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How does it feel to fail? You know all too well, don't you—the sickening feeling in the pit of your stomach when you didn't live up to your own or someone else's expectations. You feel foolish and incompetent, discouraged and defeated.

Cruel laughter and smug remarks from people who have no confidence in you ring in your ears and drown out the encouragement of well-meaning friends. You can see it in their eyes—an expression of sympathy and disappointment—if they dare to even look at you.

You wish a hole in the floor would swallow you up or that you could fade into the wallpapered walls and become invisible. You just want to hide away and lick your wounds alone. When you finally crawl off your couch of despair, you have a fierce determination to never, never feel the debilitating effects of failure again. So, you choose one of the following options:

Find someone else to blame! Some people blame God for not intervening to rescue them. They begin to doubt His power and consider Him a failure as well. Others blame their spouse, parents, or significant others. "If you had raised me right, I wouldn't be in this mess." "If you hadn't upset me last night, I wouldn't have hit you." "If you were the kind of (spouse, parent, friend) you should be, then I wouldn't have these problems." It is much easier to blame someone else than face ourselves in the mirror of reality.

Determine to never try again! Many people give in to those self-condemning voices that say, "You idiot! You never do anything right!" In order to avoid future failure, they don't take any more risks or try anything new.

There are other external voices to whom we listen that keep us defeated, and there is the voice of our enemy, Satan, that condemns us and lulls us into apathy.

Identify and develop your area of weakness. Try again! This is the best option and the one requiring faith. According to my friend, Boni, we define failure as not getting the results we wanted, while God defines failure as not trying.

"What we call failure, God calls learning. Not trying limits our understanding of God's power. Trying might be tying a knot at the end of your rope and hanging on."

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Which option do you usually choose when you fall flat on your face? How can you tell which voice to believe?

The list below is a formula from 2 Corinthians 7:10 which will help you discern between the voice of God and the voice of Satan.

God

Convicts
Delivers a specific message: “You told a lie.”
Confronts sin
Uses pain as a purpose
Leads to repentance
Results in life and joy

Satan

Condemns
Delivers a vague message: “You can’t do anything right.”
Attacks sinner
Uses pain to discourage and destroy
Leads to resentment
Results in death and depression

Boni describes God’s conviction as a surgeon’s scalpel which cuts in a specific way for the purpose of healing, while Satan’s condemnation is like slime that covers and smothers your entire being.

Another enemy we must face in failure is pride. A proud person says, “My life has been ruined, so God can’t use me anymore.”

No, that’s not the voice of a humble servant—it’s false humility. Boni calls this kind of pride “upside down arrogance—pride turned on its head.”

When you fail, you can choose to blame someone else, hide from life and indulge in prideful self-pity, listen to other people’s opinion of you, suffocate under the oppression of the enemy, or accept God’s gentle conviction and enabling power to help you move past the failure to another opportunity to grow and learn.

Faith responds to failure by saying, “Even though I’ve failed miserably, I will trust in God’s power to restore me to useful service.” God restores you through:

Repentance—Are you motivated by a sincere desire to change, or are you just saying the right words to get back the perks of being a “good” person?

Teachable Spirit—Are you willing to take an honest look at your areas of weakness and learn how to grow, or are you defensive and arrogant?

Connections—Are you involved in a small group with whom you share your heart? Are you being challenged by people who love you, or have you isolated yourself from those who might hold you accountable?

Hard Work—Are you willing to do whatever it takes to grow into the person God created you to be or are you resting on your past accomplishments?

Opportunities—As you grow, God will give you opportunities to try again, fail again, grow some more, try again, and on and on throughout the cycle of your life.

God will empower you with everything you need IF you will take the risk. His gracious love will take the fear out of failure.

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"We are safer now than we were in the fifties." – lady on a Facebook thread

DON'T START WITH ME, MA'AM. I can count about a dozen neighbors and brethren who have been murdered in recent decades, and I've lived in the country almost all my life. Jefferson County, Wisconsin didn't have one homicide in the decade of the 50s. Didn't you hear about 55 people getting shot in Chicago alone over Labor Day, ma'am?

