**16 For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world.(NKJ)***C. NOT USE THE NAME OF GOD IN VAIN***Matt 12:36-37**36 "But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.**37 "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."  
(NKJ)*

You will be judged not just for violating the name of God but for every idle word.

**D. SABBATH OBSERVATION**

In the New Testament it is not just one day but daily observation in everything.

*Luke 9:23**Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.(NKJ)***E. HONOUR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.***Eph 6:1-4**1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.**2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:**3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."**4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.(NKJ)*

The extension is that fathers are not to provoke their children to wrath.

**F. YOU SHALL NOT MURDER***Matt 5:21-22**21 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder,' and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.**22 "But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.(NKJ)*

## G. YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY

*Matt 5:27-30*

27 "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

28 "But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

29 "If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

30 "And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.(NKJ)

## H. YOU SHALL NOT STEAL

*Eph 4:28*

Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.(NKJ)

Labour and giving are commanded in addition to not stealing.

## I. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS... LIE

*Eph 4:29*

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.(NKJ)

*Matt 5:37*

"But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.(NKJ)

## J. YOU SHALL NOT COVET

*Heb 13:5-6*

5Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

6So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"(NKJ)

**THE LAW WAS NOT ABOLISHED BUT MAGNIFIED AS ISAIAH PROPHESED:**

*(Isaiah 42:21 CWSB)*

21 The Lord is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honorable.

**OTHER EXAMPLES:**

*(Matthew 5:38-44 CWSB)*

38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:

39 But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also.

41 *And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.*

42 *Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.*

43 *Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy.*

44 *But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;*

THE MORAL LAWS ARE NOT CANCELLED AS THEY ARE REPEATED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

CHRIST PUT AN END TO THE CEREMONIAL LAW.

### **THE ISSUE OF THE SABBATH**

WEEKLY SABBATH IS A CEREMONIAL LAW, NOT A MORAL LAW.

Moral law defines what is right and wrong. Refers to the Ten Commandments.

Ceremonial laws are types, or shadows of a future reality.

#### **Examples:**

- Circumcision - type of circumcision of the heart, the new birth - fulfilled in Christ.
- Feasts - fulfilled in Christ.
- Old Testament Sacrifices - fulfilled in Christ.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE WAS A CEREMONY - SHADOW OF CHRIST.

SDAs (Seventh Day Adventists) believe that the ceremonial law was abolished but the moral law still stands.

The observance of the Sabbath is part of the ceremonial law. Thus this conflicts with their own belief system.

### **SABBATH OBSERVANCE**

SDAs insist on the observation of the Sabbath day. They believe that the Pope or Constantine substituted the Sunday for the Sabbath to honour the Sun - God. They consider Sunday worship as the mark of the beast.

### **REBUTTAL**

#### **1. SABBATH WAS A SHADOW**

*Col 2:16-17*

*16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths,*

*17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. (NKJ)*

The Sabbath was a shadow of things to come. The substance of the Sabbath is Christ.

## 2. PICTURE OF A FUTURE DELIVERANCE.

ISRAEL WAS TO KEEP THE SABBATH BECAUSE GOD DELIVERED THEM FROM THE SLAVERY OF EGYPT THROUGH MOSES.

THIS OBSERVANCE POINTED TO A FUTURE DELIVERANCE FROM THE SLAVERY OF SIN, THROUGH CHRIST.

### *Deut 5:15*

*15And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.(NKJ)*

FULFILLED IN CHRIST.

### *Gal 5:1*

*Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.(NKJ)*

### *John 8:36*

*"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.(NKJ)*

## 3. SIGN OF THE SABBATH – TO SANCTIFY

### *Ezek 20:12*

*12"Moreover I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign between them and Me, that they might know that I am the LORD who sanctifies them.(NKJ)*

### *Ezek 20:20*

*20'hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.'(NKJ)*

THIS WAS A SIGN THAT THE LORD SANCTIFIED THEM.

FULFILLED IN CHRIST.

### *1 Cor 1:2*

*To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:(NKJ)*

### *Heb 2:10-12*

*10For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.*

*11For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,*

*12saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."(NKJ)*

**Heb 10:10**

By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.(NKJ)

**3. REST FROM WORKS**

SABBATH MEANS CESSATION. SABBATH WAS A DAY OF REST. NO WORK WAS PERMITTED.

**Deut 5:12-15**

12'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.

13Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

14but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall not do any work; you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, that your manservant and your maidservant may rest as well as you.

15And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and that the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.(NKJ)

**Exod 31:13-17**

13"Speak also to the children of Israel, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

14'You shall keep the Sabbath, therefore, for it is holy to you. Everyone who profanes it shall surely be put to death; for whoever does any work on it, that person shall be cut off from among his people.

15'Work shall be done for six days, but the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

16'Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant.

17'It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever; for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day He rested and was refreshed.'"(NKJ)

GOD RESTED ON THE SABBATH.

**HEB.4**

4For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works";

5and again in this place: "They shall not enter My rest."

