

WORD AT WORK

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Tongues: The Path to Spoil

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Scripture: Matthew 12:28-29, Ephesians 6:17-20

Matthew 12:28-29 says, *“But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.”* Jesus is decreeing the context of His prophetic Word about taking judgment to victory from verse 18. Remember that context always determines meaning! Verses 18-20 precede verses 28 and 29 and in these verses it says that judgment to victory includes connecting the promises of God to accessible spiritual victory through prayer and declaration of God’s Word. Jesus ever lives to make intercession for us in heaven. He is seated at the right Hand of God. His kingdom is the kingdom of heaven coming down to manifest in the earth through the people of God who obey the Spirit and declare His Word in the season for which it is ordained. This describes the entire operation of the church from the ascension of Jesus until the Lord returns when His Kingdom is literally set up in the earth until the New Jerusalem which is populated with living stones comes down out of heaven and transforms itself into a new earth. We are headed in that direction but we have to do our part to harvest our generation. Jesus is declaring the truth of judgment to victory in verses 18-20 and now He is declaring a manifestation of that victory in verses 28 and 29. Every generation has the same question—when? Paul’s answer is pray in the Spirit and wait. Praying in the Spirit will open the vistas of God’s eternal purposes and what our assigned part is in God’s good timing!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Scripture: Matthew 12:28-29

Verses 28-29 state, *“But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can one enter a strong man’s house and **plunder** his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will **plunder** his house.”* Did Jesus declare that the Kingdom of God is here? The answer is, yes He did! If it is here, verse 29 that follows is available to ask right now. How can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods unless he first binds the strong man? In Greek the first ‘plunder’ is **har-paz-o**. The second is *“he will plunder”* from **dia-har-paz-o**. This is a strengthened form of **har-paz-o**, ‘to take away by force, to demonstrate superior strength and ability through action’. Jesus is declaring that the actions of the church will result in spoiling or taking away the goods of the enemy. That referred to wealth transfer as Israel comes out of Egypt! It also becomes an issue of making Jewish people jealous as referenced in Romans 11 when God prepares to graft that last great harvest in. The interesting part of this is that the strength of **dia-har-paz-o** points us to the strengthened quality of power that God chooses to demonstrate in the earth in defunding evil in the last days and that is a concept we need to embrace. God is anointing His servants to defund evil!!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Scripture: Matthew 12:28-30, Matthew 16:3

Verse 30 makes a statement that amplifies verse 29 as it points to the use of **har-paz-o** in the New Testament. For an example the Greek word **har-paz-o** is very familiar to most of the New Testament church especially those of us who are familiar with 1 Thessalonians 4:17 which says, *“Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”* *“Caught up”* is **har-paz-o** and causes us to question why the stronger form emphasizes the church’s assignment of spoiling the enemy. If the rapture is the primary event why does the Greek hint it is a secondary event? The word translated *“plunder”* in Matthew 12:29 is **dia-har-paz-o, the stronger form**. Matthew 12:30 says *“He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.”* Almost every

Christian knows the concept of the rapture, but most of us never consider the possibility of what the Greek hints at in the use of **har-paz-o** and **dia-har-paz-o**. Is it possible the rapture could be a secondary event? Could the primary, preceding and notable event be that of God spoiling the enemy? If that is the case it demands a far different preparation. Have we emphasized rapture prematurely? Should we be building our faith by praying in the Spirit for a great end-time confrontation with evil where God's judgment as in Egypt gives us both transfer of wealth and a harvest of souls? Is evangelism about to change because of deep darkness on the people? Is judgment God's primary way of cutting through deep darkness to bring salvation? If it is, then praying in the Spirit may be the only way to transition to possessing a wealth transfer in our future. Praying in tongues with its accompanying anointed unfolding of mysteries and building our house for God's purpose may well be God's path in this uncertain season! Connecting with God in this manner of prayer unfolds God's heart and will fine tune our prayers! Jesus said, *"He who is not with Me is against Me..."* As believers, we must not miss the times and the seasons. In almost every historical situation where the church failed to discern what the Lord was doing they ended up working against Him. The best way I know to avoid that is to pray in the Spirit! Jesus made that point Himself in Matthew 16:3, *"You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times."* Saints, we do not want to be in that place. We don't want to be looking to be taken out when the great rapture of using our faith to spoil the enemy and take away what the enemy is using to fund evil is something that we are assigned to participate in. The Lord wants us working with Him, may we do so!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Scripture: Isaiah 53:1-5

