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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Scripture: Mark 1:9-11

The day Jesus was baptized, Heaven invaded earth verbally! The joy in the Father's voice was heard by all who were there. The Kingdom of God had come to earth. Kingdom Authority had broken through. Dominion and rule were now accessible in the message and ministry of the Incarnate One. God had taken flesh and was dwelling among us. His last words on earth screamed victory to all who would believe. *"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* (Mt. 28:18-20)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

Scripture: Mark 1:12-15

Jesus was driven into the wilderness to confront the enemy and was tempted for forty days. After overcoming the enemy and with the forerunner, John, in prison, Jesus came to Galilee preaching the message of the Kingdom. Verse 15 declares that the time or the **kairos** was fulfilled and the Kingdom of God was at hand. Everyone was exhorted to repent and believe the gospel. But the key message was that dominion and rule from heaven had manifested on earth. How are we doing carrying on that God-given dominion and rule? To the degree we are not doing as well as we should, is it because we are representing the Savior and completely abandoning representing the King? The King was in manifestation when Jesus came out of that water. The demons knew it. And when He came back full of the Holy Spirit, people were about to see it. The Kingdom is here! What are we doing with it?

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Scripture: Luke 4:16-20, Isaiah 61:1-2a

Luke 4:16-20 is one of the most dramatic passages in the New Testament because Jesus returned to His Own home town where He reads Isaiah 61:1,2a, *"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;..."* He dramatically hands the scroll back to the attendant, sits down with the eyes of all the synagogue on Him, and then declares, *"To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,..."* Jesus declared the Kingdom was here. The anointing of the King was present. What are we going to do? Will we respond biblically, or will we reject the King's anointing? Those are the only options. Accepting the King's anointing means ruling like a King! Antichrist leaders need to encounter the "Rod of Iron"!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Scripture: Luke 4:21-30

Jesus not only preached the favor of God, but He demonstrated the impact on the religious community. God's love and favor for the people cleaned house in the temple. He, in effect, said that God would be looking for new people to bless because those that should have been open were, in fact, closed. The people were so upset to hear this message that their reaction in verses 28,29 was to take Jesus, march Him out of town and prepare to throw Him over a cliff. But because the Kingdom was in their midst and manifesting, verse thirty records that they suddenly all lost their grip. When the Kingdom goes into manifestation, there is an anointing that causes everyone to lose their grip. And in the midst of that manifestation, anyone can walk right through the crowd and on his way. Should we not be believing for such manifestations of the Kingdom in the last days? God wants us to know that just as He showed up for the Living Christ, He will show up for His church. He is no respecter of persons and just like He caused every hostile person to lose their grip, He can do the same thing again today. Through our prayers, God can cause terrorist bombs to blow up in their own hands.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Scripture: Matthew 10:5-7, Matthew 10:5,6

When Jesus sent out the Twelve in Matthew 10:5-7, He made it very clear what they were to preach and declare. Matthew 10:5-7 states, *"These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: 'Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"* The declaration was that the Kingdom of Heaven was at hand. Present-tense, operational, functional and accessible. Is the Kingdom of Heaven at hand today? Most of us would agree that it is. So why do we not see more manifestations judicially? The answer to that is, most of the church is only trained to be Priestly. We have not trained the church in the Judicial Kingdom. If we had, there would actually be some fear of God in the land. Since there is very little, it is obvious where the problem is. The Twelve knew the Kingdom was here. How long will it take us to embrace what the New Testament so clearly teaches? There is a Kingdom, and that Kingdom has a judicial element. God is waiting for us to execute it by His Spirit!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

Scripture: Matthew 10:24-28

Matthew 10:24-28 states, *"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."* Jesus told us that because the Kingdom was here, where healthy fear should be accurately placed. He said not to fear those who kill the body, but rather Him who can kill the soul. Fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. The Kingdom has a judicial section, and when that judicial section is accessed, those who set themselves against God's purposes will face the Ultimate Judge, where their life hangs in the balance. Jesus could have put it this way, *"He is the God of double-destruction."* Killing someone the first time is not the worst thing that can happen. It is the second death that hurts the most because it is eternal.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Scripture: Matthew 10:36-39

