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FRIDAY, MAY 1

Scripture: Scripture: Psalm 138:1-8

Psalm 138:1-8 says, *“I will praise You with my whole heart; Before the gods I will sing praises to You. I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. In the day when I cried out, You answered me, And made me bold with strength in my soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O Lord, When they hear the words of Your mouth. Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, For great is the glory of the Lord. Though the Lord is on high, Yet He regards the lowly; But the proud He knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand Against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me. The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.”* David said, ‘You have magnified Your word, You have exalted Your word, even above Your name.’ When David cried out to God, God made him bold in his soul. He goes on to say, *“All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O Lord, When they hear the words of Your mouth. Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord.”* David says, *“Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand Against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me.”* David is our example of how to walk in mercy and judgment. He had to do it and he proved it. David proved it was possible and God made him amazingly victorious. That is the kind of season the Lord wants for us. He wants to make us amazingly victorious. The question is, will we let Him? The way of the Lord is calling our name. Will we answer?

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Scripture: Psalm 138:1-7

Psalm 138:1-7 says, *“I will praise You with my whole heart; Before the gods I will sing praises to You. I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. In the day when I cried out, You answered me, And made me bold with strength in my soul. All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O Lord, When they hear the words of Your mouth. Yes, they shall sing of **the ways of the Lord**, For great is the glory of the Lord. Though the Lord is on high, Yet He regards the lowly; But the proud He knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand Against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me.”* The ways of the Lord are doing righteousness so we can bring forth justice by doing judgment. *“Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand Against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me.”* The ways of the Lord bring salvation and that is one of the reasons why we believe, trust and pursue them.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Scripture: Proverbs 10:27-29

Proverbs 10:27-29 states, *“The fear of the Lord prolongs days, But the years of the wicked will be shortened. The hope of the righteous will be gladness, But the expectation of the wicked will perish. The way of the Lord is strength for*

the upright, But destruction will come to the workers of iniquity.” The way of the Lord is strength for the upright but destruction will come to the workers of iniquity. It is amazing what the way of the Lord brings. It absolutely brings blessing. Anytime we need strength, we need to pursue the way of the Lord. Do righteousness so we can do judgment. It releases strength. Praying judgment releases strength in our life because God ordained it. It is His purpose and it is His plan for us. The question is, will we do it? We need strength and the Bible is very clear about how to find it.

MONDAY, MAY 4

Scripture: Isaiah 40:3-5

Isaiah 40:3-5 says, *“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’”* John the Baptist had an assignment. That assignment was to prepare the way of the Lord – make a straight path in the desert, make a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted and every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight. What does that? The judgment of God does! When we pray the judgment of God, the Glory of the Lord is revealed in those judgments. It is amazing how extensive the way of the Lord is. John the Baptist was assigned to make it visible for everyone as a preparation. Jesus is the Ultimate Facilitator of justice. He is the Ultimate Example of righteousness. No wonder He does justice so well! Jesus is the Ultimate Executor of the way of the Lord. He walks in righteousness and He does judgment. And He is asking us to walk with Him. We must be led by the Spirit to do the justice necessary to keep the crooked places straight. Will we?

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Scripture: Jeremiah 5:4,5

Jeremiah 5:4,5 says, *“Therefore I said, ‘Surely these are poor. They are foolish; For they do not know the way of the Lord, The judgment of their God. I will go to the great men and speak to them, For they have known the way of the Lord, The judgment of their God.’”* It is obvious that Jeremiah considered the definition of the way of the Lord to be the judgment of God. If you know the way of the Lord, you can obtain the judgment of God. If you do not know the way of the Lord, you live below God's full purpose! Jeremiah defined those who could not access the way of the Lord as poor and foolish, *“...because they do not know the judgment of their God.”* If you cannot access the judgment of God, the fruit is: you are impoverished by the enemy. According to one of the greatest prophets, the quickest way to the poorhouse was to not embrace the way of the Lord and not know the judgment of God. If we do not want to live in the poorhouse, we learn the way of the Lord and know the judgment of our God. We need to change the way we think about judgment and do it soon. Jeremiah went on to say, *“So I will go to the leaders of Judah and talk to them. Surely they understand the way of the Lord.”* The way of the Lord appears to be the difference between a poor man and a leader. A poor man does not know the way of the Lord and therefore neglects to access the judgment of God. What makes a leader? He knows the way of the Lord and accesses the judgment of God. Some teach that all judgment was taken by Christ upon Himself. But to conclude that ‘there is no more judgment’ is a lie of the enemy! We are, according to Jeremiah, poor and foolish if we neglect the judgment Jesus bought and paid for! But we can choose to learn the way of the Lord and choose to pray the judgment of our God. We are called to it and it is our responsibility to do it! Will we?

