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Have you ever wondered why you can't find a single reference in the New Testament to Sunday replacing the 7th day Sabbath, or even a single verse that declares Sunday the new day of worship because of the resurrection? It's because the Pope (in 120 AD), not Jesus, gave Christians Sunday. When all the Apostles were dead the Pope threw out God's 7th day Sabbath and brought in Sunday. It's the day the pagans worshiped their chief god, the Sun-

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god, and that’s why Christians assemble on Sunday instead of the day Jesus kept holy and called Himself Lord of—the 7th day Sabbath (Mark 2:27-28; Heb. 4:9; cf. Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 20:8-11; Is. 66:23).

Easter or Christmas can’t be found in the New Testament, let alone an Apostle telling us to celebrate them for the resurrection and birth of Jesus Christ. Again, it’s because Easter and Xmas were authorized by the Popes, not Jesus nor any of His Apostles. The Roman Catholic Church gave Christians Easter (in 120 AD) and Xmas (in 350 AD). Shouldn’t we follow Jesus? After all, how can *illicit SEX* (an acronym for Sunday, Easter, and Xmas) be God’s Days when they’re not authorized by God in the New Testament?

How did the 7th day Sabbath, Passover, and the prohibition against eating unclean animals like that pig, stop being God’s Ways? Is it because Jesus Christ ‘fulfilled’ Mosaic Law? Listen carefully to what your Lord said about the Law and ‘fulfill’: **“Do not think** that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy, but to fulfill.” (Matthew 5:17 NKJV) ‘Do not think’ that Jesus destroyed the Law by ‘fulfilling it.’ The Church teaches that ‘fulfilled’ means ‘Christ did away with the Law,’ but Jesus states just the opposite! (cf. Mt. 5:18-19; Luke 24:44 for what *fulfill* means) Christians have been deceived as to how to walk out their faith in Christ.

All the Apostles, including Paul, kept the 7th day Sabbath and Passover, and all the Feasts of Israel (Lev. 23) all their lives because, among other things, they are pictures of Who Jesus is and what He has done for us. There is absolutely nothing about Sunday, Easter or Xmas that speak of Jesus. Oh yes, pastors can ‘superimpose Jesus upon those days,’ but that’s like someone superimposing “Christian country” upon the USA—it just ain’t so.

Anyone can place anything upon Jesus, but it’s the Bible that tells us if it’s of God or not. For instance, there are people who say Jesus was the angel Michael (Jehovah’s Witnesses), and they have a thriving business deceiving their flock and each other. We know that the Lord Jesus wasn’t an angel before God the Son came in the flesh, but try as you might, the JW’s are adamant that He was Michael. How do we know they’re wrong? *Scripture* tells us that Jesus was God the Son from eternity past (e.g., John 1:1-3; 14:23). It’s the same with the 7th day Sabbath and the Feasts of Israel, but how could God allow such heresy to continue for almost 2,000 years? Without getting into possible reasons, it’s up to Christians to determine which of those Days and Ways are of Jesus Christ. Paul, speaking to the Athenians about salvation in Jesus, also speaks to Christians concerning their past behavior in practicing *illicit SEX*: “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent” (Acts 17:30 NKJV). Christians, walk out your faith in Jesus as the Apostles did.

The next time you read Acts, written by Gentile Luke, please note that the Sabbath is mentioned 8 times,<sup>1</sup> and Luke uses the Feasts of Israel as *time markers* 6 times,<sup>2</sup> letting us know *when* an event happened. Luke just doesn’t mention the Feasts—he uses them as time markers, thereby establishing for us today that they were celebrated by Gentile Christians in his day. An example of a time marker is this: if I say, ‘Let’s meet a day after Xmas,’ you know it’s Dec. 26th without me saying the date. Luke uses the Feasts of Israel like that to let his Gentile audience know *when* an event happened, and he doesn’t give any Roman dates, which he easily could have done. Luke’s use of the Feasts as time markers would have been meaningless to Gentile Christians if the Feasts had been ‘done away with at the cross,’ as the Church wrongly teaches. In other words, those Christians would never have heard of the Feasts of Israel, let alone known **when** they occurred, if Christ did away with the Law because the Feasts are in Mosaic Law. Luke wrote Acts in 64 AD or 34 years *after* the resurrection. The Church is very wrong! All Christians celebrated them until the Pope threw them out and brought in *illicit SEX*.