Matthew 10:36-39 states, *"...and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.' He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it."* The great challenge for the church is to put Jesus above every other pull of life. If we can place Him at the center and consistently walk that way, then while losing our life here, we will find it there. This is so difficult that very few ministers achieve it. One time Jesus appeared to Kenneth Hagin, after he had fallen and broken his elbow. Jesus told him he had not yet entered his first phase of ministry. Hagin protested that he had been ministering for twelve years. Jesus told him that most of those called to ministry never enter the first phase of what God intends. The fear of God hit me when I read that! Fully yielding to God, in our spirit, is prerequisite for the fullness of Who Christ is. Jesus lived it first and then, by the Spirit, said that you and I could follow. If we are willing to go there, then we will see the fullness of that for which we were born and that season is here.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

Scripture: Exodus 4:22,23

Exodus 4:22,23 says, *"Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the Lord: "Israel is My son, My firstborn. So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn."'"* Moses, because he was willing to lose his life, suddenly found himself in the middle of representing the Judicial Christ. That included going to the Pharaoh who was worshipped by the majority of Egyptians, and telling him that the Judge of all the earth had weighed him in the balance and decided to take his kingdom. Would anyone relish that assignment? In those days Pharaoh could have anyone killed instantly. Moses' life was constantly in danger!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

HAPPY HAUNNEKAH!

Scripture: Exodus 11:4-7

Exodus 11:4-7 states, *"Then Moses said, 'Thus says the Lord: "About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt; and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the animals. Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it before, nor shall be like it again. But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog move its tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that the Lord does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel."'"* God drew a distinction in His judicial actions on sins of people who had chosen to be enemies versus sins of the church. God's judgment in Egypt was severe. It was severe enough to set the entire nation of Israel free. His judgment was termination. The Egyptians had so hardened their hearts that the only way to change it was terminating lives. Have we come to that place? Are we facing enemies so persistent that the only way to cause them to relent in destroying our harvest field is in terminating their lives? Are we facing those who are so radical in evil that only judicial termination will cause them to cease? If we are, then it is not an unfamiliar spot for God. The only people having problems with this idea are the ones in today's church who are so imbalanced that we have become nicer than God. When the church becomes nicer than God, it tolerates evil rather than moving God's Hand against it. And that brings an eternal judgment, according to Revelation, that can dramatically alter where you and I spend eternity. What shall we do?

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

Scripture: Exodus 14:24-27

In Exodus 14:24-27, we are told, *“Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the Lord looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians. And He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, ‘Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians.’ Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the waters may come back upon the Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their horsemen.’ And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and when the morning appeared, the sea returned to its full depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing into it. So the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.”* The Egyptians hardened their hearts and decided to come after the Israelites to destroy them. This brought the Judicial Christ on the scene. And when He came on the scene, He first caused their chariot wheels to be caught in the mud. Then He returned the water on the entire Egyptian army. Which dimension of God showed up for Israel? Could we say that the love of God for covenant Israel brought the death and destruction of those who were trying to kill them? Does God love us enough to destroy those who want to kill us? It would appear He does! Where do we find that idea in today’s church? It is in the Bible, but is it inside of us?

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Scripture: Exodus 14:29,30

Exodus 14:29,30 says, *“But the children of Israel had walked on dry land in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. So the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.”* How is it that God made the children of Israel walk on dry land and when the Egyptians attempted to follow them, their chariot wheels got stuck in mud that had previously carried the Israelites over on dry ground? How is it that even then the sea returned to cover the Egyptians? It is very clear in verse 30, *“...saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.”* Did someone pray a prayer that brought God into their midst with such strength? The truth of the matter is, Moses did. Does this God still exist today? After all, that is Old Testament. But did He manifest in the New Testament like this? He certainly did for Peter, when he was jailed by Herod. Hebrews 13:8 is really true – Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever! The real question is this: do we know *this* Jesus? Can we pray prayers that bring this Jesus on the scene? If we understand the love of God that terminates and if the Spirit leads, then we can! Pray for termination – just like David did!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Scripture: Exodus 15:1-3, 15:6,7

