

WORK AT WORK

God's Layered Love VII

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 says, *"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **Love never fails.** But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away."* "Love never fails" is one of the strongest promises that we have in Scripture. We are told that prophecies will fail, tongues will cease and knowledge will vanish away. But love never fails. This is perhaps the greatest covenantal promise and it should be set in both the Priestly and Kingly realms. By emphasizing Priestly love for the last fifty years, the church has become a lopsided lover. We love enemies that God would remove. Even though the Kingly side of love has definite applications, the Priestly has been emphasized. Truly, love never fails. But when does love terminate an enemy so that we can finish our race? Radical Islam is bent on martyring Christians and we see many such events in Africa and other nations. Is love failing believers, or are they fulfilling the biblical prophecy we see in Revelation? Does love **always** mean that Christians will be martyred in a conflict with the enemy? Or does love promise a divine intervention, if we *yet* have an assignment to fulfill? The promise that *"Love never fails"* is a two-edged sword! Perhaps it is time we balance our understanding of that Scripture so faith for judicial love can grow into demonstrations!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:9-13

1 Corinthians 13:9-13 states, *"For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."* The exhortation in 1 Corinthians 13 is that we grow up! We are exhorted to not simply view love as one-sided. The love of God does not overlook and forgive everything, as the majority of the church believes. The love of God is not carte-blanche forgiveness for anything and everything. A childish view of the love of God is, "I can do anything I want to and God will forgive me." That is presumptuous sin and guaranteed judgment. Does the love of God judge evil and remove those who perpetrate it? The clear answer to that, in the book of Revelation, is yes! Can we mature in the love of God and accurately discern the Priestly approach from the Kingly approach? Can we mature in both and allow both to keep their roots in the Holy Spirit's application of the love of God? I believe we can, just as the early church did. Herod was the consummate example of *"Love never fails"*! Peter was thankful for the remainder of his life!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Scripture: John 3:16-18

John 3:16-18 states, *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”* This is the Jesus we are all familiar with. Except, the love of God in John 3:16 has some qualifiers that become evident immediately in verses 17,18. Verse 17 says the Father did not send the Son to judge the world. But the very next verse says that he who believes is not judged, but he who does not believe is judged *already*. The very act of rejecting the saving, sacrificing Christ brings us into judgment, according to verse 18. How can Bible-reading believers deny there is any judgment at all? Verse 18 makes it clear that there *is* judgment and it comes to those who say no to the Savior. When people reject the love of God, demonstrated by Jesus, they step over into a place of judgment. Love saves, but the rejection of love judges. About this, the New Testament is extremely clear!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Scripture: John 3:19,20

The next two verses of John 3 expand on that judgment! It says, *“And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.”* There is a solid reason why people say no and reject the love of God. It is because they love their sin. Some people choose evil more than God's love. How does love never fail in that situation? If people reject the love of God, then the judgment of God comes on them! The love of God is, in fact, a two-edged sword. It never fails to save. But for those who reject it, it never fails to judge. Love never fails!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Scripture: 1 John 4:7,8

1 John 4:7,8 says, *“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”* We know that God is love. The fact that God is love means that **everything** He does has its roots and its motivation in love. Sacrificing His life to save us has its roots and motivation in love. Judging those who want to destroy us has roots and motivation in love. Any parent knows love for their children includes protecting against predators. I learned early on the farm that ***if we expected to eat***, when predators came after our animals – we had to kill the predators! If we did not kill the foxes, we did not have eggs – because our chickens were fox-food! When the foxes came to destroy the hens, we did not welcome them with open arms but blew them to smithereens! When wolves came for our cattle, we had to kill the wolves. David, the great shepherd, killed the predators. The lion and the bear died at David's hand. Have any predators died at your hand? Are there wolves after our children? Are there wolves after our cities? Are there wolves after our nation? How does the love of God respond to wolves? Does love kill in order to save? Would you kill a mountain lion if it threatened your children? Would you kill a bear if it threatened them? If God *is* love, and if we are to *love the way God loves*, then there is both an application of love that saves and an application of love that kills in order to save. Why have we only grown in Priestly love, when it is obvious that the Bible is balanced with both the Priestly and the Kingly? Prayer that moves God's Hand against predators is a biblical thing to do! Not doing it is criminal neglect. Hirelings abandon their flock to the wolves. True shepherds do not! Isn't it time we all did some shepherding?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Scripture: 1 John 4:9-17, Psalm 68:1,2

