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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7

In Ephesians 1:7 we are told, *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace...”* Forgiveness of sin here is **af-es-is**. It is used for forgiveness and it is used for remission of sin. This word is translated both as forgiveness and also as remission in different Bible passages. Both concepts naturally develop together. Forgiveness brings freedom from the blame, shame and guilt. Expunging the record of sin through remission promotes confidence as the memory fades into oblivion. The platform for faith now exists to build a future free from fear. A fearless army can now emerge! There is an unfolding progression in scripture concerning this word that will help us understand exactly why we see confidence as the chief fruit. Sonship Gift Seven establishes the believer as a functioning member of God’s Family destined to rule. The great commission encourages us to bear rule as citizens of God’s Kingdom. We know Sonship was the origin of Paul’s confidence and freedom to rule. Tracing this process in Scripture will establish us in confidence for our assignment.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Scripture: Ephesians 1:7

Ephesians 1:7 says, *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace...”* Forgiveness has a qualifier. Here we come into contact with another Greek word that appears in twelve of the seventeen uses of **af-es-is**. That is the Greek word **ha-mar-tia**. This means, ‘sin or an offense in relationship to God with emphasis on guilt.’ The majority of the usage of **af-es-is** is forgiveness or remission. It is over the issue of the sin of Adam that brought man into slavery as a condition. The addition of **ha-mar-tia** implies the culmination of a process of deliverance from which even the record is expunged. This should help us understand why redemption is in the seventh position as a Sonship gift. The process of being declared blameless culminates in the knowing that our sin and mistakes are utterly gone through gift seven, redemption, even to the point of no record in God’s eyes. It makes the culmination of the process a complete transformation which is guaranteed by the Blood of Christ producing a new creation. Ephesians 1 brings the transformation process into a divine reality of God’s declaration that we are a new creation, as 2 Corinthians 5:17 states, *“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things become new.”* The Amplified AMPC puts it this way, *“Therefore if any person is ingrafted in Christ, the Messiah, he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old (precious moral and spiritual condition) has passed away. Behold the fresh and new has come.”* We are born out of slavery to sin into freedom from sin! The declaration of remission finishes the process of redemption which is why it follows Sonship Gift number six, the blotting out of the transgression—it no longer exists! This is precisely what elevated Paul to his calling and destiny. Due to his depth of understanding of the Sonship truths God gave Paul the privilege of communicating the life-changing truth of the Epistles which became a pathway to radical change for all believers including us. Confidence before God is the fruit! Paul lived the rest of his life in this realm. Let’s consider the depth and fruitfulness of the treasure Paul produced. He was God’s scribe for much of the New Testament. It is time we lay hold of such anointed confidence toward our own personal destiny in Christ!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Scripture: Romans 5:12-14

In Romans 5:12-14 our condition is described as , *“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.”* The process of salvation is a process whereby we first identify our condition as prisoners of sin. We are born in sin and sin rules. That is where the five giants come from found in Numbers 13 and Isaiah 14. That describes the fall of our enemy, the former worship leader of heaven. The five ‘I wills’ are the five giants that rule our life until we say ‘yes’ to Jesus Christ. The reason **af-es-is** and **har-mar-tia** are joined together twelve times in the New Testament is that these two words describe the process of how we were incarcerated by sin and then move into freedom. Only the death of Christ and His resurrection could break the bondage of sin and erase all record it. We learn that we were in prison through the sin of Adam but in Christ the prison doors are open. Christ creates a new nature in us and promptly erase all record of failure fostering fearlessness and confidence as sons and daughters of the King!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Scripture: Luke 4:18

Luke 4:18 says, *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted , To proclaim liberty (**af-es-is**) to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty (**af-es-is**) those who are oppressed;...”* Jesus declared His purpose twice as He quoted Isaiah 61:1-2. His purpose was to set us free, to deliver us from the bondage of a life of sin. This process starts with recognition that we were in a prison we could not get out of, that we were in prison due to what Adam chose. Adam’s choice to disobey God tainted mankind and imprisoned us to sin. Christ came in order to break the power of that prison. We are not just being **delivered** we are being **recreated** in order to be totally free from the power of sin. That demands a rebirth. Jesus paid the price not just for forgiveness but He paid the price to recreate us according to His original purpose. To understand that culmination we have to back up and then trace the process.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Scripture: Luke 4

