

W O R D A T W O R K

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

Scripture: Colossians 1:24-28

Colossians 1:24-28 says, *“I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”* The chief mystery of the New Testament is Christ in us, the hope of glory, and we know that praying in the Spirit then unfolds that mystery. When we pray in the Spirit, we are praying mysteries. Verse 28 is important because it says a key purpose of preaching is warning and teaching every person in all wisdom that we may present everyone mature in Christ. The purpose for warning, teaching and preaching the Word is maturity in Christ and that is the product of wisdom. Tongues is clearly a primary path to that wisdom. And it is why Paul says he will pray with the Spirit and pray with the understanding also!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

Scripture: Colossians 1:29-2:3

Colossians 1:29-2:3 says, *“To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily. For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”* Christ is the storehouse. Understanding the ways of Christ are the storehouse of wisdom and knowledge and brings these things forth for God's purpose in our lives. So what are we going to do? Are we going to walk in this fullness? It is obvious that God has given us tongues in order to access these treasures and bring them into us to form the building blocks of our maturity as we construct our spiritual house. And an important part of that process is praying in the Spirit.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

Scripture: Proverbs 4:1-6

Proverbs 4:1-6 says, *“Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding; For I give you good doctrine: Do not forsake my law. When I was my father's son, Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother, He also taught me, and said to me: ‘Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live. Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will preserve you; Love her, and she will keep you.’”* Proverbs 4 further amplifies the importance of wisdom in our lives. And wisdom in this passage has a sevenfold blessing that comes with it. The first one in verse 4 says if we get wisdom and

understanding and embrace it, it is life and it will quicken, revive and restore. The second blessing is that wisdom preserves us. With wisdom comes life and with wisdom comes the preservation of God's ways in us. The third blessing is that God will keep us under His protection. The first three are life, preservation and protection. Wisdom has tremendous benefits that extend our life and the quality and length of our days.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

Scripture: Proverbs 4:7-12

In verses 7-12 we find the fourth and fifth fruits of wisdom, "*Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when you embrace her. She will place on your head an ornament of grace; A crown of glory she will deliver to you.*" Hear, my son, and receive my sayings, And the years of your life will be many. I have taught you in the way of wisdom; I have led you in right paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, And when you run, you will not stumble." When we revere, elevate and pursue wisdom, that will lead to advancement. Promotion is the fourth fruit of wisdom and always a blessing in advancing our purpose and place in life. The fifth fruit of wisdom is that it brings honor and honor involves high regard and distinction. The sixth blessing of wisdom is in verse 9, "*She will place on your head an ornament of grace...*" and the Hebrew word for "*grace*" means 'Favor.' The favor of the Lord often precedes the promotion of the Lord. So wisdom brings us into great favor. The seventh fruit of wisdom is also in verse 9, "*...A crown of glory she will deliver to you.*" In Hebrew, "*a crown of glory*" means, 'Bravery or renowned.' So with wisdom we get a reputation of being a person with excellent character. This is the sevenfold blessing of wisdom as we pursue it. It is obvious as mature and fruitful believers that we cannot afford to be without these manifestations of God's wisdom.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

Scripture: Exodus 28:1-3, Revelation 4:5

Exodus 28:3 is the very first place wisdom is mentioned in Scripture. It says, "*So you shall speak to all who are gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest.*" The first thing we learn about wisdom is – it is a spirit. As a spirit, wisdom can be welcomed as a person. Exodus 28:3 says, "*So you shall speak to all who are gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest.*" The gifted artisans were filled with the spirit of wisdom. When we receive the Holy Spirit, we receive the spirit of wisdom. Praying in the Spirit cultivates the release of that wisdom. So wisdom comes by the Spirit. The very first manifestation was that wisdom came in order to fulfill Aaron's purpose and make him fit to minister to God as a priest. It was even a process of sanctification and setting apart. The clothes that he wore were a sign of being set apart for God's holy purpose. We have to understand how God works and operates concerning wisdom. Revelation 4:5 states that wisdom is one of the seven lamps ever burning before the Throne. The ever-burning light of God's wisdom is always available!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

