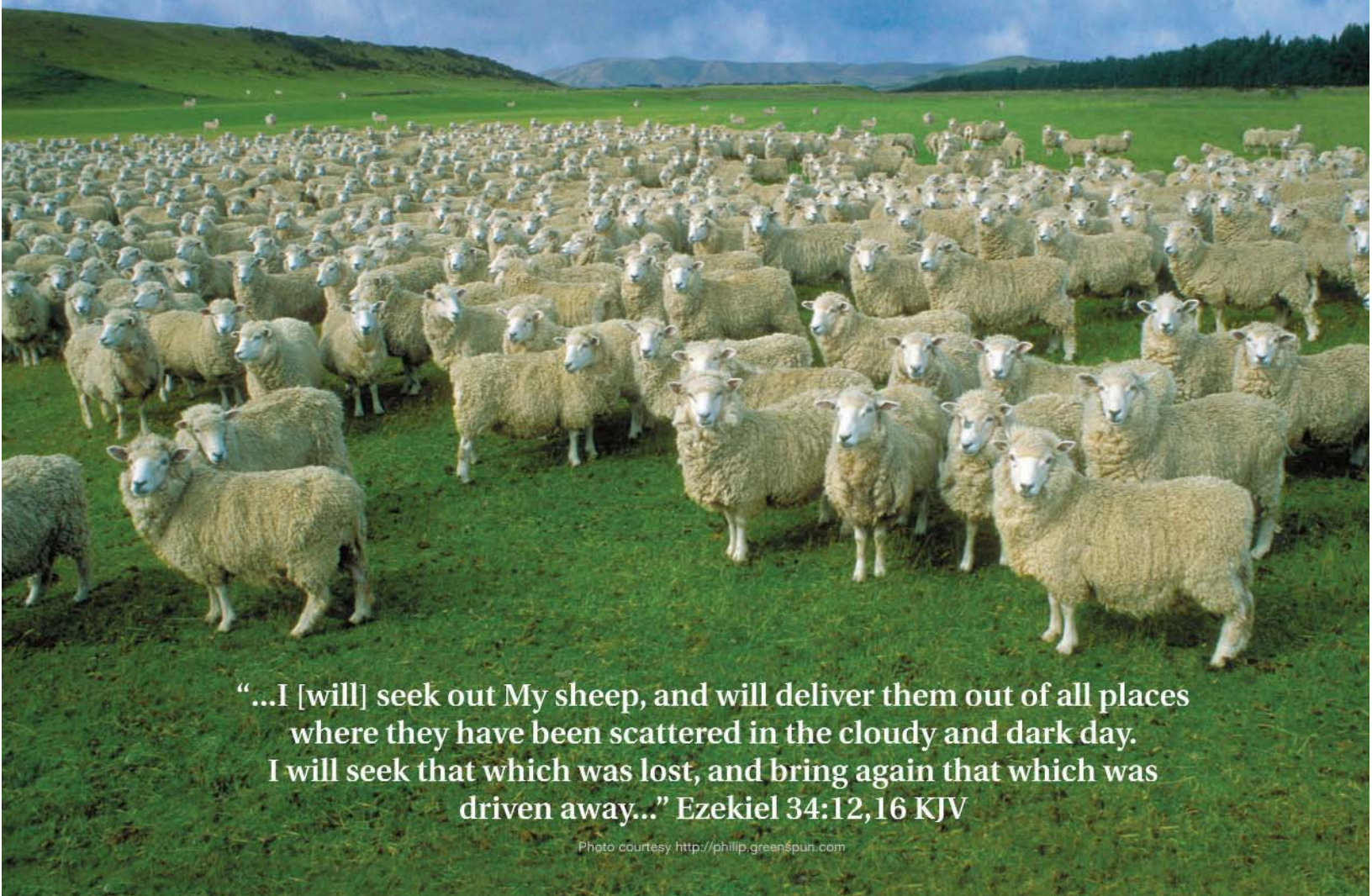


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“...I [will] seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places
where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.
I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was
driven away...” Ezekiel 34:12,16 KJV

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God's Purpose for Man

By Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong

April 6, 1955

Well, I feel brethren that the message that we really need more than anything at this time, at least a great many of us, is a message about these Holy Days. Why are we here? And you know when you stop to think about it, I don't know of any church denomination that observes these days. Even the Seventh-day Adventists will persecute you for doing it. They will tell you that this is ALL done away. Of course, they say we must keep the weekly Sabbath, but the annual Sabbaths? Oh, no! They were nailed to the cross. You know sometimes we need to look into our Bibles a little more and find out what was nailed to the cross after all and what was not because a lot of things certainly were not.

First, I'd like to have you turn to I Corinthians the fifth chapter, and beginning with verse seven, **"Purge out therefore the old leaven."** Now leaven is in God's word a type of sin, and we must purge out the old leaven. Brethren, I wonder if I can take a minute to give you some little idea and glimpse of what this is all about. I don't mean just these Holy Days, but all life, God's purpose. God is reproducing Himself. God is not one person. God is a Kingdom of persons or a family of persons.

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MAN

Now we noticed last night that in Jesus' prayer, He was praying that we would be one as He and the Father are one.



WHAT WAS NAILED?



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Now, we are many members, and the Apostle Paul explained in the fourth chapter of I Corinthians that the Church is the Body of Christ. Now, it's considered as one body, but there are many of us. It is many members, but one body. More than one person, many, many persons, but it's the one body, the one Church.

Now, Jesus is a person, and the Father is a person. They are two separate and different persons, and yet Jesus is called God, and the Father, God Almighty says that Jesus is God. He must be God if the Father calls Him that and says that He is as you read over here in Hebrews, the very first chapter of Hebrews.

"And of the angels He saith, 'Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire. But unto the Son,' " Jesus, "He saith, 'Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.' "

God is Ruler. God is Creator/Ruler, but He rules over His creation.



Now we read in the third verse here that Jesus is the express image of the Father's person, the brightness of His glory, the express image of His person, speaking of the Father. And He is said to be worthy of the worship of the angels.

The sixth verse, **“And again, when He bringeth in the first begotten into the world, He saith, ‘And let all the angels of God worship Him.’”** So, He is God, and you read that God created all things by Jesus Christ.

Now the word **“God”** back in Genesis, the first chapter, is **“Elohim”** in the Hebrew language, and it means “more than one person.” It is a community of persons, a family of persons, a Kingdom of persons. God is a Kingdom. And when Jesus came preaching the message, the gospel of the Kingdom of God, Jesus was preaching about God.

Now the world doesn't seem to know or understand what God is. I think that most people just think of God as being one person. I think most of you probably may know that He is not just one person, but I think that most of you, very probably, when you think about it, just think of one person. It's a little difficult for us to realize that God is not one person, but a family of persons, and it is a family relationship because the one is called the Father and another is called the Son.



MAN MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE AND HIS LIKENESS

Now we also can become sons of God. And Elohim said in the first chapter of Genesis, not “let Me make a man out of My image,” but **“let US.”** There was more than one there. And God created all things BY Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ is the Word who has always been the Spokesman, the Word of God.

Now, He made man in His image, and yet man was made out of the dust of the ground, and man is flesh. And then in I Corinthians 15, you read that the first man back there was made of the dust of the ground. He was of the earth, earthy. Whereas God is spirit, and then Christ is the Lord from heaven and is spirit, but Adam, the first Adam, was of the earth, earthy. And the second Adam is the Lord from Heaven, spirit.

Now, He said as we are of the earthy and are earthy, then it says we have BORNE the image of the earthy, that is made of the earth, just made out of matter. What image are we in? The image of Adam, but you read there in I Corinthians 15 about verse 47 or 48, around in there, that we **SHALL BEAR THE IMAGE OF THE HEAVENLY!**

Now, all of us combined, all of the people that were in the Church of God 50 years ago, 100 years ago, 500 years ago clear back, including the original apostles, who have been dead now



for many, many years. They are all to come up in the resurrection. They're the dead in Christ at His coming.

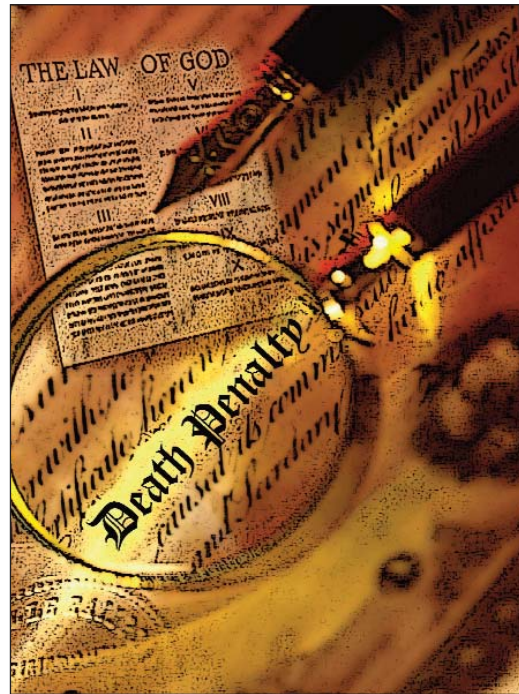
JESUS CHRIST THE FIRSTBORN OF MANY BRETHREN

Now, let's get the significance and the meaning of this. Jesus is called the Firstborn of many brethren, and over in Hebrews, the first chapter, where I was reading, again when **"He bringeth in the first begotten into the world."** He is the Firstborn, and we are to be like Him.

Jesus looked like a man, and He was in a body of flesh. He was God with us, and you read in John the first chapter that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God, always has been God. But then you read that the Word was made flesh – made flesh – then He was now flesh. In other words, the Word had been spirit, but now had been made flesh. And during that 33½ years Jesus was on this earth, He was flesh, and He was of the same flesh as the first Adam.

Now, He was the only begotten Son of God as a human being born of the virgin Mary. He was begotten of God, because Mary, as it says in scripture had **"known no man."** There was no human father of Jesus. God the Father in heaven was His Father in the sense that He was changed and made flesh by a birth from the virgin Mary, but God was His Father. Now, He had a divine Father, and He had a human mother.

And yet Jesus was made mortal and born mortal for the very purpose of death that He might taste death for everyone. But the One who died was the One who before He was changed to mortal, human flesh is the One who was divine and was the Maker of us all. So when He laid down THAT life, which we commemorated last night, He laid down a life that had been the Maker and Creator of all of us, and therefore a life that was greater in value than ALL of our lives. And therefore He was able to give a life that



was greater than as if WE ALL paid with our lives for the sins which we have committed.

Now, He had to be divine or He could not have paid for the sins of more than one other person. On the other hand, He HAD to be human because

we are human. We have sinned, and the Law claims our lives, and the Law is over us and has a claim on us and we are UNDER the Law when we sin. When you break the Law, you come under the Law, and the Law is over you, and it possesses you, and it's going to take your life. Now, the Law demands HUMAN life, and either ALL of us humans, because all have sinned, must give our lives in death that will become eternal death or else a life had to come that was greater than all of our lives, and that life had to be human.

So He was made flesh. He was made human, that He could die. And the penalty is death, and since God can't die, God the Son had to be changed, but He was not God the Son in

those days. He had to be changed into a human being as a Son of God so that He could give His life for us. Now, there is a great mystery. Can you comprehend it?

Now, when He died, He was dead. He was dead, but as the Father hath life in Himself inherent, there was still the Father in heaven that had life. So He has given to the Son to have life in Him-



self, and Jesus became the Son of God by a resurrection from the dead as you read in Romans. Just a moment, I want you to get this as background before we go into the real why of these days.

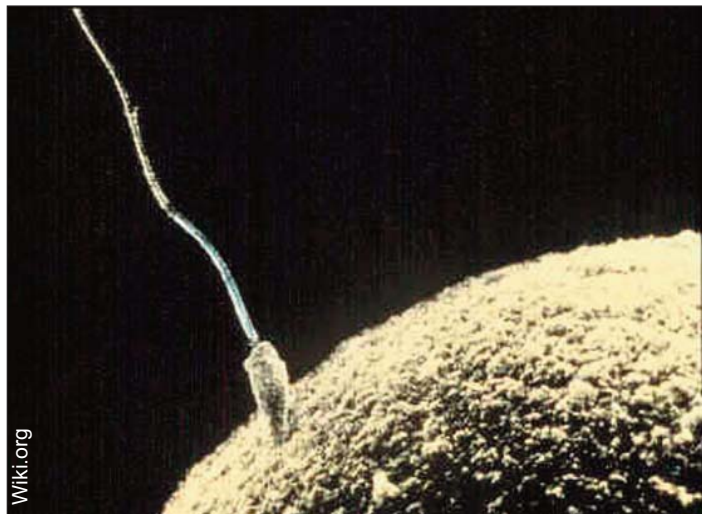
We read here in the very first chapter of Romans, concerning His Son Jesus, verse three, **“Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh.”** He was made flesh, you see, of the seed of David,” and was human, “and declared,” **He has now declared then, “to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness.”**

How? How did He become the finally divine Son of God? “By a resurrection from the dead.”

Now, brethren, He came to make possible a resurrection for us, and we, too, are to be resurrected from the dead, and He was merely the Firstborn into the Kingdom of God, Who had been human, the first human being who had been born by a resurrection as a Son of God. Now, He was AGAIN God.