No one is saying that the olden days were perfect, but there are factual statistics on divorce, births out of wedlock, fatherless, and all types of crime. Those stats do not lie: Society has declined and decayed since 1960.

The Left cannot confess that their anything-goes morality has destroyed a once great country, so they are in de Nile, going down for the third time. We are over the cliff already, hanging on by our fingertips. **"Is there anyone up there?"**

During the 1940s, our county did suffer one kidnapping murder, a little girl who was never found. One of her sisters married the farmer next door to us. When we moved to another farm, we could see her farm from our hill. But the Weckler case was probably the only serious crime in the 40s. "Human services" consisted of the sheriff and one volunteer who worked with juvenile delinquents. Today it has its own multimillion dollar building. What is wrong with this picture?

We kicked God out of the schools and the Ten Commandments out of the courthouse in the name of "progress." We lead the world in pornography and drug addiction. That makes you feel safe? **"Is there anyone else up there?", as the joke goes.**

P.S. In view of the season, I don't want to end on a low note. Speaking of fatherhood, I'm reading "Ted Williams, My Father" by Claudia Williams, who was born after his baseball career was over. She only knew him as a great fisherman. Twenty-two years after he played his last game, she saw him in a baseball uniform for the first time, at an Old-Timers' game:

"It was May 1, 1982 . . . with the stands packed . . . The announcer's voice echoed through the stadium. He introduced each player as he took the field . . . Finally, he started highlighting a player whose career had big numbers, records that still stood, and how this player had served two hitches in the Marines . . .

"The crowd came alive . . . The claps and the cheers were so loud I could feel the vibration of the whole stadium . . . My skin tingled . . . I strained to see him . . . It was then that my mom said, "That's Daddy."

"My mom picked me up. I saw my dad. My dad is something else, I thought."

Wouldn't anyone like to have a father like that? Or even a brother? YOU CAN. I'm talking about a father who will have a reception even greater than the one the crowd gave Ted Williams at Fenway Park. And a brother?

The latter will be greeted by 144,000 and songs that only angels can sing. There will be a great "innumerable multitude" to greet Him. A thousand years later or so, His Father will make this His home and bring a new Jerusalem, a new heaven, and a new Earth. The multitude will be even greater.

P.S. For more information, maybe you can Google it. Maybe there's an app for that.

PPS: As someone said, "I'm no longer watching for signs. I'm listening for the **TRUMPETS.**" Shalom!

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Unsettled Law

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Unsettled Law: President Trump, has - SURRENDERED - to the Devils' children, with the words “Same sex marriage is settled law.” That is disgraceful, and the same as saying: the judgment of five judges, overrules the judgment of God. President Trump has, with that statement, placed himself and all Americans, bowing at the Devils feet. And, he has effectively, agreed with Satan, to criminalize God's law in America. What God condemns, according to President Trump, must be honored; because of five bigoted and perverted judges.

Saying ‘same sex marriage is settled law’ is disarming all who were resisting the perverse ruling of five lawyers who wrote their own bigoted opinions into law. The definition of bigot is: Someone who has strong unreasonable beliefs and opinions; and who is intolerant of opinions differing from their own. Judges, writing their own opinions into law and legalizing same sex marriage is unreasonable and perverse. Those who believe God have God's opinion, not their own; so, they can never be bigots. The Devil is, mocking God's creation of, male and female, husband and wife, father and mother, and son and daughter; by that perverse, same sex marriage ruling.

Congress should declare the – same sex marriage law – illegitimate and unenforceable because it promotes dangerous and unnatural sexual behavior, that God condemns, and creates new law. Congress constitutionally, has the authority to create law not judges. But congress has been emasculated by media and educators today; they are fearful of being criticized by those who honor Satanic Immorality. I propose a - New Law – and someone in congress should propose the same law.

THE LAW SHOULD STATE: Any rulings by judges that creates - New Law - will be, illegitimate and unenforceable; unless or until, two thirds of congress votes to approve the law. That will restore representative government, blunt judicial tyranny, and prevent activist judges from writing their own, strange, perverse and bigoted, opinions into national law.