Scripture: Exodus 31:1-6

Exodus 31:1-6 says, "*Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 'See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship. And I, indeed I, have appointed with him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom in the hearts of all the gifted artisans, that they may make all that I have commanded you:...'"*" This passage makes it clear that the spirit of wisdom came on specific God-chosen individuals so that they could arise in their assigned place and contribute in making not only the clothes but all of the artistic works of bronze, gold, silver and the cutting of the jewels. Wisdom was given for the anointed guidance needed to make everything that was necessary to create the proper clothes for worship. It is obvious that wisdom became the primary conveyor of how to prepare people to grow in their relationship with God and execute spiritual worship including warfare in worship.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

Scripture: Exodus 35:26-27

Exodus 35:26-27 says, *“And all the women whose hearts stirred with wisdom spun yarn of goats’ hair. The rulers brought onyx stones, and the stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate,...”* Here we find the women were used by God to receive His wisdom so they could make not only the clothes but the ephod and the breastplate for Aaron. The wisdom they received helped them be equipped to qualify Aaron to stand before the Lord. As we pray in the Spirit, God will show us what our contribution to His purpose is in the last days. That is how we find who we are and what our purpose is and what we are ordained to accomplish. We pray it out of the Spirit and into the natural. Over and over again we see the same process of wisdom igniting purpose and it reveals how essential tongues really is in releasing wisdom.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

Scripture: Exodus 35:28-35

Verses 28-35 say, *“...and spices and oil for the light, for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense. The children of Israel brought a freewill offering to the Lord, all the men and women whose hearts were willing to bring material for all kinds of work which the Lord, by the hand of Moses, had commanded to be done. And Moses said to the children of Israel, ‘See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and He has filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom and understanding, in knowledge and all manner of workmanship, to design artistic works, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of artistic workmanship. ‘And He has put in his heart the ability to teach, in him and Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. He has filled them with skill to do all manner of work of the engraver and the designer and the tapestry maker, in blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, and of the weaver—those who do every work and those who design artistic works.”* The Lord called individuals by name and filled them with the Spirit of God in wisdom and understanding and knowledge so that they could specifically make their God-given contribution to the worship that God ordained. A result was the building of their covenant-community in the power of the Spirit. Everyone got to participate and it was the spirit of wisdom that helped them achieve all that God called them to do. This is a pattern and picture for each one of us!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

Scripture: Exodus 36:1-7

Exodus 36:1-7 says, *“And Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whom the Lord has put wisdom and understanding, to know how to do all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, shall do according to all that the Lord has commanded.’ Then Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab, and every gifted artisan in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, everyone whose heart was stirred, to come and do the work. And they received from Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of making the sanctuary. So they continued bringing to him freewill offerings every morning. Then all the craftsmen who were doing all the work of the sanctuary came, each from the work he was doing, and they spoke to Moses, saying, ‘The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the Lord commanded us to do.’ So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, ‘Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary.’ And the people were restrained from bringing, for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—**indeed too much.**”* As God began to pour out His wisdom and the people saw the beauty and majesty of what was created, each day they brought offerings to the sanctuary. The artisans finally had to tell Moses that they had more than enough. So Moses told the people not to bring more offerings because they had too much. Verse 37 is very striking in what it means, *“...for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much.”* ‘Too much’ becomes a pattern and it is a pattern that is very important as we look at the building of David's tabernacle and as we look at what God says about populating the New Jerusalem in the last days. This pattern is going to be consistent. God has principles and patterns in Scripture that repeat themselves. And as we discover what they are, we can begin to believe to participate in those in our generation. And this is exactly what the Lord is trying to bring us into so we may see Who

He is, how He functions and how He operates so we can build our expectancy. Have we ever experienced a season where there was too much? When it came time to build the tabernacle of Moses, the Israelites did!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

Scripture: Esther 5:6

Esther 5:6 says, *“At the banquet of wine the king said to Esther, ‘What is your petition? It shall be granted you. What is your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!’”* Esther found favor that granted her much more than what she ever dreamed of. God granted her overwhelming favor and she knew the Jews were delivered. There is a season where God gives more than what we need in order to make a point about Who He is. He is the God of deliverance and freedom and He proved it to the Jews. Will He not prove it again?