Christian pastors think that Sunday ‘is established’ by what Luke writes in Acts 20:7: “Now on the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message *until midnight*.” (Acts 20:7) This was no Sunday 11 AM worship service, but Paul’s last of seven days in Troas (Acts 20:6). He began in the *evening* and preached until midnight, and the **only** reason why Luke writes of this meeting is not to declare that Sunday is now ‘established,’ as Christian pastors falsely teach, but because at midnight Eutychus fell out of the third story, dead, and Paul raised him from the dead (Acts 20:9-10). Luke wants us to know that *the same anointing* that Peter had to raise Tabitha from the dead (Acts 8:16) also resided within Paul. It has nothing to do with Sunday replacing the 7th day Sabbath, especially when we realize that the biblical first day of the week begins at dark on Saturday night. That’s when Paul began preaching, as many theologians now realize. *There is no Sunday justification here*. You’d think they’d realize how wrong they are and say so, but tradition that nullifies God’s Word is very blinding—just ask the Pharisees (Mt. 15:3, 6, 9, etc.). Acts 20:7 is one of only two places where pastors go ‘to prove’ Sunday.<sup>3</sup>

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Sunday, Easter and Xmas (or *illicit SEX*) were *pagan* holy days 1,000 years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem. What do Easter *bunnies and eggs* have to do with the *resurrection* of Jesus and what does bringing a Xmas tree into one's home have to do with the *birth* of Christ? The Easter bunnies and eggs picture the Queen of Heaven as the *fertility* goddess, as bunnies are fertile and multiply rapidly. Her name in ancient Assyria was Ishtar, but in the USA, she's called Easter. She allegedly raised her *dead savior son* on *Ishtar Sunday* as the sun was coming up. He was the son of the Sun-god—what better time of day to raise him? He was born from a dead fir *tree* stump on Dec 25th. That's why the Easter sunrise service, but Christ was raised from the Tomb before the sun rose, as the women coming to the Tomb came while it was still dark (John 20:1). Xmas is celebrated on Dec. 25th with a fir tree coming into the homes of millions of Christians, but it has nothing to do with Jesus—it's the symbol for the birth of the pagan christ, the son of the Sun-god. You can thank Catholicism for *illicit SEX*.

When Christians practice *illicit SEX* they are not following Jesus nor His Apostles nor the New Testament, but Roman Catholicism, *in direct violation of God's Word*. Does it really matter what day you assemble on or what holy days you keep to honor Jesus? Only if you want to follow and obey Jesus and not the Pope. They're diametrically opposed to one another, but aren't all days alike? Not according to Jesus (Mt. 24:20; Mk. 2:28).<sup>4</sup>

Jesus is our Example and we're to follow Him—Paul says that Jesus is our Head, and we are His Body (Col. 1:18). John says, “He who says he abides in Him ought himself also *to walk just as He walked*” (1st John 2:6), and Hebrews states that, ‘Jesus Christ is the *same* yesterday, *today* and forever’ (Heb. 13:8). **Jesus hasn't changed!** He's still a Sabbath keeping, Passover celebrating, bacon and shrimp rejecting Savior. Are you following Jesus Christ or the Pope? *Illicit SEX* (Sunday, Easter, and Xmas) must not be placed upon Jesus any more than one can say that the USA is a Christian country. Jesus says, “You shall know the Truth (God's Way to live your life) and (God's) Truth shall set you free” (John 8:32); not the Pope's pagan days and ways. The question is—Are you so comfortable with the Catholic heresy of *illicit SEX* that you don't want God's Truth?

Jesus is God's Life and Way for all of us! (John 14:6)

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1. For the Sabbath: Acts 13:14, 27, 42, 44; 15:21; 16:13; 17:2; 18:4; also Col. 2:16, and Heb. 4:9 (the KJV and NKJV fail to correctly translate the Greek word Sabbatismos in Heb. 4:9, but all other Bibles have Sabbath rest; not just 'rest').
2. Luke speaks of the Feasts of Israel, as time markers, 6 times, in Acts 2:1; 12:3-4; 20:6, 16; 27:9, and Paul speaks of them twice (1st Cor. 5:6-8; 16:8). See [The Feasts of Israel and the Church](#).
3. The only other place where the first day of the week is mentioned (after the resurrection) is 1st Cor. 16:2. Pastors say it was a Sunday church meeting, taking up the tithe, but read the 3 verses (1st Cor. 16:1-3) and see that Paul tells them to take up a special love offering ('the collection for the saints'), and 'to lay aside' (in their homes) every Sunday, which was a work day, so they'd have a gift for the poor Jewish Christians in Jerusalem (storing it up themselves). This way, when Paul came, they'd be able to bring their monetary gift to the (Sabbath) meeting and give it to Paul, and he'd give it to the saints in Jerusalem. It wasn't a tithe they were giving, and it wasn't a Sunday church service (cf. 2nd Cor. 9:1-5f.).