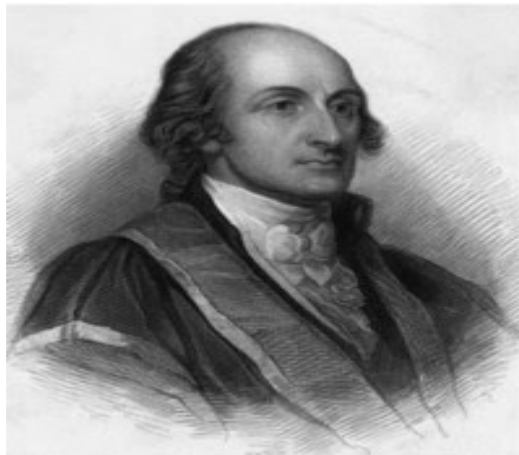
Some will accuse me of “discriminating”, the truth is: if you do Not discriminate, your mind and heart is being controlled and dominated. Satan inspired lawmakers, media and the sexual perverts they embrace, have captured your mind. Americans teaching their young boys that men marrying men must be honored, is disgraceful; and will corrupt the hearts and minds of our young people.

Jesus Christ said “By your word you will be acquitted and by your words you will be condemned” Matthew 12:37. “I hate discrimination” in defense of homosexuality and “same sex marriage is settled law” will condemn President Trump and many of our nation's leaders on the Day of Judgment.

Judgment Day is at the door and will soon overtake the wicked. The Day of Judgment will be the day of your death. If you died today and Jesus Christ does not return for a thousand years, that day of your death, will be judgment day for you, because you will not remember being dead. The doors of - life and death - are wide open: one leads to hell and the other to, the “kingdom of heaven” Matthew 4:17.

Death will be no escape from God's Judgment: 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 live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned.” President Trump and Lawmakers, repent and pray for mercy. Call on the LGBT den of deviates and all who praise and support them to repent. Our Heavenly Father crucified his Son, Christ Jesus, as an eternal sacrifice; that we may be cleansed from sin by his blood and receive salvation from death. Will God, make “America great” when our leaders praise the Devil's children, instead of encouraging them to repent and be saved? Ezekiel 3:18-19

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John Jay (1745-1829), America's first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, gave some very direct advice about how to vote this November. That his advice will seem shocking to so many is only indicative of how far we have strayed, as a nation, from the mindset of America's founding generation.

Let Christian Morality Be Your Guide

Jay was a lawyer from New York, a member of the Continental Congress, and a passionate abolitionist. He was one of the authors of the *Federalist Papers*, along with Alexander Hamilton and James Madison.

Held in very high esteem by his generation, George Washington appointed him to be the nation's first Chief Justice of the newly formed United States Supreme Court. He served in this capacity from 1789 to 1795. He then served as governor of New York from 1795 to 1801 and was able to push through a law outlawing slavery in that state.

Jay was a devout Christian who believed Christian morality to be the only basis for a peaceful and prosperous nation. He was very open about his faith and publicly declared,

Unto Him who is the author and giver of all good, I render sincere and humble thanks for His manifold and unmerited blessings, and especially for our redemption and salvation by His beloved Son. Blessed be His holy name!

Because the new nation was designed to be guided by "we the people" who would choose their leaders, Jay urged the people to be discreet in whom they chose. In 1812 he exhorted,

Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as the privilege and interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers. National prosperity can neither be obtained nor preserved without the favor of Providence (Hyatt, *America's Revival Heritage 2nd Edition*, 93).

One Party Has Rejected the Faith and Values of Our Founding Generation

In 2019 the Democrat National Committee (DNC), the governing body of the Democrat party, unanimously passed a resolution affirming atheism and declaring that neither Christianity nor any religion is necessary for morality and patriotism. Not a single Democrat leader—neither Pelosi, Schumer, or Biden--has expressed opposition, or even concern, about this resolution.

Their silence is deafening and is a cause for great concern. Their lack of a moral compass means nothing is off limits in

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their amoral world where abortion is just fine right up to the time of birth and they see no problem in encouraging girls to identify as boys and in allowing boys, who identify as girls, to compete in girls' sports and use the girls' bathrooms and locker rooms.

