

W O R D A T W O R K

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-4, Acts 1:6,7

The Bible encourages us to “Know the Lord.” There are a great many aspects of His character and nature to which that statement applies. We know Him as Savior, Baptizer in the Holy Spirit, Healer, Deliverer, Provider, and Protector. But do we know Him as the Author of Times and Seasons? When it comes to knowing the Lord through the times and seasons – He shares what He is about to do. To build the proper foundation, we begin by analyzing whether we are operating out of a pre-Holy Spirit mentality or a post-Holy Spirit mentality. If we are operating out of a pre-Holy Spirit mentality, then Acts 1:6,7 rules our thinking. It says, *“Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, ‘Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?’ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.”* Something happened that dramatically changed this view, when the Holy Spirit came. All those who operate with a pre-Holy Spirit mentality believe that the key ruling passage basically says that the Father holds many things and does not reveal them until they come. According to this mindset, we must wait for it to unfold. 1 Thessalonians reveals a post-Holy Spirit mentality, which is far different. That post-Holy Spirit mentality declares that the reason the Holy Spirit came is to show us things to come and to lead us into all the truth. If this is true, we have a biblical, covenantal right to the revelation of what is coming so that we can prepare our generation. This was certainly the mentality of Jesus and the Twelve, and should be ours also. If we are walking with the Holy Spirit in the full measure of what is available, then what Paul wrote to the Thessalonians is certainly true of us. The real question is, how many church leaders are actually operating in this and therefore, how many congregations have been introduced to this dimension of walking with the Holy Spirit? Where do we stand? Have we allowed the Holy Spirit to show us things to come? If not, we should!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Scripture: John 16:1-15, 1 Chronicles 12:32

It is obvious from the promises of John 16, that when the Holy Spirit comes, He will show us things to come. He will guide us into all truth, He will not speak of His own authority, but whatever He hears, He will speak and He will tell us things to come. John 16 makes it very obvious that a church who accepts their Helper and receives their Holy Spirit, pretty much has a spiritual guide to not only explain Scripture, but to declare things to come. It looks like God is pretty invested in having us know what He is planning so we can participate with Him. Do we know Jesus through the revelation of the times and seasons? 1 Chronicles 12:32 reveals that 200 leaders of the sons of Issachar understood what to do in the season in which they lived. Knowing the Lord and following the Holy Spirit opens that dimension to us!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Scripture: 1 Samuel 12:1-3, 1 Samuel 3:19

Samuel is an example of the kind of prophet that we want the church to represent in the last days. 1 Samuel 3:19 says, *"So Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground."* Is it possible to be a Christian who walks with God in such a way that none of our words fall to the ground? It is if we only speak God's Words! But then we have to ask, what kind of life does God expect us to live in order to qualify to walk in this realm? The book of Samuel is not silent about that issue. 1 Samuel 12:1-3 tells us exactly what it takes, *"Now Samuel said to all Israel: 'Indeed I have heeded your voice in all that you said to me, and have made a king over you. And now here is the king, walking before you; and I am old and gray-headed, and look, my sons are with you. I have walked before you from my childhood to this day. Here I am. Witness against me before the Lord and before His anointed: Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed, or from whose hand have I received any bribe with which to blind my eyes? I will restore it to you.'" Samuel made it very clear that in his dealings with other people, at the end of his days he could say, 'Name the person I have robbed and name the person I have hurt.'* He basically said, 'I have not taken, I have not hurt.' How many leaders can say that today? 'I have not taken, I have not hurt' is the passport to words that God fulfills!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Scripture: 1 Samuel 12:4,5, 1 Samuel 7:10,13

In 1 Samuel 12:4,5 we are told, *"And they said, 'You have not cheated us or oppressed us, nor have you taken anything from any man's hand.' Then he said to them, 'The Lord is witness against you, and His anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand.' And they answered, 'He is witness.'" Why did God not let a single word of Samuel's fall to the ground? He was an honest, God-fearing leader who refused to take advantage of any leadership position he ever had. He was scrupulously honest and he made sure he treated everyone the same. In 1 Samuel 7:10,13 we are told, "Now as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But the Lord thundered with a loud thunder upon the Philistines that day, and so confused them that they were overcome before Israel. ... So the Philistines were subdued, and they did not come anymore into the territory of Israel. And the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel."* God consistently honored Samuel's prayer against a persistent enemy. We want the same for every Christian today. And the Hand of God moved in such a way as to subdue the enemy of Israel,. The Hand of the Lord subdued the Philistines. This is a yardstick. This is a biblical picture of how leaders are supposed to look today. When we pray, the Hand of the Lord should move! And the Hand of the Lord should move in order to subdue the enemy of the harvest. If the Hand of the Lord does not move to subdue the enemy of the harvest, then we have to go back and look at our foundational integrity as to how we function and how we operate before the King. Because there could be one of two issues. If we are operating in integrity, if we are obedient and we are truly serving, then only one other issues deprives us of victory. That issue could be, we are probably ignorant of the judicial side of Who Christ is. Simple Bible study, coupled with intimate relationship with the Father, will erase that deficit. Is that the issue with the maturity of the church today? Will simple study erase the deficit we find in our churches? Or will it take some serious repentance and return to Samuel's standard of honesty and integrity?