Isaiah 53:1-5 says, *"Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."* This passage sets up the foundation of the entire chapter by outlining the benefits of the atonement. This includes the judicial side of Christ. Every single thing that He endured illegally has a reward for the church on the other side of His suffering. He was killed illegally and when God the Father raised Him from the dead He judged satan, sin, sickness, disease and death. He overcame it through enduring the cross. The resurrection of Christ is a judgment on satan's control of earth and its resources and the enemy's rule was broken by the resurrection of Christ. Everything Jesus suffered was illegal. We have the foundation for this in Isaiah 53:3-5. This chapter is completely dedicated to unfolding the process of illegal affliction on Christ Himself until God's judgment breaks every aspect of what Christ endured. The purpose for which He came was to set man free from Adam's rebellion and submission to satan. Jesus was victorious and because He was victorious- we need to understand the full measure of the application of that success. We have only settled for a partial application of that success. Our understanding of this process must grow to maturity. We need to read and ponder these truths prayerfully and pray in the Spirit as we read, asking the Spirit to lead us and guide us in all the truth here. I challenge you to use your heavenly language as you unlock the truths of the atonement!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Scripture: Isaiah 53:6-8, 2 Samuel 2:9

In Isaiah 53:6-8 we are told, *"All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken."* Everybody turned to his own way. The Lord laid on Jesus the iniquity of all of us. He was oppressed and He was afflicted yet He took this unjust abuse and did not open His mouth. Verse 8 is a real crux and a key. He was taken from prison and from judgment and who will declare His generation for He was cut off from the land of the living. Jesus endured illegal, unjust, false judgment. It was illegal and He was killed by it. Verse 8 says, *"For the transgressions of My people He was stricken."* The interesting part of verse 8 is the Hebrew word **mish-pawt** which is judgment and **gaw-zar** which is translated *"cut off."* Jesus endured illegal judgment in order to take the subject of judgment to victory for us! What does that mean? That means that Jesus forever connected God's judgment with God's Word and made it accessible to us. We have an open invitation to go before the Throne of God and ask for covenant justice. Because Jesus was cut off from the land of the living in death, we have a right to ask that God cut off, kill, and destroy our enemies who will not relent. Jesus was cut off from the land of the

living for man's transgressions. In the covenant of Sure Mercy the Father said to King David, *"I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you..."* (2 Sam. 7:9) And on resurrection day, Jesus gave the same covenant that the Father gave King David to you and I. It is an amazing process and we need to understand that the 'judgment to victory' in verse 8 gives us covenantal right to ask God to intervene when we are threatened and guarantees that God will cut off those who threaten to kill us so that we can fulfill our assigned purpose. That is authority that we are granted in the atonement. Praying in tongues over this chapter will help unfold its depths, as well as give us the confidence and boldness to utter prayers born from on high!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:9, Acts 13:32-34