Love is perfected when our prayers move God's Hands in both dimensions of the Kingly and Priestly as the Holy Spirit directs. When the Holy Spirit directs a Priestly response, then we offer salvation. But when the Holy Spirit directs a judicial response, then we initiate judgment by praying it in the Throne-Room. Love is perfected when we can move

with Jesus and love as He loved! God loved Peter enough to remove Herod! Does God love us enough to remove our predators? Identify the political predators in your nation. They shed innocent blood and support what God hates. The enemies of your nation will be God-haters by their actions. God-haters champion antichrist, antibible positions. Hate speech laws, abortion and gay marriage are examples. Psalm 68:1,2 in the New Living Translation is exactly what David prayed over his opposition, *“Rise up, O God, and scatter your enemies. Let those who hate God run for their lives. Blow them away like smoke. Melt them like wax in a fire. Let the wicked perish in the presence of God.”* We have David's covenant and should pray like he prayed! Pray like David prayed! We want God's presence that heals just like the early church. The same presence that healed them all, killed Ananias and Sapphira in fulfilling Psalm 68:1,2.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Scripture: Hebrews 1:1-3

In Hebrews 1:1-3 we are told, *“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,...”* Since Jesus is the express image of the person of the Father, then we know that when we love like Jesus loved, we have the perfect example of how the love of God functions, operates and acts. Jesus is the express image of the Father. That means when we watch Jesus in action, we have all the different manifestations of the love of God. Did Jesus clean house in the temple? Did He kill a fig tree? Did He say that we would do the same thing? Yes, yes and yes! Jesus laid His life down in love. But He also expressed a judicial side of love. *“Love never fails...”* when we make the right application in agreement with the Holy Spirit. If there is a wolf and we enable that wolf by praying **for** him instead of **against** him, it shows we have a perverted understanding of the love of God. It boils down to us working against God's plans by enabling evil instead of arresting it! According to Jesus, tradition makes the Word of none effect. If we refuse to step into the Kingly judicial side of the love that never fails we facilitate the rule of evil! If we love our spouses and kids enough to protect them from predators, we must understand that God loves our nation enough to protect it from predators. When we pray judicial prayers, it institutes our judicial covenant. Is there not enough love of God to honor and guarantee the purpose of the founders of our nation? As directed by the Spirit, we must be willing to pray **against** the wolves instead of **for** them. If we do not understand that praying against evil *can be* the love of God in action, then we are blinded by a religious spirit. Instead of packaging the Loving Christ for mass-marketing, let us seek to know who He is, in His fullness. Projecting God's love means leading people to Christ as both Savior and Judge. Praying wolves into judgment is just as eternally rewarding as praying individuals into heaven. If the church had prayed Hitler into judgment, millions of lives would have been saved! *“Love never fails”* means you can pray wolves into termination, sparing many innocent sheep!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Scripture: Hebrews 8:1-6

