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Through the centuries, theologians have devised many arguments to do away with the observance of God's holy days. They propose that various scriptures in the New Testament obviate the need for Christians to keep the days that God's law specifically says are holy to Him (Leviticus 23:2).

A favorite target of theirs is Galatians 4:9-10, in which Paul expresses his frustration with the Galatians because they had returned to certain religious practices. He calls these practices "weak and beggarly elements," telling them they were again "in bondage" to them.

In verse 10, he defines these practices as observances of "days and months and seasons and years." The argument

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begins at this point because some contend that these observances refer to God's holy days commanded in the Old Testament. Indeed, God established specific "days" (Passover, Days of Unleavened Bread, Pentecost, etc.), "months" (new moons, sacred calendar), "seasons" ("appointed times [seasons, KJV]"—Leviticus 23:4; see also Deuteronomy 16:16; Genesis 1:14), and "years" (Jubilee and Sabbatical years—Exodus 23:11; Leviticus 25:13) to be kept.

The traditional, mainstream Protestant explanation of Galatians 4:9-10 is that Paul is reprimanding the Galatians for returning to Old Testament observances that were a form of "bondage." Insisting that Paul taught that the Old Testament law was "done away," they conclude that Christians should not keep the days that God had commanded Israel to keep.

Is this what Paul was telling the Galatians? Do the message of the letter and the context of his statements confirm this to be the correct explanation? If not, what were these "weak and beggarly elements" that Paul warns them about? Let's examine these verses and understand what Paul really says in this highly disputed section of Scripture.

Galatia and Gnosticism

Whenever we are studying scriptures that are difficult to understand, we must consider the cultural and historical context. Galatia was not a city but a province in Asia Minor. The church membership was undoubtedly composed mainly of Gentiles, and the males were physically uncircumcised (Galatians 5:2; 6:12-13). In looking at Paul's initial dealings with these people, we find that they had a history of worshipping pagan deities.

In Lystra, situated in the heart of southern Galatia, God healed a crippled man through Paul (Acts 14:8-18). The people of the area were so astonished at this miracle that they supposed Barnabas and Paul, whom they called Zeus and Hermes (verse 12), to be pagan gods! They wanted to sacrifice to them—and would have if the apostles had not stopped them (verses 13-18). This shows that people living in Galatia were generally superstitious and worshipped pagan gods.

Further, the major thrust of the Galatian epistle is to put them "back on the track" because someone had been teaching "a different gospel," a perversion of the gospel of Christ (Galatians 1:6-7). The Galatians' understanding of how sinners are justified had derailed. To be justified means to have one's sins forgiven and to be brought into a right relationship with God. False teachers in Galatia taught that one was justified by doing physical works of some kind.

In dealing with this matter, Paul felt an urgency to emphasize that we are justified by faith in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ:

We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified. (Galatians 2:15-16)

One of the "works of the law" that the false teachers insisted was necessary for justification was obviously circumcision (Galatians 5:2-3, 11). But it was not just the Old Covenant regulations that were being enjoined upon the Galatians because Paul says the false teachers themselves did not keep the law (Galatians 6:13). Evidently, the false teachings produced a licentious lifestyle (Galatians 5:13-21).

The preponderance of evidence indicates that the false teachers were teaching a blend of Judaism and Gnosticism. The philosophy of Gnosticism taught that everything physical was evil and that people could attain a higher spiritual understanding through effort. It was the type of philosophy that its adherents thought could be used to enhance or improve anyone's religion. In Paul's letter to the Colossians, we read of this same philosophy having an influence on the church there. It was characterized by strict legalism, a "taste not, touch not" attitude, neglect of the body, worship of angels, and false humility (Colossians 2:18-23).

Contrary to Gnosticism, Paul tells the Galatians that they should not listen to even an angel from heaven who taught a false gospel (Galatians 1:8). Also, even though the Gnostics taught a strict discipline of the body, it could sometimes lead to a licentious lifestyle. The idea that the physical, evil body was separate from the spirit often led to the attitude that what one did with the body made no difference.

"Elements of the World"

What, then, were the "days and months and seasons and years" that Paul criticizes the Galatians for observing? First, Paul nowhere in the entire letter mentions God's holy days. Second, the apostle would never refer to holy days that God instituted as "weak and beggarly elements." He is on record writing that he honored and revered God's law (Romans 7:12, 14, 16). Besides, he taught the Corinthians to observe Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread (1 Corinthians

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5:7-8), and he kept the Sabbath and holy days himself (Acts 16:13; 18:21; 20:6, I Corinthians 16:8).

When the scriptures in question are put into context, the explanation of what these days were becomes clear. In chapter 3, Paul shows the Galatians that salvation through faith in Christ is a fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham (Galatians 3:14-18). In verses 19-25, he explains the purpose of the Old Covenant and that, now that Christ has come, we are no longer bound by the Old Covenant rules and regulations. He then shows that all Christians—both Jews and Gentiles—are spiritual children of Abraham and will inherit the promises made to him (verses 26-29).

He continues the same thought in chapter 4. In verses 1-5, Paul draws an analogy, likening the Jew to a child who is waiting to come into an inheritance and the Gentile to a slave in the same household. He explains how, before the coming of Christ, the spiritual state of the Jew was no different from the Gentile because neither had their sins forgiven nor had they received God's Spirit. Prior to the coming of Christ, both Jews and Gentiles were "in bondage under the elements of the world" (verse 3).

The word "elements" is the Greek *stoicheion*, which indicates any first thing or principal. "In bondage under the elements of the world" refers to the fact that the unconverted mind is subject to the influence of Satan and his demons, the rulers of this world and the authors of all idolatrous worship. Demonic powers are the origin, the underlying cause, of the evil ways of this world, and all unconverted humans are under their sway. "Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be" (Romans 8:7). Paul is saying that both Jews and Gentiles had been in bondage to sin.

The apostle explains to the Galatians how their lives and destiny have been changed through their faith in Christ:

And because you [Gentiles] are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you [Gentiles] are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. (Galatians 4:6-7)

He refers to the analogy he made in verse 1, where he pictured the Gentiles as slaves in a household. He shows them how they have become heirs of God's promises through their faith in Christ and that they have God's Holy Spirit just like the converted Jews.

In verse 8, Paul brings up the subject of the idolatry and paganism that they had participated in before their conversion. "But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by nature are not gods." This obviously refers to the worship of pagan deities, just as we saw in Acts 14. He is making it clear that God had called them out of that way of life.

With this thought in mind, he continues in verse 9:

But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?