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

Scripture: Joshua 19:9

Joshua 19:9 says, *“The inheritance of the children of Simeon was included in the share of the children of Judah, for the share of the children of Judah was too much for them. Therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance of that people.”* Isn't it interesting that when it comes to the issue of too much, God took Judah, the worshipers, and poured out on them exceeding abundance so that it was too much. He poured out so much that another tribe got to participate with them because the inheritance was so great. Does that tell us something about Who God is, how He thinks and what He wants to do for those who fully and wholly give themselves to Him? It certainly does!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-6 (NKJV, MSG)

Psalm 139:1-6 says, *“GOD, investigate my life; get all the facts firsthand. I'm an open book to you; even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking. You know when I leave and when I get back; I'm never out of your sight. You know everything I'm going to say before I start the first sentence. I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there, too—your reassuring presence, coming and going. This is too much, too wonderful—I can't take it all in!”* The Lord searches us and knows us. He hedges us behind and before and puts His Hand on us so that we may know Him for how mighty and powerful He really is. The Message version of the Bible says in verse 6, *“This is too much, too wonderful—I can't take it all in!”* His wisdom is high, we cannot take it all in – it is simply too much. God shows Himself as too much throughout Scripture. He is too much as a Provider, He is too much at all different moments. There is a pattern of how 'too much' begins to come at a certain time. As we come to understand that pattern, then we can set ourselves in faith to walk it out.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Scripture: Zachariah 8:1-6 (NKJV, MSG)

Zachariah 8:1-6 says, *“I am zealous for Zion—I care! I'm angry about Zion—I'm involved! I've come back to Zion, I've moved back to Jerusalem. Jerusalem's new names will be Truth City, and Mountain of God-of-the-Angel-Armies, and Mount Holiness. Old men and old women will come back to Jerusalem, sit on benches on the streets and spin tales, move around safely with their canes—a good city to grow old in. And boys and girls will fill the public parks, laughing and playing—a good city to grow up in. Do the problems of returning and rebuilding by just a few survivors seem too much? But is anything too much for me? Not if I have my say.”* In The Message version, verse 5 says, *“Old men and old women will come back to Jerusalem, sit on benches on the streets and spin tales, move around safely with their canes—a good city to grow old in. And boys and girls will fill the public parks, laughing and playing—a good city to grow up in.”* What a redemptive passage! Most of us have never experienced God showing up as 'too much' but we should stretch our faith to believe for such a season!

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

Scripture: Mark 11:20-24 (MSG)

In The Message version, Mark 11:22-24 says, *“In the morning, walking along the road, they saw the fig tree, shriveled to a dry stick. Peter, remembering what had happened the previous day, said to him, ‘Rabbi, look—the fig tree you cursed is shriveled up!’ Jesus was matter-of-fact: ‘Embrace this God-life. Really embrace it, and nothing will be too much for you. This mountain, for instance: Just say, “Go jump in the lake”—no shuffling or shilly-shallying—and it’s as good as done.”* Does God want us to be a people that expect Him to be too much for us when it is needed? He most certainly does! And we can see from how Scripture is translated, the God of too much is our Provider.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Scripture: John 16:12 (NCV)

In the New Century Version, John 16:12 says, *“I have many more things to say to you, but they are too much for you now.”* The God of too much consistently demonstrates Himself in Scripture, not only in things to come but in other areas as a God Who gives too much. He tells us through His Word Who He longs to be and what He longs to demonstrate and show us. God has many things to show us for the last days and revealing Himself as too much is certainly one of them.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:21 (NCV)

