

### WHO ARE WE?

Group Name: We have no official name--nor do we want one--however we provide the following: INTERDEPENDENT-INTERACTIVE, CHURCH OF GOD, SABBATH SERVICES, BIBLE STUDIES, AND OPEN FELLOWSHIP.

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Leadership Body: Christ the Head of God's Church, Colossians 1:18, Ephesians 5:23, and I Corinthians 11:3. Local contact persons are Darwin or Laura Lee.

Purpose: To provide Interdependent-Interactive, Church of God, Sabbath Services and Bible Studies to all of God's People, including those who are not welcome to visit or attend other groups due to having been suspended or disfellowshipped, as well as those who want a place to attend weekly, those who are just visiting our area, and anyone else who is interested in God's way of living. We also have open fellowship here, meaning that you are welcome to come visit with us during our open fellowship times even if you are not interested in attending our Sabbath Services or Bible Studies.

History: We held our first Bible Study here on June 30, 2000 and our first Sabbath Service was held on December 16, 2000.

Affiliation/Membership: Our Affiliation is with God our Father and His Son Jesus the Christ. Our membership includes *all* of God's people, no matter where they are.

Distinctive Doctrines: John 13:34-35

Use Sacred Names?: Since salvation is between God and each individual (Philippians 2:12), so the use of sacred names would be between each individual person and God.

Observe Holy Days?: We believe that God commands us to keep the Weekly Sabbath as well as Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, Feast of Trumpets, Atonement, Feast of Tabernacles, and the Last Great Day, however, we also believe there is much controversy out there in understanding if certain ones should or shouldn't be kept, how to keep them and when to keep them. So with this in mind, we will try to the best of our ability to accommodate these differences, believing and having faith that someday through God's Holy Spirit, we will all be brought into the same understanding on this subject. Until then let's follow John 13:34-35.

Evangelistic Efforts: We provide a service to God's People no matter where they are to the best of our ability. This service includes Interdependent-Interactive, Church of God, Sabbath Services, Bible Studies and Open Fellowship. We also welcome live speakers for interactive, and special music, on a volunteer only basis.

Periodicals: We have a newsletter, which we publish every 2 months.

Literature: We distribute some literature besides the distribution of newsletters to the best of our ability.

Parent Group: The greater Church of God--The Ekklesia. Language: English

Other Language: None Country: USA

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Directions To Meeting: 320 N. Griffin St., Bismarck, North Dakota, located at the corner of Rosser Avenue and Griffin Street, with plenty of side street parking.

Time of Meeting: Usually 1:00 PM, but may vary.

**SABBATH SERVICES**--Every Saturday unless stated other wise on page 2. We generally do a phone hookup, video tape, or cassette tape, service with various speakers. If you have a video or audio tape you think we should hear, please send it.

We also welcome live speakers, and special music, by others on a volunteer basis. Please ask us about hosting.

Sabbath Schedule is as follows:

12:00 Noon--Open Fellowship  
(Door Open, Come In)  
1:00 PM----Sabbath Services  
3:00 PM----Open Fellowship

**BIBLE STUDIES**--We have Bible Studies approximately every 6 weeks. We have a Pot Luck Meal before we start our Bible Studies, so please bring food if you would like to participate in the fellowship, which goes with a meal.

Bible Study Schedule is as follows:

6:30 PM----Open Fellowship  
(Door Open, Come In)  
7:00 PM----Pot Luck Meal  
(Bring Food)  
8:00 PM----Bible Study  
9:00 PM----Open Fellowship

Bible Study Dates are as follows:

Friday, December 24, 2004  
Friday, February 4, 2005  
Friday, March 18, 2005

**GUEST ROOM**--If you are from out of town and are here to attend Sabbath Services or one of our Bible Studies, we do have a guest room. Please call ahead so we know when you will be arriving. (701) 258-7172 (Please Leave a message.)

**LOCATION**--Sabbath Services and Bible Studies are held at the home of Darwin & Laura Lee, located at 320 N. Griffin St., Bismarck, North Dakota. Please use the upper back door by the garage. Phone Number (701) 258-7172 (Please Leave a message.)

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**--The deadline for submitting articles and letters for possible inclusion in our March/April 2005 Newsletter is February 15, 2005. Thank You. Laura Lee (Editor)

## AD SECTION

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### SABBATH SCHEDULE--BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA

December 18, 2004----Hosted by the Lee's (Special Presentation)

December 25, 2004----Teaching the Law--Lesson #55--The Identity of the True Church (Part 29) Israel-though an unfaithful wife, she won't be rejected.

Teaching the Law--Lesson #56--The Identity of the True Church (Part 30) Lucifer and physical counterparts; false shepherds of Israel-Chief shepherd will deliver His sheep; God's judgment of Israel's enemies Babylon and Edom.

January 1, 2005----DVD Kent Hovind--Age of the Earth

January 8, 2005----Teaching the Law--Lesson #57--The Identity of the True Church (Part 31) Israel's sins, redemption through new heart/spirit; Resurrection of House of Israel; Gog/Magog attempt to invade newly restored Israel.

Teaching the Law--Lesson #58--The Identity of the True Church (Part 32) God/Jesus destroy Israel's enemies; "Ezekiel's Temple" and Law in Messiah's Kingdom.

January 15, 2005----DVD Kent Hovind--Garden of Eden

January 22, 2005----Teaching the Law--Lesson #59--The Identity of the True Church (Part 33) "Ezekiel's Temple" in Christ's Kingdom; Law of the Temple; Uncircumcised in Spirit/Flesh not allowed in Christ's temple; Christ's attitude toward straying and faithful spiritual leaders of Israel.

Teaching the Law--Lesson #60--The Identity of the True Church (Part 34) Division of land to Israel's 12 tribes; Jerusalem-learning city and Christ's/Israel's headquarters; Law of temple; Living water under throne; Daniel's prayer and its fulfillment, 70 weeks prophecy and deliverance of holy people.

January 29, 2005----DVD Kent Hovind--Dinosaurs

February 5, 2005----Teaching the Law--Lesson #61--The Identity of the True Church (Part 35) Deliverance of holy people Israel; 2500 year prophetic history of Israel/Gentiles; Nehemiah's prayer for Israel's covenant; Punishment/restoration of Israel's northern kingdom; Restoration of Israel/marriage of the Lamb to His Bride Israel.

Teaching the Law--Lesson #62--The Identity of the True Church (Part 36) Israel, though God's son and rebellious, will be delivered; God's controversy with Israel-call to repentance; Day of the Lord-trouble of Jacob and pouring of Spirit on him; Last war against Jerusalem-deliverance by Messiah; Israel-the only chosen family; Sifting of Israel/deliverance.

February 12, 2005----DVD Kent Hovind--Lies in the Textbooks

February 19, 2005----Teaching the Law--Lesson #63--The Identity of the True Church (Part 37) Ezek. 48-recap of 12 tribes' land division; Obadiah-destruction of Edom/Babylon, redemption of Jacob; Micah 2-Israel's remnant regathered; Micah 4-God/Israel teach nations God's Torah.

Teaching the Law--Lesson #64--The Identity of the True Church (Part 38) Micah 5-Israel's Redeemer returns to His church, restoration of God's Kingdom; Micah 7-Israel's moral corruption, punishment, repentance, deliverance; Nahum 1:15-Gospel (good tidings) to Israel; Hab. 2:14-all nations know God's Law; Zeph. 3-Jerusalem's sins, redemption, pure language, return of King.

February 26, 2005----DVD Kent Hovind--Dangers of Evolution

March 5, 2005----Teaching the Law--Lesson #65--The Identity of the True Church (Part 39) Haggai 2:6-9-Last shake up of nations. New Temple; Zech. 1-Israel's King returns; Zech. 4:8-9-Christ/YHVH sent by God; Zech. 6:12-15-"Branch" will build His church. He is King/Priest; Zech. 8-restoration of Jerusalem/Israel, Gentiles come to Zion; Zech. 9-Israel's King comes twice.

Teaching the Law--Lesson #66--The Identity of the True Church (Part 40) Zech. 11:14-17-Messiah returns to Zion; Zech. 10:1-2-deliverance of Judah/Joseph-Israel; Zech. 12:1-end-deliverance of Judah, Jerusalem accepts Christ; Zech. 13-false spiritual shepherds exposed, Christ smitten, final refining of Israel and deliverance.

March 12, 2005----DVD Kent Hovind--Hovind's Theory

March 19, 2005----Teaching the Law--Lesson #67--The Identity of the True Church (Part 41) Zech. 14-final captivity of Judah, God returns to Zion, final destruction of "Babylon"/Beast armies, all nations obey God's law; Jer. 50-reunion of Judah/Israel in captivity, journey of all the house of Israel back to old homeland.

Teaching the Law--Lesson #68--The Identity of the True Church (Part 42) Mal. 1-God's attitude toward Israel/Edom; Mal. 3-God sends His Son-Messenger of Covenant, purification of Levi; Mal. 4-Lake of Fire, reward of righteous, return to Moses' Law; Mat. 2-King of the Jews born, Shepherd of Israel; Mat. 3-John's baptism of repentance; Mat. 4:12-Jesus' ministry.

March 26, 2005----DVD Kent Hovind--Q & A

If you want to host Sabbath Services and need 2 Sabbaths in a row for your presentation and/or would like to have your presentation listed on our Sabbath Schedule in our newsletter which is sent out to the public, the next deadline for that would be: February 15, 2005. On those Sabbaths of Open Hosting where no one signs up, we will just play a cassette tape by any of various speakers. All Sabbath Services are Hosted by Darwin & Laura Lee unless otherwise stated.

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[darwin-laura@earthlink.net](mailto:darwin-laura@earthlink.net) If you don't know where to send it, send it here and we will sort it.

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**FINANCIAL DISCLOSER:**

We do not charge for the services that we provide to the brethren. We also do not take any wages from the gift donations we are sent. The services we provide do however cost us money. From 2001 to 2003 our total balance left owing for expenses for services provided was **-\$5434.36**.

Donations for 2004 total **+\$1505.00**. Expenses for 2004 are as follows: Postage **-\$842.76**, Telephone **-\$107.99**, Internet Services **-\$293.60**, Printing Charges **-\$188.75**, Local Services **-\$156.65** and Research Materials **-\$146.42**. Total balance for 2004 is: **-\$231.17**. (We do not have everything recorded yet.)

If you need a year end receipt, please request one. We truly appreciate the help we receive in helping others. Please make all checks out to Darwin and/or Laura Lee. Thank you Darwin & Laura Lee.

**NOTICE:** We do not necessarily agree with everything printed in this newsletter. If you do not agree with items printed within this newsletter, we expect to hear from you. Remember iron sharpens iron. Darwin & Laura Lee

**"LAW AND GRACE"**

An 80 page study of all the comments the Apostle Paul made on the subject of Law and Grace. This is a must read for all the serious Bible students who are tired of the weak arguments of the "no law" segment of "Christianity." For your free copy send to: Word of Truth Ministry, 7411 WCR 24H, Loveland, CO 80538, or phone 970-667-6616 or 9203, or E-mail: [drkenders@myexcel.com](mailto:drkenders@myexcel.com) Authored by David R. Kenders

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**TSUNAMI AID**

by John Walsh  
Napa, California

Hello Darwin and Laura Lee,

As my name was included by Doyle Carter in your prayer requests as a source for sending aid to Michael Hubert in India, I thought I would clarify briefly what I do. I am a member of the Bay Area Church of God here in San Francisco pastored by Jeff

Henderson. We are independent but aligned with CGOM (Church of God Outreach Ministries). We have been involved with Michael Hubert and his ministry for a few years now. What we did to facilitate getting money transferred to Michael was open a dedicated checking account with an ATM card and sent Michael the ATM card. Deposits we make are available to him usually the next day. The cost is simply \$1.50 per transaction which is much much cheaper than wiring money. It should be noted that International money transfer methodologies are changing and other low cost methods are opening up too,

especially for larger amounts to countries that do a lot of business with the USA. The only disadvantage I have found with the ATM card method (and it is a small one) is that most banks limit the withdrawals to around \$200 a pop, so larger donations can cost a little more depending on how many withdrawals it takes.