Clearly, Paul's concern was that the Galatians were returning to the way of life from which God had called them. As we have shown, the "weak and beggarly elements" were demon-inspired, idolatrous practices. "Elements" here is the same word, *stoicheion*, translated as "elements" in verse 3. *Stoicheion* can extend to refer to the heavenly bodies that regulate the calendar and are associated with pagan gods and festivals. The apostle condemns the practices and way of life inspired by Satan and his demons; the principal cause of all the world's evil. Paul recognized that the Galatians had begun to return to their former slavish, sinful practices.

Called Out Completely

Now it becomes plain what Paul refers to in verse 10. The "days and months and seasons and years" were the pagan, idolatrous festivals, and observances that the Galatian Gentiles had observed before their conversion! They could not possibly be God's holy days because these Gentiles had never observed them before being called. Rather, they were turning back to their old, heathen way of life that included keeping various *superstitious holidays connected to the worship of pagan deities!*

So, we see that, far from doing away with God's holy days, these scriptures show that we should not be observing "days

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and months and seasons and years" that have their roots in paganism. These would obviously include such days as Christmas, Easter, Valentine's Day, Halloween, and any other days that originated from the worship of pagan gods. Sadly, the very scriptures that warn against returning to these unchristian holidays are being used by some today to persuade members of the church to forsake God's holy days and keep this world's holidays!

The lesson to be learned from these scriptures is that God has called us *completely* out of the ways of this world, including the pagan customs and traditions of the world. We should have nothing to do with such "weak and beggarly elements." The customs and traditions of true Christians are the same ones that Jesus Christ observed—God's holy days, which He has commanded His people to observe in His holy Word. These are the days that we rejoice in as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, living by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

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Make Jesus Lord of All

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Paul says in *2 Corinthians 2:14*, “Thanks be to God Who leads us always in His triumph”. The Living Bible paraphrases that as, “Thanks be to God! For through what Christ has done, **He has triumphed over us**”. So, God must triumph over us in every area of our lives, for us to live in triumph.

One day every knee will bow and acknowledge that Jesus is Lord (*Phil. 2:10, 11*). But right now, the knee of every desire within your flesh must bow and acknowledge that Jesus is Lord. Those lusts that rule you must bow and acknowledge that Jesus is Lord of your body.

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“The Lord's sword will go forth against all flesh from head (north) to foot (south) and all flesh will know that the Lord has drawn forth His sword against it” (Ezek. 21:4,5).

The goal towards which God is working is that “*Jesus Christ might have the first place in everything*” (*Col. 1:18*).

If you make that your goal too, then you can count on receiving God's help at all times - both in your life and in your witnessing for Him.

Christ must have first place in the way you spend your time and your money, in the books you read, in the music you listen to, in the TV programs you watch, in the friends you keep company with, in your speech, in everything. This is what it means to make Jesus Lord of all. Only then can you say that God has triumphed over you in every area. This is not something that can happen overnight. But make this your long-term goal and keep working toward it. Then you will draw nearer and nearer to that goal day by day, and year by year.

Jesus was the Lamb of God Who bore the sins of the world. We are now called to be “*sheep for the slaughter*” (*Rom. 8:36*), bearing with the sins that others commit against us. The wood and the fire (the circumstances of our life) are all ready, as on Mount Moriah. But the question (like Isaac asked his father) is, “*Where is the lamb*” (*Gen. 22:7*)? The answer is “You are to be the lamb”.

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Protecting Against "Free Radicals" (Copyright) by David Antion (Pasadena, California)

"Free Radicals" is a term that sounds like Muslim terrorists being let out of prison. But that's not what I'm talking about here. Perhaps the best way to describe a "free radical" is to explain the difference between carbon dioxide (CO₂) and carbon monoxide (CO). As you probably know carbon dioxide is what you breathe out and is relatively harmless in your body. That's because the O₂ has a balance of electrons.

When an atom has an imbalance of electrons it attacks a molecule in some organ in the body to take an electron from it. This makes that molecule unstable and seeking an electron from another organ and the chain continues.

For the most part oxygen is our friend – we need it to breathe and to explode the energy for the muscles. But it also causes rust. If you leave a cut apple exposed to the air, it will turn brown and lose some vitamin and nutrient content. As you breathe oxygen O₂ into your lungs it is stable. But if you smoke you will create the free radical of one oxygen atom (O) and it will attack parts of your body.

Health scientists are beginning to believe that not only aging but most of our diseases come from our free radical damage to organs and tissues. The more free radicals you have in your system the faster you age and the more likely you are to encounter serious health problems.

Smoking, exposure to dangerous chemicals, air pollution, pesticides, eating high sugar and fried foods will increase the free radicals immensely. We know we cannot get out of this life alive. But we can slow down the rate at which we age and can avoid the more severe health problems. Everyone has free radicals in their body. It is impossible to avoid them completely. However, God has provided help for our health in the foods He has created. The help we call "antioxidants."

ANTIOXIDANT is the name given to various nutrients that give the free radical an extra electron to stabilize it, so it won't do damage to tissues. The antioxidant itself is so stable that giving the extra atom or electron does not destabilize it.

I first heard about "antioxidants" some 40 years ago. The two main ones were vitamins C and E. These were considered the most abundant in the body. They are abundant in fresh (and I emphasize that word) fruits and vegetables. The sooner these fruits and vegetables are eaten after their picking or harvesting, the more antioxidant levels they contain.

Today, scientists are discovering antioxidants in such foods as grape seeds, plain unsweetened cocoa, soy sauce (the darker the better). You probably already heard of red wine, red grape juice, wheat germ oil as well as pomegranate fruit and juices. The various berries are a great source of antioxidants – blue berries, black berries, etc.

Various vegetables contain antioxidants. Because of these nutritionists recommend 8 servings of fruits and vegetables per day! Wow, you say? Well, if you eat 2 to 3 pieces of fruit a day and salads, vegetables with your meals; it is not that difficult to get 8 servings per day.

Taking in antioxidants helps protect your body and slow down the aging process (it can't be stopped entirely). Consuming fresh foods will contribute to your good health. Junk foods, sodas, fried foods, stale foods, foods with colorings, preservatives and other chemicals increase the free radicals in your body. Where there are free radicals, there is also inflammation in the body. The more inflammation the more likely you are to age faster and become ill.

There are blood tests for inflammation such as the C Reactive Protein (CRP) test. This test will tell the level of disease inflammation in the body. And doctors explain that if there is inflammation in one part of the body there is inflammation in all parts of the body.