6Since therefore it remains that some must enter it, and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience,

7again He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."

8For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day.

9There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

10For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

11Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.(NKJ)

GOD ENTERED REST AFTER CREATION – HE CEASED FROM CREATION.

JOSHUA AND CALEB ENTERED CANAAN BECAUSE OF BELIEF, SIMILARLY THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN CHRIST WILL ENTER THE REST OF CHRIST.

WE ENTER THAT REST WHEN WE BELIEVE IN CHRIST.

*Heb 4:1*

*1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.(NKJ)*

*Heb 4:3*

*3 For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter My rest," although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.*

*10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.*

CHRIST ENTERED REST AFTER HE FINISHED – HE CEASED FROM REDEMPTION.

EVEN SO TRUE BELIEVERS WHO HAVE CEASED FROM DEAD WORKS OF THE LAW AND OWN WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL ENTER INTO REST.

UNBELIEVING JEWS DID NOT ENTER THE PROMISED LAND, LIKEWISE THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE IN CHRIST SHALL NOT ENTER INTO SPIRITUAL REST (REST IN YOUR SOUL) OR ETERNAL REST.

Sabbath was a day of resting.

*Matt 11:28-30*

*28 "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

*29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

*30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."(NKJ)*

THE REST IS FULFILLED IN CHRIST.

We no longer operate from a day, we operate from Him.

*Acts 17:28*

*28 "for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'(NKJ)*

THE LORD GRANTS THIS REST TO WEARY SOULS – PEACE WITH GOD AND THE PEACE OF GOD.

*Heb 9:14*

*14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?(NKJ)*

#### 4. BENEFIT OF MAN

*Mark 2:27-28*

*27 And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.*

*28 "Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."(NKJ)*

The Pharisees taught that man was made for the Sabbath. Jesus taught that the Sabbath was made for man. Man's needs supersede the letter of the law.

The Sabbath which in the old was a day of rest is now Christ.

#### 5. SYMBOL OF SUBMISSION/HONOUR TO GOD

*Ezek 20:20*

*'hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God.'(NKJ)*

We must now hallow Christ as evidence of our submission to God.

*John 5:22-23*

*22 "For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son,*

*23 "that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.(NKJ)*

DON'T HONOUR THE DAY MORE THAN CHRIST.

#### 6. A DAY OF REJOICING

*Hosea 2:11*

*I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her New Moons, her Sabbaths-- all her appointed feasts.(NKJ)*

*Isa 58:13*

*"If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words,(NKJ)*

The Sabbath was a day of mirth, rejoicing before the Lord.

This rejoicing is fulfilled in Christ. WE REJOICE IN HIM, NOT IN A DAY.

*Phil 4:4*

*Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!(NKJ)*

*Phil 3:1*

*Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe. (NKJ)*



## 7. THE SHEWBREAD RENEWED AND EATEN

*Lev 24:6-9*

*6" You shall set them in two rows, six in a row, on the pure gold table before the LORD.*

*7" And you shall put pure frankincense on each row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, an offering made by fire to the LORD.*

*8" Every Sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, being taken from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant.*

*9" And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy to him from the offerings of the LORD made by fire, by a perpetual statute."(NKJ)*

FULFILLED IN CHRIST, THE BREAD OF LIFE.

*John 6:35*

*And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.(NKJ)*

*John 6:48*

*"I am the bread of life.(NKJ)*

## 8. THE DAY OF SACRIFICES

*Num 28:9-10*

*9" And on the Sabbath day two lambs in their first year, without blemish, and two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, with its drink offering--*

*10" this is the burnt offering for every Sabbath, besides the regular burnt offering with its drink offering.(NKJ)*

On this day the sacrifice was doubled. The routine was broken.

Fulfilled in Christ our sacrificial lamb.

*John 1:36*

*And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"(NKJ)*

*John 1:29*

*The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!(NKJ)*

THE SABBATH IS FULFILLED IN CHRIST.

*Matt 5:17-18*

*17" Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.*

*18" For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.(NKJ)*

- One jot or one tittle – symbolic of the smallest detail.
- Fulfil – to consummate, to fill or complete, to accomplish, to finish.

Christ fulfilled the law by satisfying every demand of the law.

All the types, prophecies, feasts and sacrifices are fulfilled in Him.

#### **Matt 1:21-23**

21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."(NKJ)

#### **Matt 2:15**

and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."(NKJ)

#### **Matt 2:23**

And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, "He shall be called a Nazarene."(NKJ)

#### **Matt 3:15**

But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.(NKJ)

#### **Matt 8:17**

that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses."(NKJ)

#### **Matt 21:4-5**

4 All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying:

5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey.'(NKJ)

JESUS FULFILLED THE LAW TO ITS SMALLEST DETAIL.

HE WAS THE LAMB WITHOUT SPOT OR BLEMISH.

#### **Rom 10:1-5**

1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

*5For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, "The man who does those things shall live by them.(NKJ)*

He is the end of the law.