If anyone wants to do this on their own, they are welcome to call me and I will explain further. My phone number is (707) 738-5946. If anyone wants to use the account our church has for Michael, they can email me and I will give them the account number and they can do a direct

deposit if they live in an area serviced by Citibank. Alternatively anyone can send a donation to our church treasurer:

Cathy Henderson  
85 Creekside Drive  
Half Moon Bay CA 94019

Any monies already sent to me off the prayer request are OK too. I simply forward them to Cathy and anyone who wants a tax deductible receipt will get one from our church group for any donations.

A few of us here in northern California are in process of creating an organization called ACTNet. ACTNet is an acronym for Active Christians Together Network. ACTNet is all about GOOD WORKS. It is our perception that there is a real need for such a network to serve the sabbatarian community particularly our brethren overseas. Sending financial aid to brethren overseas is complex for many reasons and everyone will benefit from sharing in the dynamics of this wonderful and Godly endeavor! It is our hope that ACTNet will be a place where churches, ministries and brethren can go to share missionary projects together, share information, share know how etc. Several Proverbs tell us that there is a synergy created when people unite together that far exceeds the sum of our individual efforts.

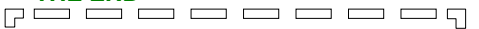
The business world knows this, the sports teams know this and try to practice it. We in the Body of Christ are not as dynamic in this area as we should be and could be.

I will share more about ACTNet as we move along into 2005. We are in process of building a web site which will be up and running soon. Our first large project will be a 40 foot container of used clothing, shoes, Bibles, church literature, computers to be shipped to Benin in west Africa. Anyone or any church group interested in participating in this project or in being a founding member of ACTNet and helping build it out, please contact me by email or phone: [stjohnwalsh@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnwalsh@yahoo.com) (707) 738-5946

Darwin and Laura Lee, I will welcome comments, input, etc., from your readership.

I appreciate what you are doing.  
Blessings,  
John Walsh

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*



**TEN COMMANDMENTS AGAIN**

Sent by Alfred Green  
Lakeside, Oregon

**DID YOU KNOW?**

As you walk up the steps to the Capitol

Building which houses the Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view -- it is Moses and the Ten Commandments!

As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door. As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, is a display of the Ten Commandments!

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington, D.C.

James Madison, the fourth president, known as "The Father of Our Constitution" made the following statement "We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

Patrick Henry, the patriot and Founding Father of our country said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.

Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law....an oligarchy....the rule of few over many.

The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said, "Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers."

How, then, have we gotten to the point that everything we have done for 220 years in this country is now suddenly wrong and unconstitutional?

Please forward this to everyone you can. Let's put it around the world and let the world see what this country was built on.

'IN GOD WE TRUST' IN ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS TO GOD

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VATICAN MUST RESTORE ISRAEL'S NATIONAL TREASURES  
Sent by David Ben-Ariel  
Toledo, Ohio

The Jerusalem Post  
<http://www.jpost.com/Letters/48245.html>

**Vatican Must Restore Israel's National Treasures**

David Ben-Ariel Toledo, Ohio,  
USA/Menashe (10 Feb 2004)  
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Israel must make a PUBLIC CALL and INTERNATIONAL ISSUE for the Pope to RESTORE THE TEMPLE TREASURES that are currently hid in the Vatican's vaults.

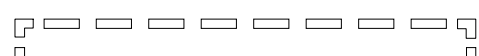
Let the Pope prove his repentance towards the Jews by such a sterling example and take advantage of this golden opportunity!

Thankfully, a true Israeli and Jewish ambassador, Gershon Salomon, chairman of the Temple Mount Faithful, has begun this purification process:

<http://templemountfaithful.org/News/20040209.htm>

May the political and religious leaders of Israel and world Jewry repent of their woeful neglect of these sacred NATIONAL TREASURES and join forces with those eager to obey G-d!

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*



**HOW DID THE CONGREGATION OF ISRAEL GO WRONG?**

by Jeffrey Caldwell  
Cupertino, California



Greetings, friends!

A very simple fact has struck me with such force that I feel compelled to share it.

This morning I started reading An Introduction to the Historical Books of the Old Testament by Robert L. Cate. A few words of a Bible passage he directs us to, hit me. To define Israel's "wandering" -- that forty years in the wilderness -- he referenced Numbers 13-14.

You probably heard about "the spies" in Sunday school, possibly with the faithlessness of most of them emphasized. But the words Moses introduces them with are most telling: "All of them were leaders

of the Israelites." (Numbers 13:b)

The Israelites listened to "the majority" of their respected human leaders and brought upon themselves the judgment of God -- forty years of wandering in the wilderness.

Listening to that "majority" of their leaders they were of a mind to reject and turn away from Godly leaders (Numbers 14:4) and even "talked about stoning" (Numbers 14:10) brave men who spoke up to try to turn them from their folly (Numbers 14:6-9).

May I never forget how Moses introduces the spies:

"All of them were leaders of the Israelites."

Jeffrey

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

**RECALL ON TOYS!!!!**

by Sue Caughfield  
 Cookville, Texas

They have found out that the toys in those little coin operated machines that you see everywhere are made out of lead!!!

We go to eat at two Senorita's restaurants where they have some there. The man who fills them had them taken apart, and was removing the toys so I asked him if it was because there was lead in the toys? He said yes, that was why he was removing them!

I guess a lot of our kids are full of it now, cause the first thing they do is put it in their mouth!!! Besides most of it is rings, necklaces etc., that they wear next to their bodies!

Why do we trust China so much? They knew what they were doing, they knew lead is poison when they put it in those toys!

Just a warning, if you have any of it get rid of it!!!! No telling what else it is in, probably all the cheap jewelry like at the Dollar stores. I doubt they have been checked yet. I will check into it, and see what I can find out.

Just trying to get word out about this! Those machines are everywhere!

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

**WHAT I NEED AND DON'T NEED**

by Phil Griffith  
 Delight, Arkansas

I am in the same position  
 You may find yourself.  
 I have been deceived by persons

Claiming Christ's authority, and  
 I've been hurt quite badly, and  
 Feel like dirt because it happened.

I don't need someone telling me  
 They have special Bible insight,  
 Insight I can't live without.  
 I've heard all that before

Not someone talking down to me  
 From their arrogant position,  
 Of intellectual vanity.  
 I've heard all that before

I don't need a hero  
 I've got Christ for my Hero,  
 Just someone to treat me,  
 As they want the same, not  
 Saying, "if they were as dumb as me"  
 They'd want talked down to, too, two.

I need someone to treat me as an equal,  
 Not a cash cow, or  
 A punching bag for their ego,  
 Not someone whose doctrine  
 Puts them by their design  
 With a position of intellectual superiority.

I don't need someone that plays  
 With all their strength and vigor,  
 By the light of sun and moon  
 For self glory, honor, and praise.

I don't need people telling me  
 I must worship some holy cow and  
 They have all the literature  
 They will send for free.  
 I've heard all that before.

I don't need to treat other people  
 As badly as some have treated me.  
 I don't really need a guilt trip  
 For being led astray  
 Fostered by the people  
 That coned me yesterday.

I don't need to play the church game  
 With the hypocrites from hell  
 Who flaunt their elitist protocol,  
 As do all the world the same.

All I need is simple kindness,  
 Respect would be a plus,  
 These most can show to cats and dogs  
 But not to folks like us.

If you should wane poetic  
 As I have done today  
 You may be in the same position  
 That I am in myself.

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

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 put on our Web Site.**

**SUMMER'S ENCORE SABBATH**

by Sandy Kile  
 Palisade, Minnesota

It may have been only early September, but the weather had already been frosty, painting the trees with slight touches of red and gold. However, summer made a much appreciated encore appearance on Sept. 4, 2004 when eight members of the Church of God met for Sabbath fellowship and food in Coleraine, Minnesota at 2 PM. It was an absolutely gorgeous day, and a little unreal to be able to see the leaves starting to change color, while at the same time having enjoyable temperatures in the 70s and 80s.

There was an interactive Bible study about the Fall Holy Days from Outreach Ministries, followed by a video sermon entitled, "The Holy Days, Now and Forever," by Dwayne Nichol of the Church of God, International.

Afterward, there was a feast of finger foods: crackers and assorted cheeses, chips, fresh veggies and fruit plates, banana bread, and cookies. It was a very nice day, and with warm temperatures that helped us forget for a while that the cold of a Minnesota winter is just around the corner.

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

**BEYOND BABYLON  
 PUBLISHED!**

by David Ben-Ariel  
 Toledo, Ohio

I'm *thrilled* to high Heaven that **Beyond Babylon: Europe's Rise and Fall** - <http://www.benariel.com> - my **staunchly pro-Israel/America book** - is soon to become a national debate and an international controversy! Publish America has *accepted* it for publication and agreed to permit its *free* download at my website to continue! *HalleluYah!*

The publication of *Beyond Babylon's strong warning message* is a *bittersweet* victory, however, knowing we're that much *closer* to **WWIII** (Ezek. 3:3).

God save us all,  
 David Ben-Ariel

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

**ANIMALS OF ISRAEL**

by Jeffrey Caldwell  
Cupertino, California

There's a new book out, *Discovering Natural Israel* by Michal Strutin. In recent years she has made many visits to Israel, concentrating on the nature preserves and national parks and interviewing Israeli biologists. The book describes the natural world of Israel today, area by area, beginning in the far south at Eilat and the Red Sea coral reefs offshore, working north through the Negev deserts, the Judean desert and hills, and Galilee, all the way to Mount Hermon in the north. She studied all parts of the country.

The biological diversity, for such a small country, is remarkable. The flora and fauna of Europe, Asia and Africa come together there, with elements typical of European forest and scrub, Asian steppes and deserts, the Sahara and even of the jungles of Sudan. Israel is an incredible corridor for migratory birds, with about 500 million birds crossing its skies twice a year!

In Israel, as elsewhere in the world, many animals have become extinct or endangered, especially in recent times. But Israel has been a leader in the restoration of depleted species and reintroduction of extirpated species. Lions were hunted out in Crusader times. Bears persisted until the last known specimen was shot in 1918. Crocodiles and cheetahs also survived until early in the 20th century. There are no plans to restore lions, bears or crocodiles! Leopards still persist and are being carefully studied. Populations of their prey animals are being restored, so the future of the leopard looks good in Israel.

The magnificent Arabian oryx became extinct in the wild, planet-wide in 1972, but Israel has begun reintroducing them into her desert areas, and also the wild ass. In more northerly areas, the extirpated roe deer are being re-introduced. The Persian fallow deer had also been lost to Israel's wilds, but has already been successfully reintroduced. The ibex had been in trouble but with increased protection is now thriving, along with various species of gazelle. Wolves, striped hyenas and jackals are doing fairly well. Some of the other notable mammals of the country include European hedgehog, desert hedgehog, Egyptian fruit bat, dormouse, hyrax, Indian crested porcupine, red fox, badgers, marbled polecats, otters, Egyptian mongoose, wildcat, sand cat, marsh cat, caracal, and wild boar.

Between guns and agricultural poisons,

large birds of prey had suffered greatly in Israel, with some of the more spectacular species coming close to extinction. In Israel, as in the U.S.A., great efforts are being made to restore the birds of prey. Notable species include the white-tailed eagle, Bonelli's eagle, griffon vulture, Egyptian vulture, lappet-faced vulture, and steppe eagle. Storks, both black and white, pass through Israel in migration in large numbers. There are also white pelicans, glossy ibis and great white egrets. A very small bird of prey, the lesser kestrel, which actually lives in Jerusalem, has been targeted for a program of providing nest boxes. The lesser kestrel formerly nested in cavities under the tile roofs of homes, but those sorts of roofs aren't as prevalent now, so they are pushing nesting boxes. One of the many interesting small birds of gardens is the Palestine sunbird, which is a flower-visitor.