2 Samuel 7:9 says, *"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."* And Acts 13:32-34 goes on to say, *"And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.' And that He raised Him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, He has spoken thus: 'I will give you the sure mercies of David.'"* Here we have the declaration of Scripture in the New Testament that the very same covenant that the Father gave to King David, Jesus now gives to you and I. He gave us that covenant in Christ. Jesus was cut off from the land of the living and suffered injustice in judgment, and that through His sacrifice, God gives us access to covenant justice against enemies of God's plans and purposes. What does covenant justice look like against a past or present wicked leader that is plotting destruction of Kingdom purpose? What does it look like for politicians who sanction prosecutors to overthrow an election? Asking God to cut off those who oppose His will and thwart His purposes is a Christian obligation and can be done in a language we know or perhaps more effectively in one we do not know! When uncertain times prevail, Christ the Rock has empowered us to pray His will even beyond our own expectations! Praying in the Spirit is the wisest and safest thing to do!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Scripture: Acts 12:5-6, 21-25

In Acts 12:5-6 we read that Peter was arrested and then jailed. James had already been killed in order to satisfy the Jews. Herod was preparing to bring Peter to the same fate. Verse 5 says the church prayed constantly and the Lord sent an angel and freed Peter from the prison. But that is not all an angel was sent to do! In verses 21-23, we are told, *"So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. And the people kept shouting, 'The voice of a god and not of a man!' Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died."* Then verse 25 says, *"And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark."* Isn't it interesting that God had the very man who understood the covenant of Sure Mercy in Jerusalem for so far the greatest single assault that was made on Peter and on the early church. I wonder what Paul did? I would suspect that he prayed judicially over Herod. We certainly see the fruit of it. The real question is, 'What, O Lord, do you want us to do in our sphere of influence? How can we pray that will build and strengthen the wall against evil that You desire to build?' Is it wise to always pray the Lord will bless those who are enemies of Jesus and the cross? Let's remember that tradition makes the Word of no effect!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Scripture: Isaiah 53:8, Job 22:27-28

Isaiah 53:8 says, *"He was taken from prison and from judgment And who will declare (gaw-zar) His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken."* That same word **gaw-zar** is used in Job 22:27-28 which says, *"You will make your prayer to Him, He will hear you, And you will pay your vows. You will also declare (gaw-zar) a thing, And it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways."* Peter probably in part due to Paul's prayers, had light shine on his ways. As soon as Herod died Peter was no longer a target for Herod. What do we say to that? That is the power that Jesus longs to manifest in our behalf against all of those who try to undermine and subvert God's purposes. Jesus took judgment to victory. Now the question is, are we going to participate in it since it has already been bought and paid for? Access to covenantal justice has been blood bought!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Scripture: Isaiah 53:10-12

Isaiah 53:10-11 says, *"Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities."* In this passage we find Jesus making a declaration. Every single thing that Jesus suffered He bought and paid for legally and judicially for us. Verse 12 says, *"Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great. And He shall divide the spoil with the strong. Because He poured out His soul unto death. And He was numbered with the transgressors. And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors."* Jesus unfolds His purposes and one of His purposes is to direct us into the spoil that will pay for the harvesting of nations in the last days. It is already bought and paid for by Christ. Paid in full! Now it has to manifest in our generation. No wonder Jesus said, *"He who is not with Me is against Me."* Why would we want to depart this earth prematurely in a rapture when an essential part of the harvest is for our prayers to halt the enemy from stealing God's resources? The Lord promises an authority to defund evil by judicial prayers and deplete the wealth of those who are aggressively promoting and funding evil. This comes through prayer and through declaration. This comes through God's divinely ordered words coming forth through our lips and there is no better way to prepare than by praying in our heavenly language. Isaiah 53 has plenty of judicial word in it. Since Jesus bought and paid for spoil shouldn't we consider the fact that He may want us to walk in the benefits? It is crucial to remember that this increase is never for our own self-interest or personal gain but always for God's eternal purposes. He has promised to divide it with the strong and Scripture tells us why. It was because He poured out His soul unto death, because He was numbered with the transgressors, and because He bore the sin of many and made intercession for us. Jesus' agony at the cross results in our ability to spoil the enemy. To think in any other terms is to not think biblically. It is time we pray in the Spirit over these truths. The season to possess provision for God's purpose for an end-time harvest is here!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-5