And you read in the eighth chapter of Romans, you are, **“not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if it so be that the spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.”**

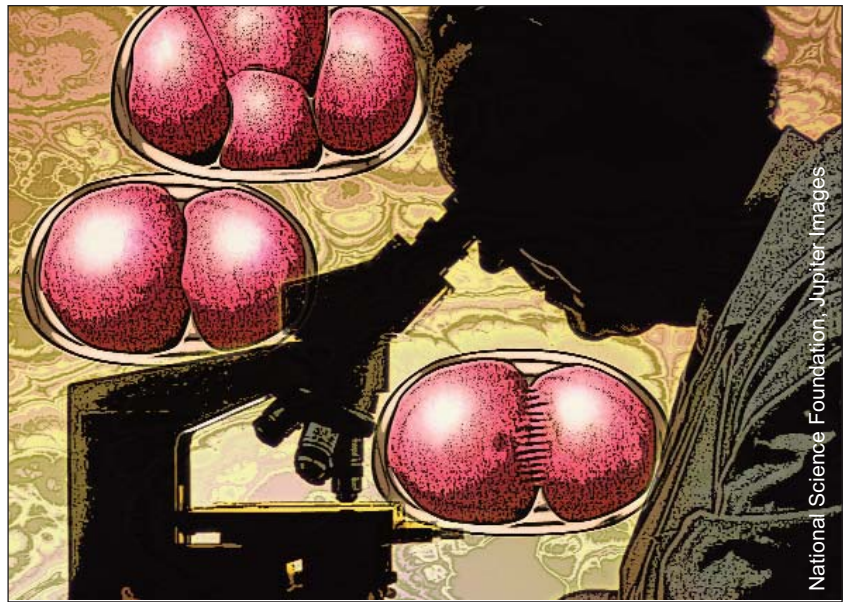
He isn't a Christian. If you have not the spirit of Christ, you are none of His. You do not belong to Him.



SPERMATOZOA, OVUM

THE TEMPORARY LIFE OF MAN

Let's understand it. God formed man of the dust of the ground, but He made man dual, male and female. God made us male and female in the beginning. And God said to the male and female be fruitful and multiply and replenish



the earth. Now, we have children born, and those children are born flesh. And every child that is born comes from an egg, an egg from the mother, and we call it technically and scientifically an ovum. And that ovum has no life inherent in itself. It is not a human being. It has no power to make itself a person or a human being of itself, whatsoever.

But when the life-giving power that is called a sperm or spermatozoa from the male, or from the father, finally is able to enter the hard wall of that ovum, and that ovum in the human being is no larger than a pinpoint. And the life-giving sperm or spermatozoa from the father is very much smaller, so small that it could not be seen at all with the naked eye, perhaps only one hundredth part as large as the ovum, which in itself is only the size of a pinpoint. And scientists can show us illustrations by magnification.

Now, in that ovum, that egg, is a nucleus. That nucleus is the portion of that egg that has a possibility of life, but of itself there is no life. And it is going to live, scientists now tell us, just 24 hours after it comes to its life, leaving the ovary where it is produced. It will only live 24 hours, and it will die, but if in that 24 hours it is impregnated by a spermatozoa then a human being takes place.

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Meaning of the Night to Be Much Observed

By Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong
April 6, 1955

It occurred to me that perhaps there are many of you here for the first time, and some of you may not completely understand this occasion tonight. You may not understand why we have a Feast. And so I thought that I would just briefly, explain to you. Now, the children of Israel were being called to become a nation and the Church.

They were still in Egypt. They were slaves, and you know how God performed miracles.

He sent plagues on the Egyptians. Actually, what He did He turned their own gods against them.

They worshipped flies and the Nile River and things like that, for instance, and He caused those things that they worshipped as gods to turn against them, until finally the plagues got so intense that Pharaoh finally weakened when his own son was killed and died and then let them go.

So they were delivered from Egypt. Egypt is the type and the picture of sin.

BEGINNING OF GOD'S NEW YEAR

Now, God had told them earlier in that month, **"The Eternal spoke unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 'This month shall be unto you the beginning of months.'**

"It shall be the first month of the year unto you. Speak ye unto the congregation of Israel, saying, 'In the 10th day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb according to the house'." It was to be without spot and blemish. This lamb is a type of Christ. I'd like to explain this.

GOD'S PASSOVER

It says, **"Ye shall keep it up until the 14th day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it,"** it says here in the evening, but in the margin we read **"between the two evenings."**

Erev is the word for evening, but there is the word "between," between *Erevs*. There were two evenings, and that was between sunset and dark, right after the sun had set at the very beginning of the 14th day in the twilight period, the dusk period just before dark they killed it.



Now, they ate that lamb that night. They were told they could not leave the house all that night. **“They shall eat the flesh in that night ... and ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning and that which remains of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.”**

Everything that was eatable they were to eat. And in the morning they were to burn the rest of it and they were told that they could not go out of the door of their houses ALL THAT NIGHT, because the blood on the upper doorpost and the side post and the upper doorpost of the houses was the protection and the death angel came through at midnight that night and struck dead the firstborn in every house except where that blood was.

The blood saved them from death just as the blood of Christ will save you and me from death. So they were commanded to stay in their houses all night. **“You shall not go out at the door of the house until morning.”** That’s verse 22.

Now it came to pass that at midnight the Eternal smote the firstborn in the land of Egypt. Now at midnight, this death angel came through and struck dead the firstborn in every house except where that blood was on the outside doorposts. And the Egyptians were on the people that they might send them out of the land in haste.

Now, they couldn’t leave that night. It was after midnight that the Pharaoh called Moses and Aaron again to tell them to get out. When the morning came, they had to burn what was left of the lambs that they couldn’t eat. **“And the Egyptians were urgent on the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste.”** They were afraid they would all be dead if they didn’t. **“And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed from the Egyptians jewels of silver and jewels of gold,”** and clothing.

They had been serving them there for, well, it wasn’t a complete 430 years. It’s really 430 years from the time of Abraham, but they had been there, in fact, I suppose in approximate, I’ve seen that figured out, about 200 years or more, and their fathers and grandfathers and great-grandfathers before them as slaves. And they hadn’t been paid any wages, so God saw that the Egyptians gave them a little slight payment on what they earned anyway and then they went out of Egypt.



Now, in Deuteronomy the 16th chapter and the first verse, you read this: **“Observe the month of Abib.”** It’s called Abib and in Babylon the Jews found that they called this month Nisan. So sometimes you find it Nisan. That’s in the Bible, too, and in some places Abib. Now, some of you may wonder which is which. Well, Nisan and Abib are just two different names for the same month. One is the Hebrew name. Abib is the Hebrew

name, and Nisan is the Chaldean name in the Chaldean language.

“Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover unto the Eternal thy God: for in the month of Abib the Eternal thy God brought thee forth OUT of Egypt by NIGHT.”

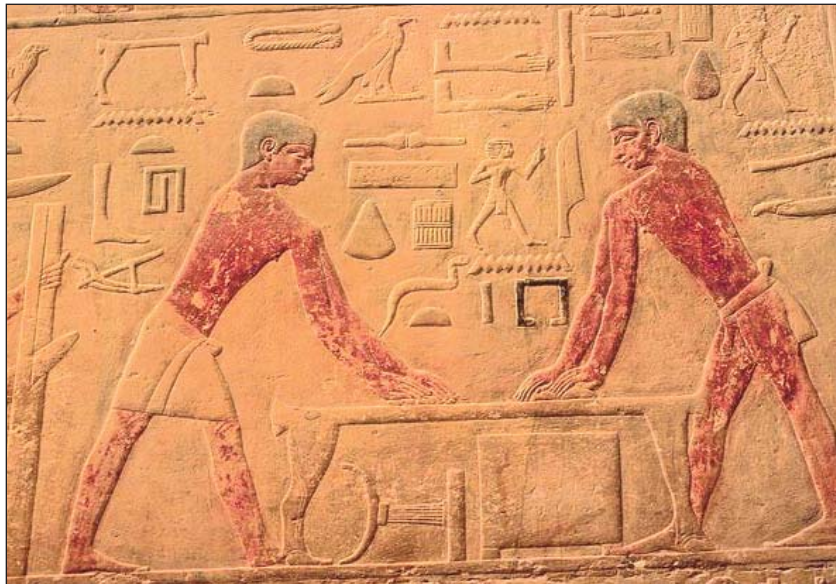
THE NIGHT TO BE MUCH REMEMBERED

Now God brought them OUT. They didn’t start to go out of Egypt until NIGHT on the following day. All of the day after sun up the next day after the Passover they were getting ready.

There were at least five or six million of them! There were 600,000 men beside the women and children. Now, there were probably 600,000 women if there were 600,000 men.

That's a million, two hundred thousand. Now it's even the children they were having in Egypt those days. They had anywhere from 10 to 20 children per a family.

So you can know that if there were a million, two hundred thousand adult people that there must have been at least let's say, certainly three or four million, and it would take time to get that many people together and get them going out.



EGYPTIAN BREAD MAKING

Now we turn back here to the 13th chapter, or the 12th chapter of Exodus again, and we read beginning verse 40, **“Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.”** Actually, it was 430 years from Abraham.

“And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the self-

same day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the *Eternal* went out from the land of Egypt.”

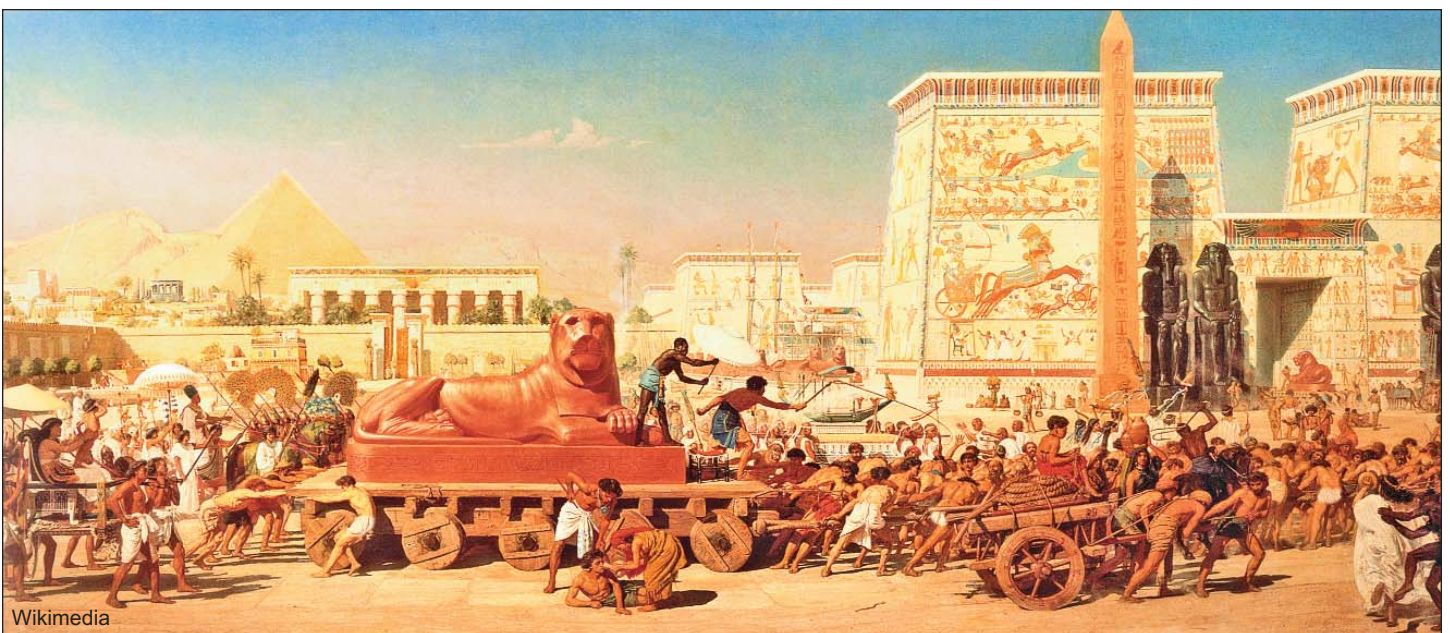
So they were all day in making the preparation and borrowing these jewels and things. Now, we find in Numbers 33 and verse 3 here that they departed from Rameses which is in Egypt, in the first month ON the 15th day of the first month on the MORROW AFTER the Passover.

The Passover was at sundown the 14th. Now they left on the MORROW AFTER, ONE DAY after they ate the lamb, and killed the lamb.

On the MORROW AFTER the Passover they started to go out of Egypt, and they went out by night, so they didn't go out until SUNSET that night on the 15th.

“All the hosts,” anywhere from three to six million people. **“It is a NIGHT,”** now listen, they went out of Egypt, it is a NIGHT, **“a NIGHT to be much observed unto the *Eternal* for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: THIS is that NIGHT of the *Eternal* to be OBSERVED of ALL the children of Israel IN THEIR GENERATIONS.”**

We are children of Israel, and our generations are still going on. Now it is a NIGHT and this is a NIGHT to be observed, and this is that night. It's the night AFTER the Passover. Last night we took the Passover, which was the picture of the crucifixion of Christ. Only Jesus, as I ex-



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ISRAEL COMING OUT OF EGYPT

plained last night, had changed it from the killing of the lamb, shedding its blood and eating its roast body. Jesus changed it to the taking of the bread and the wine. GOD DOES NOT CONDEMN WINE! He only condemns excess! WE SERVE RED WINE HERE TONIGHT!

Well, let's go on with this. Now we come on to the 13th chapter of Exodus and in verse three, **"Moses said unto the people, Remember this day in which you came OUT OF Egypt, OUT OF the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the *Eternal* brought you OUT FROM this place: there shall be no leavened bread eaten."**

Now, he says remember the day you came out of Egypt. That's the day AFTER the Passover. **"This day came ye out in the month of Abib. And it shall be that when the *Eternal* shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites ... a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month."** You see, God has commanded we do it. This was LONG before the Old Covenant began. This was LONG before the Law of Moses.

"Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread." As they went out of Egypt, which pictures going out of sin, we put leaven out of our home, which pictures putting sin out of our lives. We can't go into Egypt and go out so we just put leaven out of our homes for seven days. Leaven of itself isn't wrong. It's just something that puffs up, and sin puffs up so it's a symbol of sin, that's all. It's perfectly all right to

put the leaven back when these days are over. It's just to picture something to us.

"Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast unto the *Eternal*" and that will be next Wednesday, today is the first day, beginning tonight. This is the first day of the festival. Last night was the Passover, a separate

festival of itself. Tonight begins a second festival.

"Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days: and there shall be NO leavened bread seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in ALL thy quarters. And

thou shalt shew thy son in that day, saying, This is done because," Now, why do we do it? Here's the reason. Listen carefully. **"Thou shalt say unto thy son ... this is done because of that which the *Eternal* did unto me when I came out of Egypt. And it shall be for a SIGN,"** A SIGN, have you ever heard of the mark of the beast on the right hand and in the forehead? Well, here is God's sign. A mark is branded on a person. A sign is something you take voluntarily.



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A MARK BRANDED, A SIGN VOLUNTARY

A sign, well, here we see a sign down on the corner, it says Drugs, Jones and Company. Now, that tells you what it is, it's a drug store. Jones is the man who owns it. It identifies that store, describes and identifies. Now, you put a brand on cattle, sheep, and that identifies the cattle or the sheep and tells you who owns it. The difference is that the brand or the mark is put on by force, and a sign you have to take voluntarily.

Now, God's sign in the right hand and the forehead, I want you to notice, **"it shall be for a sign unto thee upon THINE HAND and for a MEMORIAL between THINE EYES,"** that's our forehead, between our eyes. **"That the *Eternal*'s law may be in thy mouth."** It is the sign by



COMING OUT OF SIN

which we are reminded we must put sin out of our lives, because sin is the transgression of the law and that the LORD's law will be in our mouths and in our hearts, but we can say with David, **"Oh, how love I thy law. It is my meditation all the day."** But we are living by the law of God instead of by the ways of people and the way that may seem right to us.

"For with a strong hand hath the *Eternal* brought thee out of Egypt. Thou shalt therefore KEEP this ordinance in HIS SEASON from YEAR TO YEAR." Now, I want to read you two or three other little scriptures. In Numbers 28 and the 16th and 17th verses: **"In the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of the *Eternal*."** Now, what's in the 14th day? The Passover.

"And in the fifteenth day of this month is the FEAST," that's what we're having tonight. In the 15th day of this month is the Feast. Now, what is the 14th? Is that the Feast? No, that's the Passover. What is the 15th? Is that the time for the Passover? No, that's the Feast. Did you notice the difference? All right, now in Leviticus 23, **"In the fourteenth day," IN it not AFTER it, "in the fourteenth day of the first month,"** between the two evenings, **"is the *Eternal*'s Passover. And ON the fifteenth day of the same month is the FEAST of Unleavened bread."** The FEAST of Unleavened Bread.

Now then, we turn on over here into I Corinthians 5 and the Apostle Paul gave this instruction to the Gentile Christians at Corinth. He said, **"Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump,"** that is the old sins out of your life, that you can be a new lump. **"As ye are unleavened, For even Christ OUR PASSOVER is sacrificed for us: Therefore,"** in view of the fact that our sins are for-

given, in view of the fact that Christ died for us there is something we go ahead and do as a result. Now what is that? **"Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, THEREFORE, LET US KEEP THE FEAST!"** Well, people say to me, "What he's trying to say here is let us keep the Passover." NO. He says, **"LET US KEEP THE FEAST!"** In the 14th day is the Passover and the 15th day is the Feast, and the Apostle Paul says **"Let us KEEP THE FEAST!"** And he's talking about the Passover and the Feast. And because Christ is dead, because our sins are forgiven, let us come out of sin and quit sinning, which the Feast pictures.

Now back in Exodus 12 again and verse 14: **"This day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast."** Now this is a feast day tonight. Or feast! **"To the *Eternal* throughout your generations; ye shall KEEP IT A FEAST by an ordinance FOR EVER!" FOREVER!** Way before the Law of Moses. Way before the Old Covenant was given.

"Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread," and **"the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses. And on the first day there shall be an holy convocation,"** an annual Sabbath Day, and the seventh day is an annual Sabbath Day.

"And you shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies OUT of the land of Egypt: therefore shall you observe this day in your generations by an ordinance FOREVER!" Twice it is commanded forever!

Now, we've read over here before, later in the same chapter as I did read to you **"The selfsame day it came to pass ... the hosts of the *Eternal* went out from ... Egypt. It is a NIGHT to be much observed."** This is that NIGHT of the *Eternal* to be observed by the children of Israel in their generations, and it is a FEAST.

Now, the Jewish people still observe it as a Feast. They have a big feast on this night. They do not observe the Passover, but they call this the Passover. This is the Sabbath day now and annual Holy Day.



Editor's Comment: To make room for this sermon to fit into an article, it was necessary to edit out a large portion from it. However what was removed did not take away from the subject matter. For those who would like to have the complete sermon, please write or call and it will be mailed to you on a CD or Cassette.

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Personal from the Editor

By Alton B. 'Don' Billingsley

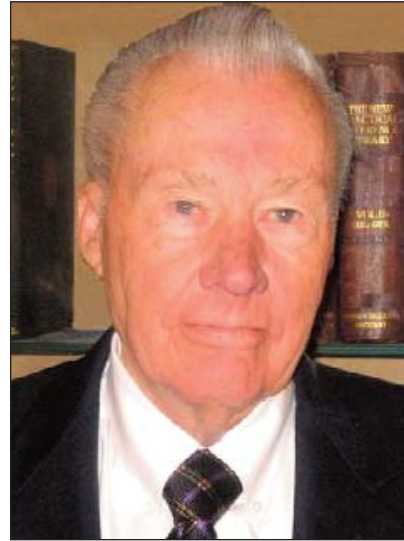
Passover 2010! The Passover is always a time of testing for the members of God's Church, and this year presents an even greater TEST than ever before for each of us!

This country is on the very precipice, the very edge of terrible problems surfacing as never before witnessed by this generation – problems that could spell the end of this country – along with the deaths of thousands of members of God's Church!

Home Security recently stated biochemicals are now the major danger facing this country, specifically mentioned – the use of anthrax.

To remain or come under the protective caring love of Jesus Christ from all that we will soon be experiencing, we **MUST BE OBSERVING** the Passover in the manner prescribed by Jesus Christ our Lord, *not man!* It is the most important of all observances in God's Master Plan.

And sadly, based on the doctrinal belief and teaching of the United Church of God, the Church of God International Community and probably other Corporate Churches of God, better than 25,000 members are follow-



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ing their erroneous teachings by taking the Passover in vain! (I Corinthians 11:27-32)

Not to partake of it in the Scripturally prescribed manner, as thousands of members have been doing, can lead them into the *Great Tribulation!*

And based on what we are now witnessing in this nation and the world, with the prophetic teachings of Jesus Christ in mind, this will undoubtedly be the **YEAR** in which will be the beginning of terrible things to befall the House of Joseph that will lead to the **"... the great and dreadful day of the Lord."** It seems without question its fullness will have been reached *within* this 19-year time frame!

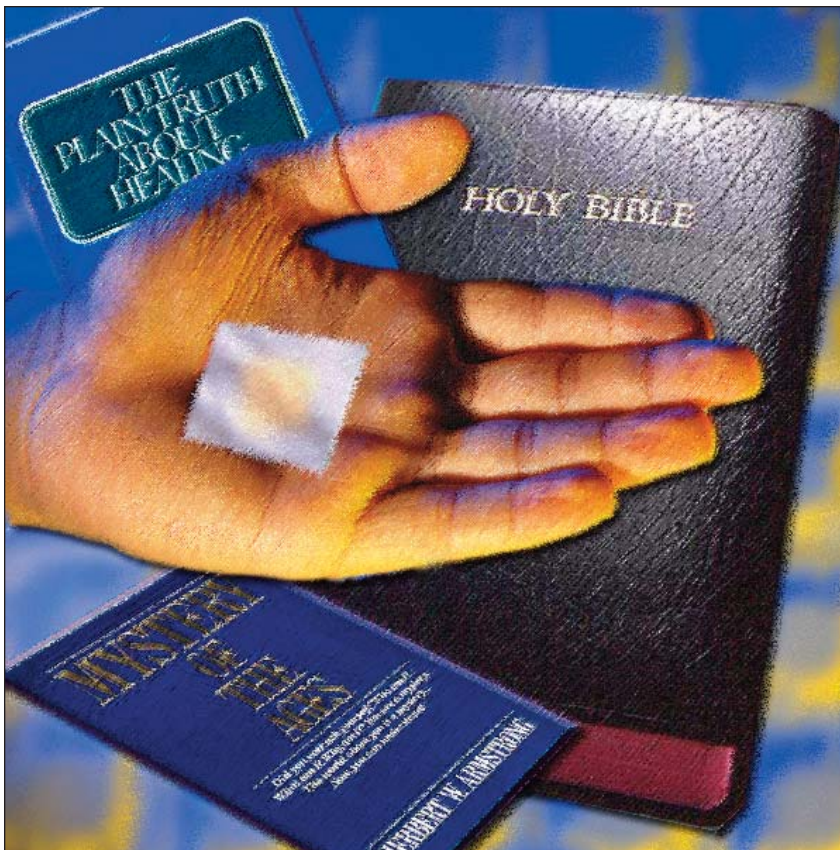
Time is of the essence! Prophecy makes known there is not much of it left before the house of Joseph and the other tribes of Israel will cease to exist as nations.

With these critical times in mind, while knowing only God's true people, the elect, of the Philadelphia Era of His Church will be counted worthy to escape all these things just before us, I want to dwell upon the vital importance of partaking of the bread and wine in the Passover service in the manner as taught by Holy Scripture – for in so doing this will be a huge step in the direction of God's divine protection.

THE PASSOVER SERVICE

*"Then He (Jesus) took the **CUP**, and gave thanks, and said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves ...' And He took **BREAD**, gave thanks and **BROKE** it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is **MY BODY** which is given for you; do this **IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.**' Likewise He took the **CUP** after supper, saying, 'This **CUP** is the New Covenant in My **BLOOD**, which is **SHED** for you' (Luke 22:17, 19-20)."*





this change would make it much easier to move the membership into the camp of the pagan teachings of Jezebel as personified by Protestant teachings (Revelation 2:20). Satan knew the truth of what Mr. Armstrong wrote in his letter that was mailed with the anointed cloths to ailing members: **Quote:** *"Healing expresses a deeply personal relationship between an individual and his God."*

Satan had to destroy this relationship – and he did with the majority of the membership through their acceptance of this lie! As ministers, we were instructed by Mr. Tkach that when praying for the sick we were not to ask for the application of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ to them.

References were removed from the Passover Service. Declaring that Christ had revealed "additional new truth to His church," Mr. Tkach stated, "on the authority of Jesus Christ" [*authority he did not have*] established a new healing doctrine that is the exact opposite of what Mr. Armstrong had taught throughout his ministry (*The Worldwide News*, March 23, 1987).

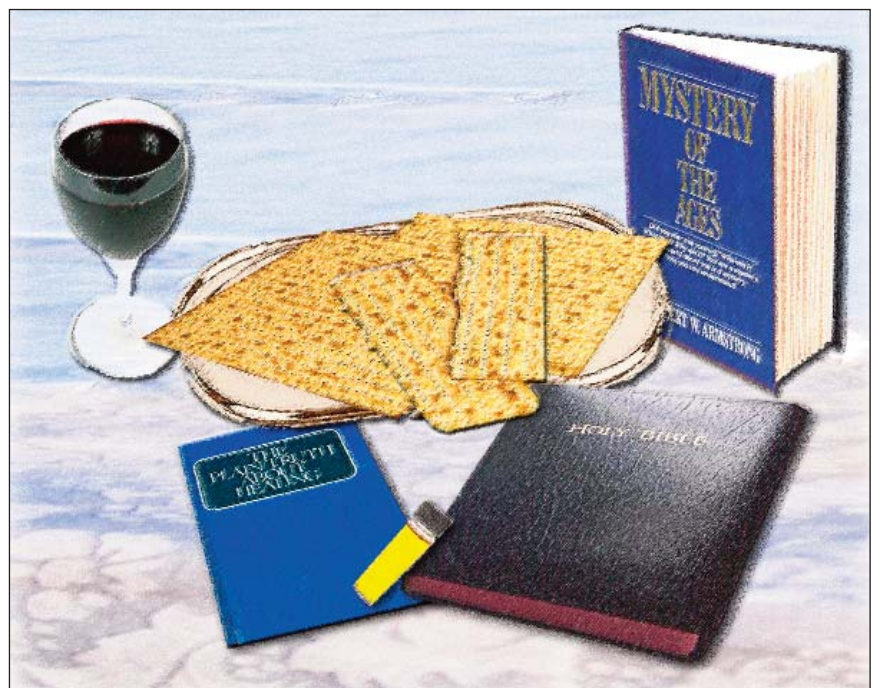
Since the Passover will come earlier this year on the Roman calendar, there is little time left to prepare for this most sacred, solemn and vital service! There is great need now for each of us to seriously ponder if we are going to be partaking of it in *an unworthy manner*. Though ministers will be held accountable for the wrong teaching of it, one should also know that God holds each of us accountable for our own individual salvation (I Corinthians 10:20).