Hebrews 8:1-6 says, *“Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer. For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, ‘See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.’ But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a **better covenant, which was established on better promises.**”* We have a New Covenant, based on better promises. Through many, we are taught that that means, because God is love, we do not have to deal with judgment anymore. So the real question is a simple one – does love cut off in order to save? Does the love of God terminate in order to save? There are many believers carrying a message of ‘Ultimate Grace.’ This message either leaves the impression, or says outright, that Jesus died for all judgment and **there is no more judgment**. But nothing could be further from the truth! This is an open refusal to accept the reality of the love of God in both the Priestly and Kingly realms. This effectively takes a scalpel to Scripture. I do not know about you, but the last time I tried to ignore or

remove something from the Word, the result was not spiritual growth, but a spiritual arrest. We do have a better covenant and it is based on better promises. But it is obvious in the book of Revelation that love terminates in order to save. Denying that or trying to redefine it should be characterized for what it is – straight apostasy! The fruit of an ‘Ultimate Grace’ message leads to unbridled people doing whatever they want because they have no standard of righteousness. Righteousness is completely removed by redefining Jesus as one who blesses and never judges. That Jesus is an invention of a sinner’s mind who prefers not to face the Judicial Christ. Denial does not work with God! Every person must stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ! Will we see many believers sent away or losing their reward for feeding and befriending wolves? I suspect we will!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Scripture: Hebrews 13:8,9

Hebrews 13:8,9 says, *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.”* Jesus is declared to be the same in the New Testament as He was in the Old. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. I suspect He is concerned at how He is portrayed today. We were warned about these days in Hebrews 13:9, and what we are hearing today qualifies as a “...*strange doctrine*.” I do not think it is a surprise that He mentions “*grace*” right after the “*strange doctrine*.” Jesus is the love that never fails and His actions, by the Holy Spirit, demonstrate who He is as both Priest and King. The fact that Jesus killed Ananias and Sapphira is a real thorn in the flesh for Ultimate Grace-ers! It proves their bogus assumption erroneous. I thank God for grace and want all God has for every one of us – but if I lead believers to **presume** on it, then I am guilty of manslaughter! If a leader teaches presumptuous, unbiblical grace, he or she must answer for the condition of the flock. Please fear the Lord enough to not presume upon ‘Ultimate Grace.’ And please, **please** fear the Lord enough not to teach ‘Ultimate Grace’ to others!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Scripture: Acts 5:1-5

Some argue that there is no more judgment because it all fell on Jesus. If having a New Covenant that is based on better promises means this, then someone needs to rewrite Acts 5:1-5. They, in fact, should rewrite history all together. In Acts 5:1-5, bearers of destruction tried to reintroduce the spirit of mammon into a congregation that had been cleansed. Love never fails. And God's love for the church, in Acts 5:1-5, meant judgment on evil. Peter made reference to the issue of lying to the Holy Spirit over the issue of money. Love killed Ananias and Sapphira. Are there wolves, spiritual, political or otherwise, that will not relent? Are there wolves that need a withering-roots-declaration? Love never fails. Does God love the potential harvest of this nation enough to deal with the wolves? Are we willing to ask Him? God does care deeply and I believe is soon to move dramatically in the church, calling leaders back to their first love!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Scripture: Luke 16:1-8

Why would love terminate Ananias and Sapphira? That is an excellent question. Perhaps we can find an answer in Luke 16:1-8. It is obvious that the steward in this passage parallels Ananias in his attitude. When the leader was called into account and realized he was about to be fired, he immediately set into motion a manipulation in order to gain an advantage. He used his position to reduce what people owed by as much as half. In order to be received, he compromised the standard. Is there anywhere else we can think of where men and women are tempted to compromise the standard in order to be received? Do we see men and women compromising standards to build a larger or stronger church? An important Scriptural question for us is, how much truth do we owe to the flock? As ministers, do we owe people what they want and expect to hear? Or do we owe them what God says? Is there a temptation to only present partial-truths, in order to be better received? This modern-day phenomena has built some of the larger ministries in America. We see a watering-down of Scripture’s standards of purity and morality. By being silent on a subject, we give tacit approval. Verse 8 is very interesting, in that light. The manipulative steward is commended because his

manipulation worked. The real question is, what is the price of the manipulation? Everlasting habitation means **hell**! Does love remove in order to save? It did for Ananias and Sapphira. Will love remove compromising shepherds? Under the Holy Spirit's unction, we know it and will!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Scripture: Luke 16:9