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Scripture: Jeremiah 48:10

Jeremiah 48:10 says, *“Cursed is he who does the work of the Lord deceitfully, And cursed is he who keeps back his sword from blood.”* Jeremiah understood what God was looking for. There is no room for deceit in the work of the Lord. We are called to do it and be straight about it. Secondly, when it comes to swinging the sword over evil, we cannot hold back. Anyone who refuses to swing the sword in prayer at the Spirit's directive over jihadists is cursed. God is a God of judgment. If we do not do it, we are in trouble. It is very simple and straightforward. What are we going to do? We need to realize something about the Lord. He is a God of judgment. He swings the sword and commands us to pray it.

We have to stand up and swing it ourselves in prayer. God is serious about arresting evil. Will we be as serious as He is? That is our choice.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

Scripture: Ezekiel 18:24-30

Ezekiel 18:24-30 says, *“But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die. Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is not fair.” Hear now, O house of Israel, is it not My way which is fair, and your ways which are not fair? When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness, commits iniquity, and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity which he has done that he dies. Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness which he committed, and does what is lawful and right, he preserves himself alive. Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is not fair.” O house of Israel, is it not My ways which are fair, and your ways which are not fair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways,” says the Lord God. ‘Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.’”* Do we hear words like that preached in our churches today? Are hard and uncomfortable teachings forthcoming? Or are we more likely to hear services emphasizing the blessings of God? Do we hear exhortations to turn and repent or do we hear blessing, blessing, blessing? Yes, God is a God of grace and mercy. But He is **also** a God of justice and judgment. Heresy is more prominent than the way of the Lord. We had better start reading our **whole** Bible! The way of the Lord is righteousness and judgment. That judgment must start in the House of the Lord and it will sweep from one end of this nation to the other. God knows how to chasten as well as terminate, so that iniquity will not be your ruin.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

Scripture: Hosea 4:6-10

Hosea 4:6-10 says, *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. “The more they increased, The more they sinned against Me; I will change[a] their glory into shame. They eat up the sin of My people; They set their heart on their iniquity. And it shall be: like people, like priest. So I will punish them for their ways, And reward them for their deeds. For they shall eat, but not have enough; They shall commit harlotry, but not increase; Because they have ceased obeying the Lord.”* Is that true of America? It is ominous to see those who mock God in high places. We see rebellion, refusal to obey God and quickness to run to evil. Hosea makes it clear that the end is judgment. If the church does not begin to do righteousness so we can pray judgment on politicians and judges, then God will do it on our nation. What are we going to do?

SATURDAY, MAY 9

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-3

Matthew 3:1-3 says, *“In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!’ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.”’”* Jesus is coming again. Are we making His path straight? They needed to know what the Master was all about, and He was about bringing a very straight word. He was about a straight word that many could not hear. Is it the same today? Yes, it is. There are many that just cannot hear a straight word. Are we ready to hear what the Lord has to say? Are we ready for the Judge? Is the Judge coming? He is here using all who open the door!

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Scripture: Mark 1:1-3

Mark 1:1-3 says, *“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the Prophets: ‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.’ The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.’”* How straight is the path of the Lord? When America was attacked on 9/11/2001, there were two national preachers who both said the same thing. Pat Robertson and Jerry Fallwell said the attack was the judgment of God. We can tell how straight the way of the Lord is by determining how many people in America understood and agreed with Fallwell and Robertson’s comments. How many disagreed with it? There was such an outcry against them, they were driven into silence. That shows us that the way of the Lord is not prepared at all. The way of the Lord is not straight. Most do not understand the judgment of God. Many people do not want to understand it, they do not want to hear it and they do not believe it. And why do people not believe it? The church does not believe in judgment because Scripture is taken out of context in pulpits across the nation. Judgment is a harder pill to swallow than mercy, and difficult messages do not fill seats or coffers. Most of America’s churches are tragically unacquainted with the way of the Lord. Jeremiah thought those without the way of the Lord were poor and foolish. Great men know the way of the Lord and know the judgment of their God. John the Baptist walked a hard path, but he prepared the way of the Lord. Will we do the same?

