

W O R D A T W O R K

The Destiny of the Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Scripture: Psalm 110

Psalm 110 is quoted to explain the coming of the Holy Spirit. Psalm 110 fully embodies the Priest-King-Judge and gives us a demonstration of what we can expect the Holy Spirit to do in the lives of believers in the last days. Psalms 110 says, *"The Lord said to my Lord, 'Come sit at My feet until I make your enemies your footstool.' The Lord shall send forth the rod of His strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of your enemies."* Whenever enemies rise up against God's church in order for the church to rule, the rod of the Lord's strength must come out of Zion. It must come out of that place of worship where we are supposed to be residing. The promise is, *"Your people shall be volunteers in the day of your power. In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning you have the dew of your youth."* The promise is, verse 4, *"The Lord has sworn And will not relent, 'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.'" Melchizedek was both a priest and a king. And that is a picture of the priesthood of every believer. Verse 5 says, "The Lord is at Your right hand, He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath."* Political leaders who staunchly oppose Christ and His precepts will find themselves locked in a nose to nose battle with the Judicial Christ. Verse 6 says, *"He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill the places with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries."* It is obvious that the greatest opposition in the last days will come from nations and political leaders. Demonized, vile politicians will manage to get themselves elected. Their agenda will be completely antichrist driven. The Scripture promises that they will meet Jesus the Judge! Do we know how to pray Psalm 110 in such a way to bring Jesus the Judge nose to nose with these political leaders? Verse 7 says, *"He shall drink of the brook by the wayside, Therefore he shall lift up the head."* One translation says *"...He shall reside with the people, Therefore He shall encourage them."* If there was ever a time for the Judicial Christ to rise up and encourage His people, it is now! How far are we from our destiny?

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Scripture: Acts 2:32-36

Acts 2:32-36 says, *"And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.' And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: 'I will give you the sure mercies of David.' Therefore He also says in another Psalm: 'You will not allow Your Holy One to see corruption.' For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption;..."* It is obvious that Peter was using Psalm 110 to describe the power of the Holy Spirit that had just been given to every believer. Verse 36 makes it clear that Jesus Who had just been crucified, had now become both **Koo-ree-os** and **Kris-tos**. **Koo-ree-os** means Judge of all the earth and **Kris-tos** means Savior of all the earth. The Holy Spirit will manifest through every believer **who is willing** both the Judge of all the earth and the Savior of all the earth. So if we find ourselves in a place where demonized leaders are threatening the church, how should we pray? Psalm 110 becomes the platform, the foundation, and the theological understanding for what we are praying, and for what we are asking Him to do in that season. Our job is to cooperate with Him and learn how to flow with the Holy Spirit in prayer so that the promises of Psalm 110 become a reality! Anything less loses our harvest field. I believe the church will rise up in the last days and fully possess its harvest field of cities and nations from demonized leaders. World War II was all about the removal of a demonized leader. There were two fronts in World War II - there was the actual war and then there was the prayer battle behind the scenes. Anyone who has ever read *Reese Howells Intercessor*, Has

read about the prayer battle that preceded the physical battle. When the prayer battle is won then the victory is won. Psalm 110 is our foundation for that victory.

MONDAY, MARCH 3

Scripture: Acts 13:19-23

Acts 13:19-23 explains How Jesus comes from the seed of David. Jesus as the Savior is both a King and a Priest. When it comes to the Kingly Judicial side of Christ, we forget Jesus is called, "The Son of David". Matthew 1:1 says, "*The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:*" because Jesus is more like David. David was a Priest-King. He was a worshiper. If we learn to think, pray and act like David, then the victories God intends will manifest. Revelation 22:16 says, "*I, Jesus have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star...*" Jesus describes Himself as the **Root and Fruit** of David! Where is that fruit in us? If we want the fruit, we have to plant the seed!

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

Scripture: Acts 13:32-34

Acts 13:32-34 says, "*And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.' And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: 'I will give you the sure mercies of David.'*" Jesus bought and paid for through His blood the very same covenant that God gave to David. It is interesting as we study the New Testament that we find Jesus guaranteeing to each New Testament believer the very same covenant that David walked in. That covenant is now guaranteed to each of us by blood. So the very same kind of warrior that David became is the kind of warrior we can be. If we learn to pray like David prayed, then we bring the Judicial Christ on the scene to give us victories like David got. Do we know David? Do we really know the King who has Jesus as the **Root and the Fruit**? Is Jesus our **Root and Fruit**? Make Jesus your **Root and Fruit**. What would life be like if Jesus were our **Root and Fruit**? Answer: The book of Acts and Revelation. In Revelation 6:8, Jesus kills one quarter of the earth's population. In Revelation 9:15, Jesus kills one third of the earth's population. Are we ready to represent the Jesus Who kills more than He saves in order to gain a harvest?