Exodus 15:3 says, *“Your right hand, O Lord, has become glorious in power; Your right hand, O Lord, has dashed the enemy in pieces. And in the greatness of Your excellence You have overthrown those who rose against You; You sent forth Your wrath; It consumed them like stubble.”* God overthrew those who rose against His covenant people. He sent forth His wrath and consumed them like stubble. What does it look like when God sends forth His wrath and consumes people like stubble? Does it look like Herod? The early church prayed. Does it look like the Egyptian army? Do we serve a Risen Savior who will respond in this dimension? Perhaps we should reread the book of Revelation just to see how Jesus interacts, not just with the church, but with the world. Are we ready to represent this Jesus? Do we know this Jesus?

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

Scripture: Matthew 5:38,39

Matthew 5 says, "Do not resist an evil person." The word translated "resist" is **anth-his-tay-mee**. **Anth** means 'to come against' and **his-tay-mee** means 'to reach up and pull out of an occupied position of resistance.' Unfortunately for all of us, this has become a passage which represents our thinking about the love of Jesus. Yet, Jesus Himself in John 2, wove three cords together and completely overturned the tables of the money-changers. It is obvious that Jesus did not always want us to not resist. The God of covenant, in the Old Testament, has been in effect taught out of the church by seminaries, pastors and teachers taking one Scripture out of context and emphasizing it over, and over, and over again. 50 years of emphasizing only the love of Christ in one dimension and from only certain Scriptures has removed the God of the Old Testament and the book of Revelation. What has happened to the church? We have been pastored into passivity. Jesus did not change from the Old Testament to the New! He saves *and* He kills!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

Scripture: James 4:7

James 4:7 says, "*Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*" Jesus said "Do not **anth-his-tay-mee**," when He was preparing the Twelve for evangelism. James says "Do **anth-his-tay-mee**," any time the enemy comes against you. But the key in James is to do it after you have submitted to God. Because only then will we be able to stand in the fire we have to call down. In the last days, there are fewer places where we do **not** resist. Most often it is when planting evangelistic seed that we should not resist. Most other situations call for resistance of one kind or another. By emphasizing primarily evangelistic love, the enemy has crippled the church. The church should be praying as David prayed!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:6-9

1 Peter 5:6-9 says, "*Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.*" Peter walked with Jesus. He was at the Sermon on the Mount and he was there when Jesus overturned the tables of the money-changers. Peter understood that when you are dealing with an enemy, you cannot enable evil. You must actively take a stand against evil and those who promote it. You have to call them down out of their position and sometimes you have to pray to remove them permanently. Peter taught that. Jesus lived it. There is no inconsistency here. The Christ we serve discerns the situation and guides us in acting appropriately. There are times when the Spirit says to not resist and to sow seeds for salvation. But the rest of the time, He calls for one layer of resistance or another regarding evil. Each situation has a tailor-made application of God's love. If we are walking in the Spirit, our question must be which layer applies. We must ask, "Is this Love Layer One, Two, Three, Four or Five? Lord, how would You have me respond?" And we must wait until we hear an answer. But when we do, it is time for action! Right now, we have a church comfortable with only the first two layers. We only "turn-the-other-cheek," pray for the enemy and often forbear sin but occasionally warn. Not resisting and not calling down fire is *not* New Testament. It is *not* Old Testament. It is *not* Revelation. It is *not* Jesus. It *is* tradition. Our traditions have made the Word of God of none effect. It is time to reverse that!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

Scripture: Revelation 2:20-23

In Revelation 2:20, Jesus is confronting the church at Thyatira. He is saying, "You have become like Eli. He tells them, *"Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols."* Eli refused to restrain the evil his sons were doing. Thyatira refused to confront evil in their midst. They allowed sexual immorality as if it were biblically acceptable much like some churches do with homosexuality. Modern-day Eli's abound. The Greek word for "allow" is **eh-ah-o** and means 'to tolerate, refuse to restrain or to be passive in the face of evil.' The fruit of teaching only Layer One of God's love out of Matthew 5:38,39 is the church at Thyatira. It is not difficult to see how the church became so passive. It was taught from the pulpit. But when the pulpit changes, the church changes. When we change the pulpit, we change the church. When the Word, in its *fullness*, is preached, it produces eternal seed. And it will come forth. So once the pastors start letting each of the genuine five-fold impart its heart to the church, the fullness of who Christ is will come forth. When this happens, Christ will rise up in the church.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