Isaiah 60:1-3 says, *"Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising."* Isn't it interesting that the time of greatest darkness is the time of greatest harvest. We are told in verses 4 and 5, *"Lift up your eyes all around and see. They all gather together, they come to You. Your sons shall come from afar. Your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant and your heart shall swell with joy because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you. The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you."* That is spoil that Jesus suffered and died for. Surely we would be foolish not to possess all that Jesus' purposed and all that the shedding of His blood bought. The shedding of His blood bought the resources we need to harvest nations. It is time to fully go after this and the time is now.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Scripture: Isaiah 61:6-8

Verses 6-8 say, *"But you shall be named the priests of the Lord, They shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory you shall boast. Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, And instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs. "For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, And will make with them an everlasting covenant."* What a statement! Jesus has covenanted with us to supply what we need to fulfill His purposes in the last days. The safest way to confidently participate in this dimension of the Holy Spirit's judicial calling is by praying in the Spirit and responding accordingly!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Scripture: Numbers 18:19-24

Numbers 18:19-24 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." Then the Lord said to Aaron: 'You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor shall you have any portion among them; I am your portion and your inheritance among the children of Israel. 'Behold, I have given the children*

of Levi all the tithes in Israel as an inheritance in return for the work which they perform, the work of the tabernacle of meeting. Hereafter the children of Israel shall not come near the tabernacle of meeting, lest they bear sin and die. But the Levites shall perform the work of the tabernacle of meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity; it shall be a statute forever, throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance. 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."'" We find that when God instituted the tithe that He made it a covenant of salt forever. He gave the tithes to the Levites for the work that they would do in the Tabernacle of meeting. We find that today we can participate in this financial covenant that Jesus died to make available. One requirement for walking in the judicial is in the covenant of the tithe. As we choose to walk in God's covenant of the tithe we have access to the authority that Jesus purchased for us. We have access to the Throne-Room where we can pray the will of God and see His provision. Just as the Levites were a gift to Aaron in the Old Covenant, the five-fold ministries are a gift to the body of Christ in the New and this truth of the access point of the tithe carries all the way through into the New Testament. We know that because God is a Covenant-Keeper not a covenant breaker. He has never broken a covenant. He keeps His covenant to a thousand generations. The tithe is just as active and valid today as it was two thousand years ago. Let's participate in this covenant and lift up every tithe and offering we sow in the Throne-Room. Let's pray in the Spirit over every dollar and lay the foundation necessary to represent all of Who God is!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Scripture: Matthew 23:23, Hebrews 7:1-8

Hebrews 7:1-8 says, "*...or this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all, first being translated 'king of righteousness,' and then also king of Salem, meaning 'king of peace,' without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually. Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.*" According to Hebrews 7, it is obvious that Jesus lives today and is still receiving tithes today. Matthew 23:23 says, "*Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.*" When Jesus said, "*These you ought to have done without leaving the other undone*", He was putting His seal of approval on the tithe and telling us that the tithe is New Testament. In this passage Jesus said the people had majored on tithing and He approved of that. He made it clear that tithing is still in effect and that it is the foundation of our authority in the financial realm today. It is backed up in the book of Hebrews which says, "*Christ still lives and receives tithes today.*" Our Covenant-Keeping God did not break tithe and it is still New Testament. It is our access point to the authority to spoil. The judicial authority to dry up the provision of the wicked and pray them into financial downfall is a God-given authority that Jesus bought and paid for. Praying in tongues will guide the way as we enter this realm. Walking out the action of giving and using our prayer language through the process is essential if we want to move toward spoiling the wicked for Kingdom purposes. The earth groans and travails for the saints to arise. It is about time we get in sync with the Holy Spirit and start praying and see where God leads us in doing our part to defund evil. God is ready. I trust we are getting there quickly! The Judicial anointing opens up new vistas heretofore unopened! God used the threat of judgment to gain Nineveh's repentance. Is the judicial anointing the key to winning cities? If so, praying in the Spirit is our path in!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Scripture: Leviticus 27:28-33