An interesting part of Luke 4 is that Jesus said He was anointed to preach deliverance but it doesn’t say what we were delivered from. He was anointed to bring freedom from captivity but it doesn’t identify the captivity. **Af-es-is** is a picture of the culmination of a process whereby we are delivered from the very nature of sin itself so that it no longer reigns over us. The work of Christ therefore is designated as deliverance from everything that holds man prisoner away from God. Setting a sinful man free would be very dangerous without God simultaneously changing that man’s nature.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 says, *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”* It is obvious that **af-es-is** sets us free from being a prisoner to the old man by creating our new man in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ. In Christ, He commits to us the Word of reconciliation. Man’s freedom is not one that permits us to continue in sin but binds us to Christ. What Christ does will not simply take us from prison but set us free from sin itself, giving us power over sin. God makes us completely victorious!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Scripture: John 3:1-12

John 3:1-12 records Jesus' interaction with Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a teacher of Israel and the Lord was explaining to His disciples the necessity of being born again with Christ, going down in the water of baptism and coming up as a new creation, a resurrected, born-again, spirit man who was then completely freed from sin. Sin no longer has dominion over us anymore. Deep within our heart we have the right and privilege to identify with Christ as completely and totally free from sin and we do not have to obey desires of the flesh if we choose to follow the Spirit. That is a choice which every one of us has in Christ. We have the freedom to choose! A pathway is opened to freedom and victory for every one of us in Christ!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Scripture: Romans 3:17-18

In Romans 3:17-18 we see the fruit of **af-es-is**. This passage says, "*But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.*" When we experience remission of sin we see the transformation of a new birth with the freedom to choose God and reign in life through Jesus Christ. Suddenly there is glory in this pathway and process which brings us to the wiping away of the record.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Scripture: Colossians 1:14

This passage is unique because it is almost identical to Ephesians 1:7. We see the Lord is making the identical statement and the identical progression that He did in Ephesians 1. Colossians 1:14 says, "*...in whom we have redemption (af-es-is) through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*" What is the issue here? What we are seeing here is the focus on the completing of a process. The final act of this process is the remission or the expunging of record. This is the removal of all record of any wrong of anything committed by the old man. We understand now why redemption is placed in this order in Ephesians. It completes the launching from our past life and self-image exchanging that for the confidence of the New Testament believer once we accept the fact that there is no more record of sin. That past record is totally, completely wiped away, expunged! What do we as believers look like when we agree and set our faith on what the Scripture says about the process, and embrace the fact that the record is expunged? There is no more record of sin. What does the believer look like who experiences Ephesians 1:7 and Colossians 1:14 accepted by faith, maintained through intimacy and relationship? That believer has been assigned the grace to fulfill a powerful destiny complete with the potential to look like Paul. We look like saints qualified to arise to our calling and participate in the winding up of the age.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Scripture: Acts 20:25-27

This passage says, "*And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.*" In this account Paul was saying farewell to the Ephesian elders and he was telling them his condition, position and stance before God. He declared that his hands were innocent of the blood of all men. There was no record in heaven of his participation in the murder of Stephen. Gone, wiped away...that was another man. Paul was released to walk in complete and total freedom because of a process. And through God's messages to us via Paul's New Testament Epistles, God is shining His light on the way toward freedom for all of us. We are not only free from sin, but we are now no longer the guilty party. The guilty party was our old man. God has transformed us into a new person, now guiltless before God! If Paul can say that, why can't you and I say that. It should be a key component in walking and living as sons and daughters of our mighty God! The question should be not, can I say that but will I say that.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Scripture: Acts 23:1-3

The Apostle Paul stood before the Sanhedrin and was called into account to present his case. This passage says, *“Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, ‘Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.’ And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth. Then Paul said to him, ‘God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! For you sit to judge me according to the law, and do you command me to be struck contrary to the law?’”* Isn’t it interesting to see that the Apostle Paul declared that He had lived in all good conscience before God until that day! The high priest couldn’t take that, religion can’t take that either. Religion demanded penalizing Paul. In effect ‘religion’ struck him on the mouth and Paul responded judicially with exactly what Scripture says about Christ. He rewards people according to their works. That is the Christ of Revelation. He rewards people according to their works. Paul said without thinking, *“God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! For you sit to judge me according to the law, and do you command me to be struck contrary to the law?”* This happened in the early church. Did Paul have any problem declaring judgment on someone who had commanded that he be struck illegally? No, he had no problem declaring judgment. Why did Paul have no problem declaring judgment? He made that declaration because he knew he was free from blame, shame and guilt. He had the assurance and confidence that he was totally free in Christ from the old man, the person he used to be. We are studying the man who wrote the book of Ephesians and outlined our Sonship Gifts. He wrote and articulated rich truths throughout the epistles because that was his own personal testimony! The question is will we in our own walk embrace the same path of freedom?