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Scripture: II Samuel 7:15-17

II Samuel 7:15-17 is the essence of the covenant of Sure Mercy. It says, "*But My mercy shall not depart from him as I took it from Saul whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established before you. Your throne shall be established forever.*" According to all these words and according to this vision, so Nathan spoke to David." The covenant of Sure Mercy says that if you and I have a failure we will not lose our office, our call and the anointing to walk in that office like Saul did. This covenant has two elements in it. It has a Priestly side and it has a Kingly side. The Priestly side forgives failure and restores us so that we can function as a King. Have we taken and accepted the blood of Jesus as our forgiveness? That becomes the foundation for acting as a Judicial King. David is our example in failure. He repented when confronted, accepted God's judgment, restored his relationship with the Lord and stood up to walk as a King. When Absalom rebelled aided by David's best friend Ahithophel, David did not hesitate to pray death and destruction. Death and destruction came by praying covenant!

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Scripture: II Samuel 7:8-9

Once we have said yes to the Priestly side of Sure Mercy that restores us from all our failures and dismisses any guilt or shame, then we embrace the Kingly side of Sure Mercy. 2 Samuel 7:8-9 says, "*Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth.'*" The covenant of

Sure Mercy guarantees that God will cut off any unrelenting enemy. Cut off is the Hebrew word **kaw-rath** and it literally means to covenantally remove. That is the promise. We can pray Psalm 110 expecting God to covenantally remove any enemy that has set himself against the church, its word or its practices expecting God to do just exactly for us what He did for David. That is the covenant that Jesus guaranteed. It belongs to us and once it becomes real on the inside now it is time to pray it! If we perceive an unrelenting enemy against our harvest field, we have a Kingly obligation to pray death and destruction like David did in Psalm 55:15!

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:3

In 2 Samuel 11:3 David met Bathsheba and thus started the greatest single failure in his life. Not only did he end up taking his best friend's granddaughter for his pleasure. But then once she became pregnant he chose to plot to kill her husband and marry her to cover up the pregnancy. David added murder to adultery. That is serious sin no matter how you cut it. You mean the covenant of Sure Mercy provides deliverance from this magnitude of failure? If it is guaranteed in the blood of Jesus it must! If David can demonstrate true repentance, he can be forgiven. That tells us that if we can demonstrate true repentance, we can be forgiven, and the Kingly promises of this covenant are still within our reach. Actually, they are mandated! There is a David on the inside of every believer! We have to accept forgiveness in order to pray judicially and save our nation from demonized leaders.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Scripture: 2 Samuel 12:10

2 Samuel 12:10 records Nathan the prophet confronting David concerning his sin. It says, *"Now the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Uriah Hittite to be your wife."* Even though David repented the sword never departed from his house. And he set in motion the manifestation of devastation and loss. But because of true repentance the full contribution to the kingdom that God had ordained for his life was still achieved. David managed to gain the fruit that God intended. The covenant of Sure Mercy is eternally redemptive. Covenant is the foundation for our relationship with God, even in failure! Covenant guarantees access to God's Judicial Throne to save and to kill! God has enemies! God heals in mercy but does not hesitate to kill the rebellious. Until we get to know that Jesus, we are not ready for the last days!

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Scripture: 2 Samuel 12:24-25

David's repentance restored relationship with the Lord! 2 Samuel 12:24-25 says, *"Then David comforted Bathsheba his wife, and went in to her and lay with her. So she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. Now the Lord loved him, and He sent word by the hand of Nathan the prophet: So he called his name Jedidiah, because of the Lord."* The same prophet that confronted David after his sin and then declared that the sword would never leave his house, that prophet took a very different word to him after true repentance. You are accepted, you are delivered, your sin is forgiven. Then in reassurance to David that that sin was truly forgiven Solomon became the wisest man that ever lived. God loved him and the kingdom reached its apex and pinnacle under Solomon. Solomon was the one that finished David's vision and built the temple. David was powerfully forgiven and God redeemed, restored and blessed the offspring. That is proof that God redeemed David's greatest failure out of true repentance and brought forth a child that built the temple of God. This is the God we serve. He is the Savior. He is the Redeemer. He redeems our failures. And in redeeming our failures He allows us to walk in the covenant dimension of the judicial. David found himself having lost the kingdom to his own son Absalom. Because he had repented of his failures, he could stand on the covenant of Sure Mercy to redeem those failures by praying judicially. He prayed Psalm 55:15, *"Let death seize them; let them go down alive into hell. For wickedness is in their dwelling and among them."* True repentance empowered David to judge the betrayal he once committed. Because David prayed a judicial prayer, God honored it and his kingdom was restored! Judah and Jerusalem were given back to him and he finished his kingdom days. The covenant of Sure Mercy guarantees that we are given both the Priestly and the Kingly side. We have known for years the Priestly, but it is time to walk Kingly. The Priestly means saving but possessing the Kingly means judging the vile to stop the spread of evil. If