If your blood test shows a high level of CRP, then you definitely want to be taking more antioxidants in your diet. Two of the best-known antioxidants are what are called Vitamin C and Vitamin E. However, two major studies – one over a 7-year period – involved 10,000 men and woman 55 and older who had heart disease or diabetes. This HOPE (Heart Outcome Prevention Evaluation) study found that a Vitamin E (400 IU) supplements taken per day did not reduce the risk

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of heart attack and stroke and resulted in 13 percent higher risk of heart failure!

What about Vitamin E in healthy women? The Women’s Health Study followed 40,000 healthy women aged 45 and older for 10 years. Some of the women took 600 IU of Vitamin E and some took a placebo. The study found no differences between the groups in heart attacks, stroke, and other cardiovascular events. However, women over the age of 65 who took Vitamin E did have a 24 percent lower risk of dying from a heart attack or stroke.

NOT ALL VITAMIN E IS CREATED EQUAL: It is interesting to note that the type of Vitamin E given to the people in these studies was synthetic alpha tocopherol. There are many tocopherols not just the alpha type. Even if the alpha tocopherol was derived from natural sources, it would only be one of several tocopherols and one of several factors in a complete Vitamin E complex. The way to tell if the tocopherols are from natural sources or synthetic is this: The natural sources are labeled: “d-alpha tocopherol.” The synthetic is labeled, “dl-alpha tocopherol.” In your mind the “L” should stand for “Lousy.”

It has been discovered that a “Vitamin E” without the mineral selenium is not very effective. Selenium is or should be a part of the Vitamin E complex and many other factors also if the E was derived from whole food sources.

This leads me to believe that these studies involving synthetic, and in addition, only a partial amount of the Vitamin E and without any selenium, are severely faulty.

A good source of Vitamin E with many naturally occurring beneficial factors is cold pressed wheat germ oil. It is best when whole wheat is freshly ground and eaten within a day. If you buy it be sure it is encapsulated to protect it from air.

A similar thing can be said about “Vitamin C” that the FDA allows as ascorbic acid. Ascorbic acid is but one part of the Vitamin C complex. Ascorbic acid has also not been found to provide any heart protection in these studies.

TIPS FOR CUTTING HEART DISEASE RISK BY 83 PERCENT!

A huge study of 84,129 women without heart disease or diabetes participating in the Nurses’ Health Study over a period of 14 years showed that having what they termed an “ideal lifestyle” involved 5 factors.

1. Do not smoke.
2. Have a Body Mass Index of less than 25 (normal weight range)
3. Consume an average of at least one-half drink of an alcoholic beverage per day.
4. Engage in moderate-to-vigorous physical activity (including brisk walking) for at least 30 minutes each day.
5. Consume a diet (a) high in cereal fiber, marine omega-3 fatty acids, folate and polyunsaturated fat and (b) low in saturated and trans-fat and glycemic (sugar) load (reflecting blood sugar levels).

At any age you can reduce your cholesterol (bad LDL) levels just by adding fish oil capsules (omega 3) and fiber and using red rice yeast. Exercise also helps reduce bad cholesterol levels and raise good (HDL) cholesterol levels.

Studies have been done about the Mediterranean Diet. The British Medical Journal (2005) found that those who follow the Mediterranean Diet more closely were more likely to live longer and have decreased death rates from cardiovascular disease and cancer—the two biggest killers in America.

There are 10 characteristics of the Mediterranean Diet. Here they are:

1. Eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables.
2. Emphasize whole natural foods over process foods.
3. Choose whole grains instead of refined and processed grains (also avoiding sugar and white potatoes)
4. Eat fish 1-2 times per week (especially fatty fish like salmon, trout, tuna, and mackerel)
5. Add peas, beans and legumes
6. Choose oils rich in monosaturated fats (extra virgin olive oil, canola oil, flaxseed oil, grape seed oil)
7. Eat nuts and seeds for snacks
8. Enjoy a glass of wine with dinner (limit 1 drink for women and 2 drinks for men)
9. Limit full-fat dairy products

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10. Avoid high-saturated fat red meats

We have all heard about the need to eat "plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables and to avoid processed and refined foods. But sadly, this falls on too many deaf ears.

Naturally, it wouldn't make sense that I care more about your health than you do. Obviously, you care about your own and your family's health more than I do. But I write this by way of reminder to you to stir you up in the things you already know and motivate you to do them. A little effort in this regard will be a blessing to you and to your family.

If you do this you will be Guarding Your Temple and glorifying God in the process!

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Questionable Article

Tell us why you believe this is a true or false doctrine and Why?

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Learn to Give an Answer!

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“For the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7) ESV-- " And he said unto me, Seal not the words of the prophecy of this book. For the time is near" (Rev. 22:10).

There is a parallelism between **Matthew 7:21-23** and **Matthew 25:1-12**, because these two passages each have two categories of people called for the Kingdom of Heaven or Kingdom of God:

A) In Matthew 7:21-23

- 1) There are those who say 'Lord, Lord (or Jesus, Jesus)' and do the Will of the Father (God)- (**V 21**), and
- 2) Those who say 'Lord, Lord (or Jesus, Jesus)' and do iniquity (violate the law of God) – (**V 22-23**).

NB: It should be noted that those who violate the law of God (commit iniquity- **1 Jn 3:4**), are more numerous than those who obey the law of God (do His Will- **1 Jn 5:3**)!

The Sentence is that: the few who do the Will of God will enter His Kingdom, and the many who commit iniquity (violate the law of God) will not enter it!

B) In Matthew 25:1-12

- 1) There are **the Wise** who took their lamps (the Word of God, the Bible - Ps 119:105) and oil in reserve (the Holy Spirit - 1 Sam 16:13), waiting for the Kingdom of Heaven (**V 4**), and,
- 2) **The Fools** who, awaiting the Kingdom of God, took their lamps without the oil in reserve (**V 3**).

NB: It should be noted that it is the Kingdom of Heaven that is in this Parable, compared to a bridegroom. So, the bridegroom they expect is not Christ, but the Kingdom of God which is "*in our midst*" (**Luke 17:21**) and which is

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to be revealed (**Rom 8:19**). It is made up of the 'Sons of the kingdom' scattered (**Matt 26:31**) and hidden in the world (the field) as a Treasure (**Matt 13:24,38,44**). Because when Christ returns from heaven, He will be accompanied by his Bride (The Risen Saints-144,000 Firstfruits-**Zec 14:5; Col 3:4; 1 Thes 3:13; Rev 17:14; Rev 19:11-14**), to establish the Millennial reign. When Jesus is on earth with his Bride, there will be no more foolish women who would go and buy oil and come knocking at the door of the kingdom!