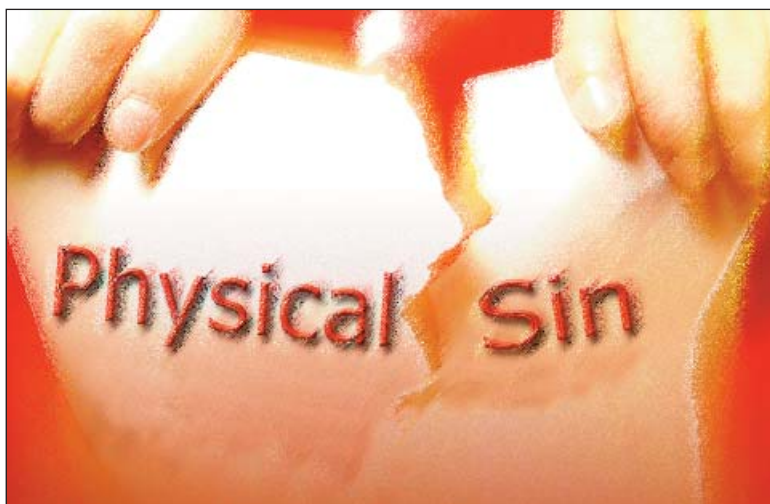
Mr. Tkach continued, "Certainly God has not promised to heal everybody every time. . . . Still, we must ask whether God has bound Himself to heal *every* person who has the faith and obeys Him. The answer is *no*. God has *not* bound Himself to heal everyone who has faith and obeys." *A bald-faced lie!* (Matthew 8:2-3, James 5:14-15)

THE DOCTRINAL CHANGE OF THE PASSOVER SERVICE

Sadly, *the United Church of God and the Church of God, International Community* are following the same erroneous teaching as changed and taught by the apostate Pastor General Joseph Tkach regarding the doctrinal teaching of **HEALING** with the *disclaimer* that it is not always God's will to HEAL! This was perpetrated on the ministers and members of the Worldwide Church of God prior to the Passover in 1987.

This was *their first official doctrinal change*. **Question:** Why was the doctrine of HEALING the first one to be changed? **The answer:** Satan sought to destroy the relationship between God our Father and Jesus Christ and Their begotten sons and daughters! Making





These statements are directly from the arsenal of Satan the devil (Ephesians 6:11; II Corinthians 11:3, 13-15). As Jesus said, "... *Satan is a liar and the father of lies!*" (John 8:44)

Compare that with what Mr. Armstrong wrote in the ORIGINAL UNEDITED VERSION of *The Plain Truth About Healing*: "NOWHERE IN THE BIBLE DOES GOD SAY, 'IF it be God's will'! This very verse, along with many others I have given you, EXPRESSES God's will! Notice that sly, subtle IF. That is **satanic!**"

THE LIE TO SUPPORT HIS DOCTRINAL CHANGE

Mr. Tkach wrote in his "Personal" in the *Worldwide News*, March 14, 1988, "**But as the end of his life drew near, Mr. Armstrong made it clear to me that he now questioned his understanding on the use of the medical profession. But as he was in no condition to do further study, and although he had a few years earlier written in the strongest terms against any change in the healing doctrine, it was left to me to correct the misunderstanding.**"

This lie about Mr. Armstrong was cleverly written with no support in writing or on tape – just his own word – which has since been proved to be worthless! We were expected to believe this on his say so; yet from what I was personally told by a high official who had business dealings with Mr. Tkach on a daily work day week Mr. Tkach lied all the time.

Mr. Tkach's lies and treachery can be easily documented and verified. Sometime before Dr. Hoeh died, I told him that I did not feel Mr. Joseph Tkach was converted. He countered by saying, "I think his father was." Since his father lived in the Chicago area, I did not know him.

THE TRUTH (John 17:17)

This lie can easily be seen for what it was by *reviewing* what Mr. Armstrong wrote about HEALING in his new book, *Mystery of the Ages*, in which he continued to affirm his long-held Scriptural belief and teaching regarding HEALING.

In two of his last letters that were reproduced in his *Autobiography*, volume II, pages 637, 640-641, he wrote –

September 12, 1985 (written 126 days before his death, January 16, 1986)

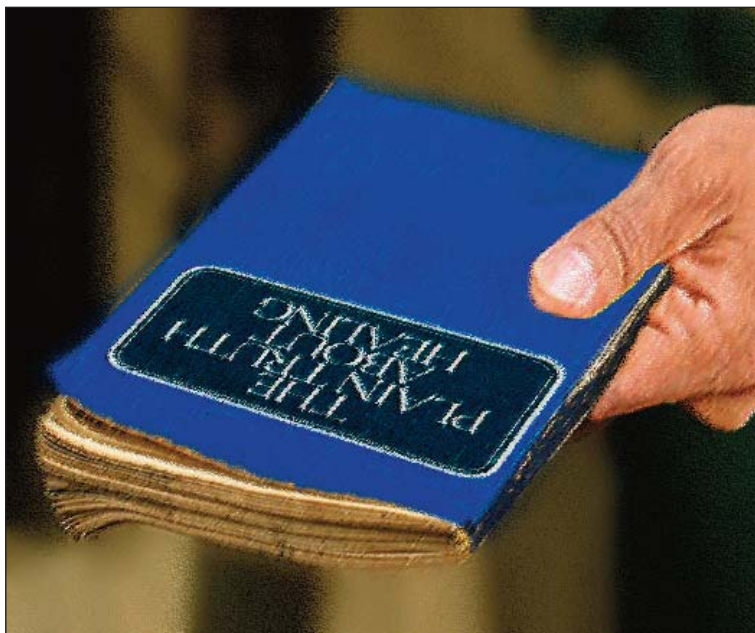
Dear Brethren and Co-Workers with Christ,

"Since last December I have been working diligently on the largest and most important book of my life. In real fact I feel myself did not write it. Rather, I believe God used me in writing it, I candidly feel it is the most important book I have ever written. It is named *Mystery of the Ages*. Actually it is a synopsis of the Bible in the most plain and understandable language. ..."

November 25, 1985 (52 days before the death of Mr. Armstrong)

Dear Brethren and Co-Workers with Christ,

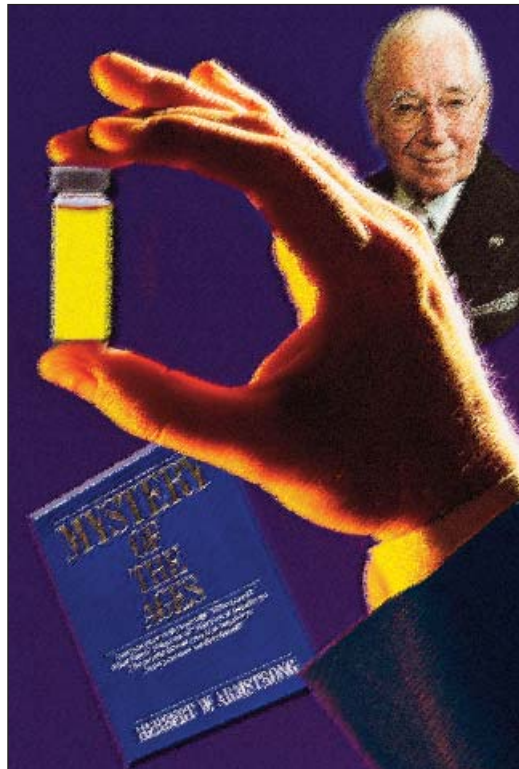
"... With the writing of the new book *Mystery of the Ages* God has helped me this year to do the best work of my ninety-three years of life! ..."



MYSTERY OF THE AGES

Note a few excerpts by Mr. Armstrong from this original unedited most important book: *Mystery of the Ages*, where he addressed the subject of Healing and Physical Sin, pages 211-213.

Jesus Beaten for our Healing
“We need to bear in mind that though Jesus Christ was God in the human flesh, He was also human even as you and I. He could suffer the same physical pains ... He suffered the process of dying as no other human ever did. This indescribable scourging was endured that believers might be healed from PHYSICAL TRANSGRESSION [physical sin], sicknesses or disease (Isaiah 53:5; I Peter 2:24). [My emphasis]



with Isaiah 52:13-14, 53:4-6; II Peter 2:23; Matthew 8:16-17].” His broken body has “far more significance,” Mr. Tkach said. The sacrifice of Jesus should not be separated according to the broken body and the shed blood, he said. Both blend together as one supreme sacrifice. Furthermore, while Mr. Armstrong believed it is always God’s will to heal [although it is up to God to determine *when* and *how*], Mr. Tkach said healing was not a promise from God, but rather a blessing – and that it was not always God’s will to grant that blessing. This cunning lie was skillfully crafted and had the same approach that was used by Satan with Eve in the Garden of Eden! It worked then, and did again in 1986-1987!

Since there was the connection between healing and physical sin in *Mystery of the Ages*, Mr. Tkach also lied about *Mystery of the Ages* saying that Mr. Armstrong said before he died that it needed to be edited! (*They did edit it at first then the order was given to take all of the books to the landfill; Mr. Gerald Flurry also has made edits in his re-production of this book.*)

There was no proof offered in any form from Mr. Tkach – just his say so! Mr. Hulme repeated this lie to me saying that Mr. Armstrong changed before he died. I replied, “No, David, He did not!” He never responded.

PHYSICAL SIN

Mr. Tkach had to remove the reading of *Mystery of the Ages* from the membership or they would see the TRUTH, not only about *HEALING AND PHYSICAL SIN*, but also the truth about other subtle changes that began to be made that connected with *Protestant teachings* – all replacing the true teachings. And time has proved this to be true!

A booklet was written by Mr. Tkach and Mr. Schnippert titled, *The Plain Truth about Healing*. In this booklet, and writings also by others, was made the erroneous claim there is no such thing as Physical Sin.

Mr. Tkach made the claim in his booklet – “There is no such thing as physical sin. There may be a cause for physical sickness, but it is not physical sin. Therefore, Jesus was not beaten for our healing [compare this lie

THE DEATHS OF MR. TKACH AND MR. HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

In view of Satan’s use of Mr. Tkach to bring about the destruction of the doctrinal teachings, which included the change in *HEALING* that connected with *PHYSICAL SIN*, it is not surprising that Mr. Tkach died a horrible and excruciating painful death in 1995 of bone cancer while under a doctor’s care in a hospital.

Undoubtedly, he had been anointed for his healing. Whether or not, God does not hear the prayers of sinners (John 9:31); therefore God did not intervene for him for what he had done to His Church. In actual fact, based on Scripture, it is my personal belief that God killed him. ***“We reap what we sow!”*** (Galatians 6:7)

In contrast, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong died a peaceful death in his home in Pasadena.

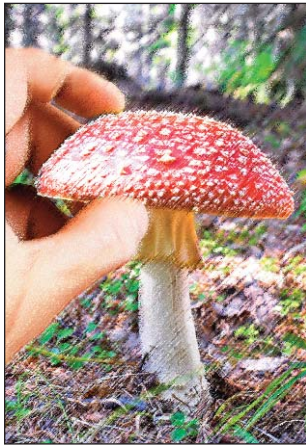
MINISTERS HAVE LOST THE UNDERSTANDING THEY ONCE HAD

Because of the acceptance of these erroneous teachings of healing and physical sin by most, if not all, the top leadership of the original Worldwide Church of God under the leadership of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, specifically those in *The United Church of God* and *The Church of God, an International Community*, have lost their understanding of what the symbolic meaning is of the BREAD we are to eat during the Passover service in memory of what Jesus Christ endured in His final hours of human life.

The doctrinal teaching of the *United Church of God* and the *Church of God, an International Community*, is: ***“There is NO SUCH THING AS PHYSICAL SIN!”***

During a luncheon meeting in Modesto, California, Dr. Donald Ward told me that “Sin is sin!” Further, he said, if I were to give him an hour he would cause me to change my mind from my belief there is a differentiation between spiritual and physical sin. I replied that he could not for I have proved

this to myself. He had nothing further to say about it.



To make a point: Recently a man in our area mistakenly ate a toadstool, thinking it was a mushroom, and died from it. He broke a physical law, not a spiritual law! The same is true with people killed in car accidents, etc. There is a difference!

In contrast to their erroneous beliefs about healing and physical healing, God’s late apostle and the promised Elijah to come in this end time, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, wrote the following:

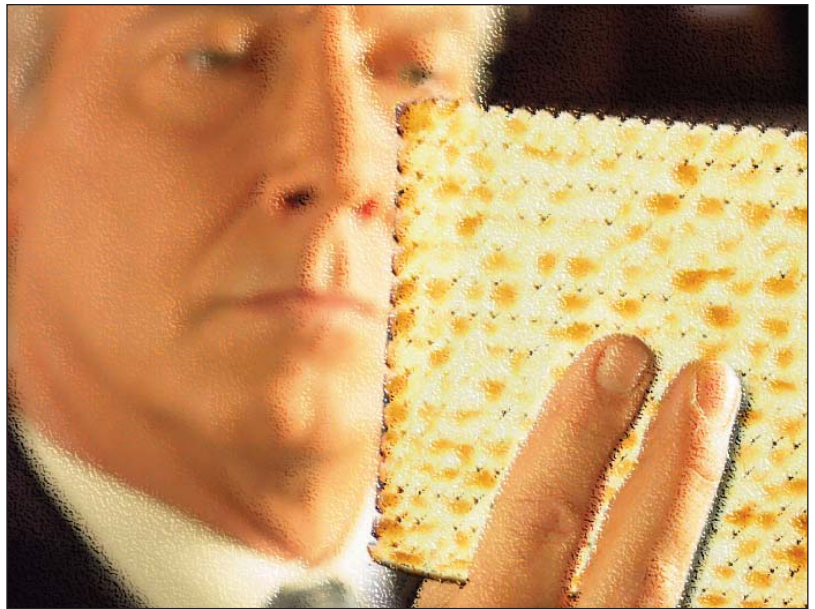
The Plain Truth About Healing, 1979 publication, Page 47, “... To say there is no such thing as Physical Sin, as has been said by self-professing intellectuals, is not intellectual – it is rank STUPIDITY, IGNORANCE OR WILLFUL PERVERSION OF PLAIN SIMPLE TRUTH.”