we are willing to pray judicially over those politicians who are bent on destruction, then Kingly justice can come. Will we say yes to the covenant of Sure Mercy? Will we be willing to pray like David prayed? Will we regain our Jerusalem? Will Jesus be our **Root and Fruit**?

MONDAY, MARCH 10

Scripture: Psalm 55:9-15

David finds himself on the outside of Jerusalem and he prays in Psalm 55:9-15 concerning his enemy who has taken the city. Verses one through three make it clear that this is David's heart cry concerning the oppression of wicked men. When we move down to the heart of David's prayer he says in verses 9-15, *"Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues, For I have seen violence and strife in the city. Day and night they go around it on its walls; Iniquity and trouble are also in the midst of it. Destruction is in its midst; Oppression and deceit do not depart from its streets. For it is not an enemy who reproaches me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me; Then I could hide from him. But it was you, a man my equal, My companion and my acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, And walked to the house of God in the throng. Let death seize them; Let them go down alive into hell, For wickedness is in their dwellings and among them."* David prayed these verses. God gave him the victory. Can we pray these verses? Do we know wicked rulers in high places? Can we pray verse 15? David prayed and God gave him the victory. God guaranteed this covenant to every New Testament believer! But do not expect the victory if you are not willing to pray the prayer! The last hundred years in the church we have lifted up the love of God and the Priestly ministry so much so that the majority of the church is fairly ignorant concerning the Kingly side of Christ. 100 years ago we did not have this problem. The Lord challenged me about what it was like to go to a Christian Camp meeting 100 years ago. When I found out, I realized just how much the church had lost through tradition. Will we pray what David prayed? If we are not willing to pray it, then we cannot expect God to intervene and remove wicked rulers. The future of our harvest field is really up to us. What will we pray?

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Scripture: Psalm 55:15

It is obvious that David is not going to pray verse 15 just once. He is going to pray it over and over and over and over and over and over until it manifested! That is quite clear. At the turn of the last century there was a young Baptist preacher named Mordecai Ham. Mordecai Ham was destined to be one of the great evangelists of his time. He would win one of the next greatest evangelists to the Lord. That convert was Billy Graham! Mordecai Ham knew both the Priestly and the Kingly Christ. When a group of thugs came to harass and throw rocks at people who were attending one of his camp meetings and to steal their saddles and bridles, Mordecai Ham went out and confronted the ring leader. The ring leader pulled a knife on him. Mordecai said, "Why are you pulling a knife on me? Anyone who pulls a knife on an unarmed man is a coward. Now I am going to pray that God will either save you and your crowd or kill you!" The thug said, "Pray what you damn well please." And he stomped off. The next morning the thug was dying and his family sent for Mordecai in order to pray for him. Ham went but the man died before he got there. A few hours later the saw mill blew up and three others of the crowd were dead. By the time of the evening meeting there were four dead. Ham announced publicly said that anyone who had stolen saddles or bridles or anything else from this group needed to return them or God was going to kill more people. The next night they took inventory of the returned items and discovered that there was one saddle still missing. Ham said, "I am going to pray as there is one saddle missing." A man jumped up and said, "Don't pray, don't pray. It will be here in just a few minutes." And it was! Mordecai Ham understood the Kingly Christ. He understood Psalm 110 prayers. He understood Psalm 55 prayers. He prayed them and God answered. Is there any difference between a Baptist man 100 years ago and a preacher or a believer today. This story demonstrates the difference! If we are going to win our harvest field like Mordecai Ham won his, we need to get to know the Jesus of the New Testament whose judicial prayers are in the Psalms! Let's pray Psalm 110! Let's be open to Holy Spirit counsel to pray and declare Psalm 110!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

Scripture: Psalm 55:16-18

Verse 16 says, "As for me, I shall call upon God and The Lord shall save me. Evening and morning and noon I will cry aloud, And He shall hear my voice, He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was raging against me, For there were many against me. God will hear, and afflict them, even He who abides from of old. Because they do not change, Therefore they do not fear God." It is obvious in this passage where David gets his peace. His peace comes from praying the covenant that promises to terminate the enemy. God promises to step in and destroy the enemy who is intent upon destroying us! He promises to redeem my soul in peace from the battle which was against me. Now that is a promise! There is redemption there in the covenant of Sure Mercy! Mercy to us means peace, because God has entered the battle in our behalf. God Himself will dismiss the enemy! Pray it! Expect it!