This proves that the Coming of the Kingdom of God, which is hidden in the world, is different from the Coming of Christ coming in the air with his bride. We will see that later!

The Sentence is that:

The Wise will light their lamps with their supply of oil ('*The Holy Spirit which is given to those who obey*'-**Acts 5:32**), and enter into the Kingdom of God which is the Physical Nation of God, SION which will be born in a day like a mustard seed (**Is 66:7-8; Luke 17:31-37; Matt 13:31**) and which will go to the Place of Refuge (**Rev 12:14; Mic 7:15**), on the High Mountains of Galilee, specifically **Mount Hermon**, called **Mount Zion**, where the Transfiguration took place (**Ez 34:13-14; Ex 15:17; De 4:48; Abd 17; Joel 2:32; 2 Pet 1:18; Matt 17:1-6**),

The Fools, who had not prepared, and therefore were not ready for the Birth of the physical Nation of God in one day, SION, will be distraught and wondering how to join the physical Kingdom of God on the way. for GALILEE (**Rev. 12:14**). And while they fuss, the Beast (**8th Resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire, the future United States of Europe-Apoc 17:11-14**), will launch his troops after the Nation of God, but a great Earthquake will swallow these up, cutting off all contact with God's people, Zion safe in Galilee on Mount Hermon, the Place of Refuge (**Rev. 12:15-16; Isa. 4:5-6; 8:18**).

It is then that Satan will be very wrathful against the physical Nation of God who will have escaped him and will turn his anger on the fools (the rest of the Church). This will be the start of the Great Tribulation where "*there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth*" (**Rev. 12:17; Matt. 25:30**)!

Then will begin the work of **the Two Witnesses who will be the Representatives of the physical Nation of God** (**Zec 4:11; Rev 11:3-13**). This work of the 2 witnesses will mainly concern the remnant of the people of God who will not have wanted to follow Elijah, to the Place of Refuge in Galilee, and who will be trapped in the Great Tribulation in Babylon (**Rev. 11:3-12; 14 :9-11; 18:4**). This remnant will have been seduced above all by the deceptions of the false prophet, prince of Tyre, the man of sin (Minister of the COG), who will thwart the work of Elijah, the son of man, prophet of God (Minister of the COG) (**Eze 28:1-10**).

It should be noted that the son of man, prophet of God and the man of sin, false prophet (Antichrist) are all from the Church of God (**2 Pet 2:1; 1 Jn 2:18-19; Jude 4**). The false prophet will therefore not be the Papacy (the Harlot) as is commonly believed, since "*the ten horns that you saw and the beast will hate the harlot, will strip her and strip her naked, will eat her flesh, and will consume her with fire*" (**Rev. 17:16**). The coming Beast will therefore destroy the Papacy, and the False Prophet will be its ally (**Rev. 13**); and it is Christ at his coming who will destroy both: "*And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to make war against him that sat upon the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with it the false prophet, who had done before it the wonders by which he had seduced those who had taken the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. They were both cast alive into the flame of fire and brimstone.*" (**Rev. 19:19-20**)!

CONCLUSIONS

In these last days of this evil Babylonian and Satanic system which has lasted for 6,000 years:

-The Wise in the Church of God are those who do the Will of God, by obeying His laws to have the Holy Spirit (**Acts 5: 32**), necessary to stay awake and focused with faith on the Kingdom of God (**Rev. 14:12**).

-The Fools in the Church of God are those who willfully disobey the laws of God and make their own religion of God (**Rom 10:2-3**)!

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The Spiritual Law of God is eternal since it existed even before the creation of the angels (**Ps119:142,160; Rom 7:12,14; 2 Cor 4:18**); some of them broke it and became demons, long before the creation of mankind (**Ez 28:15-16; 2 Pet 2:4**)!

The **Weekly Sabbath** and the **Feast of Tabernacles** are Sabbaths (Holy Days) of (from) God (**Lev 23:1-4, 34-36**) which will be observed during the Millennium, when Christ and His Bride (the Risen Saints) will reign over Planet Earth (**Isa 56:1-7; Isa 66:22-23; Soph 2:11; Zec 14:16; Ps 22:28; Rev 20:4**)!

If anyone today in the Church of God or in 'certain Churches of God' no longer keeps the divine Feasts (therefore no longer does the will of God by violating His law), he will not enter the Kingdom of God (the Nation of God that will be born in a day, SION). But if he is still alive when this nation is soon raised up (**Dan 2:44**), he will go through the Great Tribulation, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (**Matt. 25:30**). So will those who eat unclean meats (**Isa 66:17**)!

One cannot say that one "*simply loves Jesus*," then break his Father's Law, and claim to gain the Kingdom of God, governed by divine Laws. **God is not a God of disorder (1 Cor 14:33)**.

The **physical Kingdom of God** (His physical Nation, **Zion** which will be born in a day - **Is 66:7-8**), will soon be brought about by the return to physical life of the 2nd son of man who is Elijah (**Luke 17:30-37; Mk 9:2**). He is the one who will restore all things to the Church of God after **the Apostasy** which occurred **at the death of Herbert W. Armstrong**, to prepare a willing people for God, BEFORE the glorious Return of Christ and his Bride to establish the Millennial Kingdom (**Matt 17:11; Mal 4:5-6; Acts 3:19-21**).

Herbert W Armstrong was not Eliyah

In the booklet of the former Worldwide Church of God (WCG) entitled "**Where are Enoch and Elijah?**", Published by Ambassador College in **1962**, under the supervision of **Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, then General Pastor of the WCG**, Dr. Herman Hoeh had said: "***The supernatural removal of Elijah was a foreshadowing of the transfer still to come, in a safety place of another man who, shortly before the Day of the Lord, will fulfill the same mission which acquitted the original Elijah (Malachi 4:5-6).***"

Today, **Mr. Armstrong**, who was a long time considered to be that man by the WCG, has been dead for over 36 years, before the era of Laodicea and the Lord's Day; **so he has not fulfilled this prophecy about Elijah**, because in fact, biblically, he was not the Elijah to come before the Lord's Day!

Mr. Armstrong on the contrary, has fulfilled the prophecies on the spirituals **MOSES** and **ZERUBBABEL**, who was called by God to the end time, **to revive the Church in Babylon, and to restore the law at the end of Sardis' era (Zec 4:6-10 ; Mal 4:4 ; Rev 3:1-2)**. He led the Church of God in the Philadelphia era (**Rev 3:7-8**), but **he did not bring the Church out of Babylon**, as Elijah who will come before the Day of the Lord, will do it (**Mal 4:5; Joel 2:1; Rev 18:4**).