During the last year of his life, Mr. Armstrong wrote briefly about this subject:

Mystery of the Ages, Pages 211-213, Jesus Beaten for Our Healing

“... This indescribable scourging was endured that believers might be healed from physical transgression [physical sin] sicknesses or disease (Isaiah 53:5; I Peter 2:24).

“What a terrible price our own very Maker paid that we might, by believing, be healed. Yet nearly all professing believers totally ignore what their Savior provided for them, and in-

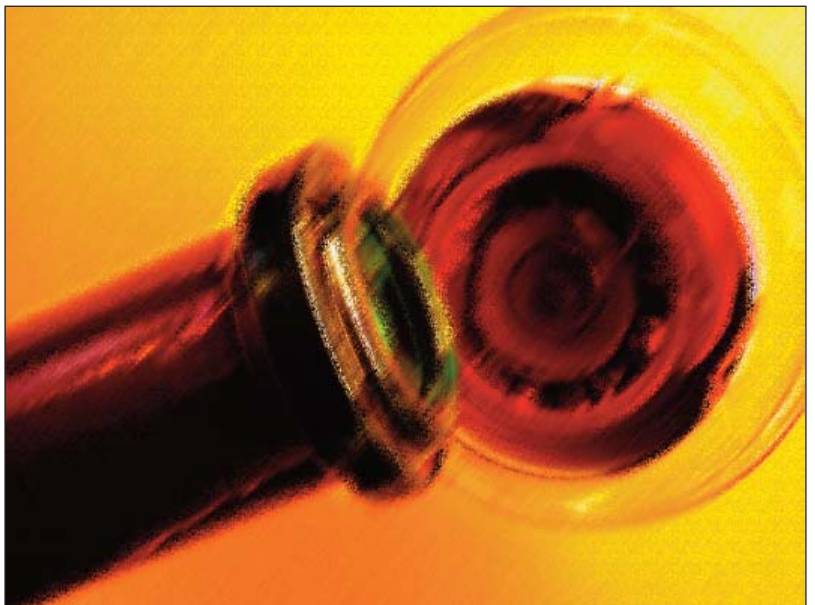


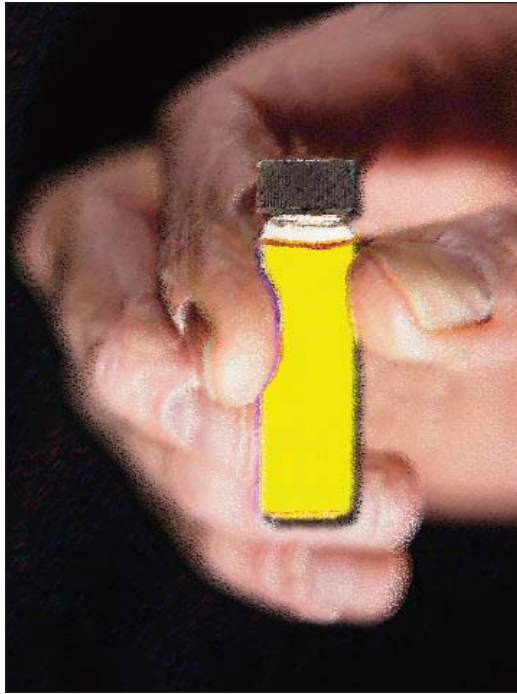
stead of relying on Him, put their faith in human doctors, drugs, medicines and knives.”

NOTE: Physical transgressions of God’s natural laws have a physical penalty we pay – that is termed physical sin. I Corinthians 11:29-30 – by not discerning the body of Jesus Christ was beaten to pay the penalty for us can either bring sickness or an early death according to the writing of the apostle Paul.

Scripture is very clear that unless these ministers come to see their error and repent, they are headed for terrible deaths in the ***Great Tribulation, if not before!***

This will also be true with their membership as well for accepting their teachings and partaking of the Passover in an unworthy manner.





Do NOT be deceived by their skillful teaching about the Passover! To make the point, just prior to the Passover during my first year with Mr. Hulme, we as pastors were sent the Passover service we were to use. After seeing it was the wrong Passover service, I confronted him about it. He said it would be corrected. After learning it had not been, I asked him about it after the Passover. He said, "I mentioned it." – meaning the bread in connection with the Passover. Mentioned it as opposed to the true teaching of it.

Ask your minister ahead of time what he is going to use for the Passover service, the true one by Mr. Armstrong – or the one propagated by an apostate Pastor General.

MR. ARMSTRONG UNDER A DOCTOR'S CARE

There are those who bring up the argument that Mr. Armstrong was under a medical doctor's care and also took medicines and blood transfusions some little time before he died. Not being there at the time, I do not know.

Whatever he might have done, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong knew that when he himself did accept some things offered by the doctor that attended him that it was only an aid – *not a healing*. Only God through Jesus Christ could heal, and he

knew that! He had no real faith in the doctor he had or what the doctor gave him to take for his healing – *only an aid*.

This could be likened to anyone wearing eye glasses or diabetics taking insulin (something the body no longer supplies). Neither will heal them; they are only crutches to use until their healing takes place – *only an aid*.

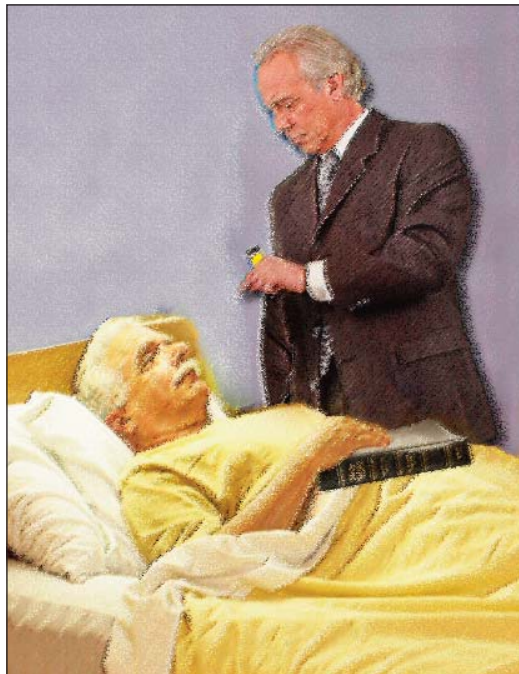
In his booklet, *The Plain Truth about Healing*, 1979 publication, Mr. Armstrong tried hard to show the balance between what the doctors can do for members and where to draw the line in healing. Members are encouraged to re-view the booklet.

Please note a writing on this subject by Mr. Armstrong:

***The Plain Truth* Personal from the Editor, (Herbert W. Armstrong, December 1967) What Our Creator Says About Health and Sickness**

"It is God's will that we be **IN HEALTH** (III John 2). God intended us to obey His laws – His physical laws that operate in our bodies for good health as well as His Spiritual Law. Yet He knew our weaknesses and rebellious nature. When we repent of breaking His Spiritual Law and transgressing against Him, our loving and merciful Father has provided a way for removing the penalty – through Jesus' sacrifice, paying the penalty in our stead.

"In like manner, when nature's laws have been broken, this is God's instruction to those who have become His begotten children:



ANOINTING THE SICK

"Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and THE PRAYER OF FAITH shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him (James 5:14-15)."

"Notice important specific points in that instruction. First, it is addressed to, and pertains to those who have become God's own begotten children – those who **ARE** Christ's – and in **Romans 8:9** it is made plain that **ONLY** those who have, and are being **LED BY**, in daily living **(verse 14)** His Holy Spirit, are

Christ's. Next, it says the prayer of FAITH shall save the sick. But James also says (**chapter 1:6-7**) that if one's faith wavers, he will not receive the answer. Yet also, in the 'faith chapter' of the Bible, **Hebrews 11**, we read this: '**he that cometh to God must BELIEVE that He IS, and that He is a REWARDER of them that diligently seek Him** (verse 6).'

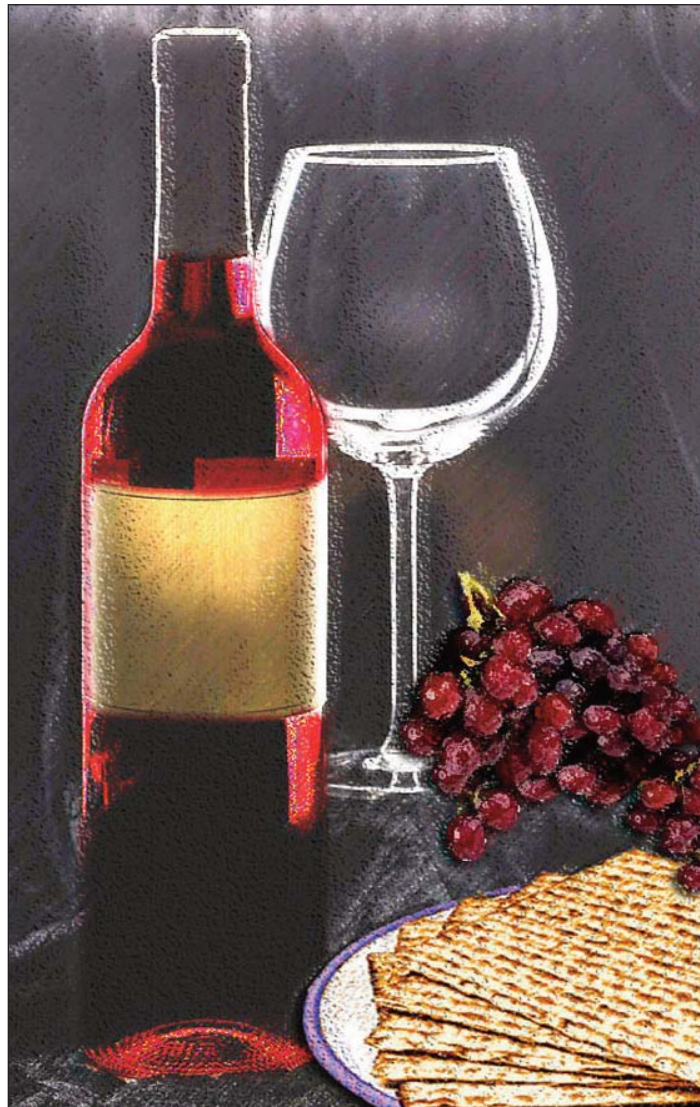
"And again, what we ask of Him we receive **BECAUSE** we keep His Commandments, and do those things that please Him (**I John 3:22**).

"So, although God **DOES HEAL**, there are conditions – we do have our part to perform.

"Notice further: When the sick came to Jesus, He healed them '**... that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, 'Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses'** (Matthew 8:17) and that '**by whose STRIPES ye were healed** (I Peter 2:24).' Before Jesus was crucified, He was beaten with stripes – paying the penalty of our **PHYSICAL** transgressions in our stead.

"This kind of healing – and nothing else **IS** actual **HEALING** – is a divine miracle, **FORGIVING** physical **SIN** – and removing its penalty. It is a **MOST SERIOUS THING**, not to be taken lightly – not to be made a mockery of by fanatical and wild public demonstrations in 'healing meetings' Jesus healed – the apostles healed – He gave **AUTHORITY** to His ministers to heal – but they did it quietly, without demonstration, as a ministry of **LOVE** – not as a highly publicized circus sideshow to attract crowds.

"This sort of sensational 'divine healing' is **NOT** the way of God. Such practices today have only brought ridicule and discredit and in no sense do I advocate or approve it! The courts and law-enforcing agencies, as a result of these



UNSCRIPTURAL divine healing practices, are completely hostile to 'divine healing.' But what Jesus did, and commissioned **HIS** true ministers to do, **IS SOMETHING ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT**.

"Real healing by God's power is a matter of **FORGIVING SIN** – sin against the physical body. Read **Luke 5:18-26**. None but **GOD** can forgive sin (**verse 21**). Doctors, therefore, **CANNOT HEAL**. They can work **WITH** nature's laws – but that is not **HEALING**.

"Do we, then, advise people **AGAINST** going to medical doctors? **BY NO MEANS**. Doctors have their place in this world. But the healing that God performs is **NOT OF THIS WORLD**.

"I have answered the call of thousands, who have come to me for prayer for healing. **Many HAVE been healed – miraculously – of even**

cancer and an advanced case, in a hospital, of leukemia. On the other hand, many **HAVE NOT** been healed. Yet I have prayed with the same faith for the one as the other.

"**WHY** are many not healed? Jesus said it is **ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH**. Perhaps they did not fully believe. Perhaps they were not obedient. Perhaps they should read **James 4:3**, where it says: "**Ye ask, and receive not, BECAUSE ...**" And you may read the answer yourself.

"So let me make this plain.