Someone might point to Rom. 14:5-6, but Paul isn't speaking about us choosing any day we want to keep as our Sabbath, but which days the “veggie only” eaters chose to fast. The meat eaters didn't fast. See [Romans 14 and the Dietary Laws](#) and also [A Snapshot of Church History and Mosaic Law](#).

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"Proclaim liberty throughout the Land . . . [but] When a pundit makes a prediction, and it doesn't come to pass, the prophet has spoken presumptuously. So don't listen to him anymore." – Moses (1300s BC)

"Happy are the people who don't take the advice of the ungodly. They shall be like trees planted by the riverside, and their leaves shall not wither." – David (1000s BC)

"Men may commit theft as well as adultery with the eye." – Xenocrates (339 BC))

"Once you let go of liberty, you won't easily get it back." – Plautus (200 BC)

"In the beginning the world was so made that certain signs come before certain events." – Cicero (43 BC)

"Where liberty has fallen, no one dares speak freely." – Publilius Cyrus (43 BC)

"Let your yay be yay and your nay nay. Anything other than this is hurtful and counter-productive." – Matthew (1st Century)

"It is the Lord's will that we may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men by example, using our Freedom as bond servants of Him, though not as an excuse for malice." – Peter (1st Century, "to the tribes scattered abroad)

"Where the spirit of the Lord is, *there* is Liberty!" – Paul (1st Century)

"Where Liberty dwells, there is my country." – Algernon Sidney (1641)

FROM ABOUT 600 A.D. to the end of the Dark Age: Muhammed said that "the ink of the scribes is more valuable than the blood of the martyrs" (630 AD). I think he meant *his* scribes and *our* blood! The Renaissance wasn't produced by the intellectual class. It was made possible by those who repelled the waves of Islamist invasions. In 1016, an earthquake destroyed the Dome of the Rock. Exactly 50 years later, Alfred the Great's educational reforms in Britain began to unify the Anglo-Saxon states. It was the preparation of a great harvest field. The seeds of Freedom were planted with the signing of the Magna Carta in 1215. Like the proverbial mustard seed, it didn't germinate instantaneously, but that was the start of a socio-economic revolution that would eventually let loose the potential of the *individual* (there's a reason the English capitalize the word "I")! By the 1300s, their literary prowess began to grow, and even some common people were learning to read and write. Learning was cultivated by theological schools such as Oxford, and it began to blossom with the invention of the printing press in Germany. With the Bible in the hands of the masses, the standardization of English spelling and grammar was achieved, and we were off to the races.

"I may stand alone but would not change my free thoughts for a throne." – Byron (1620)

"Our blood poured together would quite confound distinction." – Shakespeare (1602)

"In the name of God, amen." – Mayflower Compact (11/11/1620)

"Envy never takes a holiday." – Frances Bacon (1600s)

"He that brings himself into needless danger, is the devil's martyr." – Fuller (1639)

"When it is not necessary to change, it is necessary not to change." – Lucius Cary, Viscount Falkland (1641)

"Be not ashamed to say what you are not ashamed to think." – Montaigne (1695)

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**"Kings will be tyrants [thru] policy when subjects are rebels from principle... He that wrestles with us strengthens our nerves, and sharpens our skill."** – Edmund Burke (1700s)

**"Crowds without company, and dissipation without pleasure."** – Edward Gibbon (1700s)

**"Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey, where wealth accumulates, and men decay."** – Oliver Goldsmith (1700s)

**"Wrong has no warrant. No man can pretend authority to do an ill thing."** – Scottish Proverb (1721)

**"I am not a Virginian but an American... Give me liberty or give me death... If this be treason, may God make the most of it."** – Patrick Henry (1774)

**"We are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights... "** – Thomas Jefferson (1776)

**"That we may then unite... to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue and the increase of science among them and us – and generally [God] grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best... "** – George Washington (October 3, 1789; proclamation of National Day of Prayer and thanksgiving)