Among their reptiles are hawksbill sea turtle, loggerhead sea turtle, chameleon, desert monitor, desert cobra, and the Palestine viper. The fire salamander, basically a European species, reaches its southern limit in moister areas of the northern half of Israel. I learned that the Saint Peter's fish of the Sea of Galilee [which is actually a freshwater lake on the Jordan River] is a Tilapia.

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

**JUST PUSH**

Sent by Alfred Green  
Lakeside, Oregon

A man was sleeping one night in his cabin when suddenly his room filled with light, and God appeared. The Lord told the man he had work for him to do, and showed him a large rock in front of his cabin. The Lord explained that the man was to push against the rock with all his might. So, this the man did, day after day.

For many years he toiled from sun up to sun down, his shoulders set squarely against the cold, massive surface of the unmoving rock, pushing with all of his might. Each night the man returned to his cabin sore and worn out, feeling that his whole day had been spent in vain.

Since the man was showing discouragement, the adversary (Satan) decided to enter the picture by placing thoughts into the weary mind: "You have been pushing against that rock for a long time, and it hasn't moved." Thus, he gave the man the impression that the task was impossible and that he was a failure.

These thoughts discouraged and disheartened the man. Satan said, "Why kill

yourself over this? Just put in your time, giving just the minimum effort; and that will be good enough."

That's what the weary man planned to do, but decided to make it a Matter of Prayer and to take his troubled thoughts to the Lord.

"Lord," he said, "I have labored long and hard in your service, putting all my strength to do that which you have asked. Yet, after all this time, I have not even budged that rock by half a millimeter. What is wrong? Why am I failing?"

The Lord responded compassionately, "My friend, when I asked you to serve Me and you accepted, I told you that your task was to push against the rock with all of your strength, which you have done. Never once did I mention to you that I expected you to move it. Your task was to push. And now you come to Me with your strength spent, thinking that you have failed. But, is that really so?"

"Look at yourself. Your arms are strong and muscled, your back sinewy and brown; your hands are callused from constant pressure, your legs have become massive and hard. Through opposition you have grown much, and your abilities now surpass that which you used to have.

"True, you haven't moved the rock. But your calling was to be obedient and to push and to exercise your faith and trust in My wisdom. That you have done. Now I, my friend, will move the rock."

At times, when we hear a word from God, we tend to use our own intellect to decipher what He wants, when actually what God wants is just a simple obedience and faith in Him.

By all means, exercise the faith that moves mountains, but know that it is still God who moves the mountains.

When everything seems to go wrong ... just P.U.S.H.!

When the job gets you down ... just P.U.S.H.!

When people don't react the way you think they should ... just P.U.S.H.

When your money is "gone" and the bills are due ... just P.U.S.H.!

When people just don't understand you ... just P.U.S.H.!

P= Pray

U= Until

S= Something

H= Happens

Pass this on to all the loved ones and friends who may need it; they may get it just in time. Truly, great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget! "A friend loves at all times..."

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

## QUESTIONS SECTION

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### QUESTION #22

**Just wondering - "yeast extract" is this a leavening agent?**

Yeast Extract is not a leavening agent. It is used in the fermentation process of beer and wine. It is also found in soups. For more information on it go to the following web sites.

From:  
<http://winemakermag.com/mrwizard/132.html>

#### Yeast Extract

Yeast extract, on the other hand, is basically a concentrated slurry of dead yeast cells. It's sold dehydrated or wet. This slurry is rich in vitamins, minerals, nitrogen and other elements, some of which yeast can use and some that they'll simply excrete un-metabolized...

It's up to each individual winemaker to decide which additives, if any, they choose to introduce into a fermentation. Mead and other fruit beverages, which may lack the proper balance of nutrients for a maximized fermentation, are classic cases where yeast nutrients, yeast hulls and yeast extract have been successfully used.

From:  
<http://www.foodreference.com/html/fyeastextract.html>

#### Yeast Extract

In French, a Marmite is a large covered pot (usually earthenware) used to cook stews.

Marmite is also the brand name of a thick brown paste made from yeast extract, usually spread on toast or sandwiches. Marmite is popular in England and [Vegemite](#) is a similar Australian product.

From:  
[http://www.everything2.com/index.pl?no\\_de=yeast%20extract](http://www.everything2.com/index.pl?no_de=yeast%20extract)

#### Yeast extract

A colourless goo left over as a bi-product of the beer-making process. When dyed a dark brown to black colour, sold as a delicious savoury spread, revolting savoury spread, or vile disgusting inedible horrid yucky savoury spread.

From:  
<http://www.organotechnie.com/Doc.anglais/19512A.pdf>

#### Yeast Extract

Definition: Yeast Extract is manufactured by autolysis of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*.

Description: Fine pale-yellow powder easily soluble in water. Yeast Extract contains a mix of peptides, free amino acids, purine and pyrimidine bases and hydrosoluble vitamins of B group.

Use: Source of organic nitrogen and growth factors recommended in media for:

- Analytical microbiology
- **Industrial fermentation.**

From:  
<http://www.vinquiry.com/pdf/POURABLE YEASTEXTRACTQ.pdf>

#### POURABLE YEAST EXTRACT

Nutrient for Malolactic Bacteria and Yeast

-Pourable yeast extract is a liquid suspension of yeast extract for simplified addition to cultures or fermentations. The amounts needed can be measured by weight or volume and added directly to juice or wine, no pre-mixing or dilution required.

-Yeast extract is made up of the water soluble portion of autolyzed yeast cells and contains the highest level of amino acids for yeast based nutrients.

Yeast extract is especially useful for malolactic bacteria since they are only able to take up nitrogen from such organic sources. The amino acids are useful to yeast in juices or musts that are extremely depleted of nutrients or missing specific amino acids.

Answered by:  
Laura Lee  
Bismarck, North Dakota

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### QUESTION #23

**I was told that you worship on Saturday. Is this true & why? What do you do or not do on Sunday? Can you please show me in scripture your answers? I really want to know. I am not happy with religious habit and tradition.**

Yes we do worship on Saturday and we do so because God commands that we do so in His word the Bible.

Exodus 16:26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day, which is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

Exodus 20:10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

Exodus 20:11 For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Exodus 31:15 Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.

Exodus 35:2 Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the Lord: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.

Leviticus 23:3 Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings.

Deuteronomy 5:14 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou.

In regard to what do we do on Sunday, we treat it like Monday thru Friday and we work on Sunday whether it be at a job or just around the house.

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**" Our divine destiny is to be transformed into reflections of God's perfection. "**

by Alan Ruth  
Farmington Hills, Michigan

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Answered by:  
Laura Lee  
Bismarck, North Dakota

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

#### QUESTION #24

If everyone was sleeping in the garden when Jesus was praying to his Father, how did we get the quotes? These are all red letter words. Who took down these words?

"...and he finds them sleeping..." (Mark 14:37).

When he walked over to them he found them sleeping. Obviously they were not sleeping from the time he left them til the time he returned. They nodded out at various times depending on their ability to keep themselves awake. The one who slept the least was likely John who would have shared any quotations with his fellow disciples. Of course, since John is the disciple that Christ loved (John 21:20), it's also possible that Christ told him about the prayers to the Father after he was resurrected.

Answered by:  
Wily Elder  
North Miami, Florida

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

#### QUESTION #25

Does offering of animal sacrifices have any negative or positive effect on the salvation of mankind?

Animal sacrifices have never had an effect on salvation. The sacrifices were instituted in order to remind (a reminder of sins) people of their sins and make them feel guilty in order for them to repent. Now

we have the Holy Spirit to help us realize sin and turn from our sins. Those sacrifices could never take away sins and give salvation. Those sacrifices were not perfect. The animals did not understand and go through the same temptations humans do. Christ did understand and was perfect, therefore He was the only sacrifice that could have an effect on our salvation, and His effect was positive.

The reasoning behind the sacrifices was meant to be positive. When the sacrifices became nothing but ritual, the effect was negative because the people thought something THEY did could bring salvation. Only something Christ did, the perfect sacrifice could bring salvation to the world. Animal sacrifices pointed to Jesus Christ who alone could atone for sin.

Answered by:  
Audra Ray  
Farmerville, Louisiana

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

#### QUESTION #26

Was Satan literally "living" in Pergamon in the first/second century AD?

Yes, Satan was "living" (dwelling) in Pergamos in the first and second centuries AD. The King James "dwelleth" (of Revelation 2:13) is from the Greek "katoikeo", meaning "dwells", "governs", "inhabits", "presents" (the verb). Satan was also living in Rome, Jerusalem, and the entirety of the inhabited world of that day.

Today he lives in New York, Rome, Jerusalem, Tokyo, and the entirety of the inhabited world of our day. However, there was something unique about Pergamos.

Pergamos was his seat (his throne). Why was that? Part of the answer is in realizing why John (the sole survivor of the original apostles) would mention Pergamos and 6 other church locations that would supposedly have no significance for the 21st century. Why did he do that?

Historian Linguist EW Bullinger considers that the description of Pergamos, Satan's intrusion, and Antipas' death is an example of prolepsis (the presentation of a future activity as if it had already taken place).

Historically, Pergamos became the intellectual center of the world of that day. They had a library that was second only to the one in Alexandria. The Pagan Babylonian priesthood moved their headquarters to Pergamos. They (the priests) were looked upon as being the rightful promoters of the standard religion.

Today one city will become Pergamos symbolically. The faithful Antipas will die there. This city will be the headquarters of what millions consider to be the "standard" religion. But it will be Satan's seat.

Answered by:  
Wily Elder  
North Miami, Florida

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

#### QUESTION #27

Where in the Bible is the story of the man who was riding his donkey and when an angel was standing in the way to kill the man and the animal turned away? After the third time the animal was allowed to talk to the man and then his eyes were opened and he saw the angel with a sword.

The account of Balaam and his talking donkey and the angel is in Numbers chapter 22. Balaam's desire to profit made him an example of someone who was willing to compromise with God's way to benefit financially --- the error of Balaam for reward (Jude 1:11).

Answered by:  
Wily Elder  
North Miami, Florida

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

True friends are mirrors. They lovingly reflect the image of our faults and flaws back to us so that we may repent and mature.

by Alan Ruth  
Farmington Hills, Michigan



LETTERS SECTION

**Letter Received:  
April 24, 2004**

**Subject: "WHEN IS  
PENTECOST?"**

**by Jeffrey Caldwell  
Cupertino, California**

**This letter is continued from Issue  
#24, pages 9 & 10.**

**Jeffrey writes:**

The key to understanding God's command about Pentecost is not history -- it's an understanding of the actual method of reckoning He commanded. But the alleged extra biblical history of that reckoning -- whether representing a history of correct or mistaken practice -- and whether history authentic or bogus -- has a way of influencing our way of thinking about it. Even actual biblical history can be misleading if misinterpreted.

**Laura writes:**

Use your Bible, because your Bible is the greatest history book you will ever have in your possession. The key is that the scriptures on any given subject must fit together like a glove from Genesis to Revelation. One cannot throw out scriptures just because one scripture seems on the surface to contradict another scripture.

People misinterpret history as well as the Bible all the time. That is why we each individually need to study each different subject on our own as we can. If we follow the teachings of someone who did misinterpret the Bible or history, then our view will also be wrong.

Here are some more scriptures which you would have to make fit in with your teaching that it is okay to follow the Sadducees teaching in regard to Passover and Pentecost:

Acts 23:6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

Acts 23:7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.

Acts 23:8 **For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel,**

**nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.**

The above scriptures are yet more proof that the Sadducees don't believe in a resurrection, angel's or spirits of any kind, but the Pharisee's do. To follow a Sadducee would be like following a Sunday keeper and at the same time expecting the Sunday keeper to teach you when the correct Sabbath is.

Now look at the next scripture:

Acts 26:5 Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the **most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.**

Here Paul is acknowledging that there were different sects of religion and that the Pharisees were the straitest sect of religion.

In other words what Paul is saying is that the Pharisees were teaching many more right things according to the law of God than were any of the other sects of the Jews.