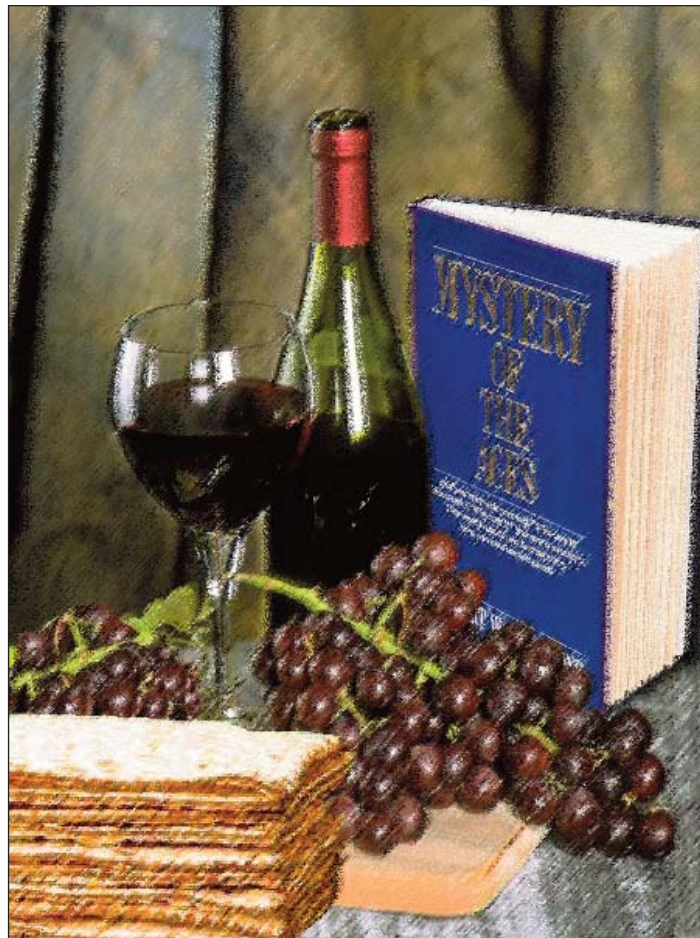
"**I DO NOT SAY**, don't go to the doctor of medicine. **I DO NOT KNOW** whether YOU will be healed by God – because I cannot know whether you have the faith, are conforming to God's conditions, have really repented and turned from violating God's laws. I do not leave people without **ANY** help – for, if they do not have the faith, have not repented, are not keeping God's commandments, they probably won't be healed, and I cannot advise them against

the only help they might have – that which this world's society has set up. Healing by God is **NOT** a thing to experiment with!

“But, why not solve this whole question by avoiding the **CAUSE?**”

THE MANY OTHER CORPORATE CHURCHES OF GOD

As to how many more of the many Churches of God who have accepted that same teaching, **there is no such thing as physical sin**, developed during the years of the administration of the apostate leader who replaced Mr. Armstrong is not known. Undoubtedly, there are a number of them.



It is hoped that by this writing members whoever and wherever they might be in whatever corporate Church of God will research their teachings to find what is taught by them about this vital subject and avoid those who do in order to be *spared* by **the judgment of God** by taking the soon-coming Passover in an unworthy manner (I Corinthians 11:24-31).

Let us consider what the Holy Bible has to say about this subject:

CHRIST'S BROKEN BODY AND THE BREAD

“I gave My back to those who struck Me (Isaiah 50:6).”

Why did Jesus Christ give His body to be beaten before being crucified? What is the connection between the **FLOGGING** of His body and the BREAD that is to be eaten during the Passover service that is to be REMEMBERED by His people?

The answers are found in the following Scriptural writings:

“Behold My Servant shall prosper (Margin: reign well), He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high (where He is today). Just as many were astonished (margin:

amazed) at You (margin: dumb with amazement of scorn at such an abject person, claiming to be the Messiah), so HIS VISAGE was marred (margin: disfigured from being a man) more than the sons of men (made Him lose the look of a human being, Isaiah 52:13-14).

“Surely He has BORNE our griefs (margin: literally, sickness. He was very sick, as the result of the effects of the flogging), and CARRIED our sorrows (margin: literally pain, also meaning affliction, sorrow); yet we esteemed (reckoned) Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded (pierced through) for our transgressions (spiritual, Psalm 103:3).

“... He was BRUISED (margin: crushed, meaning flogged) FOR OUR INIQUITIES (physical); the CHASTISEMENT for our peace (welfare, well being) was UPON Him, AND BY HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED (PHICAL SINS FORGIVEN).

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have TURNED AWAY everyone to his own [wrong] way (Isaiah 53:5-6).”

NOTE: “God has set in motion living laws, which regulate and produce good health [spiritually and physically]. The transgression of these laws produces sickness and disease” (Quote from Mr. Armstrong).

Note the affirmation of the writing of Isaiah in the New Testament:

“When evening had come (after the Sabbath), they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and HEALED ALL WHO WERE SICK, that it might be FULFILLED which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying; “He Himself TOOK our infirmities and BORE OUR SICKNESS (Matthew 8:16-17; Isaiah 53:4).”

In view of these Scriptures and the light shed on them by the writings of Mr. Armstrong, it should be realized by any truly converted member that “healing is nothing more or less than the FORGIVENESS OF SIN – the consequent removal from us of the PENALTY we have incurred – and no human doctor, no medicine, no drug, has ever been given power to forgive sin – whether spiritual or physical!

“NONE BUT GOD CAN FORGIVE SIN! Therefore none but GOD can heal!” Consider the depth of what Jesus Christ said to the paralytic after having healed him: “See you have been made well. SIN NO MORE, lest a worse things come upon you (John 5:14).”

Praise to our Wonderful and Caring God – When considering our past and present sins, both physical and Spiritual, all of us as true members should be filled with the same praise and expressed blessings offered to our wonderful and caring God as did the Psalmist for our being so wonderfully blessed:

“Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name! Bless the LORD, O My soul, and FORGET NOT all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who HEALS all your diseases (Psalm 103:3).”

THE PASSOVER -- 2010!

The vital Passover for the observance of all of God’s people is now very close. This is a vitally important time in the life of each and every true member of God’s true Church; just as it was with Israel at the time of the Passover in Egypt (Exodus 12:1-14; 21-24).

The Passover is the annual time of the year to once again **RENEW** our covenant that was made with our Father and Jesus Christ at the time of our repentance, baptism and the receiving of God’s Holy Spirit (Act 2:38, Romans 6, Ephesians 2:1-3, Luke 22:14-20, John 6:53-54).

To **RENEW** that covenant is much more than form— it has to do with RELATIONSHIP, believing, and living, the TRUE teachings of God and Jesus Christ our Lord. It is the time to bring back into our memories the true meaning of what the **BREAD** AND **WINE** symbolizes by

studying the Scriptures related to it along with the writings of God’s late apostle (*Mystery of the Ages*, pages 211-213, *The Plain Truth About Healing*, 1979 publication).

SELF-DECEPTION

Members **MUST NOT** place themselves in peril by *deceiving* themselves into thinking they are all right by being with groups *they know are off course* but justifying themselves into remaining with them because they themselves are still clinging to the original teachings.

Such churches have become **the synagogues of Satan** (Revelation 3:9).

To remain with them could very well take the members back into **complete spiritual darkness** as did take place with the Worldwide Church God under the leadership of Mr. Joseph Tkach.

Scripture tells us: “**They do not know, nor do they understand; they walk about in darkness ...** (Psalm 82:5).”

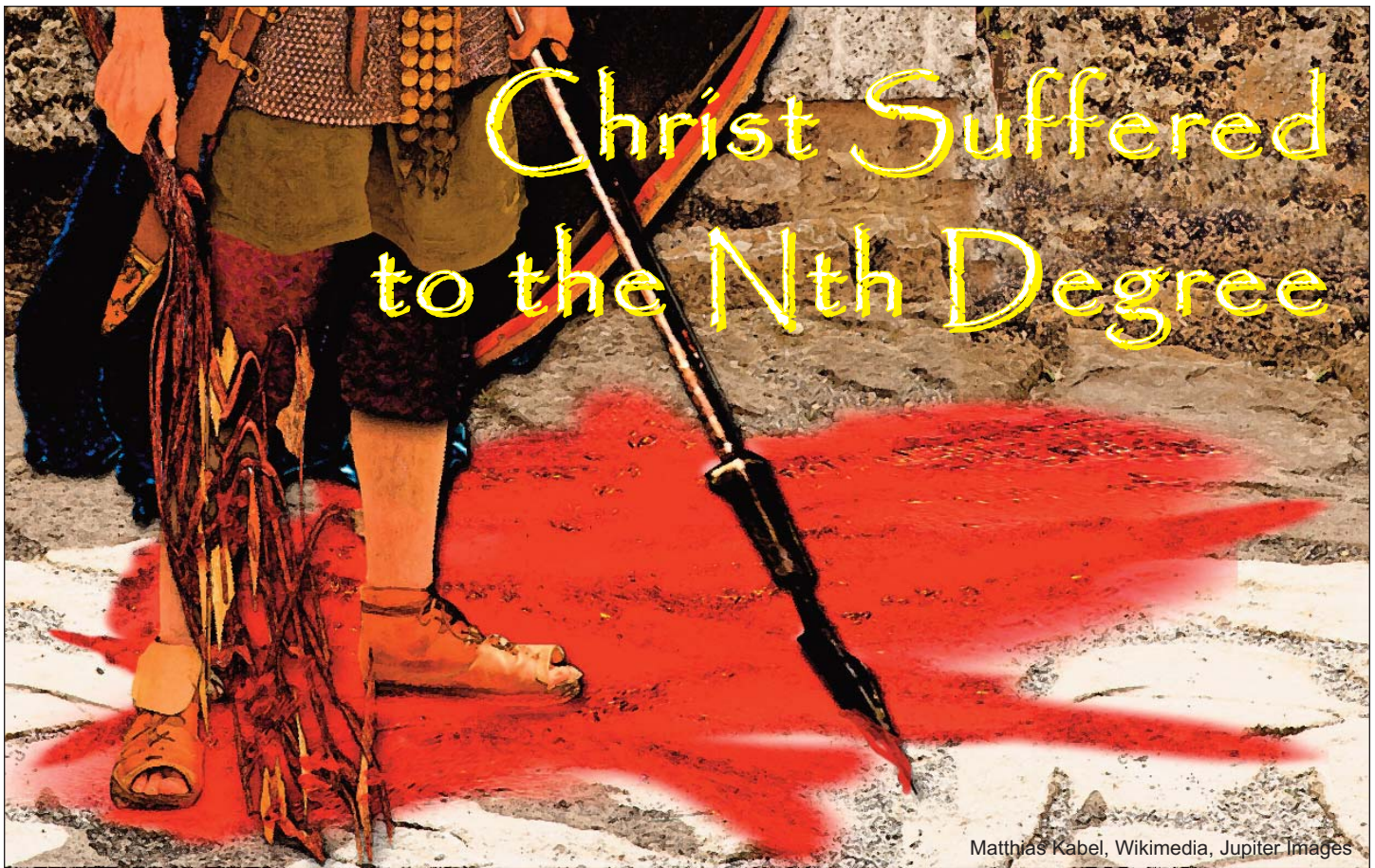


Would you rather believe the teachings of a spiritually blinded apostate Pastor General regarding the Passover, and other erroneous teachings – that are continuing to be taught by your ministers – or the Bible, as taught by the true apostle of Jesus Christ? Your protection and life may very well hinge on YOUR decision!!!

With this in mind – where will YOU be for the Passover this year? Will it be with Churches who are off-course – and not accepted by Jesus Christ?

God’s Holy Spirit leads His people into the truth, **not error!!!** (John 16:13). His presence will not be in any of those Churches. **Think and pray about where YOU should be – where Christ will be!**

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By Mark Mendiola

The approach of the annual Passover season reminds us each year that Jesus Christ, our Passover lamb, willingly subjected Himself to the most agonizing, humiliating, sadistic death ever devised by demmented, cruel men – the dreaded Roman crucifixion.

Christ suffered to the Nth degree, enduring extreme pain like no one has ever experienced or ever will – an unbearable pain inadequately described as “excruciating,” a word that originates from the Latin word meaning “to crucify,” but which fails to actually convey the incredible physical abuse that His body absorbed. No words can!

In this soft modern age of pleasure when pain is avoided at all costs, we cannot fathom the suffering afflicted on Christ – who was viciously scourged, stripped of all His clothing and nailed to a wooden stake, where He hung writhing for hours on end, frequently blacking out, losing consciousness, as He endured senseless, unbelievable torture.

ISAIAH'S EXPLICIT PROPHECY

The Old Testament Prophet Isaiah said “His visage (mareh, Hebrew, “appearance” or “shape”) was marred (mishchath, Heb., “disfigured”) more than any man, and His form (toar,

Heb., “outline, figure or appearance”) more than the sons of men (Isaiah 52:14).”

Jesus Christ our Messiah was reared as a Jewish carpenter’s son in the Sea of Galilee region. His 3½-year ministry of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom of God and miraculously healing multitudes of all their infirmities electrified the region of Palestine, including Jerusalem.

Yet, He was beaten to such a bloody pulp on His final Passover that by the time His bruised, battered, bludgeoned body was impaled on the wooden stake by Roman centurions He was disfigured beyond recognition; His nerve endings and bones exposed. No morphine was used to ease his unthinkable anguish. He bore the full brunt of searing pain, staining the stake with **blood** oozing and dripping from His severely wounded body.

The Jewish historian Josephus called crucifixion “the most pitiable of deaths.” Cicero, a Roman philosopher and statesman, called it the “extreme and ultimate punishment of slaves” and the “cruellest and most disgusting penalty.” Yet, Jesus Christ deliberately allowed Himself to be put through that hellish nightmare of savage pain and horror that we cannot fully comprehend or imagine.

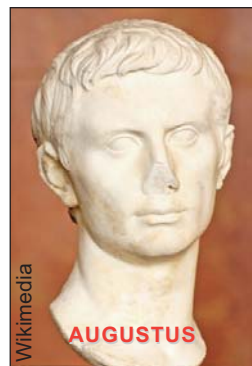


Isaiah called Jesus Christ “*Immanuel*” or “*God with us*” (Isaiah 7:14). Referring to Christ’s suffering, Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 50:6: “*I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.*”

Isaiah describes Jesus Christ’s terrible ordeal in explicit detail in the 53rd chapter of his prophetic book. *Jesus Christ of Nazareth perfectly fulfilled this awesome prophecy to the very letter!* Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all carefully chronicled the overwhelming evidence in their writings. There can be no denying that He was our Messiah who paid the ultimate penalty for our sins – death. *He was the Word who was with God, who was God and “became flesh and dwelt among us ... The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. ... For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us* (John 1:1, 14, 29; I Corinthians 5:7).”