Jesus made it clear when He said, *"And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home."* That sounds like an eternal judgment! Manipulation and yielding to mammon are guaranteed to fail. They may make the manipulator some friends in the process, but they will fail and ultimately result in eternal judgment. Jesus had already warned His disciples when He sent them out. Based on verse 9, it is likely Jesus was referring back to that warning. Peter stood in the fire he called down! By being free from mammon, he could judge it. I trust we embrace the same standard!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Scripture: Matthew 10:27,28

Matthew 10:27,28 says, *"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 was very clear about the standard for ministry. We cannot diminish the Word. If we diminish the Word, we are in danger of judgment. He said, *"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 the Twelve that the One they had to fear was the God who, after He kills the body, can destroy the soul in hell, forever. Is this the same Jesus we hear preached today? Jesus made it sound like when God kills, He kills twice. The first time it is just the body. But the next part is much more serious. Does love kill in order to save? It would appear that it does. And it is more than appearance, it is reality. The Holy Spirit's removal of Ananias and Sapphira is historical fact and is undeniable, biblical reality. I suspect that church history is also full of more terminations than these. Does love kill in order to save? It certainly does and Jesus made it quite clear. We need to know God and His righteous standard. It is perilous not to. Why should wolves be allowed to ravage innocent people? By praying **for** evil leaders, we enable their destructive ways to continue and effectively become *compliant* in their evil deeds! The Judgment Seat of Christ will hold no joy for those believers!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Scripture: Luke 16:10-13

Luke 16:10-13 says, *"He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own? No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."* Jesus made it clear that we cannot serve two masters. We cannot serve both God and money, because the two require opposite responses from God's love. When we worship God, love blesses. When we worship mammon, love kills! The New Testament church was completely cleansed from the spirit of mammon. But Ananias tried to bring it back into the Body. In this case, love for the New Testament church intervened and judged the spirit of mammon, and saved the Body from defilement. It is obvious that love terminates in order to save. Now the question becomes, **when** do we pray for love to terminate in order to save? If this standard returns to pulpits, who will be left standing? This standard started the church-age and this standard will finish it!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Scripture: Luke 16:14-16

Jesus made it clear that the religious system of the Pharisees was totally defiled. That is likely why He cleaned house in the temple twice. He did it in the beginning of His ministry and again at the end of His ministry. But He did go

on to say that we would do the same thing – speak to a mountain and it would be removed. That was after He killed the fig tree as an example. So the real question for us is, when do we pray that the love of God will manifest by terminating in order to save? What is the standard that brings the love of God that terminates? When does a nation need to be saved from its own elected officials? When do sheep need to be saved from their own chosen ministries? What overriding issue pushes us into requesting that God terminate? In Acts 5, money-manipulation was a terminating offense! The Holy Spirit will initiate the appropriate prayers!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Scripture: Revelation 2:14-16

The real question we come to at this stage is, does God hate evil so much that the level of evil can trigger a divine determination to terminate as a last resort to stop wider destruction? We have so emphasized the Priestly love of God in today's church that it is almost unthinkable that God would hate those advancing evil enough to terminate them. But we must remember "*Love never fails...*" means that God hates what destroys His people. By only preaching what we like, we neglect the judicial passages. But no one can re-translate Revelation 2:14-16 to make it mean anything else. It says, "*But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.*" Jesus says He loves His people enough that when the doctrine of the Nicolaitans is welcomed in a church, He hates it to the point that He will come and fight against those people with the Sword of His mouth. When Jesus releases the Sword of His mouth, I suspect termination will come into play. What is the doctrine of the Nicolaitans? It is the belief that the primary essence of a man is spirit – so whatever we do with our bodies does not make a difference. In this doctrine, sexual sin is not an issue because there is grace for everything. In Revelation 2, this attitude brought the warrior Jesus on the scene. **This doctrine is prevalent in today's church. (here is a second option instead of that abrupt-ending sentence) If today's church is slipping into that doctrine, we trust warrior Jesus will not hesitate to respond to judicial prayers.**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Scripture: Revelation 2:20-23