Mr. Armstrong did not prepare to the Lord a people, as Elijah to come will do it (**Luke 1:17**), since there was Apostasy and Dispersion after his death (**2 Thess 2:3; Ez 34:5; Matt 26:30**)!

Mr. Armstrong was therefore the First Blacksmith (Zec 1:20), who is the First Angel or Messenger of Revelation. 14: 6-7; he passed after preaching to the world, in the Philadelphia era (**Rev. 3: 8**), **as testimony**, the Gospel of the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth (**Matthew 24:14**)!

Who is Eliyah, the Son of man to come?

a) Birth of Zion

Today, it is the Church founded by Christ in the year 31 of our era that constitutes his Spiritual Nation (**1 Pet. 2: 9**). It is small (**Matthew 7: 13-14, 13: 31-32, Luke 12:32**) It is made up of scattered and hidden members in the world (**Matthew 26:31, Ezekiel 34: 5-6, Matthew 13: 38,44**). It must be revealed to the world (**Rom 8:19, Luke 17: 30,34-37**). It is this sudden release from the shadow (revelation) in one day of the sons of YHWH, now scattered and hidden in the world,

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which constitutes the birth of the physical kingdom of YHWH, his Nation, called ZION (Is 66: 7-8; Ps 87).

NB: The Passover in Egypt, had unleashed events that were ended by the annihilation of Pharaoh and his troops in the waves of the Red Sea. Likewise, the birth of the Physical Nation of GOD, will precipitate the collapse of the present system of this wicked world (Babylon). GOD said, "*I will shake the heavens and the earth, I will overturn the throne of the kingdoms, and I will destroy the power of the kingdoms of the nations.* » (Hag 2: 21-22) -« ... *The Elohim of heaven will raise up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and which will not pass under the dominion of other people; he will break and annihilate all these kingdoms, and he will subsist eternally.* (Dan 2:44).

b) Elijah brings Zion

We also know today by the biblical revelation (Jn 14:26, 16:13; Rev. 1: 1; 22:10) that the physical nation of GOD, Zion, that will be born in one day (Luke 17: 30,34-37), will be raised by Elijah, a physical descendant of David (Mal 4: 5-6, Matthew 17:11, 2 Sam 7, Mark 9: 2), who is the son of man (duality), of which Jesus, Jehovah of the Old Testament, alluded to the coming to the time of the end (Ezekiel 2: 1-5, 7: 1-10, Luke 17: 22-37).

This son of the man of the end-time generation (Jesus is no longer the Son of man since his resurrection from the dead, He is the Son of YHWH - Rom 1: 3-4), had much to suffer from disease and be rejected (Luke 17:25, Ezekiel 3: 24-27); he had to die before miraculously returning to the physical life in order to arouse the nation of God which will cause Babylon to fall (Job 14:13, Psalm 30: 1-4, 40: 1-4, Luke 17: 24-37)!

The Unexpected and Miraculous Arrival of the 'true' son of man (Elijah) who brings the Physical Nation of GOD to the world stage (Is 66:7-8 ; Matth 24:44; Luke 21:24-25; 1 Thess 5:2), will be known to all mankind, it will not be hidden, since he will be a well-known man, who reportedly died few years earlier, and who will return to physical life (will resurrect or sprout) where he was buried (Ps 30:1-4; 40:1-4; Zec 6:12); after returning to physical life, he will be surrounded by some people alive, also known, from all continents, and who find themselves instantly and miraculously by his side without the aid of a known means of transport, even the fastest and most sophisticated (Zec 3: 8 ; Dan 2:34,45 ; Jer 3:14 ; Deut 30:4 ; Mark 13:27 ; Luke 17:30,34-37).

This amazing event will be relayed by all media worldwide (internet, television, radio, etc ...) like lightning from east to west (Isa 45:5-6; Matthew 24:27; Luke 17:24). The whole earth will be astonished to see: "***A Revenant surrounded with people who were still a few moments ago, sleeping in their beds, or making their kitchen or working in their field, thousands of kilometers away, according to time zones!*** » (Luke 17:34-36)!

It is this event that Traditional Christianity has always called 'the Rapture' which in reality is the Birth of the Nation of God in a day! (Isaiah 66:7-8): the gathering of physical elect will be done by the Angels (eagles) that will take them where is 'the Body', that is to say the son of man who is Elijah returned to the physical life (Luke 17:30,34-37; De 30:4; Mk 13:27)!

In Acts 3:21; it is written black on white that '*Jesus must remain in heaven until the times of restoration of all things*'. And this restoration of all things will be done by Elijah, the 2nd son of man (Mk 9:2)!

The Bible is clear on these two advents that will take place at the end of time:

- On the one hand, the Advent of the **2nd son of man who is Elijah** the Prophet, will cause and bring about the Physical Kingdom of God, through his Nation Zion, BEFORE,

- On the other hand, the Advent of the **Son of God, Jesus** who will bring about the spiritual Kingdom of God and establish the Millennial Kingdom on Earth!

Letters

Letter from Anonymous (October 1, 2022)

Please keep this email private.

The following is not meant to criticize, because I think the work you are doing is worthwhile to some individuals.

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However, I doubt that many folks who read the newsletter are able to discern between correct and incorrect biblical truth (as you assume), especially when the scattered assemblies of the elect are dysfunctional at best, with each having very different views on basic biblical teachings (including myself).

In my view the Iron Sharpening Iron section is counterproductive and engenders animosity and strife between individuals.

Having said this, Please, do not print or refer to anymore of my material in the newsletter.

My Response:

I think he just called God’s church dysfunctional and the people in it stupid. Oops!

I have noticed that those who have different views in regard to basic biblical teachings do one of two things:

1. They look at what other people have to say to them in regard to their different beliefs
2. Or they get mad, write nasty letters to me and then unsubscribe

The reason that some people look at what other people have to say is because these people truly want to get it right according to scripture. It does not always mean that they will switch their current belief in regard to any given subject, but they are open to hearing and saving that knowledge until such a time that the light bulb gets brighter or dims all together in regard to any given subject. These are the people God wants, because they still have an ability to learn.

The reason that the second group gets mad, writes nasty letters to me and then unsubscribe is because they have no intention of listening to what anyone else has to say. They believe what they believe, and they are not going to change what they believe. They have a closed mind and do not have the ability to learn at this time.

In our first newsletter from 2001 to 2009 we used to answer letters in regard to articles. So, what is the difference between answering a letter or answering an article with an “Iron Sharpening Iron”? People as a general rule only want to be right. No one wants to be told they are wrong or even that they may be wrong.

