

WORD AT WORK

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FRIDAY, JUNE 1

Scripture: Genesis 44:1-4

When the Lord woke me up at 4:44 am, He said, "Look up the five passages that have 44 chapters and a 4th verse." He said I would find the principles that qualify us for creative miracles. Four is the number that generally signifies the creative Hand of God. One of the first things we discovered about God was that He has never stopped creating. He is still just as much of a Creator today as He was in Genesis. Even the book of Revelation is full of creation, and the prophets spoke of things He would create as the appropriate season emerged. The book of Revelation speaks of a day when He will create a new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. But until we get to that place we have a harvest of nations to gather. We dare not assume the majority of the creative will be Priestly. Qualifying to move God's judicial Hand in order to gain that harvest has to be a chief priority in this season! Joseph used his silver cup, a prized possession as an object to bring his brothers to deal with their previous betrayal. Joseph's life had been one of numerous abject betrayals and adversity for at least a decade before the Lord redeemed it. God had to create a position for Joseph. Does God have to create a position for us? Are we in a place right now that is like prison? Are we experiencing betrayal, worldly judgments and seeming devastation? Joseph found himself baptized in adversity. He found his experience was just the opposite of his promise. The dream must have faded. His experience had to be grievous to the core. It is time to ask God to create the position that He has ordained all along for us to occupy by prophetic promise.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Scripture: Mark 10:35-38

In Mark 10:35-38 we have a picture of two young men who desperately want to make an impact for God in their lifetime. They are asking for an exalted position probably with the motivation to make a difference. Jesus did not tell them, no, but He does say, you do not realize the preparational price tag that goes with what you are asking. Jesus refers to a two-fold preparational process. That process includes both a baptism and a cup. Jesus starts with a cup, the same place Joseph starts in the process of dealing with his brothers. Can you drink-the cup that I drink and be baptized with the baptism wherewith I am baptized? It is always dangerous to ask for a position! Often times the best approach is letting the Lord speak to us about what He wants us to do and then pray about the preparation. What shall we do? How shall we navigate the waters of adversity that comprise the preparational price of the cup? The cup refers to all the personal betrayal that impacts us on the inside from relational adversity, personal criticism and judgment! Jesus reflected the pain of the cup when He cried out, *"My God, My God why have You forsaken Me?"* That is the voice of the price of the cup. How many times Joseph had that to say, only eternity can count.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Scripture: Genesis 44:4

Perhaps the greatest nagging question in God's kingdom is reflected in the words, "Why have you repaid evil for good?" That is a question born in the pain of experience! It comes from deep injustice where evil seems to prevail over good. Why does the Father seem to turn a deaf ear when we endure unspeakable pain? Are we paying the price to fill a cup of iniquity? Will God's Judicial Hand move against the perpetrators?

MONDAY, JUNE 4

Scripture: Genesis 45:5

In Genesis 45, Joseph demonstrated his developmental understanding of God's preparational principle. *"And Joseph said to his brothers, 'Please come near to me.' So they came near. Then he said: 'I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.'" When Joseph said to his brothers, "But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here ...," he looked beyond the relational betrayal of family to God's ultimate purpose and he was able to acknowledge God's Hand. He said, "For God sent me before you to preserve life." Joseph had come to a place of complete peace with his betrayal. He had come to peace with the God who allowed his adversity. That peace enabled him to forgive the perpetrators. Many of us can identify with Joseph's agony, thinking, "Why did you repay evil for good?" God's purpose often includes enduring evil! Can we identify God's purpose? Can we embrace Joseph's view? Can we come to peace with the pain and the agony of "...why have You repaid evil for good"? That has to be the place we start.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

Scripture: Genesis 45:6-7

For Joseph, time proved the prophetic word and great, humbling injustice preceded a position to rule. He knew what he had to do. He paid the price by enduring. Fulfillment required the forgiveness of all betrayal. Joseph had to accept God's part in His agony. Serving God is not easy. The reward for obedience cannot always be found. Can we endure through betrayal? Joseph endured to the end. He made the right choices. Are we making the right choices? Are we rising to the call?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

Scripture: Romans 8:27-30

Romans 8:27-30 tells us that we know *"...all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose."* Verses 29 and 30 state, *"For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified."* Jesus learned obedience through the things He suffered. In this process God tells us that He foreknew our response and He predestined us to be conformed to the image of His Son and walked us through what was necessary to get us there. God knows the preparational price tag and He is sure before we walk it, before He ever called us that we have what it takes to complete the mission!