Leviticus 27:28-33 says, "*Nevertheless no devoted offering that a man may devote to the Lord of all that he has, both man and beast, or the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed; every devoted offering is most holy to the Lord. No person under the ban, who may become doomed to destruction among men, shall be redeemed, but shall surely be put to death. And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's. It is holy to the Lord. If a man wants at all to redeem any of his tithes, he shall add one-fifth to it. And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the Lord. He shall not inquire whether it is good or bad, nor shall he exchange it; and if he exchanges it at all, then both it and the one exchanged for it shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.*" The Lord said

“Nevertheless no devoted offering that a man may devote to the Lord...” That devoted offering, or tithe, is the Hebrew word **khay-rem** which is defined, ‘Set apart for God.’ It is God’s tithe. It is devoted to Him, holy to the Lord and is set apart to God. It is under covenantal obligation to God. *“And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the Lord. He shall not inquire whether it is good or bad, nor shall he exchange it; and if he exchanges it at all, then both it and the one exchanged for it shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.”* Those devoted things are holy unto Him and committed unto Him. Because it is committed unto Him, when we give it, we get covenantal authority in the earth to represent God as His arbiter against those who are using His resources destructively and for advancing evil. We can become God’s point man for financial justice: justice against thieves and justice against those corrupt in government. That is the prayer posture we need to take. We should be inviting the Holy Spirit into our prayer times and pray in tongues in order that God will lead us to our assigned judgments. Let God arise and His enemies be scattered!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 26:26-28. Proverbs 8:21

1 Chronicles 26:26-28 says, *“This Shelomith and his brethren were over all the treasuries of the dedicated things which King David and the heads of fathers’ houses, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the army, had dedicated. Some of the spoils won in battles they dedicated to maintain the house of the Lord. And all that Samuel the seer, Saul the son of Kish, Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah had dedicated, every dedicated thing, was under the hand of Shelomith and his brethren.”* We see under King David a specific group of Levites who are called and commissioned to become treasurers. There was an abundance of giving God did through the people in preparing to build the type and shadow temple. Treasurers were needed in order to handle the magnitude of wealth and material that the Israelites presented for the building. This is a prophetic picture of what is going to be needed in the last days. A number of years ago the Lord quickened this passage to me and said, ‘I am restoring the Levitical office of the treasurer.’ One day I was on a completely different Scriptural path when the Lord said, go to 1 Chronicles 26. In my Thomas Nelson Study Bible, there was a footnoted portion and the caption was ‘Restoring the Levitical Office of the Treasurer.’ I know that God is doing this because He spoke to me about it. If we want to participate, we need to pray in the Spirit so we can embrace the prayers that are birthed in the heart of God. It will be the paths of judgment that fill the treasuries. That is part of praying in the Spirit – we are praying God’s will and God’s heart. According to Scripture, some of us are called to be treasurers. Therefore we must have a vested interest in what is unfolding now by the Holy Spirit. It is time to prepare!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 13:1-5

2 Chronicles 13:1-5 says, *“In the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam, Abijah became king over Judah. He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. 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?’”* Here we have the unfolding war between the Northern Kingdom and the Southern Kingdom. We have Abijah who rules Judah in the Southern Kingdom, and we have Jeroboam who has 10 tribes and rules the Northern Kingdom. Jeroboam had set up a counterfeit, impure altar and was selling the priesthood. Abijah, in Judah, was obedient to God and in verses 6 and 7 he told Jeroboam’s camp they could not win because of Jeroboam’s sin. This is a picture of our warfare today! When we faithfully participate in the tithe our obedience births power in prayer and God makes us victorious. Declaring covenantal authority over God’s enemies is part of the blessing of obedience to covenant. Victory is Blood bought and enforced by angels! God’s people have the power of the Holy Spirit to take authority over agents of evil and pray them into the Kingdom to cut off their funds or perhaps even their life. The judicial anointing for spoiling the enemy is activated by the covenant of the tithe!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:1-4