John Jay obviously would not vote for a modern Democrat, and neither would any other Founding Father. This does not mean that Republicans are saints. Far from it! Many of them are just as bad, but at least their party has not officially rejected God and Christian morality.

Vote and Pray

As we go to the polls this November, let us remember the words, not only of John Jay, but also of George Washington who said, "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports." Let us also recall the words of James Madison who said,

The belief in a God All Powerful, wise and good, is so essential to the moral order of the world and to the happiness of man, that arguments which enforce it cannot be drawn from too many sources (Hyatt, *1726: The Year that Defined America*, 111).

So, this November, let us cast our votes for those candidates whose values are most compatible with those of America's founding generation. Let us also pray for another Great Awakening to sweep across this land, restoring morality and common sense from sea to shining sea. After all, as documented in my books, *America's Revival Heritage* and *1726*, it was the First Great Awakening (1726-70) that shaped the thinking of America's founding generation and enabled them to create the freest and most prosperous nation in human history.

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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.

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Comments by Ray Daly (Lincoln, North Dakota)

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Ray Daly's, "iron sharpening iron", it's obvious that when one wants to believe what they want to believe, scriptures to the contrary that show otherwise that they will still hang on to their pet doctrine no matter what.

To me scripture is quite clear:

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.*

Hebrew, Strong's Concordance definition of convocation: #4744, "assembly, calling the community together, usually for a religious ceremony-convocation (16), convocations (3), assemblies (2), calling (1), reading (1).

On the seventh day we are to have an "holy convocation". **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.

The other seven feasts are commanded convocations too. **Le 23:4** ¶ These *are* the feasts of the LORD, *even* holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. Le. 23 to end with verse 44 stating, "**Le 23:44** And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD". Verse 7 states, "**You shall have an holy convocation**" (assembly).

I can only conclude like a petulant child, a four-year-old or other having a tantrum, falling on the floor, rolling around, screaming, pounding its little fists, crying "I won't do it" until it's lost its voice. Adamant that he-she won't do it no matter what!

Is that the picture that Jesus painted (?) when He said? **Mr 10:15** Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

It's obvious that Jesus was talking about an attitude of a child **believing** what dad and mom say **and a willingness to do it without question**. Nevertheless, we all know that works. Yes, there are some few exceptions of some that are not given to persuasion. Conversely, look at the Muslim community as a whole, when they teach their children to hate-jews. What does the child end up doing? Hate Jews.

So, to, if one teaches their children to love and love God, they end up, what? They love and love God. **Pr 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. By the way to love God is to keep his commandments. **Joh 14:15** If ye love me, keep my commandments.

The New Testament is replete with examples that people met in the synagogues and elsewhere, as in homes.

Joh 7:28 **Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught**, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not.

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Ac 11:26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they **assembled** themselves with the church, and **taught** much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. **Ac 14:27** And when they were come, and had **gathered the church together**, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

Ro 16:5 Likewise *greet* the **church that is in their house**. Salute my wellbeloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ.

1Co 4:17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, **as I teach every where in every church**.

1Co 11:18 For first of all, **when ye come together in the church**, I hear that there be divisions among you; and I partly believe it.

1Co 14:23 If therefore **the whole church be come together into one place**, and all speak with tongues, and there come in *those that are* unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?

1Co 16:19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, **with the church that is in their house**.

Col 4:15 Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and **the church which is in his house**.

Col 4:16 **And when this epistle is read among you**, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the *epistle* from Laodicea.

Phm 2 And to *our* beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and **to the church in thy house**: (Emphasis throughout).

We know they weren't primarily meeting on Sunday. They already knew what the fourth commandment was all about. **Re 14:12** Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Furthermore, what purpose does the ministry have if there is no gathering place?

After all, when the New Testament Church was begun, there was no internet where all could gather on a computer screen and fellowship. Just what is wrong with fellowship? Well, if one argues and fights with words, that is not good, but we're talking about adults in the room-house-assembly, be it in a local public library or rented hall for a place to assemble. The ministry has a purpose and place and various other functions for all in the church.