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2:12-14

1 Samuel 2:12-14 says, *"Now the sons of Eli were corrupt; they did not know the Lord. And the priests' custom with the people was that when any man offered a sacrifice, the priest's servant would come with a three-pronged fleshhook in his hand while the meat was boiling. Then he would thrust it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; and the priest would take for himself all that the fleshhook brought up. So they did in Shiloh to all the Israelites who came there."* The priests that Samuel grew up with were Eli and his sons. They operated in such

a way that they could not move the Hand of God. Their actions had to make a mark on Samuel. Isn't it interesting that Davids are usually produced under Sauls. Samuels are developed under Elis. It seems that whenever God wants to make a champion, He lets them grow up with corrupt leaders around so that the stench of their actions fills the nostrils of young men so they cannot stomach perverse behavior. They could never act like their parent or mentors because they were trained by example of what not to do. The odor of sin can be so bad that it turns a generation to the right way. Samuel was made this way, David was made this way. Today's champions are often formed in the fire of circumstances whether there is an Eli or not. There is a generation of leaders to be trained in the Kingly Christ! The end-time harvest depends on us qualifying! Is it possible that we have Samuels and Davids waiting in the wings? As difficult, as terrible and as debilitating as God's School of the Spirit can be, it is God's plan to put a Rod of Iron and Rod of Integrity in our backbone to make us the champions we should become in the last days.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2:22-25

How bad was it for Samuel? 1 Samuel 2:22-25 states, *"Now Eli was very old; and he heard everything his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. So he said to them, 'Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings from all the people. No, my sons! For it is not a good report that I hear. You make the Lord's people transgress. If one man sins against another, God will judge him. But if a man sins against the Lord, who will intercede for him?' Nevertheless they did not heed the voice of their father, because **the Lord desired to kill them.**"* It was so bad, God desired to kill them, not save them! To most of us, it is quite shocking that we find a verse that says the Lord desired to kill them. The sons of Eli did not repent. They did not hear their father because the Lord desired to kill them. That is how manipulative and abusive they were to the people under their charge. The result was that God wanted to judge, remove and kill them publicly in order to make a statement to Israel and to all future leaders. If you are going to abuse your office in this way, then I will kill you. Do we realize that that's the God we serve? Do we realize that there are people whose actions and choices are so offensive that God desires to kill them? If we were to listen to what comes out of most pulpits then we know only the God who desires to save everybody. Most of us do not know the God Who desires to kill people. Would the church look different if we knew the God Who desires to kill people. That is a real shock to the average Christian in today's world because most have been fed a diet of unsanctified mercy. Therefore there are few who have been able to relate to the God Who desires to kill. How can we truly represent Jesus if we do not know *all* dimensions of who God is? Some say that this is only Old Testament. But Hebrews says that Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever. Can we find the Jesus who desires to kill people in the New Testament? Ananias, Sapphira and Herod are a testament to the fact that Jesus has not changed. And that is minor compared to what is coming in the book of Revelation. There is an aspect of God Who desires to kill people. It is true in the Old Testament and it is true in the New. Have we ever heard that preached from the pulpit? If not, *why* not?

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Scripture: Hebrews 8:7-11

Hebrews 8:10,11 says, *"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them."* When verse 11 says, *"Know the Lord,"* it says to know the **koo-ree-os**, the Judge of all the Earth. The entire purpose of the New Testament is that every believer would not only know the Savior, but know the Judge. Knowing the Savior is the entry point. Knowing the Judge of all the Earth is not the condition of the church today. Even the most casual observer can look around the church and realize the only Jesus the church knows today is the Savior. The church does not know the Judge of all the Earth.