Strong's #196 "most straitest"  
Akibestatos (ak-ree-bes'-at-tos)

1. Exact, careful
2. Of the strictest sect: the most precise and rigorous in interpreting the Mosaic law, and in observing even the more minute precepts of the law and tradition

**Jeffrey writes:**

As for extra-biblical historical references -- surely you agree that they vary in quality. And in motive. A lot of bogus history is cooked up or seized upon to support partisan points of view! The Liar promoted the first recorded point of "bogus history" to mislead Eve!

**Laura writes:**

Yes, I do agree that historical references do vary in quality. That is why one needs to read many sources and always see if the Bible clearly backs it up. Remember the Bible is the greatest historical work you have in your possession.

**Jeffrey writes:**

I've been amazed to see brothers zealous to obey God who, without realizing it, take their clues from ultra-liberal scholars, letting a far more theoretical than real scholarly "history" of a supposed "evolution" of the weekly Sabbath influence their Sabbath-keeping practice. I know people who believe the Sabbath is lunar -- that it resets every month, and can land on any day of the week as generally understood -- persuaded in part by

scholarly arguments -- misused -- arguments made by men I'm quite sure have no interest in honoring the Holy One by keeping His weekly Sabbath! I was not impressed with their references.

**Laura writes:**

Again, the Bible is your greatest historical record, however if you follow any man including Herbert Armstrong in their misinterpretation of scripture you are no less guilty than those who follow after scholars who are wrong.

**Jeffrey writes:**

Arguments relying on extra-biblical knowledge, especially when witnesses conflict, can never persuade me to come to a strong conviction. The extra-biblical 'knowledge' fueling calendric controversies -- regarding what supposedly was "really" happening in the first century -- stems from sources that for me are obscure and difficult to assess for veracity and integrity. Scholars love to guess and often disagree. Partisans care little for the actual facts of a matter.

**Laura writes:**

You seem so down on history, yet in several areas you are also having a hard time believing the proofs found throughout scripture. Again, I suggest that you study the different subjects more deeply on your own. At first use only your Bible and those reference works which will help you with the meanings of the original Hebrew and Greek words used. Later perhaps you will understand how to fit historical records in that actually prove the Bible is true.

**Jeffrey writes:**

God knows, based on what you've presented, it remains -- sincerely -- doubtful to me that the Pharisees controlled temple practice in Christ's day and that every Pentecost -- as you seem to believe -- of "the faith once for all delivered to the saints" -- is a Sivan 6.

**Laura writes:**

It is not our job to convince you of anything. Everything that you learn in regard to the law of God is between you and God.

I believe we could probably both agree that God does put things in regard to His law in front of all of his elect so that they might more clearly understand what he wants of us according to His law. When someone presents us with something we haven't heard before, it is our responsibility

to see whether it is true or not. This does require that we study things closely and carefully rather than to just dismiss it because we never heard it before, or just because we don't want to hear it because it would mean we might have to change something about ourselves.

**Jeffrey writes:**

What if you did not "know" -- extra-biblically -- that Pentecost is "always Sivan 6"? How would you arrive at that belief by studying the Scriptures? Why would it be superior in your mind to any other understanding?

**Laura writes:**

I believe that if you were truly reading this newsletter, you wouldn't even have to ask the above questions.

Exodus 19, is where we go to find one of the first recorded Pentecosts. In my article titled: Biblical Evidence in Support of a Sivan 6 Pentecost. This article written by me, which appeared in Issue #20 on page #18, was all from the Bible, with Strong's being used to help with a better understanding of the Hebrew.

Leviticus 23, is where we go to learn how to count to Pentecost and I covered this quite thoroughly when I answered a letter from Richard Kraft, which appeared in Issue #16 on page #5.

There are all kinds of articles written by myself and others throughout our newsletter where the scriptures which prove a Sivan 6 Pentecost and a late 14 Passover have been used to prove these things without always using history.

Again, I am not at all sure what it is that you consider as proof of anything, since you also at times seem to reject what scripture says as well as history.

My questions to you are: Can you prove your Pentecost from scripture, complete with an example of people clearly keeping it on Sunday but on a different date than Sivan 6? Can you prove that it is Biblically correct to use 2 or more different ways of counting to arrive at a Sunday or Monday Pentecost each year? Where exactly are these teachings to be found in the Bible?

A Sivan 6 Pentecost is superior in my mind because I can prove it from scripture.

**Jeffrey writes:**

May the grace and peace and knowledge and wisdom of the Holy One be with you!

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

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\* Letter Received: \*  
\* June 15, 2004 \*  
\* Subject: IN REGARD TO: WHAT \*  
\* IS THE CONDITION OF YOUR \*  
\* MARRIAGE? \*  
\* by Phillip Frankford \*  
\* Kirkwood, Missouri \*  
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**This letter is in regard to the article titled "What is the Condition of Your Marriage?" by Laura Lee, which appeared in Issue #21 on page 18.**

**Phillip writes:**

You wrote: "The Bible is very clear that the Lord forgives the woman who is unable to keep her vows because her husband has made them void. Husband's are the ones held responsible for voiding the wife's wedding vows.

Deuteronomy 21:14 And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not make merchandise of her, because thou hast humbled her.

Even if a man has no delight in his wife. Even if a man hates his wife he is not to sell her for money, nor is he to make merchandise out of her. He is responsible to just let her go if he does not want her. So why is it that men with their "I am the boss stance" feel that they can treat their wife as property and God will bless them for it? God does not bless husbands for making their wives into their property. Every time a man tells his wife what to do, he is showing his ownership of her and making her little more than property."

I do not understand how you can write such a thing in the light of Moses; the Prophet's, Christ's and Paul's clear teaching. It is clear from all of their teachings that your writing is in clear error.

**Laura writes:**

That would be your opinion and you are welcome to it.

**Phillip writes:**

Marriage is for LIFE -- pure and simple. There is no such case made for divorce or annulment in the Bible.

**Laura writes:**

God's original intent for marriage was that it be for life, however sin entered the world and for that reason divorce was allowed and written into the law of God.

(See Deuteronomy 24:1-4)

**Phillip writes:**

Your writing has perverted the meaning of the clear teaching of our only Rabbi and one of his leading students. This teaching is clearly anti Torah and anti-NT. You are teaching the opposite of what the Bible teaches in this case.

**Laura writes:**

As I said, you are entitled to your own opinion in regard to this subject, however I see many scriptures showing what the conduct of men should be within a marriage relationship. The bottom line is that when a man marries a woman, he makes a vow to God to treat her as God commands him to. When a man does not treat his wife according to how God commands him to, then the man has broken the marriage contract.

Most people know that a contract is made void when one of the parties breaks the contract.

My article was not written to promote divorce. My article was written to prevent divorce. The whole point of the article was to show those things which should not be done within the bounds of marriage as well as to give people some tools with which to have a better marriage.

If men do not want to love their wives as God commands them to do, then divorce is going to be the consequence.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

If men do as Ephesians 5:25 says to do then no one has to worry about divorce.

**Phillip writes:**

Moses says: NRSV DEUTERONOMY 22:13 LAWS CONCERNING SEXUAL RELATIONS

13 Suppose a man marries a woman, but after going in to her, he dislikes her 14 and makes up charges against her, slandering her by saying, "I married this woman; but when I lay with her, I did not find evidence of her virginity."

15 The father of the young woman and her mother shall then submit the evidence of the young woman's virginity to the elders of the city at the gate.

16 The father of the young woman shall say to the elders: "I gave my daughter in marriage to this man but he dislikes her;

17 now he has made up charges against her, saying, 'I did not find evidence of your daughter's virginity.' But here is the evidence of my daughter's virginity." Then they shall spread out the cloth before the elders of the town.

18 The elders of that town shall take the

man and punish him;  
19 they shall fine him one hundred shekels of silver (which they shall give to the young woman's father) because he has slandered a virgin of Israel. She shall remain his wife; he shall not be permitted to divorce her as long as he lives.

**Laura writes:**

I believe you have missed the whole point of Deuteronomy 22:13-19. These scriptures are dealing with a man who got married, had sex with her and then wanted to get rid of her because he hated her. In other words he was trying to get out of the marriage by lying about and slandering his new wife.

When his wife's parents were able to show the proof of her virginity, the husband was penalized in two ways. First he was to pay money to his wife's parents and second he was not allowed to ever divorce his wife. These scriptures say nothing whatsoever about his wife not being able to divorce this man.

The wife was not penalized for her husbands breaking of the law. These scriptures clearly show the husband in this case was in the wrong and would not be allowed to divorce because of his lying and slandering.

**Phillip writes:**

NRSV DEUTERONOMY 22:28 If a man meets a virgin who is not engaged, and seizes her and lies with her, and they are caught in the act,

29 the man who lay with her shall give fifty shekels of silver to the young woman's father, and she shall become his wife. Because he violated her he shall not be permitted to divorce her as long as he lives.

**Laura writes:**

Here we have a man who did not ask first if he could marry this virgin. Instead he just had sex with her and then they apparently were caught having sexual relations.

Because the woman was a virgin and because they were caught in the act of sex, which shows she is no longer a virgin, the man is responsible for this situation.

The man is now responsible to pay the dowry to the woman's father and to keep her for his wife. His penalty is that he will not be allowed to divorce her because he has taken away her virginity.

Again, the woman was not penalized in this situation. It does not say in these verses that she is not allowed to divorce this man.

**Phillip writes:**

The prophets: NRSV MALACHI 2:13 THE

COVENANT PROFANED BY JUDAH

13 And this you do as well: You cover the LORD's altar with tears, with weeping and groaning because he no longer regards the offering or accepts it with favor at your hand.

14 You ask, "Why does he not?" Because the LORD was a witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been **faithless**, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant.

15 Did not one God make her? Both flesh and spirit are his. And what does the one God desire? Godly offspring. So look to yourselves, and do not let anyone be **faithless** to the wife of his youth.

16 For I hate divorce, says the LORD, the God of Israel, and covering one's garment with violence, says the LORD of hosts. So take heed to yourselves and do not be **faithless**.

**Laura writes:**

In the above verses the word **faithless** is the word **treacherously**. Essentially what is being said in the above scriptures is that God is not accepting your offerings on His altar because man is dealing treacherously with the wife of his youth.

-- King James  
Malachi 2:13 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand.

Malachi 2:14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt **treacherously**: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

Malachi 2:15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal **treacherously** against the wife of his youth.

Malachi 2:16 For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the Lord of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not **treacherously**.

Strong's #898--treacherously  
bagad (baw-gad')

1. To act treacherously, deceitfully, deal treacherously,

a. to act or deal treacherously, faithlessly, deceitfully, offend

So what is clearly being said here is: Men do not deal treacherously with the wife of your youth (verse 15) and in verse 16

God tells you why He doesn't want you men to deal treacherously with the wife of your youth. It is because God hates divorce.

God is clearly saying that when you treat your wife wrongly the consequence will be divorce which He hates.

Again there is nothing in these verses which say marriage is for life no matter what.

**TO BE CONTINUED IN ISSUE #26\*\*\*\*\***

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\* Letter Received: \*  
\* July 15, 2004 \*  
\* Subject: \*  
\* PASSOVER/PENTECOST \*  
\* CONTROVERSY \*  
\* by Carol Bennes \*  
\* St. Joseph, Minnesota \*  
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**Carol writes:**

Dear Laura,

In spite of all the scriptural proof I did give you on which day Passover and Pentecost God says to keep, you manage to use a scholar's point of view to twist them. It amazes me to no end how you continue to reason that Passover is the 15th of Abib when God **clearly** says it is the 14th. (Lev. 23). It amazes me to no end of how you acknowledge that Christ died on the 14th (the Passover Lamb), therefore He had to have eaten His last Passover meal with His disciples on the beginning of the 14th before He suffered and died, yet you claim He kept a 15th Passover. It amazes me to no end how you quote scriptures where God clearly separates Passover 14 from ULB 15, yet you boldly proclaim that you do not.