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Scripture: Revelation 4:1-5

Revelation 4:1-5 states, *"After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, 'Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.' Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne, And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in*

appearance like an emerald. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.” When we begin to grow to the level of maturity that is required to stand up in the Judicial Christ then it is incumbent on us that we be able to stand in the fire we have to call down. That brings seven aspects of growth and development that are all central to our maturity as a believer. The question is, are we willing to walk out these baptisms however long they may take just as Joseph did in order to reach our ultimate assignment? That is the question that no person can answer with just their lips. The real answer comes from a heart-response as these different situations develop. As a forerunner, when John the Baptist announced Jesus, his emphasis was on the judicial, fiery Christ of preparation! How we respond to this Jesus determines whether we can finish our assigned race!

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

Scripture: Matthew 3:7-12

Matthew 3:7-12 states, *“But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, ‘Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not think to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our father.” For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.’”* Jesus is the God of fire and His job is to baptize people in that fire and completely purge every hindrance in their lives. John declared Jesus will drag us into the fire in order to burn up the chaff and no man can quench the fire that He carries. This is not the Jesus of the typical successful church. We have portrayed Jesus as meek and mild. Many churches do not have altar calls. How many people would run up and answer an altar call if they knew that the promise was, I am coming in fire that you cannot quench? Jesus is after something in our lives. He is after something and He will not relent. What He is after is the chaff. He is after what hinders His Spirit from coming forth in fullness and He is not going to leave until the chaff is burned up! Joseph had it nonstop until he could fully accept the work of the Living Christ. Are we ready to stand up and say, I fully accept the work of the Living Christ? If we are, then there is a day coming that we will stand in the fire we are calling down because we said, yes to the preparation. God will give us answers to the prayers we have to pray to move His judicial Hand on those who are hindering or devastating His harvest field!

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-2

Isaiah 11:1-2 says, *“There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.”* We have seven distinct aspects of the Spirit of the Lord. Each one of these has a baptism of fire where the Lord is looking for chaff. How can we come forth with a Spirit of council if we are bound by religious tradition or with a religious spirit. We will be counseling out of our theology. That means that the fire has to bring us into conflict with our very own theology in order to deliver us from it. God's judicial fires are all tailor made in order to burn up whatever chaff we are carrying. Defiling chaff cannot coexist with the Holy Spirit! Walking in the Spirit demands what we say and what we do be wholly grounded in Him, not in man's religious tradition, not in what we think, not in our doctrine, not in anything that brings death but only that which brings life. Purifying fire has to come out of a relationship with the King and a willingness to allow all the chaff to be burned up. Without it we are touting man's doctrine and the traditions of men make the Word of God of none effect. Without saying yes to the fire, we cannot bring forth the fullness of the Spirit.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

Scripture: Isaiah 11:3-4

Isaiah 11:3-4 says, *“His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.”* The reason we want to say yes to the fire is so that we can actually live to see verses three and four in action. Where we no longer judge by the sight of our eyes nor decide by the hearing of our ears but judge with the righteousness of Christ. We judge the poor and decide with equity or with justice for the meek of the earth. When we strike with the rod of our mouth in prayer, the anointing of the God-inspired words on our lips will slay the wicked. Now that is a place to walk in the last days. If we are going to invest our time in going to church, let us invest it in a future that has this promise in it, otherwise we are just playing church. Why go to church for a counterfeit Jesus? The real Jesus has a Rod in His mouth and is not afraid to use it. When He strikes, people fall on their face! You and I can only walk in that place chaff-free! The only way into the place of power is to yield to the path of the Spirit! The Holy Spirit is relentless in pursuing purity! Are we ready to get serious with God about His preparation? Joseph did not have any choice. He was sold into slavery, betrayed in Potiphar's house and finally thrown into prison. Joseph's fires did not get better, they got worse. I can hear the voice of man saying, I did not sign up for this! I know that is the challenging part of this proposition, we were promised an entirely different Jesus in the pulpits of many of our churches. Well, it is time to grow up and realize that many of the places we have been we were fed only milk and did not move on to eat the meat of the Word that is essential for maturity. Many of us were given a gospel that majored on health and wealth, and minored on pure and endure! There is nothing wrong with health and wealth. Joseph walked in health and wealth after “pure and endure” were demonstrated. If our Bible promises the word of our lips will slay the wicked, then we want it. Choose the fire so we can qualify to see a day where the Truth from our lips shall slay the wicked. Can we say YES to the fullness of God's preparation?