MONDAY, MAY 11

Scripture: Luke 3:4-6

Luke 3:4-6 says, *“As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight. Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth; And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”* Are we there? Do we have that? Are the rough places made smooth? Are the crooked places made straight? Are the mountains and the hills brought low? Is every valley filled? These are all manifestations of judgment. His paths are not straight! The way of the Lord is not prepared! We only have a few voices crying in the wilderness. We need more! We are in deep trouble as a nation. There is little preparation for the way of the Lord. We have to agree that the preparation needs to take place and purpose to call it forward! We must call it forth until we see it. Are we going to be faithful to God in this season or are we going to walk away from the way of the Lord. This is a very serious issue and we need to make up our minds that we will say yes to the way of the Lord.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Scripture: John 1:19-23

John 1:19-23 says, *“Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, ‘Who are you?’ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, ‘I am not the Christ.’ And they asked him, ‘What then? Are you Elijah?’ He said, ‘I am not.’ ‘Are you the Prophet?’ And he answered, ‘No.’ Then they said to him, ‘Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?’ He said: ‘I am ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said.”* John was honest. What is the church looking for today. Most are not looking for someone who makes straight the way of the Lord. They are not looking for someone to tell them the truth. They are looking for a kind, pleasing and happy word. They are looking for a gentle pat on the back and a blessing that will get them from one Sunday to the next. They are looking for teaching that itches their ears. They are not looking for reality as much as they are looking to maintain the comfort of the status quo. Will we settle for lukewarm Christianity? Will we settle for partial or compromised truth? Do we want *itching* ears or *hearing* ears? Or do we want them scalded by the fire of the Word? Will we press in for what prepares us to meet the Lord? If we demand what will prepare us to meet the Lord, then we force the leadership to do their job. Isn’t it about time the church forced the leadership to do their job? It is time that we stood up and demanded to know about the way of the Lord and how to walk in it! It is time we get ready for the Judicial Christ. He is coming, whether we are ready for Him or not. Those of us who are wise will choose to get ready to walk with Him on that straight and narrow road. He will not traverse a crooked one.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Scripture: Matthew 3:4-10

Matthew 3:4-9 says of John the Baptist, *“Now John himself was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, ‘Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.’”* John was a very unusual individual. He was clothed in camel’s hair. His food was unique. He went out to preach and multitudes came to hear him. The question is, was his preaching anything like most of what we hear in church today? John the Baptist was making the way of the Lord straight. Is the preaching we hear in church today making the way of the Lord straight? Listen to what John the Baptist preached in these verses. Do we hear any preaching of the wrath to come? We mostly hear today that there will be no wrath and no judgment. It all fell on Jesus and His blood bridged that gap. John the Baptist was making the way of the Lord straight, and he was telling people that the Messiah was going to judge and His wrath was coming. Verse 10 says, *“And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”* That is judgment! Every tree, not just some. Every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. That is John the Baptist making the way of the Lord straight. That is the kind of preaching that makes the way of the Lord straight. Anything less does not prepare the way of the Lord, but people keep their crooked paths. Is the preaching in our churches making straight or crooked paths? Compare our pulpits with the example of John the Baptist.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Scripture: Matthew 3:11

Matthew 3:11 says, *“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”* Do our churches preach the baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire? It is not enough to reach the baptism of the Holy Spirit with tongues. But Scripture adds two important words: *“...and fire.”* The fire is the burning up of what is crooked. If we accept the baptism of the Holy Spirit we cannot disregard the fire! Ask yourself, where is the fire in our churches? Is there any? If not, perhaps we should bring some!