I see your belief on this subject is not founded on scripture but on the phraseology of men's interpretation of the Hebrew word "even". By which, through the use of, most scriptures on this subject can be seen as occurring a day off from God's original intent.

However, the accuracy of this interpretation is in question, please see Gen 1:5: "God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night". As you know, noon to sunset is the light part of Day, so one would have to conclude that the Hebrew language has a grave disagreement with God by calling this period of time "even" or is it the men who have interpreted the ancient Hebrew language do so according to what they want it to mean??

**Laura writes:**

I have just gone over all of the above

with you in Issues #19, #20, #21, and #22 in the letters section. I see no reason to continue going over the same things with you again and again.

No one ever said you had to believe a single word I said to you in regard to this subject and obviously you don't. I have no problem with that as I know very well that how you understand scripture has to do with how well you study and how much God opens your mind to understand. The only thing I did was tell you how I understand the scriptures, because you wrote me a letter of protest. What you do with the evidence that was presented to you is totally between you and God.

**Carol writes:**

I do like what Darwin said, pg. 17 Mar/Apr 2004, "I say draw your conclusions based on the bible alone. It's not that hard."

**Laura writes:**

Please understand that Darwin also keeps a 15 Passover and a Sivan 6 Pentecost from his own study of scripture. So when he says the above, he has come to the same conclusions in regard to Passover and Pentecost that I have, based on scripture.

**Carol writes:**

I challenge you, Laura, PROVE from the bible ALONE that Passover is the 15th and that Pentecost is always on Sivan 6 instead of on the day after the 7th Sabbath (Sunday) every year -- you will never do it -- if you are honest with yourself. NEVER! Still hopeful.

**Laura writes:**

I already have proven these things from the Bible alone and I have even published it in many issues of this newsletter. Your accusation is unfounded.

All issues of this newsletter are now posted on our web site. We have published many articles on the issue of Passover and Pentecost.

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

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\* Letter Received: \*  
\* July 23, 2004 \*  
\* Subject: ISSUE #22, QUESTION \*  
\* #13 \*  
\* by Paul Corathers \*  
\* Pinedale, Arizona \*  
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This letter is in regard to Question #13, which appeared in Issue #22 on page 8.

**Paul writes:**

I must take issue with your answer about all sins being equal. In Torah there are commandments, statutes and judgments. There are different penalties for different "sins", even of the same nature. For instance different sexual sins have different penalties. J'shua when he was on trial said to Pilate, he who has handed me over to you has committed the "greater sin". The scriptures are full of references on how God judges different sins in different ways. We do that in natural. A parking ticket does not have the same sentence as murder. So it is in the spiritual. J'shua says it will be lighter in the day of Judgment against Sodom than it will be for those that rejected Him. Not all sins deserve death. All men deserve death because we are sinners not because we sin. There is a difference. To be saved, born again, to be reconciled to God, we must accept the atonement of Messiah for our complete and total rebellion against him. We have been taught by the "Church" that all sins are equal. I submit this is another false teaching which we should reject. On the surface this might appear to be true, but a little common sense thinking and looking into scripture shows this to be a false idea.

**Darwin writes:**

I'm not sure what the issue is with the answer I gave. As stated in my answer all sins are in deed equal in God's eyes **if not repented of**. Read:

Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Also read:

Revelation 22:14 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.

Revelation 22:15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

Notice God is clearly talking about the second death. Also take a carefull look at some of those things listed, such as "the fearful," "liars" and "sorcerers." God is not a respecter of persons:

Acts 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

When He says the punishment of sin ("which is the transgression of the law", **His law**:

1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the

transgression of the law.) is death,  
(Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.), then all sin deserves equal punishment. That is the second death which there will be no resurrection from. That death is eternal, "forever" because God will not compromise with sin no matter how little we humans think that some sin is.

Again, the key is the second death. God will give every human being that has ever lived every ample opportunity (equality) time to repent even of the so called little sins. "A little leaven leavens the whole lump"

1 Corinthians 5:6 ...Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

Granted, God does not require the death penalty in this life every time someone sins, else the human race as we know it would not be here. Men choose to sin and God will give all people time to repent and choose not to sin which then the second death will not be their lot. They will live forever without sin. They will keep God's commandments forever. Those who do not repent no matter how "little" the sin is in our eyes, will die the second death.

1 Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

1 Corinthians 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

God views all sin equally bad, deserving only one end result-that is death.

**I repeat, if not repented of.**

The "church" as you put it clearly understood this concept. Not everything that the "church" taught was false. It's false only if it cannot be backed up with scripture. I believe I have backed up all that I have said with scripture. So

"...let God be true, but every man a liar..." Romans 3:4.

All sin is bad even if we don't think some is not all that bad.

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

The path of true wisdom  
is strewn with the  
tears of experience.

by Alan Ruth  
Farmington Hills, Michigan

## ARTICLES SECTION

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### PERSECUTION ARTICLES

(This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> in a series of articles in regard to the subject of persecution. If you have an article in regard to persecution, please send it for our consideration to print.)

### PERSECUTION OF THOMAS CRANMER

by Wily Elder  
North Miami, Florida

The history of England in the 1500's and 1600's shows how the heavy hand of the standard religion of Rome was being weakened as more of the population was given access to the Bible in the English language. In 1536 William Tyndale, early translator of the Bible into English, was burned at the stake and choked with a wire at the same time. His last words were, "Lord, open the King of England's eyes."

It is ironic that the vehicle through which England began to become Protestant was through King Henry's desire to continually divorce and re-marry.

Thomas Cranmer took advantage of King Henry's desire to marry Anne Boleyn (Bullock). This plus the heavy hand of the standard religion of Rome paved the way for the establishment of the Church of England. During the outbreak of "sweating sickness" in 1529, Cranmer went to Waltham, Essex where King Henry was. Henry overheard Cranmer mention to his secretary, Thomas Cromwell, that if the university theologians agreed that Henry's marriage to Catherine of Aragon was illegal, then any ecclesiastical court would grant him a divorce. In response to this King Henry said, "This man I trow, has got the right sow by the ear."

King Henry made Cranmer the archbishop of Canterbury. And Henry married Ann Boleyn on Thursday before the feast of Pentecost in 1533.

Before his death, Tyndale had given all his unpublished translations of the books of the Bible to John Rogers. John Rogers compiled a complete Bible composed mostly from the translations of William Tyndale. It was called the Matthew Bible because Rogers didn't want to put his name on it. The Bible was still a forbidden book in England. King Henry's reaction to the Bible was projected as being unpredictable.

Cranmer examined the Bible and asked Thomas Cromwell to submit it to King Henry for approval. Cromwell presented the Bible to King Henry. King Henry thumbed through the Bible. Rogers had written the initials WT (standing for William Tyndale) after the book of Malachi between the Old and New Testaments. The initials were a quarter of a page high. If Henry noticed the initials he didn't comment on them. King Henry said he approved of the Matthew Bible if Cranmer approved! Cranmer, of course, approved. It became England's first Authorized Version, title page declaring, "by the King's most gracious license."

After the death of King Henry, Bloody Mary eventually came to power as Queen of England and temporarily re-established the link with the standard religion of Rome. She decreed that public use of scripture was forbidden. Once again the Bible became a forbidden book in England. Christians who were able to travel, left England and headed for various countries in Europe, especially Switzerland. At the beginning of the blood bath, Bloody Mary had the authorities round up her enemies. She had Cranmer tried by a Papal court. At age 67 he was stripped of his title. The bully boys were able to intimidate Cranmer to the extent that he wrote 2 recantations. However, Queen Mary was not satisfied. In his position as archbishop of Canterbury, he was second only to the Monarch of England. So she insisted that he make his recantations known in a public speech. On the day of his address to the crowd, he shocked them by recanting his recantations, noting that when they burned him at the stake he would be sure that his right hand would burn first (because it was the one with which he wrote the recantations).

On March 21, 1556, Cranmer was burned at the stake. As promised, he held his right hand out so it would burn first, saying, "This hath offended!" He pulled his hand back only once to wipe his face and then returned it to the flames. As he was dying he said, "Lord Jesus receive my spirit."

After Bloody Mary died, her step-sister, Elizabeth became Queen of England. Queen Elizabeth crushed the powers loyal to the Pope and restored the Bible as a legal book in England.

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\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

### PERSECUTION ARTICLES

Present Day Persecution:  
Port Austin, Michigan  
Sabbatarian Community in  
Crisis

### LETTER:

by M. L. Bierman  
Little Rock, Arkansas

### CONCLUSIONS OF EVIDENCE

by Royce Mitchell  
Manvel, Texas

This letter was written in regard to the two open letters which appeared in Issue #24 on page 14. These two open letters were also sent out via e-mail to our entire e-mail list.

### M. L. Bierman writes:

The matter for many of us was unheard of until you wrote us. IT should have stayed locally with those that were involved and settled, not spread all over the Internet!

### Laura writes:

I agree with you, it should have been settled locally in Port Austin, Michigan, however, Homer Kizer did not see it that way. The whole matter went public when Homer Kizer chose to post an open letter to Dixon Cartwright on his web site at: <http://www.homerkizer.org/cartwright.html> In the open letter Homer Kizer slandered a brother Norman Edwards and his wife Marleen Edwards.

Once something goes public in the case of a brother in the church being slandered, then a defense must also be posted publicly in order to reduce and delete the rumors that will grow from a one sided slanderous attack.

In this case Royce Mitchell asked Homer Kizer to give him the evidence for what he posted on his web site. Royce went over the evidence from a legal stand point and found there was no evidence to support

the accusations that Homer Kizer posted on his web site.

Your letter reflects how many people feel in cases such as this and that is why I am printing it here. It is clear from your letter that you neither want to hear the matter nor do you want to become involved in the matter. So my question to you is: If when Christ returns your hope is to become a King or a Priest as scripture says, why would you be qualified to do so, when you are not currently wanting to train for such a position at this time, which is clearly evidenced by your letter?

**AD ---**

Go to: <http://darwinlauralee.150m.com> under "Links" to find M. L. Bierman's Web Site. This **AD** is posted as a courtesy and does not necessarily mean that we are in agreement with the views of M. L. Bierman. Darwin & Laura Lee

**\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\***

### **The Reasonable Conclusions Derived from the Evidence Delivered In The Kizer/Frankford/Edwards Fiasco**

Here are the facts and conclusions taken from the documents sent to me:

On April 5, 2004, Norm Edwards, Phil Frankford, Paul Drieman and T M Williams came together to create several entities. They were known as the "Port Austin Sabbatarian Church Community" (the ministry) and the "Port Austin Sabbatarian Community Church" (the church). The goal was to create yet a third entity "Port Austin Sabbatarian Church Community, a Sacred Purpose Trust" (the Trust).

It is important to note that all of these three entities were discussed by their acronyms, PASC. No doubt this caused confusion among the parties as to which entities were doing what. Nobody apparently sought any legal counsel prior to preparing such a confusing set of documents.

### **FOUR TRUSTEES INTENDED**

It appears at the beginning that the parties intended to all be trustees on The Trust, while working within the Church and the Ministry which were also being set up. There does not seem to be any written rules in these documents as to who would be responsible or what would happen if there were disagreements between trustees, with the exception that Holy Scripture would provide the rules. This is not a bad idea, but as will be seen, belief in those scriptures as rules did not prevent some who would abuse those scriptures from causing division.

The original trust documents indicate that all four men were to be included as

trustees. Apparently, sometime between that April signing and September 9, 2004, it became clear that Edwards felt as if he was not going to be able to work with the other three men. On April 29, 2004, the original land contract was signed for the property in question, related to the Port Austin Community. Then, in September, the land contract was modified to correct errors made on the earlier land contract. There does not appear to be any fraud in this but merely a correction of an error in the earlier land contract, as is clearly stated in the second contract.

### **TWO LAND CONTRACTS**

What was the problem to be corrected? The four signatories signed as "trustees" of The Trust. The problem was that there WAS no trust at that point. None of the four could legally sign for the trust because the trust did not yet legally exist. On September 9, 2004, the land contract was signed by one trustee, Edwards.