MONDAY, JUNE 11

Scripture: Psalm 44:1-4

Once we fully embrace the fire that prepares us to come forth in the fullness of the Spirit, our next milestone of preparation for the miracles of God comes in Psalm 44:1-4, which tells us, *“We have heard with our ears, O God, Our fathers have told us, The deeds You did in their days, In days of old: You drove out the nations with Your hand, But them You planted; You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out. For they did not gain possession of the land by their own sword, Nor did their own arm save them; But it was Your right hand, Your arm, and the light of Your countenance, Because You favored them. You are my King, O God; Command victories for Jacob.”* What enables us to command? What qualifies us to stand in the Kingly anointing? Do not look in the mirror. Look at the blood of Christ. Look at the covenant. The Bible says we are Kings and the fruit of graduating from all the fires of the Spirit is that we get to call forth the fullness of what God has, even if it has to be created. So our graduation present from the school of the Spirit and from the fires of God is that we get to call forth and command victories and see them unfold. Psalm 44:3 makes it clear. The Israelites did not gain possession of their land by their own sword nor did their own arm save them. It was God's Hand, God's Arm, God's favor that brought them into the promise. Joseph's promises became reality once preparation was complete! It is time to call forth the fullness of what God has.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

Scripture: Acts 2:32-36

Acts 2:32-36 says, *“This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. 'For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand Till I make Your enemies Your footstool. 'Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”* The key to this passage is the phrase “know assuredly” in verse 36. Know assuredly is a Greek phrase translating the concept that ultimately emerges from a Hebrew idiom for a man to

know his covenantal wife and consequently produce children. Priestly fruit abounds in most of the church. The question is how much kingly-judicial fruit do we have? One day all of us will give an account. We are going to have to answer Jesus. Do we have any kingly fruit? Do we have any judicial manifestations? If we do not then we have not known Jesus the King. We have only known Him as Priest. Therefore we will have a deficit. I cannot imagine being in that position having lived a full life and yet to have a deficit because we never got to know the Judicial Christ. The Priestly Christ resembles a lamb among wolves. And as a lamb among wolves we abhor the evil of the enemy and the devastation he causes. We can only be a lamb so long until we become enablers of evil. Praying blessing on evil-doers makes us enablers. We have to graduate if we are going to finish what God calls us to do!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

Scripture: Revelation 5:5

When we read Revelation 5:5 we recognize that Jesus Himself had to make this very same transition from the Lamb to the Lion. Verse 5 says, *"But one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.'"* Jesus was resurrected as a Lion and He prevailed to open the scroll and loose its seals of justice. In Revelation we meet the fully qualified Judicial Christ who invites us to walk with Him. Will we spend all our lives as lambs when Jesus died to make us lions? Once we accept and identify with the Lion of the tribe of Judah, we can now enter into the command of Luke 10:4-12 which says that when we are not received, we may declare judicial consequences. Though Jesus recommended it, I know few who do it. He commanded us to be a lion. But the church is so busy being Priestly because it engenders less warfare! We currently do not do what Jesus said when we are not received. If we did, perhaps we would see more of the Judicial Christ in action! God may be waiting on us.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

Scripture: Luke 22:35-38

Jesus announced His own transition to a lion when he said, *"And He said to them, 'When I sent you without money bag, sack, 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 sack; 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 announced a seasonal change. Jesus said, "There is something you need more than a coat. You need a sword – so **buy** it!" Buying a sword from the Lord Jesus is the process of moving from seeing yourself as a lamb, to seeing yourself as a lion. When we transition spiritually, things dramatically change. Business as usual is no longer an option because we have identified with the Judicial Christ. "But now," means "Shift! Change! **Transition** in how you think. Buy your sword." The problem with the church today is that we have not been willing to pay the price to buy the sword. But Jesus commanded us to. He paid the price. Look at the price Jesus paid to buy a sword – it was ultimate. The degree to which we can ask God to weigh out to the enemy is the degree to which we taste of that sword. Are we willing to say yes to Him? If we have to die to certain things to do it, that is part of the process. Jesus had to die to everything. Buy your sword!