End – telos(Thayer)

That by which a thing is finished.

*John 19:30*

*So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.(NKJ)*

*Heb 7:18*

*For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness,(NKJ)*

Annuling – to put away or abolish.

BECAUSE THE CEREMONIAL LAW HAS BEEN FULFILLED, IT HAS NOW BEEN PUT AWAY.

JESUS NOT ONLY PUT AWAY THE CEREMONIAL LAW, HE USHERED IN GRACE AND TRUTH.

*John 1:17*

*For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.(NKJ)*

NOTICE THE FOLLOWING:

1. ALL TEN COMMANDMENTS ARE REPEATED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT EXCEPT THE SABBATH COMMANDMENT.
2. WE ARE WARNED ABOUT OBSERVING DAYS.

*Gal.4:9-11*

*9But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?*

*10You observe days and months and seasons and years.*

*11 I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.(NKJ)*

*Rom 14:5-6*

*5One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.*

*6He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.(NKJ)*

*Col 2:16-17*

*16So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths,*

*17which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.(NKJ)*

## THE POPE AND CONSTANTINE

Church history proves that the early Christians gathered on the first day of the week. This gathering on the first day of the week took place before the Pope or Constantine's decree in A.D. 321. Constantine legalized Sunday worship, because this was already practised.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP.

THE EARLY CHURCH GATHERED ON SUNDAY FOR CORPORATE WORSHIP.

THE FIRST APOLOGY OF JUSTIN, Chap. 67, pp. 354, 355.

Justin Martyr, who lived at approximately 100 to 165 AD, stated:

And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things. Then we all rise together and pray, and, as we before said, when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the president in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given, and to those who are absent a portion is sent by the deacons. And they who are well to do, and willing, give what each thinks fit; and what is collected is deposited with the president, who succors the orphans and widows and those who, through sickness or any other cause, are in want, and those who are in bonds and the strangers sojourning among us, and in a word takes care of all who are in need. But Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Savior on the same day rose from the dead. For He was crucified on the day before that of Saturn (Saturday); and on the day after that of Saturn, which is the day of the Sun, having appeared to His apostles and disciples, He taught them these things, which we have submitted to you also for your consideration.

SDAs state that Sunday worship honours the Sun god, then it must be said that Saturday worship honours the god of Saturn.

OUR WORSHIP IS NO LONGER REFERENCED TO A DAY. WE WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH EVERYDAY, NOT JUST SUNDAYS. THE DAY DOES NOT IDENTIFY US, HIS NAME DOES I.E HIS NATURE AND CHARACTER IN US.

## SABBATH AS A CEREMONIAL LAW

MORAL LAWS are timeless and universal. THE CEREMONIAL LAW WAS TEMPORARY.

SABBATH WHICH WAS PART OF THE CEREMONIAL LAW IS NOT RELEVANT FOR US TODAY:

- FULFILLED IN CHRIST. CHRIST IS OUR REST. SEE ABOVE.
- SABBATH WAS GIVEN TO ISRAEL, NOT TO THE GENTILES.
- CONDUCT THAT IS ACCEPTABLE ON 6 DAYS BUT NOT ACCEPTABLE ON THE SABBATH IS NOT MORALITY. GOD'S MORALITY DOES NOT CHANGE.
- PAUL TELLS US THAT THE GENTILES, EVEN WITHOUT THE WRITTEN LAW, HAD A LAW WRITTEN ON THEIR HEARTS

*(Romans 2:14-15 CWSB)*

*14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:*

*15 Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing -- one another;)*

The Gentiles had the moral law written in their hearts and would know that theft and murder etc. was wrong. They would not know about the ceremonial laws like ritual cleansing, celebrating the feasts and resting every Sabbath day.

- JESUS DECLARED HE WAS LORD OF THE SABBATH.

*(Matthew 12:8 CWSB)*

*8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.*

- CHRIST BROKE THE SABBATH

**HE HEALED ON THE SABBATH TO SHOW THAT LIFE WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN A CEREMONY.**

### 1. THE MAN WITH DROPSY.

*(Luke 14:3-6 CWSB)*

*3 And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath day?*

*4 And they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go;*

*5 And answered -- them, saying, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath day?*

*6 And they could not answer him again to these things.*

### 2. THE BENT WOMAN

*(Luke 13:14-16 CWSB)*

*14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work:in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.*

*15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?*

*16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?*

### 3. THE MAN WITH THE WITHERED HAND

*(Matthew 12:10-13 CWSB)*

*10 And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him.*

*11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?*

*12 How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.*

*13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.*

- **JESUS INDICATED THAT THE SABBATH WAS BROKEN MANY TIMES:**

1. PRIESTS SACRIFICED ON THE SABBATH

*(Matthew 12:5 CWSB)*

*5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless*

Priests were permitted to work on the Sabbath. Sacrificing animals was more important than rest. This proves that it was not a moral law.