Scripture: Revelation 2:21-23

In verses 21-23, we find a Jesus that looks very much like the God that brought Israel out of Egypt. He is making it clear, in His grace and mercy, that it is time to repent. But if that time ends without turning, the church will be heading for affliction, Layer Four of God's love, or termination is where the disciples of the demonic doctrine will be removed. Termination is Layer Five of God's love. Jesus is the Terminator in the New Testament. The real question is, will we represent Him or will we decline? This is the New Testament Christ and it is obvious that in the book of Revelation He does more terminating than He does saving. Therefore, which dimension of Jesus will we be representing the most? The Matthew 5 or the Revelation 2 Jesus? The weight of the prophetic Scripture leans toward the Judicial Christ. Are we really ready for that? We do not have any choice. If we really want to walk with the Lord in the last days we have to get ready.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Scripture: Matthew 10:5-14

Jesus prepared and sent out the Twelve in Matthew 10:5-14. He told them what to do if they were not received. There is an action they had to initiate when people refused to receive the Word. That action was Layer Three of God's love. They had to stand up and warn. They had to execute a cultural, prophetic act that no one, in that day, would have misunderstood. Do we warn our leaders when they legislate biblical immorality? Do we warn our fellow believers as the Spirit leads? The early church did.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Scripture: Luke 10:1-4, 10-12

In Luke 10:1-4, Jesus prepared the seventy in the same way He prepared the Twelve. He let them know they had to demonstrate the Kingdom by healing the sick. But whenever they were not received, they were to slap their sandals together, shake the dust off their feet and declare that it would be more tolerable in the Day of Judgment for Sodom and Gomorrah than for that city. Now that was pronouncing a covenantal, judicial curse. That is the strongest possible warning that could be given. And Jesus taught the seventy that when their word about the Kingdom was not received, they were to give that warning then they were to exercise Layer Three of God's love. What has happened to us? What has happened to our present day

church? We do not teach people to warn in our Bible schools. The church hardly knows about warning, except for the demonstration of it by the prophets among us. Warning is God's love in action in an attempt to save us from the next two Layers of God's love where pain and agony abound!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

Scripture: Luke 22:35-38

In Luke 22:35-38 we are told, *“And He said to them, ‘When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?’ So they said, ‘Nothing.’ Then He said to them, ‘But now, he who has a money bag, let him take it, and likewise a knapsack; and he who has no sword, let him sell his garment and buy one. For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: “And He was numbered with the transgressors.” For the things concerning Me have an end.’ So they said, ‘Lord, look, here are two swords.’ And He said to them, ‘It is enough.”* Jesus made it clear that in the end of His earthly ministry there was a transition from an emphasis on the evangelistic to an emphasis on the judicial. Unfortunately the church of our generation has been completely preached back into the evangelistic and has totally neglected the judicial. Consequently, we are not equipped for the resistance we have faced and we have given up freedoms previous generations have bought and bled for! We are at the point now that the only way to stave off utter destruction in many of our nations is for the full-blown manifestations of Love Layer Four and Love Layer Five. Jesus made it clear – the transition was there. *“Sell your garment, buy a sword!”* Why? Because we would need a sword more than we need a garment. The church today needs the sword. We need to be able to bring Jesus the Judge in manifestation in Love Layer Four or Love Layer Five of God's love. Have we really bought the sword? Jesus said to sell our garments and buy a sword! You know you've bought a sword when you pray judicially and Jesus answers! This sword is a prayer-sword – the Sword of the Spirit set in our hearts and flowing from our tongues. Let us use it!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