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

Scripture: Revelation 19:11, 15

In Revelation 19:11, we see a Jesus who is swinging the sword that He just bought and we are told, *"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."* Verse 15 says, *"Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron."* Jesus strikes the enemy with the Sword of His Mouth. That is the Jesus you and I serve. He has bought His sword, it is now coming out of His mouth and it is having an impact. Are we walking with this Jesus? Can we strike with this sword?

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Scripture: Psalm 44:4

Psalm 44:4 says, *"You are my King, O God; Command victories for Jacob."* *"Command"* is the Hebrew word **tsaw-yaw**. I have always believed the best dictionary for the Bible is the Bible. If we want to see what God is talking about when He says, *"command,"* then we need to look at where this word appears, and how it is used. Jesus guaranteed David's covenant of Sure Mercy. That means every New Testament believer should pray like David prayed. The Psalms contain adversarial prayers for every situation. Therefore the victories commanded have something to do with justice in the earth over enemies, probably concerning our harvest field. Are we praying "Lion of Judah" prayers? Where do we stand on that position? Are we seeing God's Hand? Are we declaring God's Hand? Are we calling God's Hand into action? Moving God's Hand against evil is an eternal work!

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

Scripture: Psalm 7:1-6

Psalm 7 is written by David in the midst of warfare. David prays a prayer inviting the fear of God over his own actions, demonstrating that when we can stand in the fire we are calling down, that is when we move the Hand of the Judicial Christ. That is why we are told in verse 6, *"Arise, O Lord, in Your anger; Lift Yourself up because of the rage of my enemies; Rise up for me to the judgment You have commanded!"* Psalm 44:4 is about calling God's justice into action in our behalf. It is about God meeting our enemies and disbanding them, destroying them and ending their assault on truth! It is about causing them to turn back, depart and be removed! Coming to that place is worth graduating from the preparational fires of the Holy Spirit.

MONDAY, JUNE 18

Scripture: Psalm 7:7-12

Psalm 7:7-12 state, *"So the congregation of the peoples shall surround You; For their sakes, therefore, return on high. The Lord shall judge the peoples; Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, And according to my integrity within me. Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, But establish the just; For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds. My defense is of God, Who saves the upright in heart. God is a just judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day. If he does not turn back, He will sharpen His sword; He bends His bow and makes it ready."* Notice the depth of the command that is coming forth. Not only is it an invitation to awake to the judgment you have commanded, it is a declaration of the depth of what the enemy is doing. It is a call for God to repay him accordingly. It IS a declaration that if he does not turn back, you will sharpen your sword, bend your bow and make it ready. When Psalm 44:4 says, *"You are my King, Oh Lord,..."* it is inviting us to call forth the judicial Hand of God to deal with the enemies we are currently facing in our harvest field. Whether they be stronger or whether they occupy positions of authority is no issue before the Throne. The issue is what they are doing to our harvest field. It is obvious that we are invited to call God into manifestation over these issues.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

Scripture: Psalm 7:13-16

"Awake to the judgment you have commanded ..." includes instruments of death, arrows that will destroy the enemy, pushing him into the very pit he has dug for us, returning his trouble on his own head and bringing his violent dealing down on his own crown. Now if that is not justice, I do not know what is! And it is a covenantal demand for God to execute it. What the enemy planned for us, push him into the middle of it! That is the covenant command we are invited to make. Now that is a graduation worth having! That is a place to walk with the Living God. David walked there. God is no respecter of persons – can we not walk there as well? It is time to start! The Jesus of Revelation wants to walk the earth with His people. He kills more than He saves!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Scripture: Psalm 33:8-11

Psalm 33:8,9 states, *"Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast."* This is the strength of the invitation to command victories for Jacob. Create it. Cause it to be. Call it into being. What will this accomplish? Verses 10,11 say, *"The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations."* That means with one faith-filled command of the Holy Spirit, we can bring to nothing the entire purposes of a counterfeit politician and His political party! Commanding victories for Jacob is a place to walk that God is making available to all who will pay the price!