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Scripture: Psalm 55:19-21

Psalm 55:19-21 says, "God will hear and afflict them, Even He who abides from of old. Because they do not change, Therefore they do not fear God. He has put forth his hands against those who were at peace with him; he has broken his covenant. The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, But war was in his heart. His words were softer than oil, Yet they were drawn swords." Do you know any politicians or leaders who qualify? Do you know anybody who talks like that? One who said one thing before they were elected, but did exactly the opposite afterward? Do you know anybody who qualifies and looks like the description in verses 19-21? If a leader qualifies in the description of verses 19-21, he qualifies for the prayer of verse 15. Do you want peace? Pray the prayer of verse 15 so you can have the peace of verses 18-21! If the church would wake up, believe their covenant and act on it, perhaps we would see God intervene and give us our nation back. It is that simple! It is a matter of prayer! When you pray, can you pray the Bible? Can you pray Scripture? Can you pray the Word? Do not tell me you cannot pray the Word! Surely we can pray the Word of God. If we cannot pray the Word, we are in trouble! Do not fall for the line, 'that is not New Testament!'. Anybody who says that is not New Testament is either in major denial or is unschooled in an understanding of the whole counsel of God. A passive church is the fruit of only Priestly ministry! Turn the other cheek loses the harvest!

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Scripture: Luke 24:44-49, Ephesians 3:10,11

Verse 44 of this chapter makes it quite clear when it says, "These are the words which I have spoken to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." Then He ends this by telling them in verse 49 to wait for the Promise of the Father. Be endued with power. His Spirit will fulfill what is written in the Psalms. How can we read Psalm 110 and not say what is written about this power and might aspect of Jesus? How can we read Psalm 55 and not align with it. It says that we are to cast our burdens upon the Lord. That is the key to this Psalm. The Psalms are the prayer books of Scripture! To say the Psalms are not New Testament is a monumental error that could only be initiated by a religious spirit. We need to recognize how the enemy has stolen from the church. He has stolen the power, he has stolen the authority, he has stolen the Kingly. He whispers, 'That is Old Testament. That is not for you.' We need to recognize these deceptive lies. The Kingly prayers of the Psalms are for us right now. If we find a politician that Psalm 55 fits, then pray it! As the Holy Spirit directs, pray it several times a day. See what happens! The reason why we have the mess we have in many places is because the church is enabling evil by blessing the perpetrators, when in fact we should be praying judicial plumb lines that force individuals to change. God intervenes when the church prays. Isn't it time that we ceased enabling evil and start dropping a plumb line on it demanding change. This is perhaps the only way that Ephesians 3:10-11 can be fulfilled. Here it says that we are to teach the principalities and powers, to demonstrate to them that they do not rule in the earth. The way we demonstrate that they do not rule is that we bring an end to their agents of destruction by praying God's intervention if they will not relent. It is time we begin to think and act like Kings. Jesus paid a heavy, heavy price for us to walk in the anointing, and it is time we said yes to what He bought and paid for!

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 21:1-4

1 Chronicles 21:1-4 says, "Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel. 2 So David said to Joab and to the leaders of the people, 'Go, number Israel from Beersheba to Dan, and bring the number of them to me that I may know it.' And Joab answered, 'May the Lord make His people a hundred times more than they are. But, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? Why then does my lord require this thing? Why should he be a cause of guilt in Israel?' Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Therefore Joab departed and went throughout all Israel and came to Jerusalem." Here we find David absolutely determined to number Israel and Joab said, "Do not do it for you will not like God's judgment. It is going to be sin and you will not like God's judgment." David's motivation was for the purpose of being able to boast arrogantly about the size of the army. What we find here is that any leader, even a Godly one, when he makes mistakes, it is costly for the people. David made a very costly mistake. And here comes the dealing of God. We find God's Hand on California right now in a terrible drought. And why wouldn't there be when there is an open promotion of sin? It is especially interesting to note the drought began to intensify dramatically from the time the legislature began to advance the promotion of perversion in our state. This is not uncommon in Scripture. The question is, 'How does God intervene?' Does He intervene with judgments? The Bible clearly says yes, God does. Amos 3:6 says, "If a trumpet is blown in a city, will not the people be afraid? If there is calamity in a city, will not the Lord have done it?" The next verse is very familiar, "Surely the Lord God does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets." God responds to the sin of man by judging it. That has not changed. He is still doing it today. It is time we realized that God intervenes in the affairs of man with great affliction when their actions turn to rebellion. Jesus the Judge is here! The season for Jesus as the **Root and Fruit** is here!