Scripture: Revelation 19:11-13, 1 Samuel 2:6

Revelation 19:11-13 says, *“Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.”* What would we say if, in this application of who the Lord is, it was the church who supplied the names of those whose blood covers Jesus' robe? Are we ready to walk in a place like that with the Lord? He was clothed in a robe dipped in blood and His name is called the Word of God. What if the church supplied the names of those whose opposition to righteousness defiles the nation? What are our prayers, proclamations and declarations concerning those who champion perversion that would release God to remove them? If you were the enemy, it seems an important way you could get everything you wanted was to deceive the church into believing their job was to turn the other cheek and pray for their enemy. If you could do that, you could deprive Jesus of the ambassadors needed to move in His judicial, covenantal, New Testament role as Judge of all the Earth. Where is the problem today? The problem is we do not know who we are in Christ. The same Christ who saves, promises to remove! When Samuel was born, Hannah rejoiced and prophesied in 1 Samuel 2:6, *“The Lord kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up.”* Many of you have read C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. In this beloved children's book, one of the main characters tells another of the mighty Lion, Aslan, who represents Christ: *“...’If there's anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they're either braver than most or else just silly.’ ‘Then he isn't safe?’ said Lucy. ‘Safe?’ said Mr. Beaver. ‘Don't you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe?’ ‘Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you.”* Lewis' representation of the Lord shows he had a true understanding

of the Judicial side of God, and C.S. Lewis himself would *not* be surprised to see our Christ swinging a double-edged sword!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

Scripture: Revelation 5:8-10

In Revelation 5:8-10 we are told, *“Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.” He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.”* In verse 10 the word *“reign”* is the verb **bas-il-yoo-o** and what it says is that we become the action of the office of king. Our actions must reflect the biblical, judicial office of king. Mature saints are the verb, or the action, that demonstrates the Kingly Christ. What we pray, what we declare and what we decree are to be consistent with a King’s actions. Our actions become the demonstration of the Kingly Christ. Are we acting? Are we demonstrating? Are we showing? Are we proving? And are we praying covenant justice? If we are not, we should be.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

Scripture: Revelation 5:8

Revelation 5:8 says, *“Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.”* It is interesting that the bowls of the incense, which are the prayers of the saints, precede verses 9,10. Verses 9 and 10 give us a picture of what happens when our prayers are poured out before the Throne. Our prayers bring God’s action. Are we praying Priestly, or are we praying Kingly? If we are only praying Priestly, then it is no wonder that evil is rising like a flood.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

Scripture: Revelation 5:6

Revelation 5:6 says, *“And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.”* We see in this passage that it is not a coincidence that Jesus is standing in the midst of those who populate heaven declaring the full measure of who He is and what must be done! He is the Agent who brings to pass and implements the prayers of the church. And those prayers certainly appear to be judicial. Because the bowls, when they are poured out in chapter 6, bring the beginning of a progressive, judicial display like none the earth has ever seen. Surely, there is no coincidence there. The prayers of the saints bring the Judicial Christ on the scene. How are we doing in that category?

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Scripture: Hebrews 1:13,14

HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

Hebrews 1:13,14 says, *“But to which of the angels has He ever said: ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool’? Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”* What are the angels doing right now? What is their job? Apparently, they are all ministering spirits who have the assignment to minister for those who inherit salvation. They implement what

we pray in God's will. That includes making our enemies our footstool. Angels are to assist in the implementation of the things we pray. When the Judicial Christ responds to our prayers, angels are involved. Pray a Christmas present for the nation, "Lord remove Justice _____ from the Supreme Court. Have mercy on our nation and remove the arrogant, the vile and all those who rage against You!"

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Scripture: Hebrews10:12-14

Hebrews10:12-14 STATES, *"But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified."* Jesus has made it possible for us to go to the Throne and ask God to intervene, even to the point of removing an enemy who will not relent. Jesus even has the angels at work to implement our prayers. The real question is, what are we praying?