In our first newsletter from 2001 to 2009, we used to turn down all articles we did not agree with but then we would let people know why we turned down their article. Some of these private email discussions were quite time consuming. We had more time back then. Now we don’t.

This newsletter now is set up to print both articles we agree with and those we do not agree with. With that comes discussion which should not be private. If the above email would have been of a personal nature, we would not have printed it. However, it has been printed because it is about the newsletter and the people who read it.

It may not look like it to most of you, but those who send items here for print can sometimes be a very large challenge to us. Some items we don’t research such as ads, announcements etc., some items only require a little bit of research, and some require many hours of research. People need to be challenged in regard to what they believe and that includes us. If you are not willing to be challenged in regard to what you believe then this is not the newsletter for you.

There seems to be a pattern emerging here. It has happened three times now in less than two years. A reader is challenged because of an article they wrote and submitted for print. They get mad, write a nasty or somewhat nasty letter to us and then they unsubscribe. So far, the only people who have told us or insinuated that we should get rid of the “Iron Sharpening Iron” section are these three people. And if we did get rid of that section it would all just be addressed in a more expanded letters section. So, what would be the difference?

If one wants to have differing beliefs, they should really know how to prove them through plain and clear scriptures.

This newsletter was set up with the intent to challenge people even if they never send us one single item to print. It is very important for all of us to get on the same page with God and that can only be done by studying the Bible and challenging or being challenged by hard discussions with other people. We are not here to change your beliefs, because we can’t do that. Whether you change your beliefs is up to you and what scripture actually says.

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Anything which has already been printed in this newsletter can be referred to by anyone who wants to refer to it for whatever the reason. And we will not print any more of your articles unless you send them to us in the future. (Laura Lee)

Letter from Curtis Dahlgren (October 2, 2022)

I'm always glad to make a contribution, Thank You.

Iron Sharpening Iron
(Agree or Disagree with Something Printed)
New American Standard Bible (Proverbs 27:17)
As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

In regard to: Any Church is Better Than No Church

Article by Nathaniel Burson
Comments by Darwin Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

The Article by Nathaniel Burson in the “New” Church of God Messenger, newsletter, titled, “Any Church is Better Than No Church”, issue #81-Special Edition, is subject to interpretation and personal biases and not based on scripture in many areas however well intentioned.

I believe it is well understood by most if not all those associated with any Church of God members that the definition of the word Church is not a building to go to, to have a special place of worship on a special day. I and I dare say that most understand that “Church”, (Ekklesia-Ecclesia) in the Greek is defined as, “called out ones” and not a building to go and do special worship. Even the Jehovah’s Witnesses’ organization understands that, that is why they call their gatherings an “assembly” which is what even Paul refers to in his letter in Hebrews 10:24,25.

However, having said that, if you look at a concordance as in Strong’s, you will find in Strong’s #1577, the Greek definition is basically, “an assembly, a group of people gathered together, it is never a building”. The phrase, “called out ones” is not part of the definition. However, there is support by other scriptures for certain ones being called for a special purpose apart from others that are in the world. Such as:

Joh 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Joh 17:17 ¶ Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Joh 17:18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

Joh 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

Joh 15:19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Joh 17:6 ¶ I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

1Pe 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath **called you out** of darkness into his marvellous light.

1Pe 2:10 Which in time past *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

So, while the word church is not defined in the Greek as “called out ones”, by other scriptures we can see that God’s people-church are indeed called out for a special purpose, therefore we don’t go to church, we are the church commanded to have holy convocations on the days God specifies which Moses did none of the sort!

I learned that “milk of the word” almost day one in God calling me into His Church! That is nothing new that God’s church doesn’t already understand. As far as, **Heb 10:24** “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good

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works”, I heard many a sermon by ministers that provoked me unto love and good works, which Nathaniel claims the church we all “go to” never did or other brethren never did, which is bogus because there were brethren that encouraged me to do good works.

By reading his article mentioned here and others he wrote on this subject, he pretty much condemns church gatherings and plain states that it was Moses that made it a law to have “holy convocations”. The truth is anything but that. God told Moses what to write and say, therefore it is part of and partial to the law of God and Moses didn’t make it up and do “one up” on God, somehow improving on God’s way of doing things. God makes it very plain, for all that have ears to hear and eyes to see in plain writing, that God told Moses, “**Le 23:1 ¶** And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, **Le 23:2** Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, *Concerning* the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, *even these are* my feasts.

Starting with verse 3: **Le 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.

Anyone that teaches otherwise is lying to you. And all liars will have their part in the lake of fire if unrepented of teaching their lies-no matter the “real” truth! (For there can only be one truth.)

Re 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the 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.

Le 23:2 couldn’t be plainer, God is telling Moses to tell the children of Israel, not Moses. Consider the audacity of Moses or you or me telling God, “I can make Your law more honorable by having Your people meet on Your sabbaths, make Your rest more profound”. And God says, “that’s good Moses (put your name there), I never thought of that, that works for Me, go ahead that’s one on you, I like that idea.” How absurd. Try that with God or anything else and see where that will get you! Yaa, Moses telling God, “You (God) should have thought of that”!

One can hear a message given by someone (minister or otherwise) and decide to be bored or glean something out of it. I wasn’t one to judge any message as useless and boring and did learn a lot from others as well as many things on my own doing as the Bereans did, **Ac 17:11** “These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so”. The holy convocations-assemblies have no specific rules-sub laws attached to it. Like with a growing child, the father-mother expects his-her son or daughter to use his-her own mind as the child matures. **1Co 14:20** Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

God expects the same from us. So, as to how and what form those assemblies are to be performed, God’s church is well approved by God, to make decisions in their group verses other groups in other areas as to the operation of their assemblies. Scripture please: **1Co 14:40** Let all things be done decently and in order. No condemnation of assembling here. **1Co 14:26 ¶** How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

Read all of 1 Co 14 and tell me that church assembling is but trash and you are a much holier person if you don’t meet with all of them sinners.

One can trash the ministry and church gatherings or teach the truth on this subject and God will do the judging. Just pray that He is on your side and (or rather you are on His side) would lead you into all truth.

In regard to: The Wise and the Foolish
Article by Paul Janvier Mbock
Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

There is some truth in this article, but it is riddled with inaccuracies. The different people he says are to full fill certain

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roles is just opinion. If someone else has something to say in regard to this article we will hear it and discuss it.