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 21:7,8

Verses 7,8 record God's response to the sin of the leader, the president of Israel. It says, "And God was displeased with this thing; therefore He struck Israel. So David said to God, 'I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing; but now, I pray, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly.'" Somebody has to repent for their actions. If a judge, a governor, or a legislator will not repent, then the Judge of all the Earth will accelerate adversity on those people and their geographical boundaries until destruction is complete. Such is the fate of those who arrogantly refuse to repent. I see very little inclination at all to repent in the majority of today's American governors and legislators. I see no inclination at all toward repentance in American federal judges! If the Word is to be believed, we are in for an amazingly confrontational time. The kings of the earth are going to war against God's kings. Do we know how to war? Do we know how to pray? Do we know how to invoke the covenant of Sure Mercy? When government begins to target the church, do we know how to bring the Hand of God on their heads until they relent? Do we know how to release the afflicting Hand of God until they turn? Unless we know these things, we are not prepared for what is coming. Do we learn how to walk with the Kingly Christ at church? Or are we just having a good time being entertained? Is our church preparing us for what is coming? The time to choose is now.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 21:9-12, Revelation 22:19

In verses 9-12, God gives David a choice. The Word says, "Then the Lord spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, 'Go and tell David, saying, "Thus says the Lord: 'I offer you three things; choose one of them for yourself, that I may do it to you.'" So Gad came to David and said to him, 'Thus says the Lord: "Choose for yourself, either three years of famine, or three months to be defeated by your foes with the sword of your enemies overtaking you, or else for three days the sword of the Lord—the plague in the land, with the angel of the Lord destroying throughout all the territory of Israel." Now consider what answer I should take back to Him who sent me.'" He can choose three years of famine, three months to be defeated by his enemies or three days with the Sword of the Lord bringing destruction in Jerusalem and the territory of Israel. David had to make a painful choice. Israel understood sin had consequences. And that has been lost today. There is hardly any understanding of what brings divine adversity at all, even in the church. In addition, we have ministers teaching that there is no more judgment. I would not want to be in their shoes because of Revelation 22:19, "...and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, **God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.**" The central theme of Revelation is God's judgment for man's rebellion. If we preach that Revelation was fulfilled by 70 AD, then we take away judgment

and qualify for the penalty of Revelation 22:9. No wonder there is no fear of God in the church today, with ministers proclaiming, 'There is no more judgment!' This destroys all foundation for the fear of the Lord. The enemy has sown significant tares in the Body of Christ and they need to be removed first. First the tares must go, so the church can hear the Word. Right now the wolves seem to outnumber the true leaders. It is time for a confrontation between the true apostles and the counterfeit. It is time for those who have chosen to follow Paul and live like he lived in 2 Corinthians 11, to release the authority to cut off the counterfeit and the false. Then perhaps those in leadership and government will learn the fear of the Lord by watching God clean up the church, deal with the heretics and remove the tares. Church could get exciting!

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 21:14-17

Verses 14-17 describe judgment in action. God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it, but the angel stopped at the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. David chose to buy the threshing floor. David's intercession was very Priestly, "God, look, blot me out and save Your people." So David stands in the gap with major intercession, recognizing that it is his sin that has brought judgment on the land. If we want relief from drought, our politicians have to confess their sin. Or the church has to pray it for them. Can we go there as Daniel did? Can we pray God's Judicial Hand on those hindering the harvest? I believe we can!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 21:24-25