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Scripture: Isaiah 46:9-11

Isaiah 46:9-11 says, *"Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,' Calling a bird of prey from the east The man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it."* God reminds us that He has a purpose for nations, He has a purpose for generations and He has a purpose for people. His purpose is what will stand. Therefore we can call forth the judicial Hand of God to utterly wipe away the impact of wayward politicians and call the Judicial Hand of God to destroy everything they intend for our nation that is evil!

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Scripture: Psalm 33:10-15

How does God make His council stand? In Psalm 33, verses 10-15 says, *"The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He makes the plans of the peoples of no effect. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, The plans of His heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance. The Lord looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. From the place of His dwelling He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth; He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works."* God fashions hearts in order to bring His will to pass. He fashions hearts that will speak and move His Judicial Hand in order to stop the wayward and the sinful. Are we letting God fashion our hearts for His purpose? The Bible says He does it individually. He fashions individual hearts in order to change the purpose of nations. That is a statement with a lot of weight! Our job is to move God's Judicial Hand against political evil! It is judged by Scripture!

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

Scripture: Psalm 44:1-2

In Psalm 44:1-2 we find, *"We have heard with our ears, O God, Our fathers have told us, The deeds You did in their days, In days of old: You drove out the nations with Your hand, But them You planted; You afflicted the peoples, and cast them out."* God drove out the nations with His Hand while planting the righteous. He afflicted the people and cast them out. When the enemy needs to be cast out, then we declare, *"...command victories for Jacob."* That command has to include a major dose of affliction. So we have to ask ourselves what affliction looks like when it is declared, when it is prayed and when it is called into existence. What does it look like in the lives of politicians and the lives of those attempting to gain power in a nation? What does God's affliction look like that drives the enemy out? Affliction must hit their god of mammon, or money! Releasing financial affliction on every politician championing evil is an honor according to Psalm 149! Take the honor offered – declare financial affliction on the media!

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Scripture: Joshua 24:15,20

The Hebrew word for affliction in Psalm 44:2 is **raw-ah**. It is used in Joshua 24:15. It says, *“And if it seems evil/**raw-ah** to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”* How do we grow to the place where we can call forth the affliction of God? We have to choose His ways when it is difficult. Joseph chose His ways when it was costly and difficult, then God promoted him into the place where he made a difference. Verse 20 also has raw-ah. It says, *“If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then He will turn and do you harm/**raw-ah** and consume you, after He has done you good.”* So we know from context that **raw-ah**/affliction means 'adversity that takes your life away.' **Raw-ah** is ordained for the wicked. This may be a very strong word, but it is deserved by evil-doers. **Raw-ah** means 'God-originated hurt and harm.' Releasing it on wayward politicians can save the nation!

MONDAY, JUNE 25

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 says, *“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”* Perhaps there is no issue that demands a balancing of being a Priest and a King more than the issue of sexual sin. When we look in Scripture, we see the greatest king who ever lived, King David, had this failure. And yet, the Lord was quick to restore him when he repented. And he went on to great judicial feats and victories as a man of God. But the sword never departed from his house. One of the greatest, encouraging verses in the New Testament is 1 Corinthians 6:11 when it says, *“And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”* Nothing exists that cannot be overcome if we are willing to say yes to the Holy Spirit and take a stand for righteousness, denying the desires that war against our very soul and spirit. For every person who is willing to embrace the righteous standard of God, the fullness of God's Kingdom is available. Unfortunately what we face today are people who demand that we accept a lifestyle that God condemns and judges worthy of death. That means the church, if it is going to obey Christ, cannot sign off on a lifestyle that God ultimately condemns. And there is probably no greater condemnation in Scripture than what comes on homosexuality. That means the church has to walk a very unique tightrope between the Priestly and the Kingly. How do we walk that line in today's world and still obey the Living Christ? Obeying Jesus on this issue carries jail-time in some nations!