**Let knowledge grow from more to more,  
But more reverence in us dwell;  
That mind and soul, according well,  
May make one music as before.**  
- Tennyson (1809-1892)

**"Democracy and socialism have nothing in common but one word, equality. But notice the difference: while democracy seeks equality in liberty, socialism seeks equality in restraint and servitude."** – Alexis de Tocqueville (1830s)

**"We can never be sure that the opinion we are endeavoring to stifle is false opinion; and if we were sure, it would be an evil still."** – John Stuart Mill (1800s)

**But what is Freedom? Rightly understood  
A universal license to be good.**  
- Hartley Coleridge (1840)

**"Woe unto us when the great God lets loose a thinker on our land."** – unknown (1800s)

**"He was like the cock who thought the sun had risen to hear him crow... An ass may bray a good while before he shakes the stars down."** – George Eliot (Mary Ann Cross, 1800s)

**"The theory of Communism may be summed up in one sentence: Abolish all private property."** – Marx and Engels (1848)

**"Blah, blah, blah."** – Charles Darwin (1849)

**"Right makes Might . . . Those who would deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves."** – Abraham Lincoln (1860s)

**What is a communist? One who has yearnings  
For equal division of unequal earnings  
Idler or bungler, or both, he's willing  
To fork out his penny and pocket your shilling.**  
- Ebenezer Elliott (1876)

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**With pen and pencil, we're learning to say  
Nothing, more cleverly, every day.**

- William Allingham (1884)

**"Every man has by nature the right to possess property as his own... it must be within his right to possess things not merely for temporary and momentary use, as other living things do, but to have and to hold them in stable and permanent possession..."**

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If you believe God, you would: Drink the Cup of Life that God has given you without accusing God or calling your troubles "bad luck." Testing of the spirit: The Cup of Good and the Cup of Evil - the Cup of Salvation is the reward - Psalm 116:13. If you like Abraham believe God, this is how God considers you: Psalm 116:15 "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." And Proverbs 14:32 "When tragedy comes, the wicked are brought down, but even in death the righteous have a refuge." Many believe in God, but unlike Abraham they do Not believe God. Luke 14:27 "Anyone who does Not carry his cross" life's pains, and sorrows and follow me, cannot be my disciple. If you really "believe God" you would recognize: Salvation from Sin and Death - outweighs the burdens God has given you to carry.

Drink the Cup of good and prosperity: Without becoming proud, arrogant, and Looking down on others. And the - Cup of, Evil, Disappointment and Tragedy, without, grumbling, judging God, becoming depressed, bitter, and defeated in spirit.

Believe what Christ said in John 5:28-29 "A time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good will rise to life and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned." When Paul said "Away from the body at home with the Lord" he was considering there is no remembrance of being dead. In the mind of those who believe God: Death will be like falling asleep and awakening in the promised kingdom of God. Death will be their resurrection day. The death of the wicked will be their - Judgment Day.

In a church meeting a woman said: She would stop praying, because God does Not answer her prayers. She complained: I have been praying for 10 years that God would heal my son who is an alcoholic, but he is drinking more instead. What she is really saying is: She is not willing to drink the cup; God has put in her hand. Her son has become more important than God's promise of salvation from sin and death. Also: Can her son see the Joy of Salvation in her? No. Instead she is judging God.

**Believers, be very careful that your Prayer to God is Not putting God to the test - Matthew 4:7.** "Anyone who loves his "father and mother son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" **Matthew 10:37-38**. Jesus' warning to her and all is: **Matthew 24:13** "He who endures to the end will be saved." **The Contrast:** One believer has more - Joy in Christ, and praise for God in suffering and great pain. Another is accusing God or complaining that their prayers were not answered. When suffering our attitude should be, **God is punishing me Less than I deserve**. Consider unanswered prayers: God's will Not my will, is the answer to unanswered prayer. Therefore, all my prayers have been answered: Praise God.

God is Testing hearts and minds: Jeremiah 17:10 "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man as his deeds deserve." Many, instead of fearing God, when they see the suffering and tragedy of others and thank God that they were spared of such suffering, Judge God as responsible and accuse God. In their arrogance and pride, they consider themselves more righteous than God. Blinded by, self-righteous pride, they have: Failed God's Test.