We find David purchasing the field where the angel stopped destroying. This was a great picture of covenant. David purchased the place so he could build an altar and make an offering to the Lord. Ornan offered the land for free but David refused to take it and he refused it by saying in verse 24,25 "*No, but I will surely buy it for the full price, for I will not take what is yours for the Lord, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing.*" So David gave Ornan six hundred shekels of gold by weight for the place." Now based on today's price for gold that was about \$1,728,000.00. David paid \$1.7 million for the field, just to build an altar and pray to God. What was unique about this place? It was unique because it was the place where the angel stopped destroying. It was the place where God initiated mercy. And it was the place that would become the temple mount where the Hand of God would be available to those who entered the Holy of Holies. This was the very place where mercy triumphed over judgment. Is there hope for our nation? There is hope because we have a covenant of Sure Mercy! God had given David a covenant of Sure Mercy and on the place where that covenant was first honored by the angel, is the place where the temple was built and the Holy of Holies was erected. Was it any wonder that David was willing to pay \$1.7 million dollars for that location? It was the place where mercy triumphed over judgment. Jesus shed His blood so mercy could triumph over judgment. Mercy is a double-edged sword. Mercy can start or stop judgment. Mercy to David meant starting judgment on Absalom and Ahithophel, restoring the kingdom. Covenant mercy often means full-blown judgment on the enemy who will not relent. Covenant mercy to Israelites was where the sword stopped in Jerusalem. David built an altar there and renewed his covenant with the Lord. We can renew our covenant with the Lord. We can stand in prayer and ask God to move based on covenant!

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 21:26-28

Verses 26-28 state, "*And David built there an altar to the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on the Lord; and He answered him from heaven by fire on the altar of burnt offering. So the Lord commanded the angel, and he returned his sword to its sheath. At that time, when David saw that the Lord had answered him on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he sacrificed there.*" Isn't it interesting that verse 28 says, "*At that time, when David saw that the Lord had answered him on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he sacrificed there.*"? The unique thing about the field that David bought and the threshing floor was that it was at that place that God invited David to covenant. It was at that place that the angel first stopped destroying. And then as David built the altar and made the sacrifice, covenant mercy exploded. No wonder it became the temple. But where is the temple today? The temple today is within us. This is a picture of what is supposed to be on the inside of us. The place where covenant

starts or stops judgment though mercy is inside us! We are it! We are the walking threshing floor of Ornan. We are the walking temple of the Living God. We are the ones that bring justice. Our prayers should shake the wicked. The very breath of our mouth should slay them if they refuse to repent! Can we walk in that place as Kings? We should! Jesus bought and paid for it! Where is the Judicial Christ in the men and women who represent God? One hundred years ago, Mordecai Ham could represent the King. The very breath of his lips slew the wicked. Why have we become so Priestly that we have hardly any Kingly value? In walking only as Priests, we enable the enemy rather than slay him. It is time we understood what Jesus bought and paid for and act on it! David did. David sinned and he made a major mistake. It cost him, but in the process he found the place where the temple was to be built that represented the covenant of Sure Mercy. In failure, David found the place every believer could start the Sword or stop the Sword. This is the kind of altar that is supposed to exist on the inside of each one of us. We should walk around with this authority and exercise it. David did, and he is our New Testament example according to Acts 13.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 21:29,30

Verses 29,30 say, *“For the tabernacle of the Lord and the altar of the burnt offering, which Moses had made in the wilderness, were at that time at the high place in Gibeon. But David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was afraid of the sword of the angel of the Lord.”* This judicial experience brought the fear of God back to the nation of Israel, and certainly to David. Can we loose the Sword of the Lord? Can we stop the Sword of the Lord? The answer is, absolutely! That is the picture that comes from this Old Testament revelation of the altar of God. That temple with that altar is now inside every single one of us. We can loose the Sword of the Lord and we can pray to stop it. Jesus is the Son of David and the Firstborn of many brethren which means we are the sons of David! Isn't it about time that we said yes to fully following him?

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 22:1

In 1 Chronicles 22:1, David now knows he has the place and he declared it in front of the whole nation. *“Then David said, ‘This is the house of the Lord God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel.’”* This is the place, we can pray in faith and stop the Sword. It is the place, we can pray in faith and start the Sword. All we have to do today is look in the mirror and say, “We are the place. We are the place of the altar. We are the place where the Sword can be released and we are the place where the Sword can be stopped.” That is who we are. Everywhere we go, every place our feet tread, God has given it to us. He has made our enemies our footstool. The Rod of Iron is in our mouth and with it the Lord can strike the nations. With it, He can totally destroy the resistance to our harvest. That is the God we serve and we are the altar of burnt offering. That is who we are and everywhere we go, the whole authority of the King is ready to manifest. Do we really know who we are? Are we really ready to act like it? Justice is only a prayer away.