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Scripture: Matthew 3:12

Matthew 3:12 says, *“His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”* John the Baptist was making the way of the Lord straight. Is the way of the Lord being made straight in our church or is it being neglected? We can tell by what is being preached. Does what is being preached line up with Matthew 3? If it does not line up with Matthew 3, it is unlikely the way of the Lord is being made straight. Do we hear of unquenchable fire? Do we hear about chaff? Does the word that comes forth in our churches help us to identify chaff? Is word being preached that makes straight the way of the Lord or is it making a crooked path? Is the Word being preached in our churches challenging us to grow into Christ’s full purposes? If it does not line up with what John preached, then we will pay the price.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Scripture: Acts 9:1,2

Acts 9:1,2 says, *“Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.”* Isn't it interesting that some of our Bible versions refer to the Christian church as those who were of the “way of the Lord.” That, to me, is amazing. The way of the Lord was so

important that it became the name of the Christian church. They named it the way of the Lord. Do we attend a church that could be named the way of the Lord? Or do we go to a church that should be named the “way of man” or “the easy way”? What kind of church are we going to? That is a serious issue. If our answer varies from the biblical model, then it guarantees to impede our growth and maturity. We may be in serious trouble.

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Scripture: Acts 13:9,10

Acts 13:9,10 says, “*Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, ‘O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?’*” The Apostle Paul is bringing the judgment of blindness on the false prophet and confronts him for perverting the straight way of the Lord. He confronts him for perverting judgment and sets him straight. The way of the Lord is demonstrated in the New Testament and is demonstrated by name. Do we attend a church that demonstrates the way of the Lord? Do we attend a church that even recognizes what the way of the Lord is?

MONDAY, MAY 18

Scripture: Acts 18:24,25

Acts 18:24,25 says, “*Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.*” It is obvious that we can know accurately the way of the Lord without the baptism of the Holy Spirit. But the baptism of the Holy Spirit adds discernment and the demonstration of how to implement the way of the Lord. So the baptism of the Holy Spirit is needed. Isn’t it interesting that before they were taught the baptism of the Holy Spirit, they were taught the way of the Lord. Apparently the way of the Lord was the most essential thing in the early church. It was more important than even the baptism of the Holy Spirit. What are we going to do with this? We need to take a page out of Scripture and realize something. The way of the Lord is absolutely essential. The New Testament church, as we see it in Scripture, is not represented by today’s church. The New Testament church had **both** the power of the Spirit and a foundation in the way of the Lord. It is time both were recovered! We desperately need them!

TUESDAY, MAY 19

Scripture: Acts 19:9,23

Acts 19:9 says, “*But when some were hardened and did not believe, but spoke evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.*” Verse 23 says, “*And about that time there arose a great commotion about the Way.*” The early church was called “the Way,” and a number of Bible versions use the whole term, “the way of the Lord.” If the early church was called the way of the Lord, it was called that because the way of the Lord is essential! The way of the Lord is a central truth of Scripture. Our God tells us to do righteousness so we can do judgment. It is Who He is and how He functions and operates. If we are going to represent Him in the last days, then we have to align ourselves with Him.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Scripture: Genesis 9:6, 12:3

Genesis 9:6 says, “*Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.*” Genesis 12:3 says, “*I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*” We find that the foundational principles of doing judgment are given to us in Scripture and it is made very, very plain. Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed. And God promises to bless those who bless Abraham and curse those who curse him. What man does to covenant believers is what God does to them. How the world treats the family of God is how God promises to treat the world. When people mistreat the church, God’s judgment comes and He is willing to pour out on them exactly what they have poured out on His people.

That begs the question, how do we pray for Isis and how do we pray for radical, extremist jihadists? We can pray that God weigh to all those who teach jihad what they weigh to God's people. We can pray that the degree to which they persecute and kill Christians, let the God of Heaven persecute and kill them. In Jesus' name, weigh to them what they have weighed to the church! And the degree to which Obama turns a deaf ear to the cries of beheaded Christians, let the God of Heaven turn a deaf ear when he faces peril. Axios, or weighing to a person what he or she has weighed to others, is a just, biblical standard to guide our judicial prayer. Biblical principles are clear – God weighs to people what they weigh to the church. Will we allow the Spirit to guide us there?

THURSDAY, MAY 21

Scripture: Genesis 19:17,20-26

Genesis 19:17 says, *“So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, ‘Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed.’”* In verses 20-26 we are told, *“See now, this city is near enough to flee to, and it is a little one; please let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.”* And he said to him, *‘See, I have favored you concerning this thing also, in that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken. Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do anything until you arrive there.’* Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar. Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens. So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.” In verses 22-26, Lot pleads for a small city named Zoar. We are told, *“The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar. Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens. So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.”* The only one who was caught in any of this was Lot's wife. She was warned and told not to look back, but she looked back. And she became a sign of the covenant she broke. She became a pillar of salt. God's standard of judgment was very clear. He said, *“Do not look back.”* But there was enough of the perverse city in her heart that she looked back. Judgment came according to God's Word. God's standard of judgment was His Word. He was true to His Word for Lot and He was true to His Word for Lot's wife. The standard of judgment is God's Word.