If I hadn't "convocated", I would never have met my lovely wife. I would still be at my apartment kissing my dog as she worshipped me! (That is if she were still alive after 23 years since getting married.) Of course, I could have had another option that of hitting bars on Friday nights and perhaps meet some floozie, get married and we could both convocate Sunday mornings to make ourselves feel good after having had to many drinks considering Sabbath gatherings would just be a bore, but Sunday meetings, not so much.

Our calling is more than just "me and God", but also fellowship with others God called for His Kingdom. What other time would you mainly gather and fellowship than on the Sabbath? If not on the Sabbath, then it wouldn't happen much if at all. Building relationships with others God called-calls should be something you want to do besides with God and Jesus and your family. **Mal 3:16** "Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard *it*, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name". Just when would this "spake often" take place if no one ever met on the Sabbath?

Lies abound and seems like people are easy prey to fall for them.

Just one more thing, "tricky dick" (Satan) hasn't changed his tactic since his encounter with Eve. As with Eve, his method that worked so well for him, (not so much for Eve) still is his play book to this day, which is, "Hath God said". In other words, "did God really say that 'come on man', that's not what He said". Eve took the "bait" as many have followed in her

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footsteps since that day long ago. **2Th 2:11** And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

There is real value for brethren getting together and learning, rejoicing together, encouraging one another. Staying at home purposely is but a true bummer and isn't Biblical. If you have others of like mind to share God's calling, meeting on the Sabbath and Holy days, that is a blessing, not a curse! One can do extra personal bible study during the other six days and one can call the sabbath(s) assembling a delight or a "soul sucking experience". You choose what best fits you!

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Perhaps you should look at the wording. In verse two it says, "these are my feasts" and then in verse 3 it talks about the Sabbath. Looks like a Feast Day to me.

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Are you actually reading your Bible? Read this scripture: **Mat 23:2** Saying, **The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:**

Do you know what that means? It means that in the temple the scribes and Pharisees sat in front in the temple and read the law to those who came to the temple. There are numerous scriptures in the New Testament where Christ spoke to the people as well as Paul. Men, Women and Children all attended these assemblies and not just to eat.

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Laura writes:

Here is the problem with your logic Ray. The Sanhedrin operated both as a court and as a temple. The court did not convene on Feast Days including the Weekly Sabbath. Men, Women and Children attended the reading of the law in the temple and Christ taught in the Temple.

The Great Sanhedrin was the supreme court of ancient Israel, made up of 70 men and the high priest. In the Second Temple period, the Great Sanhedrin met in the Temple in Jerusalem. The court convened every day except festivals and on the Sabbath. The Sanhedrin as a body claimed powers that lesser Jewish courts did not have. As such, they were the only ones who could try the king or extend the boundaries of the Temple and Jerusalem and were the ones to whom all questions of law were finally put. The last binding decision of the Sanhedrin was in 358, when the Hebrew calendar was adopted. The Sanhedrin was dissolved after continued persecution by the Roman Empire. Over the centuries, there have been attempts to revive the institution, such as the Grand Sanhedrin convened by Napoleon Bonaparte. [What was the Sanhedrin? | GotQuestions.org](#)

What you are teaching people about the Sabbath is just not true according to scripture.

In regard to: Gossip
Article by Rich Traver & Laura Lee
Comments by Ray Daly (Lincoln, North Dakota)

In the article about women and gossip. Actually, it goes beyond just gossip, as far as what Scripture tells us about women in general. The answer, and it is quite evident today in politics, false religions, sports, etc/etal, is found in the inspired words of God Almighty, as he saw fit to tell it in Isa. 3:12.

The above Scripture can be seen even in the families of those that The Almighty calls his people. For example, Sarah, when she nagged (?) Abraham into having a child for her through her maid. That is only one aspect of it. Note how she treated her maid and her son when she forced them away. A picnic basket, and a canteen of water.

And then note especially how Isaac's wife reacted when she went against her son Esau, in favor of Jacob. She lied and deceived Isaac and caused continued enmity between both of her sons. Also, as a result of her bad actions, she basically forced Jacob to have to flee, and live virtually in slavery for some 20+ years.