In the New Century Version 1 Corinthians 11:21 says, *“This is because when you eat, each person eats without waiting for the others. Some people do not get enough to eat, while others have too much to drink.”* This is a rebuke concerning communion. It shows us the excess to which the Corinthian church was going in the flesh when God wanted to demonstrate to them that He could be too much in the Spirit, they wandered off into having too much in the natural. They went exactly the opposite way that God wanted them to go and were unaware of what He was trying to show them. He was trying to demonstrate He could be too much in wisdom and revelation. He could overwhelm them by showing them the things to come. He could be too much in supply, He could be too much for their enemies. Over and over again, in situation after situation, God was willing to show Himself off as too much so they would marvel and be amazed at His goodness. Does God want to show us His goodness today? I believe He does and we probably need to really know Him. And if we do not see it in our lifetimes, we have to believe it and take it in faith, in order to prepare ourselves and the next generation to represent Him in the days ahead. We have to get to know the God who can be **too much**. Let’s do it, in Jesus’ name!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Scripture: Philippians 4:12 (GNT)

In the Good News Translation, Philippians 4:12 says, *“I know what it is to be in need and what it is to have more than enough. I have learned this secret, so that anywhere, at any time, I am content, whether I am full or hungry, whether I have too much or too little.”* Is that our testimony? Paul learned to walk in that place. He learned to walk with too much, he learned to walk with too little and he learned to be content in that process. Are we learning to walk with the God Who is too much and be a supply for others in the seasons of our abundance? Have we learned that? It is a very important lesson and one that we will all need in the last days.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 22:14-16

Verse 14 in the Message Bible says, *“Look at this—I’ve gone to a lot of trouble to stockpile materials for the sanctuary of God: a hundred thousand talents (3,775 tons) of gold, a million talents (37,750 tons) of silver, tons of bronze and iron—too much to weigh—and all this timber and stone. And you’re free to add more.”* When it came to the

preparation for the temple, King David experienced the God of too much. And since this is a type-and-shadow temple, should we not expect to experience too much in God's preparation for the great end-time harvest? The anointing on King David was too much for his enemies – no one could stand as his enemy. We should expect to see the same thing. The anointing of God that brought David spoil was too much to count or weigh - 3,775 tons of gold is 7,550,000 lbs. or 120,800,000 ounces. Today, that is close to \$150 billion just in gold. When you do the numbers on silver, you have almost \$20 billion in silver. And there was too much bronze and iron even to weigh. That much abundance is a picture and it is in the Word for a reason. Jesus died for living stones that make up the living temple that is coming down out of heaven and merging with the earth. If God did this for a type-and-shadow, how much more would He do for a living temple made of eternal stones? That is a question we need to ask ourselves and adjust our faith accordingly!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Scripture: Exodus 6:1-7

Exodus 6:1-7 says, *“Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will let them go, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land.’ And God spoke to Moses and said to him: ‘I am the Lord. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name Lord I was not known to them. I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. Therefore say to the children of Israel: ‘I am the Lord; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.’”* The reason that God came to Moses was to reveal Who He was as Jehovah. Jehovah was different from El Shaddai. Jehovah was the God Who delivered with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. Do we know the God Who delivers with an outstretched arm and great judgments? Verse 7 says we need to know and experience Him, *“I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”* Are we under the burdens of government today? Are we under the burdens of unbiblical laws imposed by the Supreme Court and eight years of a godless administration? How should we respond to the burdens? We should do what the Israelites did under Pharaoh – cry out to God. We need to see the God Who has a strong arm and will bring us out from the burdens of antichrist leadership. We need to see God visit the Court just like He visited Egypt and was too much for them. We need to see God be too much for these wayward Supreme Court members and ungodly representatives of United States Senate and House. As we head into the last days, the God Who is too much wants to manifest His glory in our behalf. Are we willing to say yes to Him?