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, Acts 23:1

1 Corinthians 4:1-5 says, *“Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.”* Paul is relating the fruit of the Sonship Gifts, especially regarding the fruit of redemption. **Af-es-is.** *“For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.”* Wow! *“I know nothing against myself.”* That is a confident statement! Paul had the assurance that the past record of wrongdoings was as a nonexistent thing. After Paul had his dramatic encounter with Christ, he became a new creation and he began to live a fearless life as he accepted his Sonship gifts. The gift of redemption is apparent in these bold statements from both Acts and 1 Corinthians and clearly affirm his freedom. Because Paul was a new creation he walked with confidence and fearlessness, therefore he could do anything through Christ who provided strength. Are we going to follow his example and arise to this freedom?

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:3

2 Timothy 1:3 says, *“I thank God, whom I serve with a pure conscience, as my forefathers did, as without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day,...”* Here we see another declaration of Paul who had accepted his Sonship gifts and declared it. Paul’s bold statements should build a pathway for us of our own potential freedom in Christ. This freedom has already been purchased through His Blood! *“Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”* Saints, why would we ever let the enemy take us back into bondage when Christ has said, *“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”* Let us move out of bondage with an awareness of the reality that the past record of wrongdoings is a nonexistent thing. Let’s choose to walk in the quality of freedom that Paul knew and walk our path with the same confidence. Let’s continually say, ‘I am a son and daughter of the Most High God and He has declared me free. I’ve been set free from the prison of sin. I can rule over it and I can do anything God asks me to do!’ We truly are a people delivered, set free and ready to serve the King of kings! When Jesus arose from the dead, the Father declared Him Savior and Judge. Some may ask what if I mess

up and sin? Does that disqualify me? Certainly not! In that event we must, though, do as King David did. We must quickly turn, fully repent and arise and position ourselves again in Him. God will never turn away the truly repentant!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Scripture: John 20:19-23, Revelation 11:6

John 20:19-23 says, *“Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.’ And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”* Isn’t it interesting that when Jesus ministered the Holy Spirit to His disciples He made this declaration. What is being established here? The beginning of judgment is being established by the authority to retain sin. Most of us have never heard a message on retaining sin. There is only one reason why we would retain sin. The goal is repentance. The way that God deals with man throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation is consistent. God doesn’t desire mankind’s destruction. He desires man’s repentance. Over and over again God will ramp up affliction from one level after another until man repents. Affliction has to be discerned. The devil also afflicts to destroy. God afflicts to save. God’s goal is repentance leading to salvation. The foundation for that is the retaining of sin. In the retaining of sin, we maintain our authority to execute the judicial anointing of Christ which has the potential for salvation. That is one of the reasons why authority is given to every mature, prepared believer. God doesn’t leave us on our own in assigning us authority. He gives us the Holy Spirit to lead us in taking appropriate action. If we are going to move in this realm we better really develop our relationship with the Holy Spirit. His leading is absolutely essential in guiding us to apply judicial authority. We won’t be able to walk confidently in the last days without it. The Bible is very clear on this! The question is, are we willing to grow into this? Walking in the freedom of our redemption and forgiveness is an important part of it! It will bring us into the maturity to hear the Father and in obedience to represent Him. In Revelation 11:6 all the witnesses pray affliction in an attempt to save by gaining repentance. The anointing to afflict is in our future if we are living in the anointed confidence as God’s son!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Scripture: Luke 17:1-4