Then there is Jacob himself. He wanted to marry Rachel, but her father wanted him to marry the elder Leah. You know the story, as he had "two wives". And consider how those two wives treated Jacob and separated themselves from one another. Recall how Rachel said to Jacob. "Give me children or I perish". (para) My, he had already sired 5 or six children, and Rachel was blaming him for her not getting pregnant.

In regard to: Gossip
Article by Rich Traver & Laura Lee
Comments by Laura Lee (Bismarck, North Dakota)

Just to be clear, men can gossip just like women. Gossip is in no way gender specific. Most of what you are talking about here does not fall under the heading of Gossip.

Where is that scripture saying that Sarah nagged Abraham into having sex with her handmaid. Most men do not have to

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be nagged into having sex with someone other than their wives. Sarah was allowed to send her handmaid away as Sarah owned her.

What Rebecca did was a sin. Jacob was not a slave; he could have left at any point in time. And Rachel wanting children is not gossip. I think you are getting gossip mixed up with sin and every day living.

Isa 3:12 As *for* my people, children *are* their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause *thee* to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

Isaiah 3:12 is happening all around us. Children are ruling parents in various ways the worst of which that parents can no longer discipline their own children because if they do the children will report them to social services or the police. Then the parents will go to jail or have their children taken away. Yet the law says the parents must have control over their children while at the same time taking control away from the parents. The children are well schooled in the most minor infractions that can have their parents thrown in jail.

Having children is the responsibility of the couple who decides to have them, however many men do not take responsibility for their own children. They like to make the children but many times they disappear from the couple when they find she is pregnant. Those who do stay are most of the time lazy leaving all or most responsibility to the woman to work both at home and in the workplace to put food on the table while the men sit in the bar all night or run around with other women or both. When a man forces all or most responsibility on women then women have the rule over men.

Then to top all of this off, you have immature government officials holding office and promoting all kinds of sin and telling everyone there is no God. In other words, the unconverted in this world have a major problem and are totally fulfilling Isaiah 3:12.

If you have God's Holy Spirit residing in you then Isaiah 3:12 does not apply to you because it will not or should not be happening among converted people.

Announcements

Announcement from Zac Poonen (October 25, 2022)

Messages

The Full Gospel

<https://cfcindia.com/sermon/the-full-gospel>

Seeking Only Jesus in Heaven and on Earth

<https://rlcf.church/media/sermons/seeking-only-jesus-in-heaven-and-on-earth>

God Can Restore to Us All That We Have Lost

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1cpb8yBJtUo>

Develop the habit of listening EVERY DAY to “Daily Devotion” by Zac Poonen (10 to 15 minutes) in the language of your choice:

In English: <https://www.cfcindia.com/daily-devotion>

In Hindi: आज का वचन : https://youtube.com/channel/UCk0B6V1XqXWGOmBx_142YOW

In Malayalam: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRnhKIRzq9yepI9QPrj_2IQ

In Tamil (20 minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1KoxpoF0TQJ2au01YUbBNg>

Here are the hymns that Zac Poonen has written :

<https://www.cfcindia.com/article/hymns-written-by-zac-poonen>

You can learn the tunes for all of these by going to:

zacpoonenhymns.com

Since many people in the world will be celebrating Halloween on October 31, please read this very important article by Sandeep Poonen about it:

<https://cfcindia.com/article/why-i-dont-celebrate-halloween>

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<https://cfcindia.com>

Other Items (Poems, Jokes, Questions etc.)

Establishing The Throne of David (Copyright) by Dwight Fleming (Oroville, California)

This video was just released today, October 10th, 2022. Perfect timing for the Feast of Tabernacles. Jacob Prasch does a deep dive into the tribes which primarily helped to establish David's throne over all of Israel. He shows how this was a shadow of the establishment of Christ's throne at His future return.

Jesus primarily lived in the Galilee area. Why? This was the area occupied by the tribes of Zebulun, Issachar, and Naphtali. Jacob explains that eleven of Christ's original apostles were from these tribes. Once again, understanding the reasons for it will give us some important spiritual principles that God is looking for.