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Scripture: Exodus 9:15-23, Isaiah 26:9

Exodus 9:15-23 says, *“Now if I had stretched out My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, then you would have been cut off from the earth. But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth. As yet you exalt yourself against My people in that you will not let them go. Behold, tomorrow about this time I will cause very heavy hail to rain down, such as has not been in Egypt since its founding until now. Therefore send now and gather your livestock and all that you have in the field, for the hail shall come down on every man and every animal which is found in the field and is not brought home; and they shall die.’ He who feared the word of the Lord among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his livestock flee to the houses. But he who did not regard the word of the Lord left his servants and his livestock in the field. Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt—on man, on beast, and on every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.’ And Moses stretched out his rod toward heaven; and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire darted to the ground. And the Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt.”* Now we see God beginning to increase His manifestations of judgment. But He does it in such a way as to spare all those who have become believers through the previous six judgments. The seventh judgment was so severe that it came with mercy for all those who had begun to fear the Word of the Lord that was in Moses’s mouth. And because we know the fear of the

Lord is the beginning of wisdom, then we know judgments create wisdom and inspire fear leading to salvations. People got to know and revere God because of the judgments God performed. And that is what we see here. Verse 20 says, *“He who feared the word of the Lord among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his livestock flee to the houses. But he who did not regard the word of the Lord left his servants and his livestock in the field.”* By the seventh judgment, how many of Pharaoh's servants feared the Lord? I suspect there were more than a few. By the seventh judgment, God was starting to win the hearts of the Egyptian people and even some of Pharaoh's servants. God was not just setting His people free, He was making believers out of a number of those involved. Salvation was coming from God's divine interventions as the Word said it would. In Isaiah 26:9 God declares, *“With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.”*

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

Scripture: Exodus 9:24-28

Verses 24-28 say, *“So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, so very heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail struck throughout the whole land of Egypt, all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field and broke every tree of the field. Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was no hail. And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, ‘I have sinned this time. The Lord is righteous, and my people and I are wicked. Entreat the Lord, that there may be no more mighty thundering and hail, for it is enough. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer.’”* There was no hail in the land of Goshen as well as for all of the servants who feared the Word of the Lord. God saved their children, livestock and workers. Notice what the judgments brought – they brought an opportunity for repentance to Pharaoh. Verse 27 says, *“And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, ‘I have sinned this time. The Lord is righteous, and my people and I are wicked.’”* That was a major step in the right direction. Pharaoh went on to say, *“Entreat the Lord, that there may be no more mighty thundering and hail, for it is enough. I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer.”* Verse 28 in the New English Translation says, *“Pray to the Lord, for the mighty thunderings and hail are too much! I will release you and you will stay no longer.”* Have we experienced the God Who is too much against our enemies? Moses did. David did. Why haven't we? It is Bible, it is Word, it is Scripture! Is it possible we have not because we ask not? Logic leads us to think it surely can't be that simple. In the Word we find people who were destroyed for lack of knowledge and people who had not because they asked not. If that is the case, we need to start asking today!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

Scripture: Deuteronomy 17:6-9

Deuteronomy 17:6-9 says, *“At the testimony of two or three witnesses they must be executed. They cannot be put to death on the testimony of only one witness. The witnesses must be first to begin the execution, and then all the people are to join in afterward. In this way you will purge evil from among you. If a matter is too difficult for you to judge—bloodshed, legal claim, or assault—matters of controversy in your villages—you must leave there and go up to the place the Lord your God chooses. You will go to the Levitical priests and the judge in office in those days and seek a solution; they will render a verdict.”* Verse 8 is very important for us. It says if a matter arose that was too hard for them to decide between one judgment/punishment and another, they should go to the place the Lord chooses and go to the priests and judges and seek a verdict there. There is an important purpose for tongues, and it is to pray out the judicial wisdom of God and the application that we are to make. How are we to pray over wayward Supreme Court justices and federal judges who unlawfully legislate from the bench? God gave us tongues to pray that out and Scripture tells us to pray. We see what God did for Moses and King David and we are charged in Scripture to pray judicially. We have a covenant and as we walk in that covenant God will demonstrate He is too much for the enemy. Over and over we see that. Is it possible that we have not because we have ask not? We need to start asking for the God Who is too much as we are praying in tongues and see what He does. Let's seek to understand what is in the Word, and start doing it. Let's start asking for God to deliver us from the bondage of the ungodly legislators and judges of today. Will God not demonstrate He is too much for them? I suspect He will!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Scripture: 1 Samuel 4:17-22