Why doesn't the church know the Judge of all the Earth? Because the church has been hijacked by religious spirits and by Elis and Sauls. If we want to build the fullness of Who God is into church people, this side of Jesus cannot be ignored. This truth of Jesus as Judge is neither easy to preach nor easy to hear. People are not comfortable with hearing about a Jesus who is willing to kill. Consequently the majority will never walk in an overcoming boldness like David. If we want to be a David, then we must know the God Who desires to kill our enemies. We will never tackle a Goliath if we do not know the God Who desires to kill. But once we get to know Him, nothing is impossible to us. When we know Him, there is a boldness that overcomes any fear of man. This is the Jesus the church needs in the last days.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Scripture: Genesis 34:1-3

In Genesis 34:1-3, we have the Hebrew word **khaw-fates** that is used in 1 Samuel for "*desired to kill*". So then we have to ask ourselves – what does that look like? The answer pops up in Genesis 34. In Genesis 34:1-4, verse 3 says, "*His soul was strongly attracted to Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the young woman and spoke kindly to the young woman.*" **Khaw-fates** is the Hebrew word for "*strongly attracted to.*" **Khaw-fates** is the love of the young man for the woman he wants for a lifetime. This passage shows the fleshly application of what is also a spiritual truth. The spiritual application is the one we want to make. God is strongly attracted to His people. He wants relationship with His people. And when that relationship is hijacked at an impure altar, then God strongly desires for the leaders to change and if they will not, then He desires to cut them off. That is what we have with Eli's sons. Not only do we find that the New Testament is aimed at getting us to know Jesus the Judge, but we are supposed to know Him so we can walk with Him and represent Him everywhere we go. Are we ready to walk with the Judicial King?

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 13:3-5, 1 Kings 12

2 Chronicles 13:3-5 shows us two kings at war. There is the king of a pure altar at war with the king of an impure altar. Abijah of Judah is fighting Jeroboam of the northern kingdom. Verses 3-5 say, "*Abijah set the battle in order with an army of valiant warriors, four hundred thousand choice men. Jeroboam also drew up in battle formation against him with eight hundred thousand choice men, mighty men of valor. Then Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim, which is in the mountains of Ephraim, and said, 'Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel: Should you not know that the Lord God of Israel gave the dominion over Israel to David forever, to him and his sons, by a covenant of salt?'*" One of the things we learn about Jeroboam at war with Abijah is that Jeroboam was afraid that all the people would go back to Rehobram, son of Solomon, during the feast days. So he built a counterfeit, impure altar with all the feast days exactly the same as the ones that were being conducted in Jerusalem. God sent a prophet to prophecy destruction and judgment against the altar. 1 Kings 12 records the event. As time passed, a war developed between Abijah and Jeroboam. Abijah was making the case that dominion, true dominion, in Israel belonged to David forever by a covenant of salt. There are two covenants of salt in Scripture. The first one guaranteed the tithe to the Levites. The second guaranteed the Throne of David and dominion for the seed of David, which is Christ. Jesus sits on a Throne of Authority that is guaranteed by a covenant of salt. When we enter covenant with God through tithing, we also have access to the full breadth of all that the salt covenant guarantees, including dominion to the Davidic warriors in the land. What Abijah was saying was, "I am invoking the covenant of the God Who desires to kill. And He is going to war for us today and you are going to be on destruction's end. If you do not want destruction, turn around and go home." That is a biblical warrior. Dominion is an issue of covenant. When we qualify for covenant we get to walk with the God Who desires to cut off anyone who is hindering, hurting or harming His Kingdom.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 13:8-10

Verses 8-10 say, *"And now you think to withstand the kingdom of the Lord, which is in the hand of the sons of David; and you are a great multitude, and with you are the gold calves which Jeroboam made for you as gods. Have you not cast out the priests of the Lord, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and made for yourselves priests, like the peoples of other lands, so that whoever comes to consecrate himself with a young bull and seven rams may be a priest of things that are not gods? But as for us, the Lord is our God, and we have not forsaken Him; and the priests who minister to the Lord are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites attend to their duties."* Abijah did not stop. He went on to warn Jeroboam, "Look – you threw out the true priests. And now your ministry is for sale. You have counterfeits and golden calves. Everything you do is based on a spirit of mammon. Therefore you are about to meet the Living God and you are not going to like what He does to you. Because of your impurity God desires to kill you because it is the only thing that will force a permanent change." Are we those snapshots in the last days? You better believe we are and the church is woefully unprepared because the church today does not know the God Who desires to kill. Consequently, the church today is ready to forfeit the harvest field instead of possessing it as we should. This has to change. The Spirit of David is rising in the church to pray unrepentant leaders into the grave!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 13:11,12