2. PEOPLE WERE CIRCUMCISED ON THE SABBATH.

*(John 7:22-23 CWSB)*

*22 Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision; (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath day circumcise a man.*

*23 If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?*

The ritual was more important than the rest.

3. DAVID BROKE CEREMONIAL LAW

When his disciples were challenged about picking grain on the Sabbath, Jesus compared this to David eating showbread. Shew bread and Sabbath were part of the ceremonial laws,. The Pharisees could not say that Sabbath was more important than the showbread.

Jesus never gave any restrictions about the Sabbath. He viewed it as a ceremonial law.

## Resurrection, Deity of Jesus and Trinity

Studying doctrine is difficult. Pastors should do this regularly. Apostles give themselves to prayer and the Word. You should be familiar with all the basic doctrine besides present truth. The way to learn doctrine is to interview five Jehovah Witnesses, 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventist, Unitarians (Jesus Only).

### **DOCTRINE OF THE RESURRECTION**

Doctrine of the resurrection is our bedrock of our faith. Doctrine of the resurrection must be known.

Moslems believe He did not raise from the dead but was resuscitated in a cold tomb.

Some says the disciples went to the wrong tomb – but there was a Roman guard.

Spiritual resurrection – but it was a bodily resurrection. He showed His body to Thomas

Extra-sensory Perception – hallucination = mental illness in disciples. Jesus was seen by over 500 people at the same time.

Conspiracy by the disciples; but they were low cast Jews. They were no state to plan anything. They fled at His death.

Secondly, **the doctrine of the DEITY of Christ.**

Is JESUS God? Yes He is. He is not a created being.

John 1:1 – the Word was God; John 20:20; 1 John 5:20; Titus 2:13. Rev 1:8.

He has all the attributes, titles of divinity; His essential and moral attributes.

Same applies to the Holy Spirit.

### **Issue of Trinity:**

Trinity is a theological term used to describe deity. God as one existing simultaneously as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Nicene Creed derived it from Scripture. Simply because the word 'trinity' is not in the Bible, it does not mean it is erroneous. Our finite minds cannot comprehend a infinite God. We believe what the scriptures teach about Him.

(The notes that follow are graciously provided by Dr Sagie Govender – these are his personal teaching notes. We express our gratitude for this kind act)

### **WHAT THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES BELIEVE:**

1. The trinity teaching is a deviation from the truth, an apostatizing from it.  
(P.12 SHOULD YOU BELIEVE IN THE TRINITY 1989)
2. Throughout the ancient world, as far back as Babylonia, the worship of pagan gods grouped in threes, or triads, was common. That influence was prevalent in Egypt, Greece and Rome in centuries before, during, and after Christ. And after the death of the apostles, such pagan beliefs began to invade Christianity.  
(P. 11 SHOULD YOU BELIEVE IN THE TRINITY 1989)

They believe that the trinity is a false unbiblical doctrine which originated in ancient Babylon.

SCRIPTURES USED BY THE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

1. **Deut. 6:4**

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: (KJV)*

RESPONSE: The Hebrew word for one is ECHAD which means UNITED. Where ONLY ONE is meant, the Hebrew word YACHID is used.

e.g. *Gen. 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. (KJV)*

The Hebrew word for one here is ECHAD which means united.

2. **Gal.3:20**

*Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. (KJV)*

RESPONSE: The Greek word for one is HEIS. HEIS has several meanings:

1. One in contrast to many. (Matt. 25:15 / Rom. 5:18)

**Matt 25:15**

*And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. (KJV) Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. (KJV)*

2. Union (*John 10:30 I and my Father are one. (KJV)*)

3. Single one to the exclusion of others. (Matt.21: 24 / Rom.3:10)

**Matt 21:24**

*And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things.(KJV)Rom 3:10 As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one: (KJV)*

4. One alone. (*Mark 2:7 / Mark 10:18*)

**Mark 2:7**

*Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God only? (KJV)*

**Mark 10:18**

*And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God. (KJV)*



5. One and the same.

*Rom. 3:30*

*Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. (KJV)*

In this particular context the interpretation is that in a promise there is no other party. There is not one God for the Jews and one for the Gentiles, but one God who is mediator for all. (See p.819 Vines)

3. 1Cor.8:6

*But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. (KJV)*

**RESPONSE:** The Greek word HEIS here means one in contrast to many. This refers to the fact that God the Father is one person and Jesus Christ is another person.

### THE TRIUNE GODHEAD

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS:

#### TRINITY OPERATING IN UNITY

1. BAPTISM

*Matt 28:19*

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (KJV)*

Baptism is in the NAME, not names, of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost because God is one.