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Scripture: Exodus 1:22, Exodus 15:1-5

Exodus 1:22 says, *“So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, ‘Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.’”* If God's judgment comes according to His Word, then we must ask ourselves what was the penalty for shedding innocent blood. Exodus 15:1-5 says, *“Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and spoke, saying: ‘I will sing to the Lord, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea! The Lord is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him. The Lord is a man of war; The Lord is His name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea. The depths have covered them; They sank to the bottom like a stone.’”* Just like Pharaoh drowned the Israelite babies in the river, God drowned the entire Egyptian army in the sea. It appears God said, *“What you do to My people is what I do to you.”* That was true in the Bible and it is still true today. So what can we expect God to do to militant jihadists? If they shed innocent blood, we can pray and seek guidance if judicial prayers are in order.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

Scripture: Judges 1:4-7

Judges 1:4-7 says, *“Then Judah went up, and the Lord delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand; and they killed ten thousand men at Bezek. And they found Adoni-Bezek in Bezek, and fought against him; and they defeated the Canaanites and the Perizzites. Then Adoni-Bezek fled, and they pursued him and caught him and cut off his thumbs and big toes. And Adoni-Bezek said, ‘Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off used to gather scraps under my table; as I have done, so God has repaid me.’”* Then they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.” It is

obvious what God's standard of judgment is. Adoni-Bezek had a habit of cutting off the thumbs and toes of those he conquered. And what did God do to him? *"Then they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died..."* with his thumbs and big toes cut off. Muslims that says yes to the jihad in the Koran had better get ready for God to execute jihad against them. That is how the real King of Kings and Lord of Lords works. His judgment is according to His Word.

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Scripture: Job 27:13-17

Job 27:13-17 says, *"This is the portion of a wicked man with God, And the heritage of oppressors, received from the Almighty: If his children are multiplied, it is for the sword; And his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread. Those who survive him shall be buried in death, And their widows shall not weep, Though he heaps up silver like dust, And piles up clothing like clay— He may pile it up, but the just will wear it, And the innocent will divide the silver."* The wicked have an assignment. They were made for the sword, *"...his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread. Those who survive him shall be buried in death, And their widows shall not weep, Though he heaps up silver like dust, And piles up clothing like clay— He may pile it up, but the just will wear it, And the innocent will divide the silver."* That means that Christians can pray that every single radical, extremist Muslim who promotes or practices jihad, will be stripped of every dollar and that money be poured into the church. We can pray that every business contract or profitable venture will dry up and be funneled to believers! It is time we started praying that radical Muslims be forced to release every dollar and dinar they have ever accumulated because the promise of God is that they have to give it up to the righteous.

MONDAY, MAY 25

Scripture: Proverbs 6:30,31

Proverbs 6:30,31 says, *"People do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving. Yet when he is found, he must restore sevenfold; He may have to give up all the substance of his house."* Lord, for everything the militant jihadists are stealing, make them give up all the substance of their house and the substance of their mosques. Make them give it up and lose it all because of their thievery.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Scripture: Proverbs 8:12-21

Proverbs 8:12-21 makes it very clear that riches and honor are with God and He says, *"...I traverse the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of justice, That I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth, That I may fill their treasuries."* The way of the Lord has judgment that brings us into the resources we need to fulfill our gifting and calling. God says that He, through judgment, will fill our treasuries. If we walk the way of righteousness, then the paths of judgment will fill our treasuries so that we can accomplish what God assigned us to do. That is the purpose God has for us. The enemy tries to get us off into an evil way. But God says He will walk with us as we do righteousness, He will lead us down paths of judgment and He will fill our treasury so we can fulfill our gifting and calling. That is exactly what we want God to do! That is what we are after!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

Scripture: James 5:1-3, Matthew 6:19

In James 5:1-3 we are told what the penalty is for those who hoard wealth in the last days. Matthew 6:19 says, *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;..."* And in James 5, we discover what the penalty is for those who disobey the Sermon on the Mount. And that penalty is, *"Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days."* It is in the last days that what is hoarded in disobedience will be lost. In Matthew 6, we are warned. And in James 5, we see what is hoarded will eat our flesh like

fire. What has been hoarded will be lost and transferred to those who honor the Kingdom. We can start asking that hoarded wealth be transferred here and now!