### **ONE TRUSTEE CHOSEN**

At around the same time The Trust document was filed with the clerk's office listing Edwards as the sole trustee. That Trust was created by one Peter Kershaw, who is listed as the Creator. As an aside, only the Creator can name the original trustee or trustees in a trust.

There is evidence that there was at least one meeting held concerning the trusteeships between the parties where it became clear to all other parties that Kershaw had not made anyone but Edwards a trustee. When these meetings did not end with a result that pleased Frankford, and apparently the others (although they have not forwarded any documents or statements on this matter), then a meeting was held on October 31, 2004, for the purpose of dissolving The Church and The Ministry. They could not, of course, dissolve The Trust because they were not empowered by the Trust Creator to do anything.

### **FRANKFORD, WILLIAMS AND DRIEMAN DISSOLVE MINISTRY AND CHURCH**

The meeting of October 31, 2004, indicates that the three other men in this matter, Frankford, Williams and Drieman, made a decision to separate themselves from Edwards, and his wife, in a meeting held for the purpose of dissolution of the Church and the Ministry. In that meeting, they order Edwards to no longer use the acronym "PASC." It is unclear what authority that the board members believed that they had to order such. No evidence of any copyrighting of the acronym was

presented by any of the parties. However, it is noted that Edwards did in fact cease to use the acronym in favor of "PASCOSPT" at their request.

### **KIZER INVOLVED HIMSELF WITHOUT STANDING TO DO SO**

On October 29, 2004, Homer Kizer, whose position in all of this is unclear, and who apparently took it upon himself to publish the comments related to Edwards, elected to post publicly on his website at: [homerkizer.org](http://homerkizer.org) a defamatory letter related to Edwards. That "Open Letter" laid accusations of fraud, hoax and improper attention to a woman not his wife against Edwards. The letter did not pretend to include any evidence of the author's claims.

On November 4, 2004, I saw that web page as indicated in the earlier posts put on kizer-frankfort website. I contacted Kizer to let him know that I believed his web page to be defamatory. Instead of Kizer responding, I was approached via email by Frankford, with his own "witnesses" for the purpose of making this matter his issue. The rest of the facts are reasonably deducible from the facts and documents delivered and posted on the [www.kizer-frankfort.4t.com](http://www.kizer-frankfort.4t.com) web page.

Kizer, because he refused to take down his open letter, was asked as a result of his public defamatory remarks to produce the evidence he had against the brother, Edwards. To date, despite being asked many times to either produce the evidence, Kizer has not produced one bit of evidence of any of the accusations made on Kizer's public web page. I asked once again publicly for that evidence based upon the Step 3 procedure by which this action was taken to the Church. I was again refused and instead given Kizer's latest defamatory letter, discussed below.

### **EDWARDS RESPONDS TO ACCUSATIONS**

Edwards has responded with a set of reasons he could not work with Frankford. I am including that unedited at the end of this document under the title, "Phillip Daniel Frankford not acceptable as Trustee." Having read through this document, what I find is that Edwards found that Frankford supported the accusatory, divisive writings of Homer Kizer which preceded those I found on the internet at Kizer's website. Those accusatory writings, according to Edwards, made it impossible to work with Frankford. There has been nothing posted to date to refute that assertion and so I believe it to be true.

### **WILLIAMS? ACCUSATION OF ILLEGALITY**

Edwards posted to me a copy of an email sent to him from Terry Williams which suggested that Edwards was taking part in some sort of scam to defraud the government of taxes. That series of communications is listed below under the title "Williams Frankford Email of August 4, 2004." Edwards answers that email in context. The statement does indeed seem to indicate that Williams believes that what Edwards is doing might be illegal, but no evidence of any illegality is found or evidenced in Williams' writings.

Reading Williams' concerns as voiced to Frankford, it appears to me that Williams gets his law from the whisperings of the neighbors, and not from anyone qualified to understand, much less give an opinion as to the legality of avoiding taxes as much as possible. I find that there is nothing illegal in tax avoidance. Tax evasion is illegal but nothing in the email suggests that Edwards was desirous of evading any taxes but of avoiding legally all taxes that were not due. This, as stated by many a noble statesman since our country began, is the duty of a citizen.

#### **KIZER AND FRANKFORD AGAIN DEFAME EDWARDS**

On December 19, 2004, Phillip Frankford posted to the Likeminds Internet Forum a letter written by Homer Kizer apparently on that day in which Kizer brings up yet another instance of a supposed fraud by Edwards. That document is included below under the title, "*An Open Letter Concerning Norman Scott Edwards.*"

Kizer accuses Edwards of pocketing and selling Kizer a house he did not own. This was Kizer's sole contribution in support of the defamatory writings on his webpage. Edwards' response is included below Kizer's open letter. That response is entitled, "*An Open Letter Concerning Norman Scott Edwards, An Accusation of Deceit With Response from Edwards.*" Both writings are incorporated under their names and are unedited.

What Kizer submitted in his report is a "receipt for a down payment." I see nothing more than that in the document. I see nothing that says that Edwards owned the house and in fact see where it is specifically stated that the deposit is taken with a proviso that the tax issue be settled.

As an aside, it happens all of the time that people sell things that they don't own, and then go out and get the items to fill the orders. There is nothing illegal in this, despite Kizer's claims. The illegality, had there been any, would have been if Edwards took the money with no intent of ever delivering the property or of returning

the monies paid for that property or if there was never any possibility of Edwards producing the object of the sale. This is NOT the case in this matter.

Kizer has once again accused a brother of sin and refused to support his accusation with any evidence. This is the same issue of which I earnestly requested Kizer's and Frankford's repentance. But, I will return to this.

#### **RECEIPT IS A DOWN PAYMENT, NOT A BILL OF SALE**

What is seen in the receipt is that Edwards took money as a down payment. A down payment is not a sale. The handwritten receipt is not a contract for sale of real property but a receipt for a down payment on a possible sale. This is VERY common in real estate. It certainly is not fraud to conduct one's self in this manner. The down payment assured that IF Edwards got title to the property as it was supposed to happen (had not Kizer offended the actual owners who thereafter refused to sell to Kizer), then Kizer would be the purchaser from Edwards, who could not resell the house to anyone else without the agreement of Kizer with an additional consideration for his first position to purchase.

#### **DOWN PAYMENT RETURNED BECAUSE OWNER IS NOT INTERESTED IN SELLING TO KIZER**

Next, in Edwards' closing comments, it is clear that the money given in down payment is being returned due to the documents posted by Kizer showing that the actual owner has refused to deal with Kizer. This closes the last of that matter and clearly indicates that there was no fraud in the way the house matter was conducted.

#### **ALL MONIES AND EXPENSES INCURRED BY PARTIES TO BE REIMBURSED BY TRUST**

There is the matter of the money put into the trust on the part of Williams. In Edwards' "Summary of Events at Port Austin" which is also included below, Edwards has stated for the public record that all monies and expenses incurred by the three other parties will be reimbursed in full.

#### **REASONABLE FINDINGS OF FACTS NO FRAUD BY EDWARDS**

What can be reasonably found from the evidence? Do I find any fraud on the part of Norm Edwards? No, I find none.

I find that these four men got together without really knowing each others' intents and found themselves unable to agree on how to do what was to be done, or even to

agree on what was to be done in furtherance of the stated goals of the two men who originated the idea.

#### **EDWARDS ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED**

It is clear that Edwards met with the men in an attempt to explain why the Grantor of the Trust decided to include only Edwards as trustee. The facts show that the other three walked out without attempting to get an explanation. Instead, they conducted a pseudo Matthew 18 procedure in which they claimed to be the Church and then conducted a Matthew 18 hearing in absentia (for which no provision is made in scripture) with themselves as the Church wherein they agreed to sever all relationship with Edwards, and his wife. To this date, it is unknown why Mrs. Edwards was selected for their abuse.

#### **MATTHEW 18 ABUSED**

It is clear that no "church" hearing was conducted by the parties. Matthew 18 does not mean that the parties to the matter call themselves a church and then go out to beat up on another brother or sister. Yet, that is exactly what the three men did in the name of Christ.

It is certainly true that they should have gone to that brother privately, and some evidence in the form of a statement by Frankford exists that some attempt was made privately to go to Edwards. However, Edwards has rebutted that assertion and stated that the only attempt made was in the meeting in which the other parties walked out without hearing Edwards. This cannot be legitimately called a Matthew 18 procedure.

There is no evidence submitted to date that shows that any attempt to take neutral parties from the Church in order to witness the exchange between brothers was done as is provided for in the Second Step of Matthew 18.

From that point, the parties, as led by Frankford, have apparently supported the public defamation of Edwards. I therefore can only find that Matthew 18 was not done and that what little was done was an abuse of Matthew 18 for the purpose of demeaning and attacking a brother. Whatever was done, according to the evidence in hand, was an abuse of Matthew 18, not done in love but in spite in an attempt to force a brother to comply or destroy what that brother is doing in vengeance.

#### **OTHER FACTS REASONABLY DEDUCIBLE**

What I see is four men who apparently did not get legal advice on how

to structure what they wanted to do and who could not put aside their egos long enough to serve the brethren around them--or the God they claim to serve.

It is clear from the evidence that at least one of those four stirred up dissension in that group. It is clear from the evidence that none of the men understood the complexities of the arrangements they had attempted. That is easily seen from their naming the entities such that the acronyms were identical. This confusion led to more misunderstanding as to the purpose of the effort. This misunderstanding of the purpose led to a strained relationship between the men, which led to the Grantor causing only Edwards to be appointed Trustee.

It appears from the evidence that the end result was hard feelings leading to recriminations, the recriminations leading from there to the public defamation of Edwards.

#### CONCLUSION

This matter began over the public posting of defamatory comments by a brother about a brother. This is seen at the [www.kizer-frankfort.4t.com](http://www.kizer-frankfort.4t.com) website. The accusers were asked to do one of two things, either provide the evidence or cease all further defamatory comments, including taking down the web page.

The defaming brothers, Kizer and Frankford, have steadfastly refused to post the evidence of their claims. Instead, they have taken to defaming me as their defense. What little that has been posted in support of their claims does not support those claims. The actions of Kizer and Frankford have from the beginning of this procedure, and, from the evidence submitted, early on in this activity, been divisive.

Therefore, I see no reason to believe that Kizer or Frankford intend to repent of their sin of publicly defaming a brother (false witness). Although it is my intent by posting this that they will be convinced to see that no illegal or fraudulent activities were intended by anyone in this matter, and therefore repent of those public defamatory accusations, it is my belief that even this public assessing of the matters underlying this set of events will not dissuade them from their sin.

For this reason, it is with a heavy heart that I conclude these brothers in sin and pending repentance consider them as the heathens and publicans Christ asked us to do. I lay the evidence before the brethren in the hopes that they will assist me in moving these men to repent and rejoin the Body of Christ.

As to Drieman and Williams, it is my belief that they had no part of the public defamation of Edwards. It is my belief that Drieman had reasonable concerns about legitimacy of tax strategies and that those should have been clearly explained to Drieman by Edwards or someone who understood those strategies and could convey them in such a way that Drieman could understand them.

As to Edwards, it is my belief that Edwards contributed to this confusion because of his inability to convey his understanding of avoidance versus evasion. He also contributed to this confusion by not conveying his intended actions until he had already done them. It is not sin to change your mind. If it were, all of us would be doomed. It is sin to say one thing while all the while intending something different. There does not appear to be any evidence that Edwards put all of this in motion for the intent of cutting out the other potential trustees and taking anything unlawfully from them. The evidence leads to the conclusion that Edwards changed his mind about having the other three as Trustees based upon misgivings about the ability of the other three to actually conform themselves to the purpose of the Trust. There is no sin in that.

In all cases, it is my opinion based upon the writings of the men involved and the copies of documents forwarded to me that these men did not fully understand what they were getting into, did not understand the law behind the entities they were attempting to put into motion and were not able to conduct themselves in a manner befitting Christian brothers, despite their claim to be desirous of that in their documents.

There was no evidence of fraud. There was confusion; all of the parties are culpable for the confusion.