Revelation 2:20-23 says, "*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. And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.*" Love will intervene to terminate before sin can destroy a generation. Do we have a generation that is being utterly destroyed by thinking sexual immorality is OK? We absolutely do. What should we expect Heaven's loving response to be? According to Revelation 2, there is termination coming. I expect Layer Five of God's love will be released in the land, in order to save. God is love and love never fails. So the divine response to evil that may be required to save our nation will be love that terminates! When Terminator Jesus visits, He will go to the church first! Until then, we may experience catastrophic events that hurt everyone. Sadly, the innocent at times perish with the guilty. The storm of the century in New York was a catastrophic event. Many people lost their lives. The Tsunami in Japan was a catastrophic event, and many people lost their lives. How many more catastrophic events do you suppose will come to nations before the church begins to activate God's Loving Hand to terminate those responsible for taking nations down the path of destruction? Love terminates in order to save. And our Bible tells us that love never fails. What does that mean for each Christian? What does that mean for the prayer life of each believer? When nations are faced with political leaders like Castro or Chavez, what does it mean that love never fails? What did "*Love never fails...*" mean to Dietrich Bonhoeffer when Hitler was in power? Bonhoeffer preached against the cheap grace that allowed a Hitler to take power in Germany. What is cheap grace allowing today? Do we have Hitlers in power already? How did Bonhoeffer respond to evil as a Christian leader?

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Scripture: Psalm 97:1-10

Psalm 97:1-9 portrays God as a God who sets righteousness and justice as the foundation of His Throne. The Scripture speaks of fire that goes before Him to terminate those who choose to be His enemies. Verse 6 says, *"The heavens declare His righteousness, And all the peoples see His glory."* Verse 7 says, *"Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, Who boast of idols. Worship Him, all you gods."* Verse 8 says, *"Zion hears and is glad, And the daughters of Judah rejoice Because of Your judgments, O Lord."* Verse 9 says, *"For You, Lord, are most high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all gods."* In verse 10, we are plainly commanded to hate evil. This passage says, *"You who love the Lord, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked."* Probably one of the toughest things for today's believers is to consider that we are to hate evil. We have been so inundated with the message of the "love of God" that it is inconceivable that we should hate anything. Some in the church vote for evil-doers and support them. Both Democrats and Republicans condemn the recent shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, but support abortion-on-demand. Yet, in Revelation, Jesus hates the doctrine of the Nicolaitans. He hates the evil that destroys His creation. And we are told to have the same attitude! Do we hate evil enough to pray termination on those who refuse to turn from it? Until the church shoulders its responsibility, how can we expect a harvest of nations?

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Scripture: Proverbs 8:12-16, 17

Proverbs 8:12-16 states, *"I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, And find out knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength. By me kings reign, And rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, All the judges of the earth."* Wisdom is the key to knowledge and that truth has its foundation in the fear of the Lord. But the way to tell if we fear the Lord is whether we hate what God hates. If we do not hate evil, arrogance, the lying mouth and the evil way, then we are passing over the very foundation of wisdom and knowledge that give us biblical application by the Holy Spirit. This passage even proclaims that by these things, kings reign and rulers decree justice. Jesus made us Kings and Priests. Therefore, these are the rules by which we must operate if we are going to step into that Kingly ministry. Proverbs goes on to say in verse 17, *"I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me."* How can we ignore that the fear of the Lord hates evil? It is a cornerstone of being a King and moving in the Holy Spirit.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Scripture: Isaiah 9:13-16