1 Samuel 4:17-22 says, *“So the messenger answered and said, ‘Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has been a great slaughter among the people. Also your two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead; and the ark of God has been captured.’ Then it happened, when he made mention of the ark of God, that Eli fell off the seat backward by the side of the gate; and his neck was broken and he died, for the man was old and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years. Now his daughter-in-law, Phinehas’s wife, was with child, due to be delivered; and when she heard the news that the ark of God was captured, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and gave birth, for her labor pains came upon her. And about the time of her death the women who stood by her said to her, ‘Do not fear, for you have borne a son.’ But she did not answer, nor did she regard it. Then she named the child Ichabod, saying, ‘The glory has departed from Israel!’ because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father-in-law and her husband. And she said, ‘The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured.’”* 1 Samuel 4:18 in the New English Translation says, *“His daughter-in-law, the wife of Phineas, was pregnant and close to giving birth. When she heard that the ark of God was captured and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she doubled over and gave birth. But her labor pains were too much for her.”* She died and this was the family of Eli. When judgment came in Israel on Eli it was too much, even for his pregnant daughter-in-law. Again we see the God of too much visiting the house of Eli. God had already told Samuel what He was going to do and His judgment elevated Samuel in Israel as a prophet. Do we believe that God's judgment can be too much for our Supreme Court, federal judges and legislators? Is it now time to invite God to clean house in America! Does Psalm 2 not tell the judges to kiss the Son or perish? Are we ready to rise up and be the kind of mature church prepared to bring in the harvest of the last days? Let's do it, in Jesus' name!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

Scripture: 1 Samuel 25:17

1 Samuel 25:17 says, *“Now therefore, know and consider what you will do, for harm is determined against our master and against all his household. For he is such a scoundrel that one cannot speak to him.”* This is the account of Abigail and her husband Nabal. He was a scoundrel and God determined to bring judgment on him but saved David from bringing unrighteous judgment. Abigail intervened, gave King David what he asked for and saved King David from avenging himself. Because of Abigail's bravery, not only was her husband judged, but she was favored for her wisdom and at the death of her husband became a wife of King David. Our Bible is full of God judging every kind of situation imaginable. King David did not have to kill Nabal and as Christians, we do not have to hurt anyone or even decide what judgments are appropriate for them. Our job is to pray that the damage and destruction someone is causing and doing to innocents, believers or the Kingdom comes back on their own head, just like it did on Nabal. Our job is to pray and God's job is to demonstrate He is too much for the wicked. He will do so in His timing. He did in Scripture over and over again and He will work in behalf of our obedient, righteous prayers as well.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Scripture: Job 13:21 (NKJV, MSG)

Job 13:21 says, *“Withdraw Your hand far from me, And let not the dread of You make me afraid.”* In The Message translation it says, *“...lay off the afflictions; the terror is too much for me.”* The Message shows us one of the great prayers and principles of God that is available. It is a prayer for affliction on the enemies of God to match the destruction they are doing in the land. Visit them according to their iniquity. Visit them according to their works. Reward them according to their works. Revelation 22 says that is exactly what Jesus does in the last days. He rewards people according to their works. If affliction from God saved a King worse than Ahab named Manesseh, why would it not save us today? Praying the judicial affliction of God is biblical and it is available. It is a strategy that can be used these days on wayward judges and I believe God will honor those prayers. And through these judgments some errant judges may be saved. Isn't it time we started asking God to be too much?