Announcements

Announcement from Zac Poonen (September 28, 2022)

CFC Austin had a powerful conference with Brother Zac Poonen last weekend. Here are the three messages from that conference:

1. **God's Sovereign Power over All People (68 minutes)**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PQzKoDnSynE>
2. **Jesus Came to Call Sinners to Repentance (85 minutes)**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-KPF80Kens>
3. **We Have a Father in Heaven (70 minutes)**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J30Apr_EsvI

Announcement from Dwight Fleming (October 3, 2022)

Heeding the Call - I received a powerful email from Lance Wallnau regarding what is at stake this November. The Constitution of the United States has nearly been obliterated by those presently in power. There is nothing that they won't do to remain in power as we have been witnessing in the last few months and since 2020.

As Christians, what is our responsibility at this time in history? Are we to just remain aloof and not get involved in this world's politics while watching the world "go to hell in a handbasket"?

Recall the parable of the Good Samaritan. Samaritans were considered inferior to the Jews even though they had similar beliefs. Yet, in Christ's parable, who answered the call and the command to "love thy neighbor"?

The two who thought that they were more righteous in God's eyes didn't want to get involved and bypassed their responsibility to aid an injured stranger. Do we also look down our noses at other Christians whom we consider to be inferior for their doctrinal beliefs yet perhaps more zealous toward God than we are?

Recall what Mordecai said to Esther to spur her to take the appropriate action: "Do not imagine that because you are in the king's palace [or under God's protection] you alone will escape the fate of all the Jews. For **if you remain silent at this time**, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your Father's house will perish. And who knows if perhaps you have come to the kingdom for **such a time as this?**" (Esther 4:12-14).

Esther put her life on the line by going before the king even though she had not been summoned. There are times when we can't wait for an angel to appear and tell us what to do. We see the detrimental harm that is being done in this country to our children and to our Christian values based upon the Word of God. We can play it safe and stay hidden in our caves or we can be the powerful witnesses of Christ as He commanded us to be. No matter what we do, persecution will come as Christ warned. Let any persecution bring glory to God as long as we are faithful in our calling and not because we did not have the love of God to care about our neighbors and our families.

"For if God did not spare the natural branches, He will certainly not spare you either" (Romans 11:21).

Make your voice heard this November. Don't think that your vote doesn't matter. If you think that then that is the same as thinking that your prayers don't matter. Yet, we are encouraged by those who have gone before us. If our parents or grandparents had not done what they had to do to stop Hitler, the freedoms that most of us have enjoyed would have perished decades ago. Our ultimate hope is Jesus Christ. Until Christ returns, we are morally obligated to do what is within our power to make the world a better place for ourselves and our posterity. Please read Lance's email and pray for God's direction.

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Here is Lance's email:

Is That You, God?

I was in between the place of waking up and sleeping when I heard... ***“What you do not occupy in November will be weaponized against you.”***

I believe these words “occupy in November” refer to the Midterm elections on November 8th because, in my mind, I could see God’s people moving toward critical areas of cultural influence this November. Not just voting for candidates that uphold religious liberty and our biblical worldview, but believers were becoming precinct committee people, poll watchers, election judges, and some were even running for office!

I believe this word warns us about the future of Christianity and freedom of speech in America. I heard this word on September 8th — precisely **60 days before** the November 8, 2022, elections!

A significant assault is coming to America if the devil has his way. I believe if we don’t heed this warning, we may lose our God-given fundamental liberties.

Think about this...

- The cultural “high places” of banking want to control you with a digital currency.
- Social media platforms want to control what you say and who can hear you.
- The Government wants the right to force vaccines upon you. What is that but control of your body? So much for “my body my choice.” Medical tyranny may be the greatest threat yet, as it can shut down your business, church, and freedom to travel.
- Biden, the FBI, and the Department of Justice have clarified that they are criminalizing conservatism.

In a way, we are locked into a battle between CONTROL and FREEDOM—that battle wages in the government mountain in principles, policy, platforms, and our elected politicians.

What baffles me the most is that half of the nation doesn’t care about this. Polling shows that races are tight in the Senate. So close that we may still be in Democrat control after November... That is, if the church does not heed this warning.

It’s time America listens to the Lord and gives Him what HE wants. It’s more than political parties, elections, and nations... it’s about our obedience to the high call of God. We must occupy (work, transact, participate in) the world’s systems around us and bring the mind, heart, attitude, and life of Christ to the high places. We have to put first things first.

That is why Mario Murillo and I are teaming up in Florida at the Hertz Arena on October 24-25th to host the presence of God in Estero, Florida. This will be unlike any event I have done so far. I have done Flashpoint events, Clay Clark events, Washington D.C. Prayer events, and Level 10 Dream Trips - while I have loved them all - the Hertz event will be different.

Mario Murillo and I are teaming up to push back against the Jezebel spirit of darkness covering our Land. This powerful event is FREE, but you must register to get a seat! Go to fireandglorytour.com now, as this event is filling up fast.

We call this **Fire and Glory** because we believe that the **fire of God** will fall upon a whole company of people, empowering and deploying them to be vessels of transformation in their

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spheres of influence. As **God's glory is revealed** through signs, wonders, and miracles, it will be abundantly clear, as it was in the days of Elijah, that *the LORD... HE IS GOD!*

God is about to do something new on earth, and I want you there with me! **Go to fireandglorytour.com and save your seat today!** Join me in Florida, with Mario Murillo, BEFORE the MIDTERMS on October 24 and 25th at the Hertz Arena as we pray, preach, and contend for our nation.

As One,
Lance Wallnau



Ads

Ad from Dwight Fleming (September 25, 2022)

Year 5783 is Here! - I received this email this morning (September 25th) from Lance Wallnau. It is quite interesting concerning Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. However, I'm not certain what calendar Lance is looking at. The traditional Jewish Calendar has Rosh Hashanah starting this evening at sundown which is also the Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah). It is the first day of the seventh month of the Hebrew Calendar. Then on the 10th day of the seventh month is Yom Kippur or the Day of Atonement. It is observed from sunset to sunset which means it will actually start at sundown on October 4th and end at sundown on October 5th this year.

Yom Kippur is a fast day and considered the most holy day of the year since it was only on this day that the High Priest would enter into the Holy of Holies. He first had to slay a young bull and take its blood into the Holy of Holies to sprinkle on the mercy seat which covered the Ark of the Covenant. This was followed by the blood of a goat to atone for the sins of the people.

Some people are bad with dates and with directions. Lance has admitted that he has problems with finding directions on a map. His "Scepter of Esther" program is quite good and relevant for our time today. The Book of Esther was not considered inspired and almost was not included in the Old Testament Canon. Why? Because it is the only book of the Bible that does not contain the name of God. Lance explains that God's name is actually hidden in the Book of Esther.