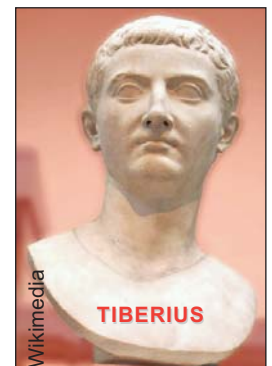
Isaiah 53:1-2 states: “Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root

out of dry ground. *He has no form or comeliness* (hadar, Heb., “magnificence” or “splendor”); and when we see Him, *there is no beauty that we should desire Him.*”



citizenry of His day. He was nondescript – contrary to common depictions of Him as a charismatic, long-haired, effeminate wisp of a man wearing flowing, glowing

Isaiah shows that Jesus the Man was not handsome and lacked stunning good looks. He evidently was plain or possibly even homely in appearance. There was nothing beautiful or desirable about his outward countenance or demeanor. He blended in with the common



robes whose appearance attracted attention. In fact, he most likely was muscular and wore short hair, which was the style for men at that time in the Roman Empire as evidenced by the emperors of His age (I Corinthians 11:14).

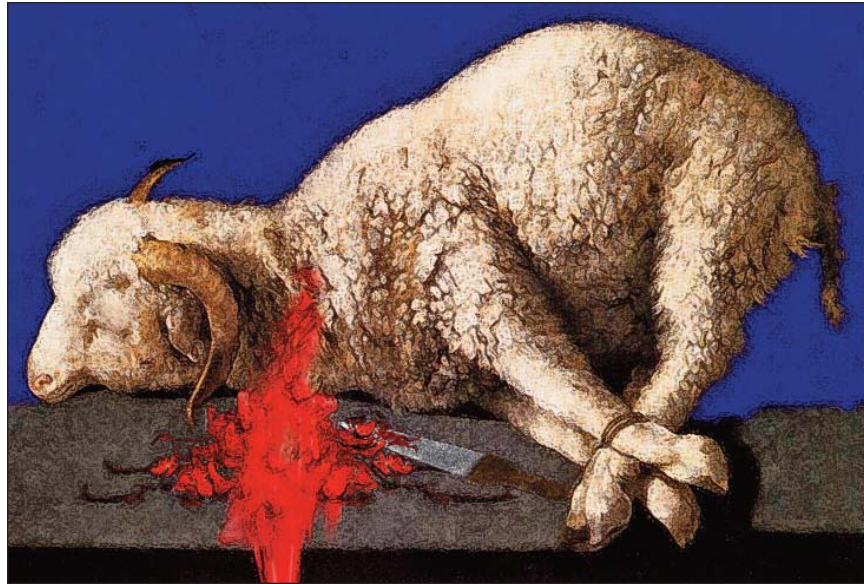
“He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him” (in revul-

sion); He was *despised*, and we did not esteem Him. Surely *He has borne our griefs* (sicknesses) and *carried our sorrows* (pains); *Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten* (struck down) *by God, and afflicted*. But *He was wounded* (pierced through) *for our transgressions* (sins, I John 3:4, KJV), *He was bruised* (crushed) *for our iniquities; The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes* (blows that cut in) *we are healed* (v. 3-5).”

This is a very important section of this most profound prophecy. It shows that Christ, who was despised, rejected and debased, *literally bore our sicknesses and pains within His very body*.

“God with us” was willingly struck down, afflicted, wounded, pierced, bruised, crushed and chastised because of the sins of all of us, every human being. As a result, *“by His stripes we are healed!”* Most professing Christians do not believe this very plain statement.

The Apostle Paul states in II Corinthians 5:15, 21 that *Jesus Christ “died for all... For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us.”* Christ literally gave Himself as a ransom to pay the death penalty for our sins. As a result, He intercedes to God the Father on our behalf. “For there is one God and one *Mediator* between God and men, *the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all* (I Timo-



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thy 2:5-6, Matthew 20:28, Mark 10:45).”

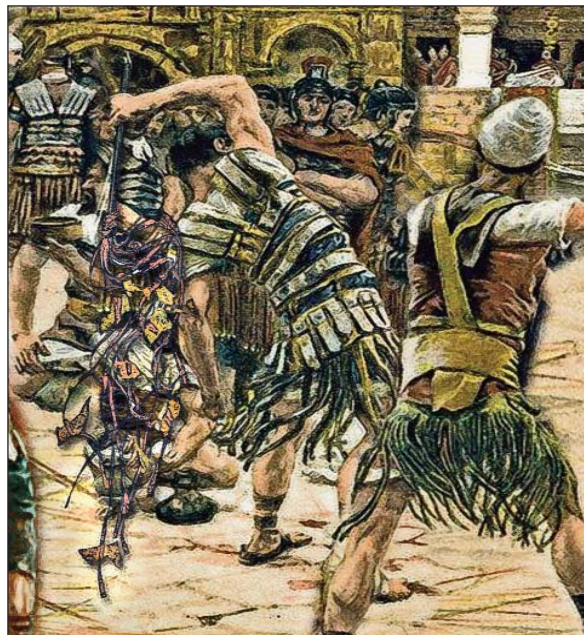
The New Testament Passover service initiated by Jesus Christ institutes broken unleavened bread as part of the annual ceremony, in addition to red wine symbolic of His shed blood. *That bread is plainly symbolic of the physical afflictions His body endured.*

In I Corinthians 11:23-24, 27-30, the

Apostle Paul writes: “For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took *bread*; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘Take eat; *this is My body which is broken for you*; do this in remembrance of Me.’ ... Therefore whoever eats *this bread* or drinks this cup of the Lord *in an unworthy manner* will be

guilty of the body and blood of *the Lord*. But *let a man examine himself*, and so let him *eat of that bread* and drink of that cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, *not discerning the Lord’s body*. For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep (or die).”

Christ’s flesh was literally flayed from His bones prior to His crucifixion when Roman soldiers savagely scourged Him as they would slaves or condemned criminals of the day. The whip was repeatedly lashed with full force against His shoulders and back. Following a cold, sleepless



RUTHLESS SCOURGING

night, He was so brutally weakened by the flogging that he could not carry the wooden stake or beam on which He would be nailed and had to be assisted by a bystander. Scourging quickly removed skin, leaving lacerated bloody shreds of flesh and tissue on bones. **The blood loss was significant.**



The short Roman whip or scourge consisted of two or three leather thongs attached to a handle. The thongs were knotted with small pieces of metal or bone at different intervals. Sometimes it had a hook on the end, giving it the terrifying name “scorpion.”

“The criminal was made to stoop which would make deeper lashes from the shoulders to the waist. Scourging among the Romans was a more severe form of punishment, and there was no legal limit to the number of blows, as with the Jews. Deep lacerations, torn flesh, exposed muscles and excessive bleeding would leave the criminal ‘half-dead.’ Death was often the result of this cruel form of punishment though it was necessary to keep the criminal alive to be brought to public subjugation on the cross. The centurion in charge would order the ‘lictors’ to halt the flogging when the criminal was near death (“The Roman Scourge,” Bible History Online).”

“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 (a Passover Lamb), and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth (Matthew 27:12-14, Mark 15:2-5, Luke 23:9, John 19:9).

“He was taken from prison (confinement) 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. And they made His grave with the wicked – but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise (crush) 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 travail of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities. 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 (shedding His blood), and He was numbered with the transgressors (criminals), and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors (Isaiah 53:6-12).”

KING DAVID'S AMAZING PROPHECY

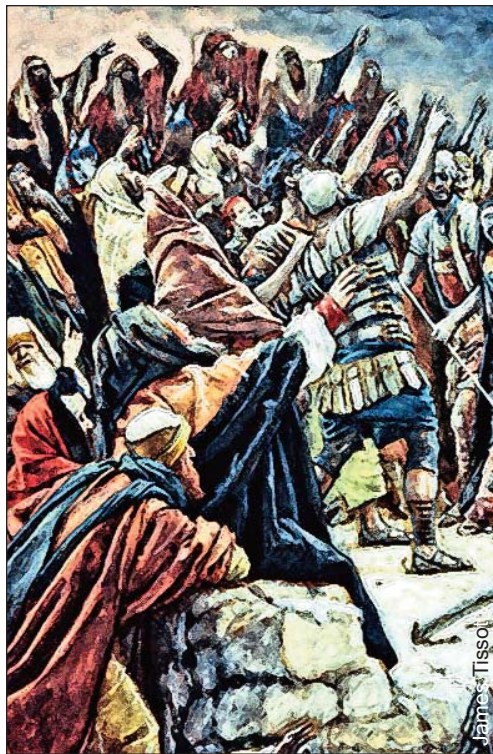
In Psalm 22, another remarkable Old Testament prophecy about Jesus Christ's crucifixion, King David explicitly describes the very words and thoughts of a dehydrated Christ hanging in absolute agony on the wooden stake – with his raw back's dirty wounds getting slivers from rubbing up and down the timber as He strove to breathe, battling complete asphyxiation. **Divine inspiration is the only explanation for how Psalm 22 could have been composed to so accurately describe Christ's plight about 1,000 years before His crucifixion.**

It starts in verse one with the very words of the crucified Jesus Christ desperately crying out to God the Father. “**My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?** Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of My groaning?” Our iniquities literally separated Christ from God the Father and our sins hid God the Father's face from Him (Isaiah 59:2).

We see these very words – “**My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?!**” – recorded in Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34. Jesus Christ cried out those words with a loud voice at about 3 p.m. that Passover afternoon, about six hours after he was

nailed to the stake and suspended from it, shortly before He actually died and gasped His last breath.

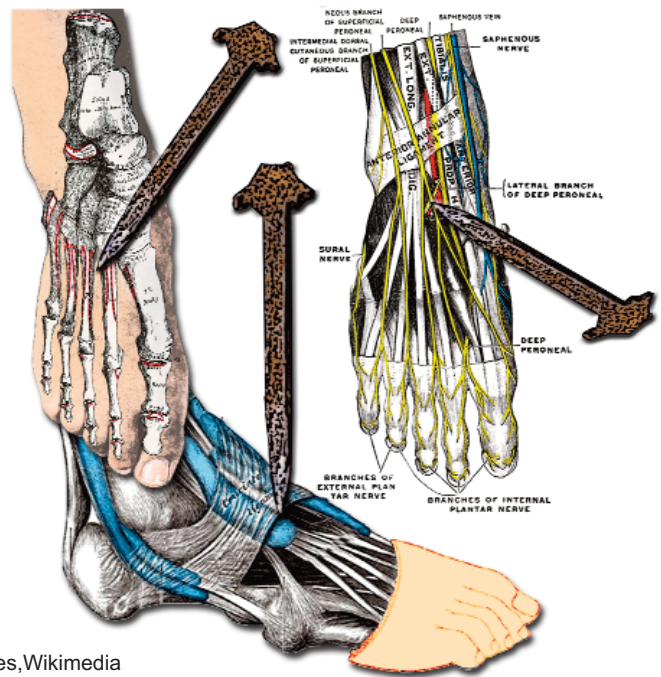
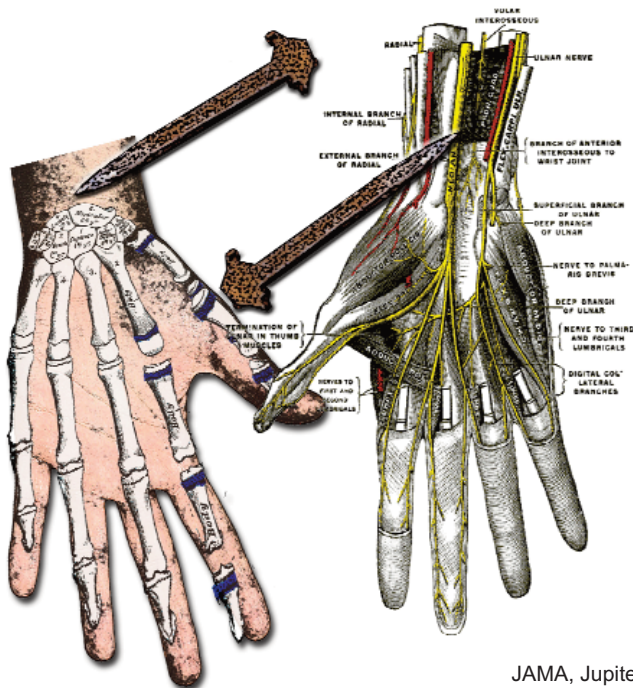
Psalm 22:6-8, 12-13 continues: “But I am **a worm** (maggot), and no man; A reproach of men, and despised of the people. All those who see Me laugh Me to scorn; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, ‘He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!’ ... Many bulls (strong men) have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me. They gape at Me with their mouths, as a raging and roaring lion.”



SURROUNDED BY MOCKERS

This section, too, vividly describes the merciless verbal abuse and mocking that Christ underwent as He hung on the stake, getting no sympathy from derisive men who heaped insult upon injury. The Hebrew word for “**worm**” in this context is “**towla**,” which literally means “**crimson grub**” **crushed to dye fabric a scarlet color, like blood**, according to *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*.