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

Scripture: Judges 6:1-4, 3,4

In Judges 6:1-4 we are told, *“Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. So the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years, and the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made for themselves the dens, the caves, and the strongholds which are in the mountains. So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also Amalekites and the people of the East would come up against them. Then they would encamp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey.”* Whenever Israel sinned, the enemy would come and attack them. When the enemy came, they would take everything and leave nothing behind. So Israel became dramatically impoverished as a result. Even verse 6 tells us that. So Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites. They were so impoverished they started crying out to the Lord. Whenever we have political leadership that impoverish the people, then it is time we learn to pray judicially. When leaders exalt what is vile, it releases evil to attain new depths, dimensions and heights in the earth. Psalm 12:8 says, *“The wicked prowl on every side when vileness is exalted among the sons of men.”* The anointing of the judges is about to rise on the altar of God and we are going to have the

opportunity to pray judicially and watch God intervene. We will get to watch Him go after those who are wicked and those who are destroying the land. We are the altar. Are we ready to work with the Lord and see His Hand prevail? Judgment is essential to stop wickedness!

MONDAY, MARCH 24

Scripture: Judges 6:11-13, 28

Judges 6:11-13 says, *“Now the Angel of the Lord came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianites. And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, and said to him, ‘The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valor!’ Gideon said to Him, ‘O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, “Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?” But now the Lord has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.”* Here we find Gideon threshing wheat and hiding it from the Midianites. And God is calling Gideon to a whole new realm of authority. But Gideon does not see how he can do it because of his position. All Gideon knows is that he is the least in his family, his family is the least in his tribe, and his tribe is the least in Israel. So Gideon has three strikes against him. Gideon’s problem is how he sees himself. God came to Gideon in order to deliver him of how he saw himself so that he could trust God for the power to finish the race. Can we begin to see who we are? Can we trust God for the power to finish our race? We better! It is time. We need to. The first thing Gideon had to do was cut down the altar of Baal destroying the wooden image. It is interesting the phraseology that is used in verse 28. Verse 28 says, *“And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, there was the altar of Baal, torn down; and the wooden image that was beside it was cut down, and the second bull was being offered on the altar which had been built.”* “...Cut down...” means it was reduced to zero or deprived of all authority. ‘Cut down’ equals ‘cut off.’ Gideon’s training began with the fact that he had the authority to cut down or cut off the enemy. Shouldn’t our training begin there? Shouldn’t we start at the same place – know that our whole tenure as a King is to confront and cut off the enemy? Once Gideon got that he was ready to finish the race. And once we get it we will be ready to finish the race.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Scripture: Judges 6:17-24, Genesis 6:1,5-7

Gideon builds an altar and calls the name of it “The Lord Shalom” or “The Lord my Peace.” What Gideon was doing was making peace with God over his past failures. He was making peace over being least in his family, over having the least family in the tribe and over having the least tribe in all of Israel. Gideon was making peace with the Lord over failure at three levels. Once he established peace with God, *then* he had a platform to build on. *Then* he could take the authority of the altar and walk out the covenant of Sure Mercy, gaining the full measure of judicial mercy even destruction of the enemy so he could have the harvest. Gideon got his harvest! He understood there was a cutting down of the enemy to enforce a cutting off of evil. Gideon obeyed in cutting off false worship! Isn’t it time we stepped into that realm and watch God honor it? God maybe waiting on us! When God finds evil proliferating, He immediately comes up with a plan to arrest it. And our question has to be, how does God arrest evil when it gets to the point where it is rampant in a society? The answer is very simple – He judges it! He judges evil and destroys those who practice it. Now that is the kind of prayer that brings freedom and deliverance to the land a city or a nation. We have to pray the perpetrators into the judgment of God. And the judgment of God is released on the perpetrators then the land finds peace and rest. The church is looking for peace and rest. Judgment of the enemy precedes peace and rest. Until we pray judicially, we cannot expect a breakthrough. And when we realize the altar is in us, then it is time to pray some judicial prayers from the Psalms. It is time to follow God’s pattern and God’s pattern is consistent. God has a plan to stop evil. He judges those who practice it.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Scripture: Genesis 6:17,18

In Genesis 6:17,18 we are told, *“And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish My*

covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you." The Hebrew word translated "I will establish" is **coom**. **Coom** is a biblical promise to establish covenant! Every person who walks under the Blood of Jesus stands on this covenant. And **coom** is on us, with us, for us and the purposes so that we can initiate the prayer that brings justice to the perpetrators, thereby saving the land. That is the job of every one of us who walk with the King in the last days. We walk in that place and we qualify to stand there! Evil is only arrested when we ask for God's intervention in our behalf. Our covenant allows for the cutting off of evil by prayer for intervention!