Verses 11,12 says, *"And they burn to the Lord every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense; they also set the showbread in order on the pure gold table, and the lampstand of gold with its lamps to burn every evening; for we keep the command of the Lord our God, but you have forsaken Him. Now look, God Himself is with us as our head, and His priests with sounding trumpets to sound the alarm against you. O children of Israel, do not fight against the Lord God of your fathers, for you shall not prosper!"* The title of the book *Purifying the Altar* came from the phrase in verse 11, *"...on the pure gold table."* Notice verse 12 says that God Himself is with us. We have priests that are going to sound the trumpets. They will sound the alarm against, and they will pray against. Why fight against the Lord if you are only going to lose? That was very gutsy of Abijah, but it was also very pastoral. He was trying to save the Israelites of the Northern Kingdom because they were about to meet the God Who desires to kill. If we know the God Who desires to kill, we can plead with sinners like Abijah did!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 13:13-18 states

2 Chronicles 13:13-18 states, *"But Jeroboam caused an ambush to go around behind them; so they were in front of Judah, and the ambush was behind them. And when Judah looked around, to their surprise the battle line was at both front and rear; and they cried out to the Lord, and the priests sounded the trumpets. Then the men of Judah gave a shout; and as the men of Judah shouted, it happened that God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. And the children of Israel fled before Judah, and God delivered them into their hand. Then Abijah and his people struck them with a great slaughter; so five hundred thousand choice men of Israel fell slain. Thus the children of Israel were subdued at that time; and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied on the Lord God of their fathers."* Why do we want to get to know the God Who desires to kill? Because the battle is over our harvest field. Knowing the God Who desires to kill guarantees our ability to pray and bring the Judicial Christ into action, giving us the victory and guaranteeing the harvest. This is why the truth of Jesus being the same yesterday, today and forever is very, very important to us. It is absolutely crucial. If we get to know this God of the Bible, then we are prepared and ready for the harvest.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:7-9

2 Samuel 7:7-9 says, *"Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?' 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.'"*" This is the second covenant of salt that was made with David which also guarantees a man on his Throne in dominion forever? It says in verse 9, *"And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you..."* A Davidic covenant that Jesus bought and paid for and guaranteed to every believer promises that God will cut off our enemies. He not only loves us enough to save us, but He loves us enough to cut off those who will not relent in standing against us. That is the essence of the second covenant of salt. So if I can pass the money test, I now have access to not only the blessing and provision that guarantees destiny but I have access to the second covenant of salt promising dominion in Israel in order to move God's Hand against a determined enemy. If the enemy will not relent, God will ultimately be forced to put him in the grave. This is the God Who desires to kill because of what the enemy is doing to undermine His eternal purposes. We are the apple of His eye. When the enemy sets his hand against us, then as the apple of God's eye, we get to invoke, if necessary, the God of **khaw-fates**, 'The God Who desires to kill.' Know Him, love Him, walk with Him. He is our passport through the end-times to possessing the full measure of harvest. Anything less and we will not be prepared for what is coming.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:13-15

2 Samuel 7:13-15 says, *"He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you."* In verse 15, God cut Saul off in order to guarantee the Throne to David. God loved David enough that He was willing to cut Saul off in order to preserve David's Throne. God desired to kill Saul in order to preserve David. Some may not like how things turned for Saul, but Saul's decisions earned him that place. The truth is, in the last days, our job is to raise up men and women like David. Every Christian should be like David. If we name the Name of Christ, we should know the God Who desires to kill. We should know David's covenant. We should know what enemies qualify for invoking David's covenant. Be prepared to declare it and bring it forward any time, any place, but always under the Spirit's unction. Why were the apostles so bold in the New Testament? They knew the God Who desires to kill! They were ready to face the sin of Ananias and Sapphira. They were ready for Herod's opposition. It was not rocket science to them, it was relationship. They were in relationship with God – the God Who saves by destroying the enemy! Depending on our choices and behaviors, and depending on the prayers of those in intimate relationship with Him, God's Hand will move to save or kill. A major problem for today's church is we have not raised up a generation who knows Jesus the Judge. God knows how to remove people and when the time comes for our word to be fulfilled, He will remove the ones who are in the way and no one will be able to stop it when His Hand moves.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:1-3