Isaiah had to prophecy judgment because of the continuing rebellion of Israel. Isaiah 9:15 says, *"For the people do not turn to Him who strikes them, Nor do they seek the Lord of hosts. Therefore the Lord will cut off head and tail from Israel, Palm branch and bulrush in one day. The elder and honorable, he is the head; The prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail. For the leaders of this people cause them to err, And those who are led by them are destroyed."* God hates evil to the point that when it fills the cup of iniquity, He moves in order to save the very creation which cries out against the iniquity of the inhabitants of the land. The land can only hold so much iniquity. The way to save a nation is the way Moses did on four different occasions. He prayed the perpetrators into judgment in order to save the nation itself. Is that possible for us? Do we have enough believers who have cultivated a hatred of evil that matches God's? Are there enough believers acquainted with their Kingly role to pray judgment on evil and see it happen? If not, we can grow to that place!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Scripture: Amos 5:14,15

Amos 5:14,15 says, *"Seek good and not evil, That you may live; So the Lord God of hosts will be with you, As you have spoken. Hate evil, love good; Establish justice in the gate. It may be that the Lord God of hosts Will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph."* Amos had a message for his generation and that message was very strong. The message was

also simple – hate what God hates and love what God loves. From that foundation you can establish justice in the gate. Justice in the gate seems to be the fruit of a people who agree with God and pray accordingly. When we pray for removal or termination of those who fill a land with iniquity, we are actually praying to save the remainder of the nation or remnant, and to ultimately save the land. That is the love of God in action! Love terminates in order to save.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Scripture: Psalm 15:1-4

Psalm 15:1-4 says, *“Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill? He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart; He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend; In whose eyes a vile person is despised, But he honors those who fear the Lord; He who swears to his own hurt and does not change;...”* Psalm 15 is crucial. It is foundational understanding for any of us who want to spend considerable time relating to the Lord. That is obvious from the way it begins, *“Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?”* If we are going to spend time with the Lord, there are certain attitudes that He requires. He demands that in our eyes, a vile person is despised. We have had so much indoctrination in what the church calls the “love of God,” that we do not despise anyone. Instead we ‘love’ everyone. It is a good thing to love everyone so we can offer them salvation. But the real question is, do we despise evil actions that not only bring individual captivity but ultimately will destroy the land? Is it possible to do what this verse says? This verse says, it is difficult to separate a person from their actions when they consistently choose to embrace those actions. In order to discover what actions will ultimately destroy a land, we must find what Scripture says is vile. If Scripture does not say it is vile, it is not on the list. But if Scripture says it is vile, it is enough to threaten a land and it is enough to warrant prayers for termination. What does God consider vile enough to have to despise those who publicly promote the activity? This does not mean we despise those who are ashamed of and hide their activities. This is talking about those who publicly support or promote the vile activity. We have to ask ourselves, do we despise any behaviors? Do we despise any persons because of their biblically condemned behavior? Most Christians that I know, do not! Most do not despise anyone at all. And yet, if we are going to dwell on God's Holy Hill, vile people must be despised! I wonder what behaviors and the public promotion of them, qualifies for this list?

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Scripture: Judges 19:22-20:5

In Judges 19:22-20:5, the men of Gibeah demanded that a certain resident bring out the traveler that had just come into the city because they wanted to “know him.” Verse 24 says, *“Look, here is my virgin daughter and the man’s concubine; let me bring them out now. Humble them, and do with them as you please; but to this man do not do such a vile thing!”* Homosexual activity is called a vile thing. The man of the house refused the request. They brought out the concubine, and she was abused all night and consequently killed. The Levite took her back to his place, dismembered her, piece-by-piece, and sent a piece to every one of the tribes of Israel. They came together and God ordered them to attack Gibeah. God sets homosexual sin and the promotion of it apart as vile. But there is a distinct difference between people who are caught in the sin and those who publicly promote it. God was willing to destroy the tribe of Benjamin in order to remove what the Bible defined as vile behavior. What should we be praying over our politicians who are protecting or promoting this behavior? If we truly want to reside on God's Holy Hill and continue to have a relationship with Him, how should we pray over senators, representatives, judges and even presidents? Psalm 110 tells us what God is willing to do!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Scripture: Psalm 12:1-8

As we read Psalm 12:1-8, it is amazing that the last verse concludes by stating, *“...The wicked prowl on every side, When vileness is exalted among the sons of men.”* When there is no judgment on what is considered vile by God, wickedness begins to break out in culture. The fastest way to bring destruction on a nation is to promote what God considers vile. When there is no longer penalty for vile actions and leaders begin to promote what God considers vile, you will have an explosion of evil and wickedness in a society. It appears as if we are almost there. Either the church

must stand up and bring the Hand of God against the perpetrators or we will start losing cities. *"Love never fails"* means termination can be prayed to save cities and nations! Will the church dwell in God's Holy Hill?