In 1 Chronicles 29:1-4 King David tells us how much of his own wealth that he gave for the building of the temple and this is significant. What does that tell us about King David and the anointing on his life? What does that tell us about how much God was willing to do for a type and shadow temple? One time the Lord asked me this, ‘If I was willing to do this for a type and

shadow temple, what will I do for the end-time harvest where each stone is a living, eternal being?' I said, 'Lord, You would exceed, because now each stone is an eternal being and they are much more valuable to You.' The question is, are we seeking God about our part? Does God want to bring abundance for His eternal purposes? Does He want us to pray finances into the hands of others who have skills and resources and are committed to God's purposes? I think the only way to get all the wisdom and counsel needed in order to do our part is to pray in the Spirit until God speaks to us. The end-time harvest is not small, it is massive! And each warrior needs to stand at attention in the Spirit to do their assigned part.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Scripture: Acts 15:12-17

In Acts 15:12-17 we find a commitment of the Most High to rebuild the Tabernacle of David. Why? So that we may gain the harvest of nations that Jesus died for. This is God's ultimate purpose! Why does God want to bless certain people? Why is God going to restore the Levitical office of the treasurer? The answer is, because it is as necessary now as it was in the days of King David. God prospers His people so that the resources are available to do what God says to do. Is there a generation who will give their life to this? It very well may be ours. We may give our life carrying the vision and impart the vision but only see the beginning. It may come after we are gone, but if that is what God calls us to do then we want to do it heartily and purposefully. Intentional praying in the Spirit will keep us on track toward personal obedience. And what will we hear in eternity, 'Well done thou good and faithful servant you did what I called you to do.' Won't that be worth it all! Let's get real with God. We are invited to participate in preparations for a great end-time harvest. Faithfulness in using our heavenly language will bring the clarity and wisdom we need. We have a generation to help raise up into their assignment. Tongues is the path to wisdom that brings the anointing to spoil!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Scripture: Isaiah 53:12

What qualifies us to walk in this dimension? We cannot call ourselves to it. It has to be the product of an Isaiah 53:12 moment. What does this look like? Isaiah 53:12 says, *"Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors."* An Isaiah 53:12 moment is when the Lord comes and says, 'This is how much I want you to bring into the Kingdom and this is your contribution in your generation.' David obviously had that prompting because he contributed billions of dollars in silver and gold for the building of the temple. Can we have an Isaiah 53:12 moment? Absolutely! It comes out of God's promptings and originates in His heart. The assignment and the authority and the anointing come from Him. We must stay focused on our relationship with the Lord. Intimacy with the Lord is born out of our diligent commitment to the Word and prayer. This is where it starts. The Lord will be the one to guide and some of us He will direct into the office of treasurer. It starts when we read the Scripture and ask God, 'Does my future have something to do with the calling of the treasurer? Jesus, do You intend to divide me a portion with the great, will You divide the spoil with the strong? Do I qualify to be strong? Can I do this?' The Hebrew word for *"strong"* is **aw-tsoom** and it means 'countless or too much'. Perhaps a person who is strong is one who has chosen to believe that God will not only be 'too much' covenantally for us and judicially for His enemies, but will be 'too much' in provision that He brings. God is strong and He gives strength. Believing Scripture sometimes requires an active choice, especially when it contradicts what we have always been taught. So will we choose to believe that we can walk there? First we must choose to believe the covenant of Sure Mercy and believe it is for us! If it's not easy to give a resounding 'Yes!' then let's use our prayer language in earnest! Believing the covenant of Sure Mercy and everything it entails is absolutely essential and using our prayer language can get us there. Then and only then can we walk in the same strength as King David and his mighty men! What does God do to make a man mighty? He fulfills His end of the covenantal bargain. If we seek His will and agree with it, then He brings it to pass in our lives. If we want to represent Christ, the covenant of Sure Mercy and our biblical **aw-tsoom** have to be the foundation we stand on in prayer! Let's do it, in Jesus' name!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Scripture: Psalm 143:12