2. BENEDICTION

*Cor. 13:14*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. (KJV)*

3. INDWELLING THE BELIEVER

*Rom 8:9*

*But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. (KJV)*

*Eph. 3:17*

*That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, (KJV)*

*Jn. 14:23*

*Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. (KJV)*

#### 4. RESURRECTION

JESUS –

*John 10:18*

*No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. (KJV)*

*John 2:19*

*Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. (KJV)*

SPIRIT –

*Rom.8:11*

*But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. (KJV)*

JEHOVAH –

*1 Cor. 6:14*

*And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. (KJV)*

#### 5. CREATION

SPIRIT –

*Ps. 104:30*

*The Spirit creates. ( True God made heaven and earth. Jer.10:10 )*

JESUS –

*Heb. 1:10 The Son of God is the Creator.*

FATHER –

*1 Cor. 8:6*

*The Father made all things.*

*Mal.2:10*

*The one God created us.*

#### 6. SANTIFICATION

FATHER –

*Jude 1*

*Sanctified by the Father.*

JESUS –

*Heb.2:11*

*Both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are one.*

*1 Cor. 1:2*

*Sanctified in Christ.*

SPIRIT –

*Rom. 15:16*

*Sanctified by the Holy Spirit.*

### REVELATION OF THE TRINITY

God's revelation of truth is progressive. The revelation of the trinity was hidden in the Old Testament.

Eg.

1. *Gen.1:26*

*Let us make man.*

This implies that a plurality of persons were involved in the creation. Later it was revealed that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit were involved in the creation process. ( See creation above)

*Mal.2:10* says " *The one God created us* " indicating that three persons are one God.

2. *Gen. 1: 1*

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. (KJV)*

The Hebrew name used for God is Elohim. It is a plural pronoun.

This plurality of persons in the Godhead was present before Babylon. That which started in Babylon was a distortion of the truth of the trinity which was known by Satan , as he existed before man.

The existence of the trinity before Babylon is proven by the fact that the trinity created the heavens and the earth as shown above. The heavens and the earth were created long before Babylon.

3. *Abraham at Mamre*

*Gen. 18:1*

*The Lord appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre. The scripture says that the Lord revealed himself to Abraham as three persons - Gen. 18:2 three men stood by him.*

In Gen.18:3 We read that Abraham addressed these three men as **MY LORD** - NOT LORDS.

REASON: God is one but manifests Himself as three persons.

### ILLUSTRATIONS

These illustrations, are illustrations and not a revelation of the complete nature of the godhead.

1. Egg has three parts - shell , albumen , and yolk. Separate parts but one egg.
2. Man has one body, soul , and spirit.
3. Water , vapour and ice - known as H<sub>2</sub>O.
4. Equilateral triangle; Sides and the angles do not portray the personal and relational characteristics of the godhead; a person who is distinct but relates to another. 'Separate' is not a good phrase to use – a better word is 'distinct' – implies interdependence; triangle implies hierarchy.

5. One person as = Uncle, brother, father.
6. One apple = skin, flesh and seed.

### **Better Illustrations:**

- a) Time: past present future
- b) Three leaved
- c) Flame = Father; Light = Son ; Heat = Spirit

### **UNITY**

*1 Jn. 5:7*

*There are three that bear record in heaven , the Father, the word and the Holy Ghost and these three are one.*

*Jn. 17:22*

*May be one even as we are one.*

*John 10:30*

*I and my Father are one. (KJV)*

*Deut. 6:4*

*The Lord our God is one God.*

Hebrew word for us is ECHAD - united one; not YACHID which means only one.

*Gen. 1:26*

*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (KJV)*

*Gen 3:22*

*And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: (KJV)*

*Gen 11:7*

*Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. (KJV)*

The Father is pre-eminently the Creator - Son and Spirit co-operate in the work.

Son is pre-eminently redeemer - Father and Spirit co-operate in the work.

Spirit is pre-eminently sanctifier - Father and Son co-operate in the work.

## NON - BIBLICAL VIEWS

### 1. THERE ARE THREE SEPARATE GODS.

#### RESPONSE:

*Deut 6:4*

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: (KJV)*

*Rev. 4: 2*

*And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. (KJV)*

### 2. MODALISM - Father , Son , Holy Spirit are modes , roles , aspects, manifestations of one person.

#### RESPONSE :

Separate personalities are revealed in scripture.

#### 2.1 Jehovah is called Father.

Jesus is called Son.

#### 2.2 Father testifies of the Son - This is my Son.

*Mark 1:11*

*And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. (KJV)*

*Matt 3:17*

*And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.(KJV)*

Son testifies of the Father - God is my Father.

*John 5:18,19*

*Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. (KJV)*

#### 2.3 Father sends the Son

*John 3:16*

*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. (KJV)*

Son says that he is the one sent.

*John 4:34*

*Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.(KJV)*

Son returns to the right hand of the Father.

*John 16:28*

*I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. (KJV)*

2.4 Jesus speaks of objectively to the Father.

*Jn. 17*

2.5 Father and Son send Holy Spirit.

*John 14:26*

*But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.(KJV)*

*John 16:7*

*Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. (KJV)*

Son testifies of the Holy Spirit.

*John 14:26*

*But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.(KJV)*

Objective reference to the Holy Spirit.

*John 15:26*

*But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: (KJV)*

3. The Father is greater than the Son. The scriptures used to justify this confuse Christ's humanity with his divinity.

Eg.