There was and continues to be defamation. Edwards should, as he has stated he will do, refund all of the money put into the trust by the parties, including reasonable expenses.

Kizer should probably prepare for a defamation suit. Frankford should probably prepare for a defamation suit. These preparations should be considered by the Church as the result of damage done to a brother by a heathen and publican, and not by a brother, because of the refusal to repent of those brothers.

There was no evidence presented of any improper relationship with any woman who is not Edwards' wife.

There was no evidence of any hoax being perpetrated on the brethren submitted to us.

Royce Mitchell, Jr.  
Brother in Christ

From:

<http://conclusionkizerfrankford.4t.com/index.html>

\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\*\*

COMING IN ISSUE #26:  
Bless Those Who Curse You  
--by Jeffrey Caldwell

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Present Day Persecution:  
Port Austin, Michigan  
Sabbatarian Community in  
Crisis

LET YOUR WOMEN KEEP  
SILENCE IN THE CHURCHES:  
by Laura Lee  
Bismarck, North Dakota

This has long been a controversy in the Church and in the world, but is it **Biblically** true or are many people just taking a couple of scriptures and making a doctrine out of them which both hurts the mission of the Church of God and oppresses women at the same time.

Human nature generally tends towards the thinking that because everybody is doing it or everybody believes something it must be right or true. Many people reading this article understand this concept is rarely the case in fact. Is it possible that on this subject matter that the majority could possibly be wrong as well?

We find these scriptures used to oppress women in I Corinthians 14:34-35:

34. Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

35. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

When one first reads over these scriptures, in verse 35 where it says: "if they (women) will learn any thing," it almost sounds as though women are so stupid that it is hard to teach them any thing. Did God create women stupid?

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us (God the Father and Christ) make man (Strong's #120, man and woman) in our (God the Father and Christ's) image, after our (God the Father and Christ's) likeness: and **let them (man and woman) 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.

In Genesis 1:26 we find that both man and woman were created in God's image and that both man and woman equally had dominion over all the earth. There is absolutely no hierarchy spoken of here, showing that any man has control over any woman. It also proves that if women were indeed made stupid, then so to must God be stupid, for God made both man and woman in the image of God himself, as shown again in Genesis 1:27.

27. So God created man (man and woman) in his (God the Father and Christ's) own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them (man and woman). Genesis 1:27

Here's what the law of God says in regard to how men should treat women.

6. Whoso sheddeth man's (mans or womans) blood, by man (man or woman) shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man (man and woman). Genesis 9:6

God does not want man or woman to kill other men or women because both men and women are made in the image of God. This again shows that men and women are equal in the sight of God and that there should be no oppression coming from either of the sexes against the other whether it be in abusive words which can lead to physical abuse which can lead to murder. Men and women are equal in God's eyes.

7. For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. 1 Corinthians 11:7

Man is to be the glory (honor or reflection) of God and woman is to be the glory (honor or reflection) of man. In other words Man is to be like God in his character and woman is to then in turn be like her husband as he, her husband reflects God. There is nothing in this verse which even remotely shows that women are to be submissive to men no matter what men might do or order someone to do. This verse simply shows that both men and women are to follow God and that just as God leads the man, then so to does the man lead the woman in the things of God.

16. Nevertheless when it (both men and women) shall turn to the Lord, the veil (blindness) shall be taken away.

17. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

18. But we **all (men and women)**, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the **same image** from glory to glory, even

as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:16-18

Again in the above scriptures there is no hierarchy of men over women shown. Both men and women equally will be changed into the same spiritual image of God by God's Spirit. For those men and women who truly are converted and have God's Holy Spirit working in them there will be no reflection of men oppressing women by the use of scripture twisted into false doctrines.

When men believe that women are not spiritually equal to them in God's eyes, **there can be no growth within the Church for there is no love. God's Church only grows and thrives on love.**

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 (Strong's #3101, follower of Christ), if ye have love one to another.** John 13:34-35

There is no gender specific command there only to love men and not women. It says to love all disciples because by your love for one another will you be known to the outside world. **If no love reflects from your group then you are not treating all those in your group as equal in spiritual things.**

Why does your light not reflect the love of God to the entire world?

12. And because iniquity (sin) shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. Matthew 24:12

How do you believe this happens? If men and women are created spiritually equal in the image of God, and if woman cannot be stupid unless God is stupid, then perhaps it is time for men who believe they are to rule over women, to start looking at how this sin of oppression to women clearly is an abuse in the eyes of God.

When man makes a doctrine based on basically two scriptures from the bible we can for the most part generally find that it will be a false doctrine. A false doctrine is one that cannot be supported with other scriptural proofs from Genesis to Revelation.

When men and it is generally men, continue to promote the doctrine that women are not to speak in the church, they are doing a great disservice to both God and the Church. Essentially what this doctrine teaches is that woman cannot teach, preach, or prophesy in any way shape or form the word of God. Now some men do say it is okay for woman to sing in church and ask questions, but is that what the scripture says which they base their false doctrine on?

34. Let your women keep silence in the

churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

35. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. 1 Corinthians 14:34-35

Let's really dissect these two verses. "Let your women keep silence in the churches:" In other words women should keep silent in all churches as the word churches there is plural. "For it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law." Now whether one wants to say there is a law in God's law which specifically commands women not to speak or whether you want to say that the law of God commands women only to submit to men, one cannot find either of those laws any where in the law of God. Remember earlier, God's command in Genesis was that both men and women have dominion over the entire earth, Gen. 1:26. And so far no one has been able to find a law of God in the Old Testament which forbids women to speak in any capacity including in church. What we do find from Genesis to Revelation is that women were found doing the work of God, whether it be teaching, prophesying or some other form of discipleship.

Let's continue with: "And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church." If we are to take this literally for what it says, this would certainly exclude women from both singing and asking questions, since it clearly says to ask 'whatever' of their husbands at home. It also goes on to say it is a shame for a woman to speak in church. In other words she just plain should not be speaking at all in church and if she is able to learn, learn it from her husband at home. So I would conclude from this that even the men who are promoting this false doctrine, clearly can't read the scripture if they are teaching along with it that women can sing or ask questions in church, because I don't see that written into that command, if indeed it truly is a command of God as false teachers say it is.

### **Paul Quotes From the Letter He Received From the Corinthians or from the Talmud?**

If these two scriptures are not commands of God, then what are they doing here and where did they come from? If one reads the entire chapter of 1 Corinthians 14, one will find that either Paul is a very confused man or these two scriptures are clearly out of context in

regard to what Paul is saying here. Look at:  
31. For **ye may all prophesy one by one**, that all may learn, and **all** may be comforted. 1 Corinthians 14:31

This scripture clearly says **all prophesy, both men and women**. In order to prophesy, one must speak. That verse clearly comes before verses 34 & 35. Then after Paul tells women to shut up in verses 34 & 35, Paul again tells us in verse 39:

39. Wherefore, **brethren (men and women), covet to prophesy**, and **forbid not** to speak with tongues. 1 Corinthians 14:39

So is Paul confused or is there another explanation for verses 34 & 35?

We find a valid explanation for this discrepancy in other scriptures, for instance:

1. Now concerning the things whereof **ye (the Corinthians) wrote unto me (Paul)**: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. 1 Corinthians 7:1

In 1 Corinthians we find where Paul is clearly quoting what the Corinthians wrote to him. So might verses 34 & 35 be a quotation from some place else? We also find the below listed scriptures which clearly show that Paul was writing to the Corinthians in regard to things that were wrong in their church.

1 Corinthians 4:14 **I write** not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you.

1 Corinthians 5:9 **I wrote** unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

1 Corinthians 14:37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that **I write** unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 1:13 For **we write** none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end;

2 Corinthians 2:3 And **I wrote** this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.

2 Corinthians 2:4 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart **I wrote** unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

2 Corinthians 2:9 For to this end also did **I write**, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.

2 Corinthians 7:12 Wherefore, though **I wrote** unto you, I did it not for his cause that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might

appear unto you.

2 Corinthians 9:1 For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me **to write** to you:

2 Corinthians 13:2 I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now **I write** to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare:

2 Corinthians 13:10 Therefore **I write** these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

We also can tell from scripture that Paul having been a Pharisee who was responsible for killing those with in the Church of God knew full well what the "oral law of the Jews" said.

13. For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the **Jews' religion**, how that beyond measure **I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:**

14. And **profited in the Jews' religion** above many my equals in mine own nation, **being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers (for example the Talmud)**. Galatians 1:13-14

In other words, Paul was persecuting the Church of God because he was following the "traditions of his fathers". The Jews' religion referred to here is the law of the Jews or what is referred to as the "Jewish Oral Law" which has been since written down and is included in the Talmud and other books which the Jewish people hold in high esteem. This "Jewish Oral Law" was exactly what Christ was blasting them for in Matthew Chapter 23. The Pharisees and Scribes were binding heavy burdens on the people which were clearly not written within the law of God. This "Jewish Oral Law" is not nor never was the word of God and contained within the "Jewish Oral Law" are many things which are clearly against the law of God or which were meant to control others.

In the below verses, one can clearly see that Christ did not go along with the Jews "tradition of the elders," because it was in many cases the opposite of what God's law said or commanded of us.

2. Why do thy **disciples transgress the tradition of the elders?** for they wash not their hands when they eat bread.

3. But he answered and said unto them, **Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?** Matthew 15:2-3

3. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat

not, **holding the tradition of the elders**. Mark 7:3

4. And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brassen vessels, and of tables.

5. Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, **Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders**, but eat bread with unwashed hands?

6. **For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men**, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

7. And he said unto them, **Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition**. Mark 7:3-9

6. And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. **Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition**. Matthew 15:6

13. **Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition**, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye. Mark 7:13

The Jewish oral law taught people not to honor their fathers and mothers, among many other things which clearly were against the Law of God and which Christ in no way ever went along with as we can see from the above scriptures.

8. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, **after the tradition of men**, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. Colossians 2:8

So with the above warning in mind, we must be sure that what we teach to others is of God or whether it is from the tradition of men, or in other words, things which men make up and teach in order to control other people in some way.

### Women Leaders in the Bible

Whether 1 Corinthians 14:34-35 was a quote from a letter that the Corinthians wrote to Paul or Paul was quoting it from the Talmud or some other part of the "Jewish Oral Law," it doesn't really matter, because it can be proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that many scriptures from Genesis to Revelation show women doing the same spiritual things that men have long claimed is only exclusive to them. Let's look at some of them:

### Miriam

We find Miriam leading other women in

songs, music and dance.

20. And **Miriam the prophetess**, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

21. And **Miriam** answered them, Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. Exodus 15:20-21

#### Huldah

We find the king consulting Huldah for her knowledge in regard to the law of God.

13. Go ye, inquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us.

14. So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asahiah, went unto **Huldah the prophetess**, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her.

15. And she said unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me,

16. Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read:

17. Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched.

18. But to the king of Judah which sent you to inquire of the Lord, Thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, As touching the words which thou hast heard;

19. Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the Lord, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the Lord.

20. Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again. 2 Kings 22:13-20 (See also 2 Chronicles 34:21-28)

#### Anna

We find Anna speaking in regard to Christ, to all who looked for redemption in Jerusalem.

36. And there was one **Anna**, a **prophetess**, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

37. And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

38. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and **spake of him (Christ) to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.** Luke 2:36-37

#### Phebe

We find Phebe in charge of the church at Cenchrea and Paul is telling others to assist her in the business of the church as she needs.

1. I commend unto you **Phebe our sister**, which is a **servant (minister/deacon See Strong's #1249)** of the church which is at Cenchrea:

2. That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye **assist her** in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a **succourer (a woman set over others See Strong's #4368)** of many, and of **myself (Paul)** also. Romans 16:1-2

#### Deborah

We find that Deborah was a judge who judged matters of both men and women as the law of God stated. Deborah was definitely a woman who corrected both men and women when correction according to the law of God was needed.