If we walk in the covenant of Sure Mercy, Psalm 143:12 relates to how we should pray. In Psalm 143:12 King David prayed. *"In Your mercy cut off my enemies. Destroy all those who afflict my soul, For I am Your servant."* King David asked God to intervene by cutting off and destroying his enemies! The Hebrew word for *"destroy"* is **aw-bad**. It means 'To kill, destroy,

cause to be removed, to never be seen or heard from again, to put an end to.’ If we look at our nation today, we see clear enemies: of God, of righteousness and of Kingdom purposes. If we learn to make praying in tongues part of our daily relationship with the Lord, God will communicate how we should pray **aw-bad** on the enemies of the Kingdom. God may ask us to pray that one specific evil leader be cut off or perhaps many, but praying in the Spirit will get us there. Who are the strong in Scripture? The answer is, those saints who stand righteously and obediently in the face of evil and are praying in God’s strength. Doesn’t it make sense that praying in tongues is essential in our preparation and equipping? We do not want to launch out in judicial prayer of our own making. As we seek God’s heart, pray covenantally and ask God to intervene, we begin to look like King David. This is precisely how King David prayed!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Scripture: Acts 2:32-36

Acts 2:32-36 says, *“This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. ‘For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’” Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.’”* Peter was strong and he recognized Who Jesus was. And Peter said so explicitly in this passage. *“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”* People who are strong know Jesus as Judge of all the earth and are willing to pray accordingly. If we are strong, we are willing to pray judicially. We are willing to appeal to Jesus the Judge. We do not mind inviting Jesus the Judge on the scene. We have no problem praying the imprecatory prayers of the Psalms. Praying in the Spirit as preparation is the wisest way to both develop and utilize this warrior kind of strength. It also invites God’s wisdom to unfold. Tongues empowers us to invoke the power and dominion of the King against His enemies. It is a godly endeavor and one that helps put us in the center of God’s perfect will.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Scripture: Hebrews 8:1-6

Hebrews 8:1-6 says, *“Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man. For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore it is necessary that this One also have something to offer. For if He were on earth, He would not be a priest, since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, ‘See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain.’”* But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.” If we are going to be strong in the Lord then we have to understand that we have our foundation on a better covenant. It is a better covenant and it has better promises. The Old was excellent but the New is even more so because Jesus made it better in many, many ways. It is established on what He did. We are accepted and redeemed based on what He did, not based on what we do. His completed work in our behalf makes the New Covenant more sure. It is sure because it is made by God with Christ and it includes me. If I know this on a deep level it changes how I act. It changes how I think. It changes how I pray. Anyone who is spiritually strong knows their covenant. We need to know it and act accordingly.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Scripture: Hebrews 8:7-12

Anyone who is strong in the New Testament knows their covenant and knows how important verses 7-12 are! Verse 11 says, *“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.”* This is the promise of the New Covenant. God will reveal to us personally Who He is, and we shall know the Lord. In this passage the Lord is not **Khris-tos**, Savior of all the earth, the Lord here is **Koo-ree-os**, Judge of all the earth. In New Testament terms if we are going to be strong according to Hebrews 8 we also have to know the Judge. Actively using our prayer language takes us into the dimension where we can hear the Spirit and be led by Him. Let’s pray in tongues and, when led by the Spirit, pray judicial prayers that represent the Judge of all the earth!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Scripture: Genesis 14:10-24