James 1:2-3, "Consider it pure joy. my brothers, whenever you face trials" because you know - God is testing your faith. Many, consider their suffering unjust and find fault with God because the most wicked are healthy and prospering. Job

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found fault in God when suffering: [Job 10:3](#) “Does it please you to oppress me” “while you smile on the schemes of the wicked.” Great council from a younger man: [Elihu said in Job 36:15](#) NIV version “**Those who suffer, God delivers in their suffering; he speaks to them in their affliction.**” To those who believe God: **Suffering, trials and sicknesses are our “Teachers” and so is the wealth, prosperity, power and - praise from others. Proverbs 27:21 “The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but a man is tested by the praise he receives.”**

To True Believers “Teacher” is the name of God. Always remain God conscious and consider God your Shield and Shepherd. God will reward you dependent on how you carry your burdens, blessings, and praise from others. Only God is to be praised. In [John 18:11](#), Christ said to Peter: “Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me.” As Christ was willing to give his body over to great suffering and death in obedience. Those who believe God will: Identify with Jesus by having - the same attitude when suffering and **drink the cup God put in their hands.** Tragedy, war, and the death of multitudes is a teacher to the God fearing: The lesson is in [Luke 13:1-5](#) “REPENT, or you too will likewise perish.” Believing God and Love for God has been replaced with Love for religion and believing the State.

**God’s Cup of evil:** The righteous will drink without accusing God: They will become stronger in faith. **But the trials of the wicked will turn them bitter and defeat them.** The attitude we should have, regarding our own life: [John 12:25](#) “He that Loves his Life shall lose it.” He that loves his life, loves himself. **Comparing your Life with others is Not wise: It leads to dangerous pride or defeat and bitterness.** Be content with God’s promise of mercy and salvation. Praise God: Our Father in heaven paid our debt of sin. Jesus Christ Crucified is Light that shines beyond the grave.

## **LINEN – The Saints shall Wear it -Why?**

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**What is so great about linen that the Scriptures mention it in 90 verses? Here are some.**

[Exo 26:1](#) Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle *with* ten curtains *of* fine twined **linen**, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: *with* cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.

[Exo 28:8](#) And the curious girdle of the ephod, which *is* upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof; *even of* gold, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined **linen**.

[Exo 28:42](#) And thou shalt make them **linen** breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach:

[Lev 6:10](#) And the priest shall put on his **linen** garment, and his **linen** breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.

[Lev 13:47](#) The garment also that the plague of leprosy is in, *whether it be* a woollen garment, or a **linen** garment;

[Lev 16:4](#) He (Aaron the High Priest) shall put on the **holy linen coat**, and he shall have the **linen** breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a **linen** girdle, and with the **linen** mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and *so* put them on.

[Lev 19:19](#) **Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of **linen** and woollen come upon thee.**

[1Ch 15:27](#) And David *was* clothed with a robe of fine **linen**, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: David also *had* upon him an ephod of **linen**.

[2Ch 5:12](#) Also the Levites *which were* the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, *being* arrayed in white **linen**, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)

[Psa 132:9](#) Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy saints shout for joy.



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Pro 31:24 She maketh fine **linen**, and selleth *it*; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.

Eze 44:17 And it shall come to pass, *that* when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with **linen** garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

Eze 44:18 They shall have **linen** bonnets upon their heads, and shall have **linen** breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird *themselves* with anything that causeth sweat.

Dan 12:7 And I heard the man clothed in **linen**, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished.

Joh 19:23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took his **garments**, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also *his* coat: now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

(Just as the High Priest Arron wore holy linen clothes, I would think Yayshua would have linen garments also.)

Mat 27:59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean **linen** cloth,

Rev 15:6 And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white **linen**, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine **linen**, clean and white: for the fine **linen** is the righteousness of saints.

Rev 19:14 And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine **linen**, white and clean.

**2Co 6:14** Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

## The Compassion of God for Lost Souls

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It is written in *Jonah 3:1* "Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time". Praise the Lord that when we fail once, the Lord gives us a second chance. That is one of the great messages that comes to us from the book of Jonah. Have you failed the Lord? God is waiting to give you another chance. Have you failed Him a second time? He will give you a third chance. He is not only the God of the second chance - for most of us have blown our second chance long, long ago. He is the God of another chance, no matter how many times you have failed! The Lord can restore you even now and enable you to fulfil a ministry for Him if you repent wholeheartedly.