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Scripture: Isaiah 14:12-15

Isaiah 14:12-15 says, *"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit."* Here again we find God confronting evil and when God confronts evil in order to stop it, He has to judge those who perpetrate it. So how does God confront evil? He judges those who perpetrate it. And that judgment brings evil to a temporary stop. God is a serious Judge and He does not fool around! And because we are His altar, our prayers should not contain unsanctified mercy for evil-doers!

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

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."* Here we find that some of the residents of the church at Thyatira were actually both teaching and allowing sexual immorality as normal practice. Their actions brought the judgment of God. Hollywood glamorizes free love. We may think it is OK, but in the next generation, God declares He will kill all those who practice it! Now *that* is a strong statement, but God can carry it out! When verse 23 says, *"I will kill her children with death,..."* it refers to the disciples of heresy. But in the second generation of the heresy, He promises to utterly destroy those who practice it. That is the kind of thing that causes the fear of the Lord to return to the church. God is not fooling around and we had better understand that right now! He is real and we are His altar. Liberal Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists and Lutherans who ordain homosexual priests and pastors better buy cemetery plots!

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Scripture: Revelation 2:23, Isaiah 14:20,21

Revelation 2:23 is Isaiah 14:20,21 in the New Testament. Revelation 2:23 says, *"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."* Isaiah 14:20,21 says, *"You will not be joined with them in burial, Because you have destroyed your land And slain your people. The brood of evildoers shall never be named. Prepare slaughter for his children Because of the iniquity of their fathers, Lest they rise up and possess the land, And fill the face of the world with cities."* It is very clear that God's judgment has to come to stop evil so that evil will not prevail. God is determined that evil shall not prevail! Whenever we endeavor or contribute to evil prevailing, then we are hindering God's purposes. The whole reason for judicial prayer is so that those who have chosen wickedness and chosen to advance evil can be stopped. It is so they can be brought face-to-face with the God who terminates. The church has to rise up because this is our call today! We can no longer enable evil in the earth. The church has to arise to pray judicially over those who perpetrate and practice evil, even if they are in the top positions in the land. Praying judgment on evil-doers saves the land from judgment!

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:11-14

Our question is simple – do we have a biblical mandate to restrain evil? Do we? Is it really in Scripture? There is a biblical mandate to restrain evil – is it valid today? 1 Samuel 3:11-13 is that mandate. It says, *“Then the Lord said to Samuel: ‘Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them.’”* Verse 14 goes on to say, *“And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever.”* Do we have a biblical mandate to restrain evil? Eli did, but he failed to do it. And he lost his priesthood for it. If that isn’t clear, I am not sure what is. We have such a biblical mandate to restrain evil that God has even made us an altar and a temple. We are a living temple to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. So what are we doing? Why do we enable evil by praying blessing on those who continue to practice it? We need to pray like David prayed!

MONDAY, MARCH 31

Scripture: Psalm 109:1-13

How did David restrain evil? Since we have the same covenant David had, that is a very good question. If we learn how David restrained evil, then we can simply follow in his pattern. Are we going to stand and do our part or will we allow evil to continue? How many believers today bless those in authority and their prayers essentially enable evil? Psalm 109:1-13 is David's prayer that shows us where he stands on this issue. Verses 1-13 say, *“Do not keep silent, O God of my praise! For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful Have opened against me; They have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They have also surrounded me with words of hatred, And fought against me without a cause. In return for my love they are my accusers, But I give myself to prayer. Thus they have rewarded me evil for good, And hatred for my love. Set a wicked man over him, And let an accuser stand at his right hand. When he is judged, let him be found guilty, And let his prayer become sin. Let his days be few, And let another take his office. Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow. Let his children continually be vagabonds, and beg; Let them seek their bread also from their desolate places. Let the creditor seize all that he has, And let strangers plunder his labor. Let there be none to extend mercy to him, Nor let there be any to favor his fatherless children. Let his posterity be cut off, And in the generation following let their name be blotted out.”* David not only prayed that God would remove them, but he prayed God would cut off their children! David brought God on the scene to terminate the enemy! And God did! Do we have answers to termination prayers? If we do not, we should! And we had better start praying!

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*Is your path demanding a diligent stand?
Are you a ship sailing to reach a new land?*

*Is great interference holding you back?
Are you beaten down, taking enemy flack?*

*They're angels around you whom I supervise,
So keep your ears open, your eyes on My eyes.*

*There's unseen provision with each brand new prayer,
And with it assurance that I'm always there!*

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