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Scripture: Romans 12:1

Romans 12:1 says, *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."* When we present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, then we are agreeing to do what He has called us to do – regardless of what the price is, in the nation or society in which we live. In Romans 12, this call precedes a section in verses 3-21 that in the New King James Study Bible is entitled *"Responsibilities toward Society."* God says if we are going to walk with Him in the last days, we are going to be His agents of justice. And that justice comes by prayer, proclamation and declaration. God's termination of Ananias and Sapphira came by Peter's words. I am sure Herod was removed by the prayers of the church when Peter was in jail. Blindness was released on the false prophet by Paul's words. In the days ahead, the church has the responsibility of bringing in an end-time harvest. Is there any doubt that the only way to do that is to move the Hand of God on those who are hindering it? It will take an ultimate commitment to God in order to be willing to go there. Are we willing? Our culture does not currently despise vileness, but God **does**. And if we are going to reside on His Holy Hill, we have to also. Previous generations despised those who chose vile behaviors! I believe the Word draws a distinction between those who publicly promote a behavior and those who are caught in the sin. The public promoters are the ones Scripture denounces as worthy of death! I believe a great harvest will come out of groups enslaved by sin!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Scripture: Romans 1:18-26

Romans 1:24-26 states, *"Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature."* The same actions that the Old Testament called vile are also vile in the New Testament. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever and what He deems vile remains vile, in the Old Testament, the New and today. What God demands we despise as vile in order to dwell in His Holy Hill is called vile in the New Testament also. We should ask ourselves if the penalty is the same in the New Testament as it was in the Old? If that is the case, then the love of God is a two-edged sword. One edge offers salvation to those caught in deception, but the second edge brings a cutting off of those who blatantly and boldly revel in their sin. Can we go there with Jesus and separate the sinner from their sin on a Priestly mission and pray termination on the public promoters who attempt to promote the perversion?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Scripture: Romans 1:27-32

Romans 1:27-32 states, *"Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them."* These are heart-wrenching verses when our kids are caught in the deception. Praying the Sword to separate ungodly relationships is a very Kingly option. It is obvious that the very same penalty for vile behavior in the Old Testament is the same in the New. What is our attitude toward people who publicly promote vile behaviors? If there is a refusal to repent, we should consistently be praying and declaring God's termination! Those who are caught in the deception of the behavior should get the other side, the

Priestly offer of salvation. But when that offer is consistently rejected to the point of public promotion, our response has to change. God does the terminating, but our job is to do the praying.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Scripture: Genesis 6:5-8, Genesis 6:17,18

When we look at an earth that is full of iniquity, we see God's response. The reason we are concluding this month in Genesis rather than Revelation is because we see the same response in the book of Revelation as we see in Genesis – there is no difference. Just like love terminated the vile in Noah's day, Noah himself found grace. The love that Noah found saved him and his family in the midst of widespread, ultimate termination. That is a picture for every believer and their family today. Regardless of what our kids or grandkids are caught up in, the promise is that we can find the grace by standing in the gap. Our prayers and intercession brings salvation to our family members. The love of Jesus never fails and His love terminates in order to save. Can we walk with Him in this dimension in the last days to gain our promised harvest? I trust we can!

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2/3 – 2/7	Kilauea, HI	Lighthouse Christian Fellowship Sun 9:30am; Tues, Thur 7 pm; Sun 9:30 am	John & Shannon Schmeling 808-828-6682
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