*Matt 24:26*

*Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. (KJV)*

## EQUALITY IN THE TRINITY

### 1. ALL CALLED GOD.

(a). Holy Spirit - Acts 5

(b). Son -

*John 20:28*

*And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. (KJV)*

*Isa 9:6*

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (KJV)*

*John 1:1*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (KJV)*

(c). Father - Rom. 1:7 / 1 Pe.1:2

*Exod 20:2*

*I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. (KJV)*

*Rom 1:7*

*To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. (KJV)*

*1 Pet 1:2*

*Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. (KJV)*

### 2. OMNIPOTENCE

God -

*Rev 19:6*

*And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. (KJV)*

Jesus -

*Matt 28:18*

*And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (KJV)*

Spirit -

*Luke 1:35*

*And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. (KJV)*

### 3. OMNIPRESENT

Father –

*Jer 23:24*

*Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD. (KJV)*

Jesus –

*Matt 18:20*

*For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (KJV)*

Spirit –

*Ps. 139: 7,8*

*Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?*

*8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. (KJV)*

*1 Cor. 3:16*

*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? (KJV)*

*1 Cor. 6:16*

*What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh. (KJV)*

### 4. OMNISCIENT

Father –

*Heb. 4:13*

*Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do. (KJV)*

*Ps 147:5*

*Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite. (KJV)*

Jesus –

*Col. 2:3*

*In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (KJV)*

Peter – *“Thou knowest all things.”*



Spirit –

*1 Cor. 2:10-11*

*But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. (KJV)*

### **CONCLUSION**

- A. Trinity of Triune Godhead does appear in Scriptures but Scriptures teaches:
1. There are three separate personalities.
  2. Each is equal to the other in Nature , Substance and power.
  3. Not three separate Gods - but one God.
  4. Each personality is called God.
  5. All personalities called God together.

### **PURPOSE OF DENYING THE TRINITY**

Jesus said in *John 3:12* *If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things? (KJV)*

It is impossible for the human mind to understand the full nature of God. Paul said that we see through a glass darkly , but one day we will understand. Jehovah's witnesses are trying to simplify God through human understanding and as such blaspheme the Holy Ghost. (Denial of the personality of the Holy Spirit). In addition, weak Christians who do not study God's word are easily seduced by the Watchtower doctrine because the trinity concept is difficult for the carnal mind to understand.

**POETIC SUMMATION OF 25<sup>th</sup> ASOM 2014  
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We heeded the call to PMB  
To come and learn, not to come and see  
And after school number twenty five  
You bet this message is really alive

We won't be forced with information  
Or be entertained with revelation  
We want to hear what God is saying  
And then be found simply obeying

The apostolic seeks God's original plan  
That He has always intended for man  
If left up to us there'd only be ructions  
That's why He has given us clear instructions

Here you will find no ego-feeders  
But solid food prepared for leaders  
To deliver us from the barrenness  
That comes from all our busyness

So you won't find religious hocus-pocus  
But only word from a Christ-centred focus  
When a reformation program is installed  
God uses the sent ones that He has called

There is a thing with which God is not fine  
Your old skin will not receive new wine  
So there's a whole lot of stuff you have to  
capture  
It can even change your view of the rapture

When epiginosko is your way of knowing  
You will not give for the sake of sowing  
But your only joy is obedience  
It's a "beautiful feet" experience

Even though fathered, you'll be an orphan, alone  
If God, as Father, to you is not known  
God has a teaching method of choice  
It's not multi-media, but the preacher's voice

Faith does not come through that which is read  
But Christ becomes known in the breaking of  
bread  
And if you are still desirous of more  
Get into the prophets, the psalms and the law

While many are still by systems seduced  
God's family will see more psalmists produced  
It's in real-life that the word becomes flesh  
And bring forth songs anointed and fresh

It's manifested in the son of man  
The full expression of God's eternal plan  
That is where the church should go  
If His glory we want to show

We'll be God's gift without any guile  
To a world that is hopeless, filthy and vile  
We'll be His blameless habitation  
When we're spotless in our conversation

A religious system showed by the fig tree  
The first fruit of a harvest to be  
But the only thing you could get was shade  
It missed the purpose for which it was made

God wants a man without deceit  
A demand that the fig tree could not meet  
Even at its very best  
It failed to offer anyone rest

This fruitless system could not be nursed  
That is why it came to be cursed  
Instead of fruit it only had leaves  
So Jesus cleansed the den of thieves

The mountain has to go back to the sea  
This power was given to you and me  
When Jesus comes, He's hungry for food  
Not shading or clothing, or what man sees as  
"good"

That's why He went into the town  
And called the small man Zacchaeus down  
But still a lot of people can't see  
There is no sweetness or taste in the tree

So in our preaching we can't say a thing  
That is meant to hurt the sons of the King  
You should never attack them or talk to their  
need  
It's the voice of God to which you should heed