4. And **Deborah, a prophetess**, the wife of Lapidoth, **she judged Israel (both men and women)** at that time.

5. And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the **children of Israel (both men and women) came up to her for judgment.** Judges 4:4-5

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#### A MATTER OF FAITH

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1. Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

2. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. Hebrews 4:1-2

Preconceived ideas hinder our understanding of God's teachings. Just as the disciples had preconceived that Christ would restore the kingdom right then, that clouded their mind so that they did not understand that Christ came to fulfill the words of God, what had been written of Him, including that He must be the Lamb of God without blemish, and give himself as our sacrifice. (Mark 9:31-32 Luke 24:44-46) They thought they could prove that Christ would restore the kingdom right then by scripture. Even if many had taught that error, that did not make it the truth. We have a preconceived idea; THAT CHRIST COULD HAVE SINNED. Which no one argues, would have scrapped God's plan. This leads us and others to doubt God's promises, to relegate them to "good intentions" and God to a state of weakness. And causes us to miss MUCH VALUABLE UNDERSTANDING, and true FAITH.

Another point that should be made: When Martin Luther "came out of the Catholic church" he and many that followed (Anglican, Baptist, Presbyterian, etc.) still held to many of their teachings. How much have we "come out"? Are we still tenaciously holding on to many of the errors that we've been taught? Do we still believe all we were taught was the plain truth?

To clear up this preconceived idea we need to answer three very important questions:

1. Did God promise that Christ would (not could) be our savior?

2. Was Christ's sacrifice absolutely necessary?

3. Can we believe God?

You might ask, why are these questions important? The answer concerns our FAITH in God, our excellent knowledge of Christ, whether we represent God and Christ properly to others, and whether we build up the FAITH of others or tear it down.

13. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

Ephesians 4:13

If God declared without a doubt that Christ must fulfill the roll of "the lamb of God", to be a sinless sacrifice in order to make it possible for us, and those before us, and after us, to have hope of eternal life; then if Christ had sinned, God's words were not 100% sure, and where would that place His other promises?

It might be thought to be a small matter, to us, after the fact, but, can you imagine Abraham telling Isaac that Christ could sin, but probably wouldn't, the odds were certainly in his favor, but... Or asking Christ: "Do you think You will be able to do it?"

23. And the scripture was fulfilled which says, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. James 2:23

We are warned to discern false prophets and reject them, and that they would come. Matthew 7:15 Matthew 24:4-5 Revelation 2:2

One of the false teachings we are warned of is a teaching of another Christ, and/or another gospel.

6. I marvel that you are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:  
7. Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. Galatians 1:6-7

22. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 1 John 2:22

The basis we are to judge by is God's word, not what some man/men have taught us. Romans 10:17 1 Corinthians 2:5 John 17:17 Matthew 15:8-9

We must be cleansed of our preconceived ideas so that we can understand God's teachings. We have been taught that Christ was human, and because He was human, He could have sinned, and by that sin lose His eternal life. And because we would not have a sacrifice to wash away our sins, to atone for us, we, and all those before, would be lost, thereby thwarting God's promises.

17. And if Christ be not raised, your faith [is] vain; you are yet in your sins.

18. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

19. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. 1 Corinthians 15:17-19

That teaching makes God out to be a well meaning but weak do-gooder, unable to fulfill His promises, because they were dependent on a necessary but unreliable second party. Isn't that exactly what Satan would want us to believe, that we can not

believe God?

17. But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die. Genesis 2:17

4. And the serpent said unto the woman, You shall not surely die: Genesis 3:4  
But is that what God's word says?

17. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed [it] by an oath:

18. That by two immutable things, in which [it was] impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

19. Which [hope] we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters into that within the veil; Hebrews 6:17-19

22. Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

23. Let us hold fast the profession of [our] faith without wavering; (for he [is] faithful that promised;) Hebrews 10:22-23

Does not God's word say that there is nothing too hard for Him? I know (somewhat) how hard this is to accept. Abraham did not learn this right away, but he did, and became the father of the faithful.

14. Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son. Genesis 18:14

17. Ah Lord GOD! behold, you have made the heaven and the earth by your great power and stretched out arm, [and] there is nothing too hard for thee: Jeremiah 32:17

26. Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

27. Behold, I [am] the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me? Jeremiah 32:26-27

Did he not also believe that what God promises He will do?

2. In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; Titus 1:2

55. Yet you have not known him; but I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying.

56. Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw [it], and was glad. John 8:55-56

Abraham knew of Christ's sacrifice, it

was 100% sure to him, as if it had already been accomplished. Why, because God had said it. 1 Peter 1:18-21.

If we do not believe that God keeps His promises, and can fulfill them, then we are of all men most miserable having only a hope of a hope, not much more than a dream, not the FAITH of hope, that we need to endure.

19. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. 1 Corinthians 15:19

### DO YOU BELIEVE GOD'S PROMISES?

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8. And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. Genesis 22:8

15. And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a meat offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make reconciliation for them, says the Lord GOD. Ezekiel 45:15

29. The next day John saw Jesus coming unto him, and says, Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world. John 1:29

20. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them. Isaiah 19:20

3. For I [am] the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour: I gave Egypt [for] your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. Isaiah 43:3

11. I, [even] I, [am] the LORD; and beside me [there is] no saviour. Isaiah 43:11

4. Yet I [am] the LORD your God from the land of Egypt, and you shall know no god but me: for [there is] no saviour beside me. Hosea 13:4

20. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, you son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary your wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21. And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22. Now all this was done, that it might be

- fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,
23. Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Matthew 1:20-23
10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11
41. And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:
42. And she spoke out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed [art] you among women, and blessed [is] the fruit of your womb.
43. And whence [is] this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
44. For, lo, as soon as the voice of your salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.
45. And blessed [is] she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.
46. And Mary said, My soul does magnify the Lord,
47. And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour.
48. For he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
49. For he that is mighty has done to me great things; and holy [is] his name.
50. And his mercy [is] on them that fear him from generation to generation.
51. He has showed strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
52. He has put down the mighty from [their] seats, and exalted them of low degree.
53. He has filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he has sent empty away.
54. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of [his] mercy;
55. As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever. Luke 1:41-55
25. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name [was] Simeon; and the same man [was] just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.
26. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
27. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,
28. Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,
29. Lord, now let you your servant depart in peace, according to your word:
30. For mine eyes have seen your salvation,
31. Which you have prepared before the face of all people;
32. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel. Luke 2:25-32
10. For you wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt you suffer your Holy One to see corruption. Psalm 16:10
33. [Saying], Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles:
34. And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again. Mark 10:33-34
10. He that believeth on the Son of God has the witness in himself: he that believeth not God has made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.
11. And this is the record, that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
12. He that has the Son has life; [and] he that has not the Son of God has not life.
13. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5:10-13
17. And if Christ be not raised, your faith [is] vain; you are yet in your sins.
18. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. 1 Corinthians 15:17-18
21. I have not written unto you because you know not the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth.
22. Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.
23. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same has not the Father: [(but) he that acknowledges the Son has the Father also].
24. Let that therefore abide in you, which you have heard from the beginning. If that which you have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, you also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.
25. And this is the promise that he has promised us, [even] eternal life. 1 John 2:21-25
11. Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of [this] calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of [his] goodness, and the work of faith with power:
12. That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12
25. Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:
26. Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory?
27. And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. Luke 24:25-27

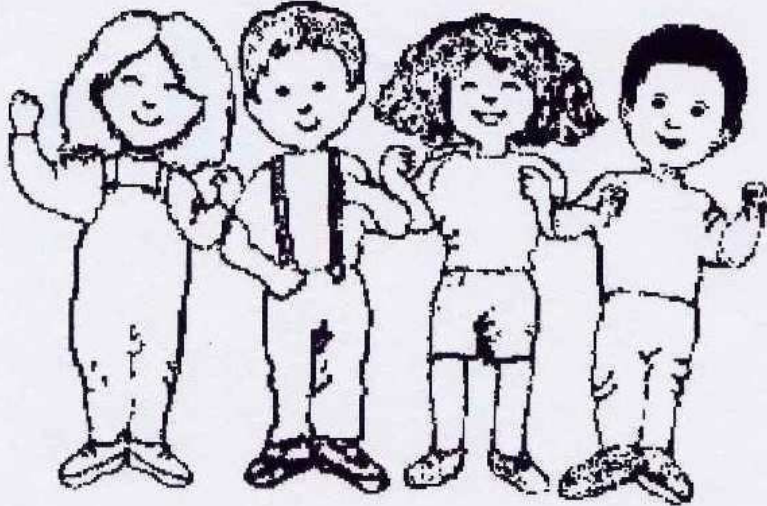
#### IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE GOD'S WORDS CONCERNING CHRIST...

10. He that believeth on the Son of God has the witness in himself: he that believeth not God has made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.
11. And this is the record, that God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
12. He that has the Son has life; [and] he that has not the Son of God has not life.
13. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5:10-13
21. From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Matthew 16:21
53. Think you that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?
54. But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? Matthew 26:53-54
49. I was daily with you in the temple

- teaching, and you took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled. Mark 14:49
49. And he said unto them, How is it that you sought me? knew you not that I must be about my Father's business? Luke 2:49
43. And he said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of God to other cities also: for therefore am I sent. Luke 4:43
31. The same day there came certain of the Pharisees, saying unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence: for Herod will kill thee.
32. And he said unto them, Go you, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures to day and to morrow, and the third [day] I shall be perfected.
33. Nevertheless I must walk to day, and to morrow, and the [day] following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem.
34. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which kill the prophets, and stone them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered your children together, as a hen [does gather] her brood under [her] wings, and you would not! Luke 13:31-34
5. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at your house. Luke 19:5
18. But those things, which God before had showed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he has so fulfilled. Acts 3:18
37. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end. Luke 22:37
27. And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.
28. And the scripture was fulfilled, which says, And he was numbered with the transgressors. Mark 15:27-28
6. He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spoke unto you when he was yet in Galilee,
7. Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.
8. And they remembered his words, Luke 24:6-8
44. And he said unto them, These [are] the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and [in] the prophets, and [in] the psalms, concerning me. Luke 24:44
4. I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. John 9:4
22. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Matthew 1:22
15. And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. Matthew 2:15
17. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,
18. In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping [for] her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. Matthew 2:17-18
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. Matthew 2:23
14. But John forbid him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and come you to me?
15. And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer [it to be so] now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him. Matthew 3:14-15
12. Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;
13. And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephtholim:
14. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,
15. The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephtholim, [by] the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;
16. The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up. Matthew 4:12-16
16. When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with [his] word, and healed all that were sick:
17. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,
- Himself took our infirmities, and bare [our] sicknesses. Matthew 8:16-17
16. And charged them that they should not make him known:
17. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,
18. Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles. Matthew 12:16-21
- GOD TOLD NOT ONLY WHAT BUT ALSO WHEN.**
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28. And the scripture was fulfilled, which says, And he was numbered with the transgressors.
29. And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ah, you that destroys the temple, and builds [it] in three days,
30. Save thyself, and come down from the cross.
31. Likewise also the chief priests mocking said among themselves with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save.
32. Let Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reviled him. Mark 15:27-32
6. But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Hebrews 11:6
31. For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day.
32. But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him. Mark 9:31-32
44. And he said unto them, These [are] the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and [in] the prophets, and [in] the psalms, concerning me.
45. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the

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For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. II Timothy 1:7

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Jeremiah 10: 1- 6  
Isaiah 40: 18- 21 To whom, then, can we compare God?  
John 1:1- 14  
I Timothy 1:6  
II Timothy 4:4  
Luke 2: 9- 11  
Matthew 2: 1- 11

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scriptures,

46. And said unto them, Thus it is written,  
and thus it behooved Christ to suffer,  
and to rise from the dead the third day:  
Luke 24:44-46

This study could go on and on with proofs that what Yahweh said was going to happen was destined to happen. It was, as all these scriptures show, virtually impossible for anything to happen that would throw any of the predictions off track. Therefore, we have to believe that it was not only probable, but totally immutable that Christ was destined to do exactly as it had been prophesied that He would do.

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