What spiritual connection did Mary have with Deborah? Jacob reveals the geographical and the spiritual connection of Mary and Deborah though they lived centuries apart. He also explains much of Jacob's prophecy concerning his 12 sons found in Genesis 49. King Saul was of the tribe of Benjamin and who ended badly. Yet, years later, other Benjamites would have a better outcome according to Jacob's prophecy. Can you think of who they are?

If you want some strong meat for the Feast that will encourage you to fight the good fight, then be sure to take the time to watch this video any time of the year. The insight that you will gain from it will not fade away but will stick to your "mental ribs" and help you to examine the depths of your heart toward God. This video will be an unforgettable **Feast** that will help to prepare us for ruling with Jesus Christ.

The table is set. Time to enjoy the blessing that awaits you!

<https://youtu.be/K3AulyEgkKc> "Establishing The Throne of David" Jacob Prasch

The Feast of the Open Book (Copyright) by Dwight Fleming (Oroville, California)

The Feast of Tabernacles is a joyous time of year. It is a time of bounty and celebration for the blessings of God. After the harvest, families would travel together to Jerusalem to celebrate and thank God similar to what we do today at Thanksgiving. Because the seven-day celebration was connected to a harvest, it was also known as the Feast of Ingathering (See Exodus 23:16; 34:22).

There is another name for the Feast of Tabernacles that has developed over the centuries. Near the end of Moses life, he gave a final instruction. Notice:

"So Moses wrote down this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel. Then Moses commanded them, 'At the end of every seven years, at the appointed time in the year of remission of debt, during the **Feast of Tabernacles**, when all Israel comes before the LORD at the place He will choose, you are to **read this law in the hearing** of all Israel. Assemble the people--men, women, children, and the foreigners within your gates--so that they may listen and learn to fear the LORD your God and to **follow carefully all the words of this law**. Then the children who do not know the law will listen and learn to fear the LORD'" (Deuteronomy 31:9-13).

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As the Bible records, Israel did not keep God's righteous laws so that they would be blessed but went after false gods. In time, God had to remove them from the land. First, the ten northern tribes were removed by Assyria. Then the remaining tribes of the House of Judah were removed and taken to Babylon. They were in captivity for 70 years until Babylon was conquered by the Medes and Persians. They were allowed to return to their homeland to rebuild the Temple and eventually the wall of Jerusalem as recorded in the book of Nehemiah.

The Feast of Tabernacles came and they were diligent to do as Moses had instructed. The people reacted by weeping. It was like an old-time song that brought back memories of a better time causing a person to weep not knowing what the future holds. Notice:

"So they read from the Book of the Law of God, explaining it and giving insight, so that the people could understand what was being read. Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all of them, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God. **Do not mourn or weep.**' For all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law.

"Then Nehemiah told them, 'Go and eat what is rich, drink what is sweet, and send out portions to those who have nothing prepared, since today is holy to our Lord. **Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength**'" (Nehemiah 8:8-10).

Every seven years during the Feast of Tabernacles, the Book of the Law was to be **opened** and read to all the people. Thus, the Feast of Tabernacles also became known as **The Feast of the Open Book**. It was a time of revealing and understanding. Isn't it also interesting that the last book of the Bible is called, "The Revelation of Jesus Christ." What understanding will God reveal at this special time?

Lance Wallnau recognizes the importance of the Feast of Tabernacles and just came out with a new video where he discusses the return of Christ and the Day of the Lord. He brings out details that you may not have thought about before. Take 30 minutes to hear a fresh perspective on the times that we are heading into. Know that our time of rejoicing is drawing near (Luke 21:28).

[Lance, Are The End Times Near? The Antichrist, Revelation, Daniel, America And Israel | Lance Wallnau \(rumble.com\)](#)

Holy Days 2023

Passover – April 6, 2023 (Observed at Sunset the Evening Before)

Unleavened Bread – April 6-12, 2023

Pentecost – May 26, 2023

Trumpets - September 16, 2023

Atonement – September 25, 2023

Tabernacles –September 30, 2023 to October 6, 2023

Last Great Day – October 7, 2023