Now when the man is back in the garden  
To till the ground, then God will pardon  
All the foolish things we've done  
And the land will heal because of a son

It now becomes so critical  
That you stop to think analytical  
In this season we'll have to trust God  
His Word then becomes our staff and our rod

Don't allow Balaam to pose a question  
Or, as with Eve, make another suggestion  
But when you know that from God you've heard  
It will be like rain when you drop the word

Doctrine is not just the act of teaching  
But comes through the person who is preaching  
If your conduct is fitting to what you say  
They'll come to see, and then they'll stay

And so we see in the case of Paul  
His words to the ground would never fall  
There was a son, his doctrine to follow  
It could not return to him void and hollow

When you are preaching, your breath comes out  
And life is released like a Jericho shout  
This is done by the words you use  
So when you speak, you should wisely choose

As tonic waste will spoil the rain  
Impure motives our doctrine will stain  
The teachings should really represent  
The total sum of the one that is sent

Many will preach to the people's desires  
It's directly opposed to what God requires  
They speak to a church with an itchy ear  
It's actually the soul that refuses to hear

Rain only comes from a soul that is pure  
That is the way, the problem to cure  
So the secret of the "makers of rain"?  
There will also be the natural gain

Your doctrine will be your rod and your staff  
When you stand to speak on God's behalf  
Then the cloud will drip with rain  
And the land will be restored again

As we step into a new dimension  
It's very important that we mention  
The vegetable garden mentality  
Must make room for word-centrality

It's over with the Pharisee's leaven  
The new land will drink the rain from heaven  
For this to happen you will have to connect  
To an apostolic source that is pure and correct

If you say you believe in the Father and Son  
It has to be seen in all that you've done  
Expressed in the grain that you have milled  
And shown in the ground that you have tilled

We looked at the system called triple six  
How it will trick us, the seed to mix  
It teaches us how to buy and sell  
Until the difference we can no longer tell

It parades as godly, but so sublime  
It tells you how the ladder to climb  
And even how to cast your vision  
You say you submit but control the decision

This thing is built into our mind-sets and thoughts  
So I determine the number of noughts  
"Sowing to reap" is the way that I give  
"I, me and my" are well and alive

On the other side there is the lamb  
It has the mind-set of "nothing I am"  
These are the sons who don't try to make it  
God is their Father, they don't have to fake it

They have a wineskin that's really smart  
Operating from the mind and the heart  
They've been delivered from the tithe of the sheep  
They don't need an "amen" to show that they're deep

So trusting the Father is what it's about  
His family will never kick you out  
Sometimes we just need to do as we're told  
Stop for a while, stand still and behold

We saw the principle of migration  
You cannot stay in the same old station  
If you want to survive you have to move  
To avoid the famine, get out of your groove

The crux of Revelation fourteen verse one  
Is that God is my Father and I am His son  
Then we don't have to worry about the date  
For what you think is what you create

The wineskin of this mentality  
Deeply entrenched in our foreheads should be  
It's not to be set on the right hand too  
It's not about living in "think and do"

The lamb lives its life on behalf of another  
It's more concerned about the brother  
The Antichrist is always the one  
Who denies the truth of father and son

So Pergamos became fatherless  
By allowing the killing of Antipas  
The spirit of Balaam the father beheaded  
God's leadership they want to discredit

Just like David was bitten by Joab  
The damage came from the spirit of Moab  
It's this one and Ammon you have to beat  
The brook of Zered demands its defeat

**Sagie** showed us all the tactics  
That we need in doing hermeneutics  
We did not know and we'd never heard  
There're so many ways to interpret the Word

Never come to the Word with any pretence  
If you do, the Bible will never make sense  
It only becomes the cause of much fighting  
If you miss the culture at the time of it's writing

Over time a word can acquire a new meaning  
That's why the Scriptures need serious gleaning  
A few years ago, no areas were grey  
If a person was happy, we said he was gay

Just as we find many meanings of Zion  
We have the symbol of the lion  
It could be Jesus, satan or saint  
The context determines what picture to paint

The Bible's not just a historical book  
Without an experiential look  
The greatest fun of interpretation  
Is to be the Israel, God's holy nation

Because the Scriptures are alive  
We can let them now revive  
Within our context, here today  
Discovering what they have to say

We had a look at building God's "neos"  
And why some temples are full of chaos  
We also closely did examine  
How these things are always followed by famine

So if you are really born from above  
It's automatic for you to love  
Your heart won't find it hard to be stirred  
By God, His people, and His Word

We saw another inaccurate way  
Of how certain men God's heart convey  
It's a totally soulish invention of teaching  
Wrapped in a cloak called motivational  
preaching

We saw how the priest a woman would try  
For a swollen abdomen and a rotting thigh  
It's a church getting only wind from their visions  
And their covenant's built on flaky decisions

We also looked at the ugly face  
Of a doctrine that's known as "hyper grace"  
Their biggest problem can be caught in a  
sentence  
They simply don't see the need for repentance