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

Scripture: Psalm 58:1-3, 4-6, 7,8

Psalm 58:1-3 makes it clear that there are dedicated, demonized people who become our enemies from their very birth. They rebel and come against the Spirit of God. Verses 4-6 makes it pretty clear that God's response for the righteous is to ask for intervention that breaks the enemy's teeth, *"Their poison is like the poison of a serpent; They are like the deaf cobra that stops its ear, Which will not heed the voice of charmers, Charming ever so skillfully. Break their teeth in their mouth, O God! Break out the fangs of the young lions, O Lord!"* In verses 7,8, David is asking for a termination, *"Let them flow away as waters which run continually; When he bends his bow, Let his arrows be as if cut in pieces. Let them be like a snail which melts away as it goes, Like a stillborn child of a woman, that they may not see the sun."* He is plainly saying, "Enough! Remove them God!" Can we pray prayers like that? It is one major reason the Psalms were written, and we should be praying them, as led by the Spirit.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

Scripture: Jeremiah 11:18-23

One important question is, how does God respond to those who are set on destroying our assignment or our harvest field? Jeremiah 11:18-23 reveals just such a situation. These verses state, *"Now the Lord gave me knowledge of it, and I know it; for You showed me their doings. But I was like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, saying, 'Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more.' But, O Lord of hosts, You who judge righteously, Testing the mind and the heart, Let me see Your vengeance on them, For to You I have revealed my cause. Therefore thus says the Lord concerning the men of Anathoth who seek your life, saying, 'Do not prophesy in the name of the Lord, lest you die by our hand'— therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: Behold, I will punish them. The young men shall die by the sword, their sons and their daughters shall die by famine; and there shall be no remnant of them, for I will bring catastrophe on the men of Anathoth, even the year of their punishment."* In Jeremiah 11:18-23, all those who came against Jeremiah, God said He would terminate. He said, "I will remove them. They will no longer harass you!" God did not play around. Is it possible that the same God has not changed? If I were Peter in jail, I would hope that God had not changed. And when the angel came to get me out, I would hope that God would hide me. But once worms ate Herod, I would know that I was delivered from him forever. May we know this New Year that we are delivered forever! Let the same angels who protected Jeremiah, protect us until we have finished our race! God, arise!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

Scripture: Psalm 68:19-23

In Psalm 68:19-23 we are told, *“Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits, The God of our salvation! Selah Our God is the God of salvation; And to GOD the Lord belong escapes from death. But God will wound the head of His enemies, The hairy scalp of the one who still goes on in his trespasses. The Lord said, ‘I will bring back from Bashan, I will bring them back from the depths of the sea, That your foot may crush them in blood, And the tongues of your dogs may have their portion from your enemies.’”* I am not quite sure how most of us with a New Testament mentality would interpret the kind of prayer that comes in Psalm 68:22,23. But it should be obvious that the God of Salvation has a layer of love that terminates our enemies so that we may fulfill our gifting and our calling. Let God arise and His enemies be scattered!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

Scripture: Acts 12:1-12

Herod killed James and was ready to kill Peter, but the church prayed. And the first thing they got was Peter’s deliverance from prison. That is divine intervention. God establishes boundaries that, when crossed, bring angelic intervention. And either deliverance or death is the consequence, depending on which side of that boundary the person stands. Where does our Supreme Court stand on the boundary of killing innocent children? Where does the president stand on the promotion of perversion? Where do senators stand on defiling the military with perversion? And what does God say they deserve in Romans 1:32? Have we prayed for a boundary to drop? Can we see God walk through our nation’s leaders? I trust we can and if the church grows into the fullness of Christ, I trust we will!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

Scripture: Acts 12:13-23

Does making our enemies our footstool mean that if they threaten our harvest field and refuse to relent that God could utterly remove them by ending their lives? Does God still terminate today like He did with the Egyptian army? He certainly visited Herod. And the book of Revelation states that 1/3 (Rev. 9:15) and 1/4 (Rev. 6:8) of the earth’s population will be terminated at one time. The Ascended and Seated Christ is very serious. Do we know the God who terminates? Isn't it time we got to know this layer of God's love? It may be the only thing that saves our gifting, our calling and our harvest field. If America was about to be lost, wouldn't it be nice to know this God, so we could pray His Hand into action to save our nation? When Psalm 2 says, *“Ask of Me and I will give you the nations for inheritance...”* does it include that we may have to access Layer 5 of God's love in dealing with resistance to that harvest? Yes, it does in verses 6-9. The time to learn to access it is right now! Let us begin hiding these warrior Psalms in our hearts!

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