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In Lance's email included below, he mentions how the Hebrew number for 3 is shaped like a **camel** since that is what it sounds like. Also, Lance explains how certain iniquities can be passed down through the bloodline and how to prevent that. Here is Lance's email which you can read for yourself:

Yesterday ended the Holiest of all Holy Days in Israel— Yom Kippur.

According to Jewish tradition, God inscribes each person's fate for the coming year into a book, the Book of Life, on Rosh Hashanah, and waits until Yom Kippur to “seal” the verdict. During the Days of Awe, a Jewish person tries to amend his or her behavior and seek forgiveness for wrongs done against God (bein adam lamakom) and against other human beings (bein adam lechavero).

The High Priest goes into the Holy of Holies with shed blood and seeks atonement for the people of God. Jesus our High Priest has gone into heaven with His OWN BLOOD according to the book of Hebrews, and he has made a way for MERCY to triumph over JUDGMENT if we will but judge ourselves accurately.

God is dealing not only with sins but also something deeper, the “iniquity” in the lives of His people. An iniquity is a “bent” or inclination of the soul to lean toward certain sins. It's the “want to” or unholy “desire” that sometimes is the iniquity we must overcome in our own bloodline. **As we seek Him the blood brings deliverance to us in areas our children will not fight.** God is qualifying you and your children to access GATES of INFLUENCE beyond what you have asked or thought previously.

The year 5783 is HERE! The new Hebrew year began this week. (Last year was 5782.) The number “3” correlates to the letter “gimmel” in the Hebrew language, which is shaped like the word it sounds like—camel.

We are entering a time of the Lord pouring out His blessings on His people, while at the same time passing judgment on those who have been in rebellion to Him and His commands. **This is a year for great reward, but also a year for great retribution.**

As we enter this new Hebrew year, we need insight and wisdom for what is to come. In light of this, I have asked my team to send you some of my favorite resources designed to empower you in your next season. [*The Scepter of Esther*](#) is a timely word, especially when combined with [*Favor: Covered in God's Presence*](#) and [*The Billy Graham Prophecy*](#). Add the [*Esther Bundle*](#) to your collection today. Go to lancewallnau.com/5783.

Let's enter this year with celebration, walking in and qualified for God's favor and blessings.

As One,
Lance Wallnau

Editor's Note: There are many sects of the Jews and more than one calendar. The one we generally use in the Churches of God is the same one kept by the Orthodox Jews (The Scribes and Pharisees). Laura Lee

Ad from BibleStudy.org (October 1, 2022)

BibleStudy.org Celebrates 20 Years of Personal Answers! - Biblestudy.org Celebrates 20 years of Personal Answers!

Biblestudy.org's Personal Answers service celebrated its 20th anniversary in late September! Started in 2002, it has handled 23,500+ emails containing questions about the Bible. During its existence, thirty-two individuals known collectively as the Email Evangelists have generously volunteered their time to help others around the world understand God's word. These people, who have made this outreach possible, are the following.

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Other Items
(Poems, Jokes, Questions etc.)

Making Wise Decisions
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Have you ever made a decision that you later regretted? If so, you probably learned a valuable lesson from it.

Perhaps you have a big decision to make and worry about making the right decision. Praying about it would be the first thing to consider. Then seek helpful advice from respected and knowledgeable people. The Bible says that there is safety in a multitude of counselors (Proverbs 11:14). Adding to that consider Proverbs 15:22:

"Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed."

As everyone knows, it is always good to get a second opinion when it comes to major medical issues. For contract work, getting more than one estimate is also wise. Carefully weigh their input but don't be pressured. In the end, the final decision will be yours.

Lance Wallnau also has some worthy advice that you may find helpful. Here is the link to a recent post:

[Big Decisions – Lance Wallnau](#)

Take the Quiz! (The Answers)
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1. c— “Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.” (Romans 3:31 NKJV, also ASV, KJV and NASB)
2. c— “For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.” (Romans 7:14 NKJV)
3. c— “But pray that your flight will not be in the winter or on a *Sabbath*.” (Mt. 24:20; cf. Gen. 2:1-3)
4. c— “Here is the perseverance of the saints, *who keep the Commandments of God* and their faith in Jesus.” (Revelation 14:12)
5. c— “Whoever then annuls (breaks; KJV) one of the *least* of these (Mosaic) commandments, and teach-es others to do the same, shall be called *least* in the Kingdom of Heaven, but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called *great* in the Kingdom of Heaven.” (Matthew 5:19)

If you've missed some answers to this Quiz, it's an indication that your understanding of Mosaic Law is not in line with the New Testament. Please c (see:) these articles and my book (#9) for further study:

1. *A Snapshot of Church History and Mosaic Law* at <http://seedofabraham.net/A-Snapshot-of-Church-History-and-Mosaic-Law.pdf>.
2. *Grace, Holiness and the Pharisaic Church* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Grace-Holiness-and-the-Phari-saic-Church.pdf>.

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3. *Hebrews and the Change of the Law* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Hebrews-and-the-Change-of-the-Law.pdf>.
4. *Law 102* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Law-102.pdf>.
5. *Law and Grace* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Law-and-Grace.pdf>.
6. *No Longer Under the Law? Two Important Phrases* at <http://seedofabraham.net/No-Longer-Under-the-Law.pdf>.
7. *The Feasts of Israel and the Church* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Feasts-of-Israel-and-the-Church.pdf>.
8. *The Feasts of Israel as Time Markers After the Resurrection* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Feasts-of-Israel-as-Time-Markers.pdf>.
9. *The Lifting of the Veil—Acts 15:20-21* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Lifting-of-the-Veil.pdf>.
10. *Why Sunday?* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Why-Sunday.pdf>.¹

¹ Revised on Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

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Editor's Note:

I had to disqualify myself from this as I read the answers before I took the test. Darwin took the test before he saw the answers. He got them all right. But I had to disqualify him also because he is assistant editor of this newsletter.

If you answered C to all five questions you would have gotten it right.

What I can't believe is that out of all the people receiving this newsletter, only one person sent their answers to us. The official winner of the \$20.00 first prize is Gregory Diaz from New Jersey. Gregory Diaz will also be given the \$10.00 second prize and he and Avram will have to work out the prize that Avram was offering.

If there is ever another test like this, we hope we get more answers.

Congratulations Gregory Diaz.

Holy Days 2022

Passover – April 16, 2022 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)

Unleavened Bread – April 16-22, 2022

Pentecost – June 5, 2022

Trumpets - September 26, 2022

Atonement – October 5, 2022

Tabernacles – October 10-16, 2022

Last Great Day – October 17, 2022