When you miss the mark you have to confess  
The Bible won't settle for anything less  
God's never changed the demand to repent  
The Baptist preached this, and he was sent

The problem lies in the single nature  
It cuts out the growth into Christ's stature  
They ignore the presence of the flesh  
So the old way of thinking is never made fresh

They fall into Zacchaeus's trap so often  
Their place of vision is really their coffin  
If your church seems to have an open back door  
Don't just SMS when you cross the floor

There is a posture if you want to get land  
Humbling yourself is how you should stand  
If we want this message to prosper when spoken  
It will have to be through a church that is broken

You avoid the consequence of sin  
By keeping yourself and staying within  
The secret place of the Lord Most High  
If you break the hedge you're going to cry

We'll have to deal with things like pride  
And even the secret sins we hide  
If we turn from them and make a stand  
God will send the rain and heal our land

Of the seven churches in Revelation  
Five of them felt God's indignation  
He seriously told them to repent  
Or be removed without sentiment

This is a doctrine with an ugly face  
The name thereof is hyper-grace  
While Christ has made the law complete  
These people say it's obsolete

What the Bible calls the law of Moses  
With all its heavy ceremonial poses  
In Christ was completed and fulfilled  
By the Lamb of God as the Father willed

The Ten Commandments, the Lord did say  
Is what we all still have to obey  
It's the law of God, and here even one  
The Sabbath, has been fulfilled in the Son

The law of Moses has come to an end  
Its ordinances were not our friend  
With all of its washings, sabbaths and feasts  
And even the daily slaughtering of beasts

What we miss is that the law never died  
But Christ and all who in Him abide  
Neither was it ever abolished  
But the glory of Moses was demolished

The one could not last, the other eternal  
The one in a stone, the one in a journal  
The one written by the finger of Moses  
The other the sin of man exposes

So the law of God has never ended  
But was intensified and even extended  
Under the old there was room to be shady  
But now you must check how you look at a lady

Under the old you could still act smart  
But now God is going straight for the heart  
In those days your marriage could easily be  
wrecked  
But now your motives are even checked

We looked at why some people say  
You have to worship on a Saturday  
In Christ it's not really important at all  
"In Spirit and truth" is now the call

There are some doctrines you have to study  
Or else interview your Seventh Day buddy  
We looked at Christ's divinity  
And also at the trinity

Though some say the Father's become extinct  
God really is one with three persons distinct  
In essence three "whats" but only one "who"  
And I've been using the egg ... just like you

Our churches have to be houses of prayer  
And sacrificing has to be there  
The set man the biggest giver should be  
Praying to keep his sons "demon-free"

**Shaun** came and shared a prophetic view  
Of what the earth will be going through  
Deception will be the name of the game  
So apostles have to come into the frame

The reason for their grace to come back  
Is because the church has grown so slack  
Without realizing they've been deceived  
Even doctrines of demons have been received

He urged us all to please take note  
For deception there is an antidote  
This is not warfare, worship or prayer  
But the purest doctrine that apostles declare

We must understand the prophet's role  
And why he's forever troubling his soul  
He hears how the voice of God now thunders  
Against the lying works of signs and wonders

Apokatastasis, the divine penetrations  
God's going back underneath the foundations  
He's looking for pure Christology  
And even restores our eschatology

So while the prophet from God has heard  
That there'll only be rain upon his word  
Will the church become counter-productive  
While Jezebel's schemes are so seductive

The sovereign Lord seeks co-operation  
Before He will do a work in the nation  
It's going to be our religious stance  
That will really cause the demons to dance

While God has called us to be His "kerugs"  
Many preachers are now professional crooks  
It's not about your art of teaching  
But all about the message you're preaching

When evil things in the earth are done  
God's answer is always a cornerstone  
To fix the problem God lays a foundation  
Upon which He builds His holy nation

The doctrine of Christ has to deliver  
And this will be in the form of a river  
The streams that the nations should be seeing  
Will be flowing out from our innermost being

It starts as rain likened to the Word  
The doctrine of Christ, received from the Lord  
But whatever we say will be of no worth  
If the love of the Father is not seen in the earth

So in the mind of the Holy One  
The church is seen as His first-born son  
The rain will only start to fall  
When a man in the earth will hear the call

The seed's germination and gestation  
And all the way unto maturation  
Can only take place when the river flows  
And the tree of life on either side grows

There are two houses, the former and latter  
But "Jehovah is there" is the end of the matter  
This family is corporate and that is why  
Our prayer has no words like I, me and my

In this season our building will not be in vain  
'Cause Elijah's spirit has to do with rain  
While all in the flood were washed away  
That which he built secured his stay

So while the katzas parade their might  
We have to do the right things right  
A heart after God is not enough  
David will tell you it can get tough

You have to wash in the pool of Siloam  
To avoid the sins of Jeroboam  
He took the lowest of the people  
And put them on the priestly steeple

So as we prepare to leave this place  
The school might be given a brand new face  
Whatever God says we will obey  
But until then, goodbye we say

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