THURSDAY, MAY 28

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:1-5

1 Chronicles 29:1-5, *“Furthermore King David said to all the assembly: ‘My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced; and the work is great, because the temple is not for man but for the Lord God. Now for the house of my God I have prepared with all my might: gold for things to be made of gold, silver for things of silver, bronze for things of bronze, iron for things of iron, wood for things of wood, onyx stones, stones to be set, glistening stones of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and marble slabs in abundance. Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver: three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses; the gold for things of gold and the silver for things of silver, and for all kinds of work to be done by the hands of craftsmen. Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?’”* David prepared all the resources for the building of the temple. God gave him the authority, the wisdom and the power to set aside the equivalent of **billions** of dollars for the temple to be built. David was serious about his calling. He did it and then he transferred the wealth to Solomon and commissioned Solomon to build the temple. David's covenant of Sure Mercy gave him all the resources required for God's purpose and plan. The same covenant of Sure Mercy promises all of us, as Living Stones, that we will populate the New Jerusalem. What David did is an awesome picture for all of us who live in the last days. What is going to give us an end-time harvest that will fill the living temple, the New Jerusalem? David is a type-and-shadow key. And what he did in the natural, we do in the realm of the Spirit. Let us walk like King David! David prayed judicial prayers! Let us believe for the wealth transfer that will fund a mighty harvest.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

Scripture: Matthew 21:33-46

In Matthew 21:33-46 we see the parable of the landowner and the vineyard. The vinedressers took the landowner's servants, beat one, stoned one and killed another. Finally when the son came, they killed him and seized the inheritance. The word for seized is **kat-ekh-o** and means, ‘To take a stand against; to seize; to detain; to arrest; to hold down; to restrain.’ Jesus taught that the father would kill the vinedressers and lease the land to others who would be honest in what they did. The interesting part of this parable is the usage of the word **kat-ekh-o**. Jesus made it clear in verse 43,44 that the Kingdom of God would be taken from them and given to a nation bearing fruit. He says in verse 44, *“...whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder.”* The prayers of the saints determine where that Stone falls and who it grinds to powder. The prayers of the church, right now, can cause the judicial power of the Living Christ to fall on radical jihadists so they are ground to powder. It is time we started praying!

SATURDAY, MAY 30

Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-7

2 Thessalonians 2:6,7 makes it very clear when it says, *“And now you know what is restraining/**kat-ekh-o**, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains/**kat-ekh-o** will do so until He is taken out of the way.”* The church, by the power of the Holy Spirit, has the authority to **kat-ekh-o** evil. That means we have the authority to take a stand against evil through our assigned prayers to seize those who are doing it, detain them, arrest them, hold them down and pray that God will grind them to powder. Our assignment by God is to restrain evil. That is one important assignment of the church. Our job, through the Holy Spirit, is to restrain evil. But are we doing it? It seems like today's church does not know the way of the Lord. Because if we walk in the way of the Lord we embrace righteousness and do/pray judgment. But most of us hear few judgment prayers spoken aloud by believers. Judgment is one of the two elements of ‘the Way’! If we intend to walk in the Way, in the Spirit we must

pray to **kat-ekh-o**/seize/detain/restrain/arrest those who are evil and render to them according to their works. That is what **kat-ekh-o** means. 2 Thessalonians is very clear. It is time we said yes to what God intends us to be praying over evil. One primary assignment is restraining evil and it is time we begin.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Scripture: Luke 8:11-15, Romans 7:1-6

Luke 8:15 has another **kat-ekh-o** in it, *“But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it/**kat-ekh-o** and bear fruit with patience.”* **Kat-ekh-o** has a positive side. It means to restrain evil, but it also means ‘To keep; to not let go of God's promises.’ We can and should be doing both. Romans 6 says, *“But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held/**kat-ekh-o** by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.”* The Word of God sets us free from tradition. Tradition cannot hold us. Just like tradition cannot hold us, we have an assignment. And that assignment is to restrain evil, lock it up and bring judgment all over those who are perpetrating it. Are we ready to pray that? Are we ready to pray the Rock on those who need to be ground to powder? The Bible says we can and it is our job. We can do that and it is time we did!

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