1 Samuel 15:1-3 says, *"Samuel also said to Saul, 'The Lord sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the Lord. Thus says the Lord of hosts: "I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt. Now go and attack Amalek,*

and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.”” God came with a judicial assignment for Saul. And the assignment was simple. If we go to Deuteronomy 25:17-19 we see the reason why. Amalek attacked Israel when they came out of Egypt. They waited until the end of the day and attacked the end of the procession. They did not conduct war honorably. They attacked women and children and shed innocent blood. God really takes notice how people conduct war and those who choose to war without honor, God will cut off their birthright. If people raise their kids to war without honor, we can pray judicially and God will cut off their birthright until they have no children at all. God is not playing. He is real and is the Judge of all the Earth. You and I had better get to know Him! Saul failed a judicial assignment. Is God giving judicial assignments today? With the kind of leadership America has right now, the entire American church should be on a judicial assignment! But our traditions have made the Word of God of none effect. If we could get beyond tradition, we could get to know the God of **khaw-fates** and the God who cuts off. If we get to know the God Who desires to kill, then we are just a prayer away from changing history. Then, the demonized will no longer rule!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:21

1 Samuel 15:21 says, *“But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal.”* Saul’s self-will is obvious in the lack of restraint of his army as they took everything they could carry away. God said to **destroy** them all, Saul refused and the people ended up manifesting Saul’s rebellion. Is it any wonder that God was intent on removing him?

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:22,23

1 Samuel 15:22,23 says, *“Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.”* Saul’s refusal to execute covenantal justice cost him his office as king. Is it possible that a failure to execute God’s justice will cost us a harvest of cities and nations? It certainly is! There is no doubt about it. A failure to obey is always costly. When Herod committed Peter to the soldiers, the soldiers bore the penalty of losing Peter. Every single one of them lost his life. They were responsible for guarding him. Are we responsible for our nation? By failing to pray judicially, we allow demonized leaders to undermine and destroy our national harvest field and become like the soldiers who lost Peter! Religious tradition can lose a harvest and exact an eternal penalty!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:24-26

The first thing Saul lost was his office. The next thing he lost was his call. His office was to be king. His call was to be King over Israel. And that is the phrase that is added in verse 26. 1 Samuel 15:24-26 says, *“Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.”* Once his call was gone, it was a very short slide to losing the remainder of what he had. A failure to pray judicially when it is warranted can be very, very costly. Failing to go judicial fully qualifies us as a Saul. It only takes one David to gain a harvest, even when being chased by Saul and his men!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:14

In 1 Samuel 16:14, *"But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the Lord troubled him."* Saul not only lost his office and his call, but he lost his anointing to walk in his office and fulfill his call. And once the anointing was gone, Saul found himself terrorized until he was removed from office. God raises up men and God removes them. He does not play around. Do we have Sauls today? We most certainly do. Saul lost his office because he refused to represent the Judicial Christ. Let us trust that the generation following us will find and know the God Who desires to save and the God Who desires to kill. The vile enemies of the Lord abound. They are attempting to criminalize speech so they can put pastors in jail for preaching Romans 1. Hate speech laws are aimed at prosecuting anyone for expressing God's judgment against perverse lifestyles. In Revelation 2, Jesus expresses what He hates – sexual sin!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Scripture: Numbers 18:19, 26, Genesis 28:20-22

Numbers 18:19 says, *"All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer to the Lord, I have given to you and your sons and daughters with you as an ordinance forever; it is a covenant of salt forever before the Lord with you and your descendants with you."* Verse 24 says, *"For the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer up as a heave offering to the Lord, I have given to the Levites as an inheritance; therefore I have said to them, 'Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.'"* God so much wanted His leadership wholly committed to Him that He was not about to let them do other jobs because He wanted their time for eternal purposes. The tithe was established as a covenant of salt forever, and when we connect it with the truth of Genesis 28 it shows us what the true foundation is for walking with the Judicial Christ. Genesis 28:20,21 says, *"Then Jacob made a vow, saying, 'If God will be with me, and keep me in this way that I am going, and give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, so that I come back to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God. And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You.'" The tithe as a covenant of salt guarantees that every person who participates in it gets five things. First, it promises God will be with us. And if God is with us, who can be against us? Second, it promises God will keep us in the way we are going. That is divine protection – no one can take us out before we finish our race. Third, it promises God will give us bread to eat. That is divine provision. Wherever we go and wherever we find ourselves, we will find foundational provision. Fourth, it promises God will give us clothing to put on appropriate to our gifting and calling. Fifth it promises God will bring us back to our Father's house in peace. He guarantees our destiny. Those five things are guaranteed by a covenant of salt to every person who says yes to the tithe. When we say yes to the tithe, we enter the covenant that foundationally positions us to access God's dominion as we assume and walk out our Davidic call. If we want dominion we have to participate the tithe. The very first test every believer faces is called the money test and it is whether or not we are going to obey God in our giving. Saying yes to the first covenant of salt qualifies us for participating in the second – dominion to David and his seed – which is Christ in us!*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Scripture: 1 Kings 12:6-15