In Genesis 14:10-24, Abraham hears that his nephew Lot is taken captive. How does he respond? He arms his household and he trusts God and goes to war on behalf of those he is in covenant with. It is obvious that Abraham is a covenant-keeper. He walks with God Who is a Covenant-Maker and a Covenant-Keeper. Abraham honors the covenant he has with his own family and as a result of Abraham honoring covenant, he gets a great victory and he tithes from that victory to the representative of the Most High God. We find the full measure of blessing and victory on Abraham's life and one of the reasons has to be that he is a keeper of covenant, and is keeping covenant with God as well as with his family and his friends. Are we covenant-keepers? Do we honor the covenants we have? Do we honor our family? Abraham did and it is important that we do!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Scripture: Matthew 10:1

Matthew 10:1 says, *"And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease."* The word "power" there is **dunamis**, that is the power of the Holy Spirit. When we are walking in strength in the New Testament we say yes to God's power. We say yes to the **dunamis** of the Holy Spirit. Are we there yet, saints? Are we people who will also take the criticism that comes through speaking in tongues for the blessings of all the things the Holy Spirit does? Those who are strong have to receive strength and be edified and that comes through praying in the Spirit. Are we willing to carry all the criticism, many coming from within the church that go with being tongue-talking and Spirit-filled. If we are not willing to walk in misunderstanding and humility we are probably not ready to walk in strength.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Scripture: Matthew 10:14-15

Matthew 10:14-15 says, *"And whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"* Are we willing to obey God even to the point of having to declare His judgment over those who refuse to hear? One of the marks of strength in Scripture is that we are willing to be a representative for God who will not only tell people about the Kingdom but also tell them the consequences for rejecting it! That is not easy to do. It often guarantees frustration, criticism and perhaps persecution. Are we willing to take the criticism for doing what God tells us to do? That is the mark of a person who is strong.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Scripture: Luke 10:17-20

Luke 10:17-20 says, *"Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.' And He said to them, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.'" Here is another mark of a person who is strong. They are willing to say what God wants said even when they know that it is going to result in persecution and rejection. It can be a **kratos** test, **dunamis** test or an **exousia** test. It can be a test of government or it can be a test of character. All these tests say very simply one thing about a person, whether or not they are wholly given over to God for His purpose even when obedience means hardship and ridicule. Those are the strong in the last days, those wholly given over to God who will do whatever the Lord says do. Praying in tongues will ignite might and strength in us and will empower us toward obedience!*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Scripture: Luke 10:17-20

Those who are strong in the last days know the Lord and have been given divine authority including an anointing to confront the enemy. Because it is given to them by God, the enemy cannot stop them. But in order to develop this strength, we have to develop our relationship with the Lord! Our relationship with Him has to have a foundation of fortitude and obedience. An essential part of that is using our prayer language. Sowing time every single day into tongues is a key ingredient in developing the relationship with God required for strength. He will give us the authority and the dominion that we need to

accomplish our purpose in the earth, but we have to lay the groundwork. Will we press in and do it? I trust we will, in Jesus' name!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Scripture: Romans 13:1-4

Romans 13:1-4 says, *"Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil."* Spiritual government is absolutely essential. Spiritual government means that you and I take the authority of Christ and obediently bring it against those who are doing evil. Unless we are willing to obey the Spirit when He directs us to pray the judgment of God, we do not qualify as the strong in the last days. We must prepare to carry this. Many who are in church leadership do not yet carry this but God is bringing His people to Him who will carry it. It is a weighty prayer journey to execute wrath on those who practice evil. That is a spiritual call on anyone who will shoulder it.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:9-11

Many are faithfully inviting the Holy Spirit into their lives and gaining wisdom and understanding. Who are the strong in the last days? Those who understand and operate in the truths of 2 Corinthians 5:9-11. This passage says, *"Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God and I also trust are well known in your consciences."* The believers who can bring the terror of God on the scene are the ones who are the strong. How are we doing? Are we qualifying in that dimension? It is really up to us. God is ready to qualify us but we are the ones who have to choose to walk in it!

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