Why did Jesus give us the power to either retain sin or forgive sin? It is because we have little chance of gaining repentance without it. With repentance we know that we can forgive sin. Luke 17:1-4 says, *“Then He said to the disciples, ‘It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”* Luke 17 is the parallel passage to Matthew 18. Matthew 18 identifies steps of confrontation. A lack of repentance, after confrontation, forces us to retain sin. A brother gained through repentance is the goal. So then when it comes to two or three agreeing touching anything that they ask, affliction is the means to gain repentance. The reason **af-es-is** and **har-mar-tia** are joined together 12 times in the New Testament is that these two words describe the process of how we were incarcerated by sin, sin that only the death of Christ and His resurrection could break as we accept Him and have died with Him. The agreement would be for affliction, turning another over to satan for the destruction of their flesh. The apostles did that and they did it when there was no repentance. When the Holy Spirit guides us to withhold repentance it is for the benefit, not the detriment of the offender. This is the process and this opportunity offers a possible open door to repentance. That is a grace-gift on God’s part in order to give the perpetrator further opportunities to turn toward salvation. How much affliction will it take to break the bondage? One of the saddest scriptures in the Bible is at the end of Revelation. This tells us of God ramping up affliction on earth through all sorts of devastating judgments, all for the opportunity to open hearts to salvation. It is stunning to read through these various levels of adversity that are poured out. Revelation 16:8-9 says, *“Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.”* The phrase *“They did not*

repent and give Him glory" should make us tremble. It shows us the dimension of hardness of heart that we are going to encounter in the last days. God ramps up the affliction until it includes termination. One would think that facing that kind of terror would produce quick repentance, but it does not when hearts are hardened. The question is how far are we going to walk with God in this process? Will we qualify as witnesses?

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Scripture: Psalm 78:32-36

This verse is very interesting concerning people who have previously known God. Psalm 78:32-36 says, *"In spite of this they still sinned, And did not believe in His wondrous works. Therefore their days He consumed in futility, And their years in fear. **When He slew them, then they sought Him; And they returned and sought earnestly for God. Then they remembered that God was their rock, And the Most High God their Redeemer. Nevertheless they flattered Him with their mouth, And they lied to Him with their tongue;..."*** Let's remember that this is about His Own people, those very ones He established His covenant with. This is Israel, the very people who witnessed His wondrous signs in Egypt. This should make us think about preparing for the days ahead. Nothing restores the fear of the Lord like death or impending death. Perhaps this is why tares are removed first! Is it going to take that in order to restore the fear of the Lord? Their demise restores. If so, is this God's purpose for Isaiah 11:4? It says, *"The breath of your lips will slay the wicked."* Will we continue to avoid the God manner of training that includes judgment. Hebrews 12:11 says, *"Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it."* Affliction and termination appear to be inevitable as part of our future! Can we purpose to follow the Spirit just like the believers in the book of Acts? God restored the fear of the Lord by slaying Ananias and Sapphira. Will we be ready to walk in that dimension in the last days? Let's hope we don't have to. Let's trust that as we walk through our Sonship Gifts we will stay on the pathway of obedience and purity and be ready to demonstrate the fullness of Christ as the Spirit wills.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Scripture: Psalm 149:7-9

In Psalm 149:7-9 we read, *"Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, To execute vengeance on the nations, And punishments on the peoples; To bind their kings with chains, And their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute on them the written judgment—This honor have all His saints."* Are there any written judgments concerning righteousness and salvation? Yes, there are plenty. There are many written judgments. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved and your whole household. This promise is written in the book of Acts. There are many written judgments concerning salvation, deliverance and blessing. We can major on those and we should be declaring them in order to save people such as family members, our kids and grandkids. It is an honor to put the saving, delivering freedom scriptures in our mouths and declare them. There are many judgments of God that produce salvation. We often think of judgment in negative terms against ourselves or others, but the truth is that there are different forms of judgment. Some of the judgments we have a right to declare are against poverty, sickness or perhaps against bondage or against generational curses. We must view judgment circumspectly. There are just as many judgments which declare salvation as there are those proclaiming destruction. Yes, there are those that produce deliverance. There are both salvation and deliverance judgments found in Scripture and they belong in our mouth. It is an honor to declare them over family and friends. Isaiah 26:9 says it well, *"For when your judgments are in the earth The inhabitants of the world learn righteousness."*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Scripture: Romans 12:19, Hebrews 10:1-7

This verse in Romans says, *"Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord."* What if we pray **af-es-is** and the scriptures where it appears as God's judgment of freedom over the life of a loved one who is not yet walking there? By doing this we are then declaring God's salvation for a person and judgment on the bondage that has held them captive. When we are dealing with kids or grandkids, this is a judgment well worth praying that will be eternally fruitful. It is a biblical principle that

can be prayed as a judgment leading them to fullness of life and blessing. The Bible is clear about covenant from Genesis to Revelation and **af-es-is** refers to a covenant blessing Blood-bought and secure! Declaring it over our loved ones is our heritage.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Scripture: Hebrews 10:8-10