*"The more we come into fellowship with God's heart, the more we will share His burden."*

It took Jonah three days to walk through that huge city, proclaiming in every street that Nineveh would be overthrown in 40 days. Amazingly, the people of Nineveh repented immediately. This was the greatest and quickest revival that ever took place in the history of the world. One of the things that encourages me here is that even when a wicked city like Nineveh repented, God was merciful. God knew that some years later, the city would be so evil that He would have to destroy it. But God treats everyone as they are right now - and not as they were in the past or as they will be in the future. His Name is "I AM", not "I was" nor "I will be". God is more compassionate than we are.

When God had mercy on Nineveh, one would have thought that Jonah would have been excited. But he wasn't. To teach Jonah a lesson, the Lord allowed a plant to grow up over his head. Jonah was very happy for the plant. But the next day, because God made a worm eat up the plant, it withered up. Jonah was very angry again because the sun was beating down on him and he said, "It is better for me to die than live" Then God said to Jonah, "*You had compassion on a plant*

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*which came up overnight and perished overnight. Should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know the difference between their right and left hand, as well as many animals?" (Jonah 4:10-11).*

In this verse *Jonah 4:11* - more than in any other verse in the Old Testament - we see God's tremendous compassion for lost souls. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that no one should perish. Jonah somehow did not get into fellowship with God in this matter. There are many preachers today too who preach and see revivals (like Jonah did), but who like Jonah, are not in fellowship with the compassionate heart of God. Such preachers do not fulfil their ministry as God wants them to. You may preach and get people saved; and yet at the end of it all, like Jonah, you may have no fellowship with God at all. The proper basis for an evangelistic ministry is fellowship with the heart of God. God has such a great compassion for those who don't have light. The Bible says God wants all men to repent, to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (*1 Timothy 2:4*). He longs for that. The more we come into fellowship with God's heart, the more we will share His burden. If God has called you to be an evangelist, He will give you a compassion for lost souls. If God calls you to be a teacher, He will give you a compassion for believers who are blinded and deceived, who are not entering into a life of victory. Fellowship with the heart of God in sharing His compassion is essential if we are to fulfil our ministry effectively.

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<https://thepeoplesvoice.tv/wef-says-cbdcs-must-be-implanted-under-your-skin-if-you-want-to-participate-in-society/>

**The Mark of Revelation 13:16-17; 14:9-13 Is THIS the information we have been looking for? Logically it makes sense.**

**Rev 13:16** And he **causeth** all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: **Rev 13:17** And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

**Rev 14:9** And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, **Rev 14:10** The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: **Rev 14:11** And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. **Rev 14:12** Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. **Rev 14:13** And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

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**Thank You!**

**New discovery at Mount Sinai- the Metallurgy site  
where the items of the Tabernacle were made!**  
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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=woliUJBQc9s> (came across this on YouTube – 31min)

"Our friend Jim came to us with new evidence he saw at Mount Sinai in Saudi Arabia! The evidence is overwhelming that this is the very site where Bezaleel and his workers made the items of and for the Tabernacle! This spectacular find even confirmed Ron's [Wyatt] description of the Ark of the Covenant!" (End Quote)

VERY interesting in what they found! Reminded me of Luke 19:40, "And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." And in a way, they are!

**Iron Sharpening Iron**

New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)  
As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

**In regard to: Demons + root of bitterness = many dead people**  
Article by Curtis Dahlgren  
Comments by Curtis Dahlgren (Stephenson, Michigan)

Thanks. I'm sure you heard about the LCG (Living Church of God) shooting. I was on my way there but went back home on account of a car problem.

**Prayer Requests**

**Prayer Request for M. Srikanth (July 26, 2023)**

Sabbath greetings to all. Thanks for your wonderful newsletter. During weekly Sabbath worship service, we deeply prayed for all of you to have peace and healthy of life I hope you are fine there. Once again please forward my request to your Sabbath friends. Due to Corona lockdown the prices of commodities are hiking day by day and we are unable to meet soaring prices. Frankly speaking we are eating half day. I hope you understand our sad plight. Your reward will be great in heaven. Stay blessed. Prayerfully expecting your kind mail.

**Announcements**

**Announcement from William P. Goff (July 20, 2023)**

Kenya Update is now posted at: <http://www.khofh.org>

We just posted a special Update. It's been a busy week with Nehemiah launching a new outreach called "Nehemiah's Daily Bread". And the verdict is in concerning the School Principal who was allowing us to give those Bible studies at the Catholic High School. And the report that prompted this special update, concerns the riots that have broken out in Kenya this week with us once again caught right in the middle.

**Announcement from Zac Poonen (July 21, 2023)**

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## Ads

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