1 Kings 12:6-15 shows us what happens when leaders refuse to be servants. Verses 6-8 says, *"Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who stood before his father Solomon while he still lived, and he said, 'How do you advise me to answer these people?' And they spoke to him, saying, 'If you will be a servant to these people today, and serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever.' But he rejected the advice which the elders had given him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him."* When leaders refuse to be servants they inspire rebellion and destruction in their land. That

certainly happened to Rehoboam and it is happening over and over again in nation after nation as unprincipled leaders choose to rebel against God. Rebellion against God brings the God Who desires to kill on the scene. And if the church will rise up and pray accordingly, we will see rebellious leaders removed by the Hand of God Himself. Money proved to be Rehoboam's failure and it looks like it is proving to be the failure for a multitude of leaders today. If we can pass the money test we can walk with Jesus, the Judge of all the Earth. There are people who are so vile that God desires to kill them!.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Scripture: Luke 16:1-9

Jesus taught that the money test is the true test for ruling, reigning and walking with Him. The parable of the unjust servant essentially guarantees that if we fail the money test, there is no way we can access the fullness of God's salt covenants. The real question is, will we pass the money test so that we can qualify for the full measure of God's end-time authority? God-haters (Romans 1:30) are rapidly rising in America. Let us consider our leaders. Do they routinely espouse God-hating legislation? Perhaps Davidic action is warranted!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Scripture: Luke 16:10-12

Luke 16:10-12 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?"* Do we really want the true riches? True riches include Jesus' ability to cut off the enemies that will not relent. If we are going to walk in the true riches then we will have to pass the money test, be obedient and use our faith on our flesh to obey God. If we do these things, we will find God at work in our behalf whatever that may look like. May God arise and His enemies be scattered!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Scripture: Luke 16:13-14

Luke 16:13,14 says, *"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. Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him."* The Pharisees had one thing in mind. They were lovers of money and wanted to get ahead. They justified themselves but Jesus said, 'God knows your heart and what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.' What makes a minister successful in the eyes of men? Is it possible that what makes a ministry successful in the eyes of men can actually be an abomination to God, if we have to compromise to gain the success? If it includes compromise, we can bank on the fact that what we produce is an abomination in God's eyes!.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Scripture: Luke 4:5-7

In Luke 4:5-7 we see Jesus in the final temptation of His life! Jesus was offered a shortcut to all the authority He came to possess. All He had to do **pros-koo-ney-o** which means 'To bow the knee and lick the hand.' **Pros-koo-ney-o pictures** a puppy bowing to its master in order to gain food. If Jesus were to bow His knee and lick satan's hand, satan said He would give all authority to Jesus. But Jesus said no. His saying no enabled Him to gain it through death. When Jesus was illegally cut off, He paid for the authority to cut off the enemy! It is now just a prayer away!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4

2 Thessalonians 2:3,4 states, *"Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God."* There is one thing we know about the antichrist. He wants to show himself that he is God. And to do that, he has to gain worship. Does the enemy gain worship when we are moved by the love of money? He absolutely does! He gains worship from the church when the church is moved by the love of money. Satan must gain worship to prove to himself that he is god. And how does he gain worship? Primarily he gains it through the love of money. What are we going to do about it? Are we going to stand against it? Are we going to make a difference? We absolutely have no choice.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Scripture: Revelation 13:14-17

Revelation 13:14-17 says, *"And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."* It is obvious that satan is driven by gaining worship. If we cannot pass the money test, we cannot be ready for the end-times. But for all those who pass the money test, a confrontation of epic proportions awaits. Those who know their God will do exploits. A harvest of cities and nations is ready for the gathering if we can face-off with demonized leaders by praying them into judgment!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Scripture: Revelation 14:9

Revelation 14:9 says, *"Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, 'If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.'" Are we ready for the last days? Can we pass the money test and do we know the God Who desires to kill? God has made it possible for us to walk through the end-times, but we have to know Him intimately to do it! The harvest is calling our name! Will we answer with boldness and resolve to both prepare and act?*

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