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Scripture: Job 31:23, 37:23-24

Job 31:23 says, *“For destruction from God is a terror to me, And because of His magnificence I cannot endure.”* The NIV translation says, *“For I dreaded destruction from God, and for fear of his splendor I could not do such things.”* This is a verse we can pray over enemies of the Kingdom. In the NASB version, Job 37:23-24 says, *“The Almighty—we cannot find Him; He is exalted in power And He will not do violence to justice and abundant righteousness. Therefore men fear Him; He does not regard any who are wise of heart.”* Another version says, *“He is too much for us He is excellent in power, in judgment and abundant justice; He does not oppress. Therefore men fear Him; He shows no partiality to any who are wise of heart.”* That says volumes about Who God is and Who He is ready to be. God is ready to show off in our behalf and we have to ask Him and cry out for His judicial Hand to save us just like the Israelites called on God to save them from the bondage of Egypt. He is the same yesterday, today and forever and we have the same covenant. These are prayer strategies that work and we can employ them immediately. Let’s get ready and start asking, in Jesus’ name!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Scripture: Colossians 1:25-28

Colossians 1:25-28 says, *“...of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”* Colossians says that through God's wisdom, we grow up into Him. And His wisdom leads us to the God Who is too much. Being too much for both believers and conversely to their enemies is a pattern in Scripture. He is there for us and ready to move in our behalf. Surely we must begin to tap into the fullness of Who He is and find out what He wants for us!

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Scripture: Colossians 2:1-3

Colossians 2:1-3 says, *“For I want you to know what a great conflict I have for you and those in Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”* In Christ belongs everything that God is, throughout the centuries, to each generation, and He is willing to be that to us today. He was willing to bless people in Colossians and did. The treasures of knowledge and the mysteries of God are in Christ and available to us. Our job is to grow and to ask! It is time to ask now, in Jesus’ name!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

Scripture: Colossians 4:1-4

Colossians 4:1-4 says, *“Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven. Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.”* God has ordained that the mystery of Who He is in Scripture be manifest in us today in our generation. What we see in the Word can be done today. It is just as much ours today as it was in the early church’s. God is the same yesterday, today and forever and it is time to honor Him for Who He is. Our job is to simply

ask and the New Testament is encouraging us to ask. Let's ask and have faith that the God Who is too much will show Himself strong through our prayers!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7-14

Ephesians 1 makes the will of God for the church very clear. In verses 7-14 we are told, *"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory."* We have redemption. We have forgiveness of sin and the riches of His grace. We have His wisdom and prudence. We have the mystery of His will that it might be revealed to us. We are coming into the fullness of time. We have obtained an inheritance and are destined to see it. We know it is real because of the witness of the Holy Spirit. This is what Ephesians is telling us. The anointing Moses walked in is available to us in Christ, *"God will raise up a prophet like you..."* and that prophet is Christ. Jesus guaranteed us the Davidic covenant and the anointing King David walked in is available to us right now. What are we doing? It is time we said yes to the Lord and begin to pray for His fullness to come forth. Let God arise and His enemies be scattered!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

Scripture: Ephesians 3:3-9

Ephesians 3:3-9 says, *"...how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;..."* Paul was declaring the revelation that God gave him by the Spirit and proclaiming it so that you and I could understand that revelation and walk in it. The Gentiles are fellow heirs with the Jews and it makes Him, His covenant and His promises available to us. God is no respecter of persons and we qualify, just as the churches did in the days of old. Our purpose is to, *"...to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;..."* Surely God is ready to do what He did in Scripture. He is and it is up to us to ask. Then and only then are we going to see fullness in manifestation. Surely, we will begin to fully prepare and to ask for His fullness because the time is here!

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