Hebrews 10:8-10 says, *“Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them” (which are offered according to the law), then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.” He takes away the first that He may establish the second. By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.* ‘Father, in the name of Jesus we have a covenant, a New Covenant based on better promises and verses 8-10 describe the essence of that New Covenant. That essence is that our kids and grandkids are sanctified through the offering of the Body of Jesus. That core truth we can personalize in behalf of our generations. We can declare that they are released from the dictates of their flesh to do Your will, O God.’ By praying and declaring this passage as a judgment on the flesh, we war against disobedience and selfish ambition and birth surrender to the Spirit. This is warring judicially and invites salvation to overwhelm the person.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Scripture: Hebrews 10:11-13, Matthew 12:20

Let’s look at how this passage builds on itself in divine, judicial authority. Hebrews 10:11-13 says, *“And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool.”* The purpose of Christ’s victory over death, hell and the grave was to empower us to be victorious and to rule. Let’s pray God’s rulership over our kids and grandkids. Jesus is waiting for us to make His enemies His footstool. We do that by judicially declaring His Word. Sometimes the judicial application of His Word is salvation! It is real and it is to bring about blessing! We see it right here in Hebrews, especially this chapter. Jesus took judgment to victory in Matthew 12:20, and He is encouraging us to pray the victory of His Word!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Scripture: Hebrews 10:14-18

In Hebrews 10:14-18 we are told, *“For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, ‘This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,’ then He adds, ‘Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.’ Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.”* Here is complete forgiveness, the expunging of the record! Here is the second element of **af-es-is**. *“Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more..”* How many times do we have to repeat this biblical truth before we choose to believe it? The accepting of forgiveness is the gift that moves us into maturity and confidence. The first three Sonship gifts chosen, holy and blameless are the initial building blocks in the transformation process! The Apostle Paul declared the fruit of his identity as a son viewed as two pillars. The first pillar is threefold, chosen, holy and without blame upon which our Christian identity is established. The second pillar seals our official family-adopted status. Adoption rests on accepted, redeemed and forgiven. God knew what was needed to solidify Sonship. Blame, shame and guilt could not stand before the truth of God’s redemption, a solid rock, a sure foundation. And here we see it stated seventeen times as remission, the expunging of the record. Wow! What can we say? It is in verse 18. *Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.”* These words are God’s provision for a glorious walk. We can pray this over our kids and grandkids, in Jesus’ name. This is a judgment declaration we can make concerning them in prayer. ‘Lord we declare that remission has come on them, in Jesus name. They are living like it and acting like it. In Jesus’ name, their hearts are open, prepared and established for You, God to write Your Word on! They are free, in Jesus’ name!’ That is certainly a judicial prayer eradicating blame and guilt which carries weight.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Scripture: Hebrews 9:18-26

In Hebrews 9:18-26 we are told that without the shedding of blood there is no remission. Christ Himself shed His Blood and presented His Blood in the Heavenly Temple. He offered once for all to put away sin with the sacrifice of Himself. This is a completed work and it enables us to pray, 'Father in Jesus' name we declare Your judgment, the putting away of sin, through the shedding of Christ's Blood over our family, including every child and grandchild. They are free to serve You, O Living God. Let that freedom come in Jesus' name. Make them the head and not the tail, above and not beneath. Let no weapon formed against them prosper. Make them free to serve You, our Mighty God in Jesus' name! Bring them into the quality of freedom which will open the door to intimacy, full obedience and commitment to their destiny!' This is a prayer we can pray with confidence. We can proclaim God's Word judicially in declaring freedom and blessing for our family.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Scripture: Colossians 1:10-14, Psalm 149

Colossians 1:10-14 is a powerful judicial passage to bring before the Lord. We could pray it this way, 'Father, this judgment is written over my loved ones. Cause them to walk a walk worthy of all pleasing unto You being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with all might according to Your glorious power for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to You who have qualified each to be partakers of Your inheritance of the saints in light. I declare that You have delivered them from the power of darkness and translated them into the Kingdom of Your Son Jesus in whom they have redemption through the Blood of Christ. That remission of sin becomes real to them so that sin no longer has any hold over them and is no longer a memory in their life. It is now expunged from the record and they are free to serve You O Living God, free to birth all promises You put in their spirits.' This is the quality of judicial intercession that will make a difference in the lives of others because we are going after deceptive spirits of the enemy and we are praying the judgment written binding their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron – Ps 149. I call that pastoral, judicial prayer. We are guaranteeing their future covenantally by the Blood of the Lamb. This is a positive judicial, pastoral prayer that invites freedom. This is a prayer that we have an honor to pray.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Scripture: Ephesians 1:4-7