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:2-8

1 Thessalonians 4:2-8 says, *“...for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God; that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified. For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.”* In order to understand God's issue with sexual sin, we have to look at His commands from both Old Testament and New Testament perspectives. To reject the standard of righteousness that God outlines in His Word is ultimately to reject Him. And that leads to catastrophic judgment. God did not call us to uncleanness but to holiness. Rejecting that standard means we reject God Himself.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

Scripture: Romans 1:20-27,28-32, Genesis 1:26-28, Genesis 19:9,10,24-26

When we read Romans 1, we have to ask ourselves, “Why is the penalty due so very, very strong and what is the issue that God has with this lifestyle that releases the ultimate in judgment?” The answer to that question may lie in Genesis 1:26-28. These verses state, *“Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.'”* In the creation, God reveals Himself as His image and likeness made up of man and woman, whose command is to fill the earth and subdue it. When we reject God's ordained plan as a Father who wanted children and whose ultimate creative ability was given to man and woman for that purpose, then it becomes a direct mockery of who God is. Perhaps the reason that, in both the Old Testament and the New, God's penalty for homosexuality is so strong, is because it is the ultimate rejection of God and a mockery of the Creator. “Be not deceived—God is not mocked, whatever man sows, that will he also reap! The president opens the military to homosexuality and within months his protectors, the Secret Service, have a major lapse into sexual sin with prostitutes. The president prostituted the military and now prostitutes compromise his protectors! That is sowing and reaping!

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

Scripture: Genesis 19:9-10,24-26

When we see the issue of homosexuality in the Old Testament, we see God's deliverance of Lot and his family and the utter destruction of the perpetrators. We are told that this stands as an example of God's response to the issue of sexual sin. Can we have a nation when our military is open to homosexuality? The answer is no. Sexual prostitution endangers the military and opens them to utter destruction. *“Command victories for Jacob,”* has to start with the individuals who spit in the face of the Living God with decisions that endanger our military, and ultimately our nation. Does God want to save the individuals who are caught in that lifestyle? Yes He does. He says it is a choice you have to make. You resist the temptation, He will give you the victory. You yield to it and you get the judgment. It is not rocket science, it is an issue of obedience and disobedience. Let affliction fall on the politicians who comprised our military!

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

Scripture: Judges 19:11-30, Judges 20

When we read this passage about the Levite and the wickedness and the war that it caused in Israel, we find something very interesting revealed in God's Heart. When the tribes came together, they asked for Benjamin to deliver up the perpetrators and they refused. God ordered them to go to war with Benjamin. Not once, not twice, but three times – until Benjamin was ultimately destroyed. Here again, we find an example of God dealing with the issue of sexual sin. It was so important to the national life of Israel that God was willing to destroy one tribe, completely and totally because of their disobedience. That makes us ask, “Why is this such an important issue to God, and why is it now a judicial issue that demands prayer?”

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

Scripture: Daniel 11:32,36,37

Daniel 11:32,36,37 says, *“Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits ...Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done. He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all.”* Here we see that the soil that produces the antichrist is, in fact, homosexual sin. Perhaps God's strong judgments are rooted in the

ultimate mockery of creation – rejection of the Creator for the creature! Rejecting the Creator for the creature is the soil for the antichrist spirit that rages against God's purpose and plan for nations. If the church bows and accepts the issue of homosexual marriage, they bless evil and ensure judgment. The issue of homosexual marriage is about destroying the freedom of the church to preach the truth of God's Word. Once homosexual marriage becomes law, the church can be sued for discrimination. God is the one who discriminates – **He** judges it! It is our job to warn people and tell them. There are churches who are under assault for speaking truth. Can we deny the Christ who called us? I do not think so. Verse 32 says, *“Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.”* And those people will take action. The action we are to take is to pray God's Hand on the perpetrators, “command victories for Jacob.” And that command means biblical affliction on the unrighteous to remove them so that freedom can prevail. God is ready to do creative miracles. Are we ready to do the prayer-battle that is required to see them in action? That is the real question we have to answer in this hour.

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