This passage could be prayed this way. 'Father, in Jesus' name I declare that it is written, my loved one have been chosen before the foundation of the world that they should be holy and without blame before You in love, having predestined them to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to the good pleasure of Your will to the praise of the glory of Your grace by which You made them accepted in the Beloved. We are declaring that in You they have redemption through Christ's Blood and the remission of sins. Those sins are completely blotted out. Each one is no longer ruled by blame, shame and guilt. I proclaim their freedom to serve You the Living God! Alleluia!' We need to be using the weapons that God has given! It is written, it is written...it is written! This is one of the best ways we can possibly pray! This will bring positive results over our generations! We need to employ the high praises mentioned in Psalm 149 and be aware that the words of our mouth express the two-edged sword of God's Word. God will beautify the humble with salvation. This includes salvation for the next generation!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Scripture: Acts 26:17-18

We can pray Acts 26:17-18 and ask God to visit anyone in our life that we are concerned about and to visit them like He visited Paul in Acts. We can hold these words of Paul from Acts 26 before the Lord. *"I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me."* 'Father, open the eyes of family members and turn them from darkness

to light, and from the power of satan to You. Do this that they may receive forgiveness, remission complete with the full blotting out of sin among all those who are sanctified by faith in You. God, that is Your purpose for every single person. You are not willing that any should perish but that all should be saved. So, Lord, we pray in Jesus' name that You would visit our kids and our grandkids and that You would usher them into full freedom. Lord, visit with grace and remission those who are walking contrary to You turning them to Your path of obedience! Visit them like you visited Paul turn them from darkness to light. Release them into their divine purpose and call that You gave them before the foundations of the earth. They are chosen to serve you! Holy Spirit, go now and make it happen in Jesus' name.'

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Scripture: Acts 13:38-39

If we pray Acts 13:38-39 we would declare, 'Father, I bring before You my family member. Let it be known to them and their friends that through Jesus there is the remission of sin that through Him everyone one who believes is justified from all things from which they cannot be justified, by the law of Moses. Lord, there is no other name given under heaven whereby men must be saved. In Jesus' name we pray Your visitation and Your revelation of the fullness of that name over our family members. It is Your written judgment and we declare it over them. Now bring them into the full freedom of it. Let Your blessing be on them. Let them discover their calling, their gifting that was given before the foundation of the earth. Let each one know that they were chosen. Give them the revelation that they are holy and blameless. In Jesus' name, bring to pass what You have spoken!'

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Scripture: Acts 10:40-43

Acts 10:40-43 says, *"Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."* 'Father this is written for our children. Lord, execute it today. Bring this remission forth in their life. Let the revelation of Who You are and what You want to do in them become real. Raise them up as only You can to be Your witnesses in the days ahead. We declare the fullness of what You bought and paid for over their lives, in Jesus' name.'

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Scripture: Ephesians 1:18-23

We should pray Ephesians 1:18-23 and call it forth over our loved ones and over ourselves. This passage is power-packed and it says, *"The eyes of your [understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come....they are His Body the fullness of Him who fills all in all."* There is strength and might in these words. We need to be praying this over everyone who is close to us. Praying this is praying a covenantal blessing. The Word is eternal and by praying God's Word we are executing the judgment written!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-19

Let's include Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:14-19 in our arsenal! This prayer says, *"For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that*

you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” Here is a dynamite prayer inviting the will of God and the moving of the Holy Spirit in hearts and lives, a perfect prayer for declaring the judgment written. This honor have all His saints. It is time we start honoring the Word and proclaim God’s purpose as it is revealed in Scripture! It is positive, it is eternal. With each additional declaration, their path will shine brighter and brighter unto the perfect day.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Ephesians 4:12-16

‘Father, it is written in Ephesians 4:12-16 that You have given gifts, “...for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”’ Let’s include this Ephesians passage in our prayers. When we do so, we are praying the judgment written. We need boldness to march forward in this quality of judicial prayer. God’s Word never returns void! Prayers such as these will help us stand confidently in faith for God’s answers!

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