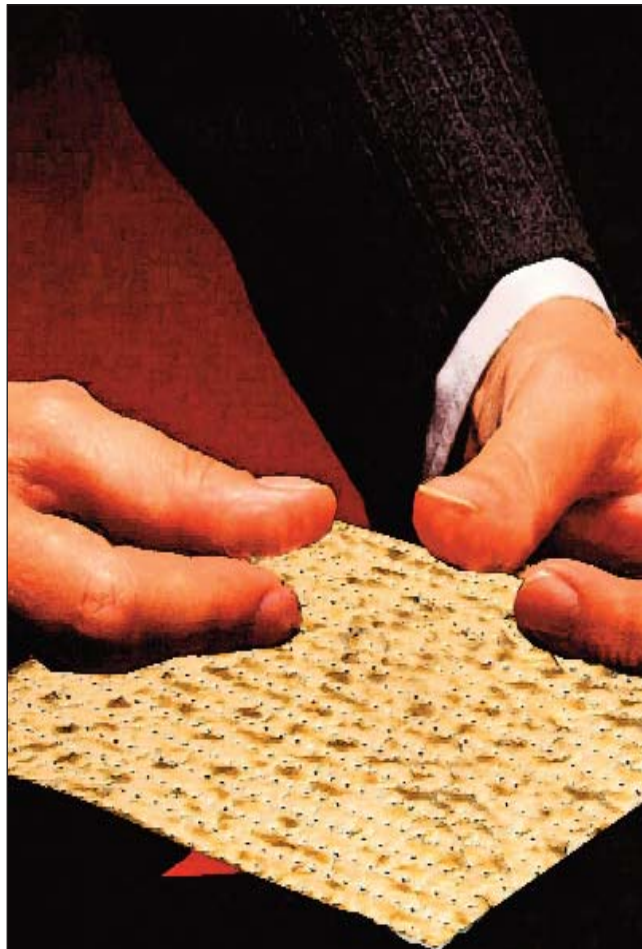
Mocking, ridiculing and insulting people is a satanic, degrading form of perverse humor. Yet, in addition to His extreme pain, Jesus Christ also was subjected to mockery from crucified criminals (Matthew 27:44) hanging next to



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Him, Roman soldiers, Jewish religious leaders and common citizens alike as *He endured virtually every form of abuse.*

Prior to His crucifixion, “the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. And they stripped Him and put *a scarlet robe* on Him. When *they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand.* And they bowed the knee before Him and *mocked* Him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ Then *they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head* (drilling the crown into His scalp and skull). And when they had *mocked* Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified (Matthew 27:27-31).”



BROKEN BREAD, BROKEN BODY

Attesting to His great physical strength, Christ was able to endure *intense pain and anguish* for hours that must have seemed like an eternity, but even His extremely stressed body could no longer continue to function and started to shut down. Psalm 22:14-15 states: “I am poured out like water, and *all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax;* It has melted within Me. *My strength is dried up like a potsherd,* and *My tongue clings to My jaws;* You have brought Me to the dust of death.”

King David was inspired to even describe *Christ’s crucifixion or painful nailing to the stake* on which He was to hang from morning to afternoon that momentous day, even predicting Roman soldiers would gamble for His clothing as He hung exposed above them. “For dogs have surrounded Me; The assembly of the wicked has enclosed Me. *They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones.* They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots (v. 16-18).”

One authority stated: “Prophecy predicted that not a bone of His body would be broken. Yet the hands and feet are filled with bones. We now know that the Romans had learned of a space in each hand and foot where a nail could

pass through without breaking a bone – but, in so doing, would injure, inflame, and then rest alongside important nerves, and *bring terrible pain throughout the ordeal ...*”

Leviticus 17:11 states *“the life of the flesh is in the blood.”* Jesus Christ did not die of a broken heart as so many erroneously believe. *He died by literally shedding His blood and “poured out His soul* (nephesh, Heb., “vitality”) *unto death”* as Isaiah 53:12 states. *Just as the blood of Passover lambs was drained when the ancient Israelites killed them* (Exodus 12), *so Christ’s blood had to be shed as an ultimate fulfillment of many prophecies. A terrible spear wound into His side was the final death blow.*

Pilate was astounded that Jesus Christ had died as soon as He did (Mark 15:44).

Roman soldiers broke the legs of the two criminals crucified with Christ to hasten their deaths. But when they came to Jesus, they discovered He was already dead and did not need to break His legs. *Like the Passover lambs whose bones were not to be broken, none of His bones were broken* (Exodus 12:46). The reason He had died so soon was because *“one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out* (John 19:34).”

Yes, the broken unleavened bread and red wine that we partake each year at the Passover remind us of the *terrible suffering and violent death* Jesus Christ willingly endured for us so we can be healed of our physical sins and forgiven our spiritual sins.

The Apostle Peter, who personally witnessed Christ’s *excruciating ordeal*, tells us we are “redeemed ... with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. ... Christ also *suffered* for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps ... *who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree,* that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness – *by whose stripes (or wounds) you were healed* (I Peter 1:18-19, 2:21, 24).”



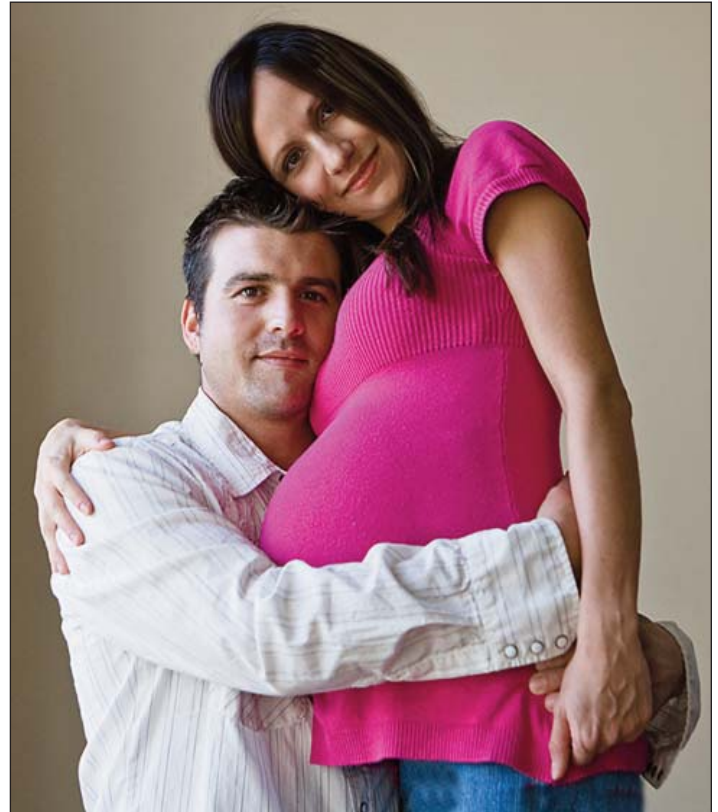
Purpose of Man

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Now, here is what happens. The spermatozoa produced by the father, so small it could not be seen, has a life-giving property but of itself it is not a person. It is not a human being at all. And it will live about two days or 48 hours, and it will die. Now if it meets with the ovum, if it can gain entrance inside of that ovum and inside of that ovum meet the nucleus of the ovum, the two join together and become one, and the two together, joining and becoming one become what we technically call a fetus, but which is a human life. Now it is a human person, but it has not been born. It hasn't really taken its final physical form and shape at all yet.



Now, it must grow. It must be developed, and since what it is to become is a human, flesh baby that is to grow to become a full size man or woman, it must be protected and nourished, and it must be fed, physical material food since it is to become a physical, material baby. So it is protected by the mother. And if it does not grow, it can never be born. And as it grows, it takes on physical characteristics. It takes on physical shape, which it didn't even have at the beginning. And finally it is born a human being.



Now, there, my brethren, is the exact type of spiritual reproduction, and God said, **“Let Us reproduce Ourselves after Our likeness.”** When God created that man and the woman, each one of them was an egg. Each one of them was an ovum. And you, each of you is an egg.

Now instead of living just 24 hours and having a 24-hour existence, you have an existence of possibly 70 years. And by the grace of God, some of us may live to be 80 or 90. My mother in just about 2½ weeks, if God spares her life that much longer now, she was still in very good health when we left, as good as ever, she will be 89 and will have reached her 90th year. Not 90 years old, but you reach your 90th year when you are 89. And between the birthdays of 89 and 90, you are in your 90th year, and then when you are 90 years old, you are in your 91st year. So she whispered to me last Sabbath, she says, “I’m going to be 89 this month.” And I gave her a kiss.

Just the same, brethren, you’re an egg, and as I say that egg had no life in itself at all except just to live 24 hours and die, but it has the possibility of it, if the life-imparting ele-

ment from the father enters. We are given perhaps 70, 80, 90 years, perhaps 30 or 40. And we have no further life inherent in ourselves unless we receive eternal life from the Father and that comes in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Now, we're sort of hard shell, too, like the ovum. I hope we're not hard shell Baptists, but we're hard shell just the same. Yeah, I think those hard shell Baptists are well named because all people are hard-shelled. You know that? Not only the Baptists, but the people who don't belong to any church or denomination, and those in the Church of God, too. We're all hard-shelled. In this way, that I don't know why it is, but we sort of just resist the Spirit of God, and we don't seem to want the Spirit of God to get into our minds.

THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD

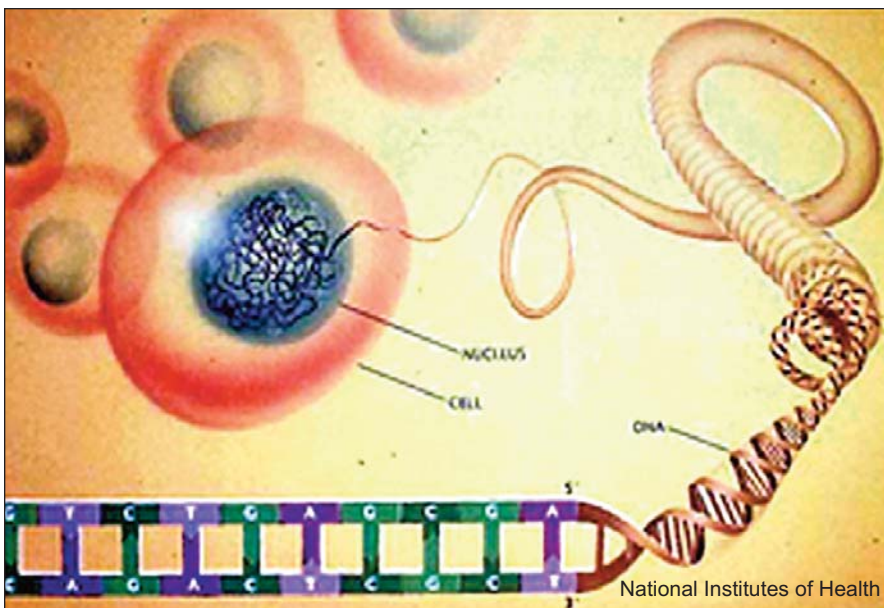
Now, if we finally yield and surrender, and the Spirit of God comes into us, inside of us is a nucleus. Do you know what the nucleus is in us? And there is a spiritual quality in that nucleus, and the life-imparting element that comes from God, and God is the Father! AND THE LIFE IMPARTING ELEMENT IS HIS HOLY SPIRIT! NOW THE HOLY SPIRIT IS NOT A PERSON! The Holy Spirit is the element from God that impregnating millions of just temporary existing human beings can become millions of divine persons! Not just one person, but can become MILLIONS of persons. And when they try to limit the Holy Spirit to one person and say there are three persons in God, they are limiting God to three persons, and God is

UNLIMITED, HE IS NOT LIMITED AT ALL!

There couldn't be a greater blasphemy than to say that the Holy Spirit is a PERSON! You are LIMITING the Holy Spirit. You are LIMITING the power of God if you believe that! And you are frustrating God's whole PROGRAM, God's whole PURPOSE, God's whole PLAN in WORKING OUT His purpose! If the Holy Spirit is a person, the Holy Spirit as a person cannot become many persons, we feel that what you might say in the comparative terms is the nucleus within many of us who are merely ova or eggs.

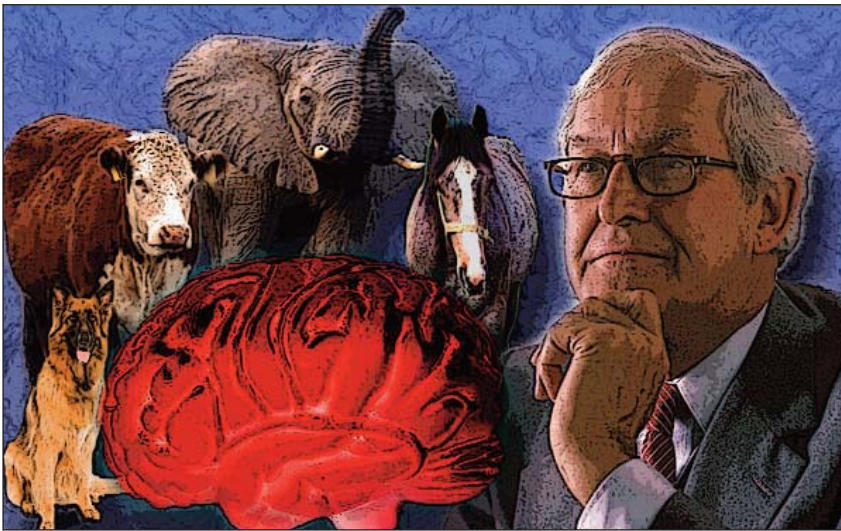


Now, that nucleus in us is something that does not exist in animals, in the dumb brutes. And that nucleus in us is the human mind. That's something that no animal possesses. Animals have brains, and those brains are set automatically to act under certain conditions exactly as God has already set that brain to act. An animal's eyes see a certain thing, and it acts a certain way. It's all been preset in the brain that it shall act in that way, and it does.



Now what is the mind in a human being? I don't know. But I do know this. It is something that God has, only we have it in just part – very limited. And God has said to us, it's so important that we understand this, back here in Deuteronomy in the 30th chapter of Deuteronomy.

“It shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing AND the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among the nations, whither the Eternal hath driven thee,” and so



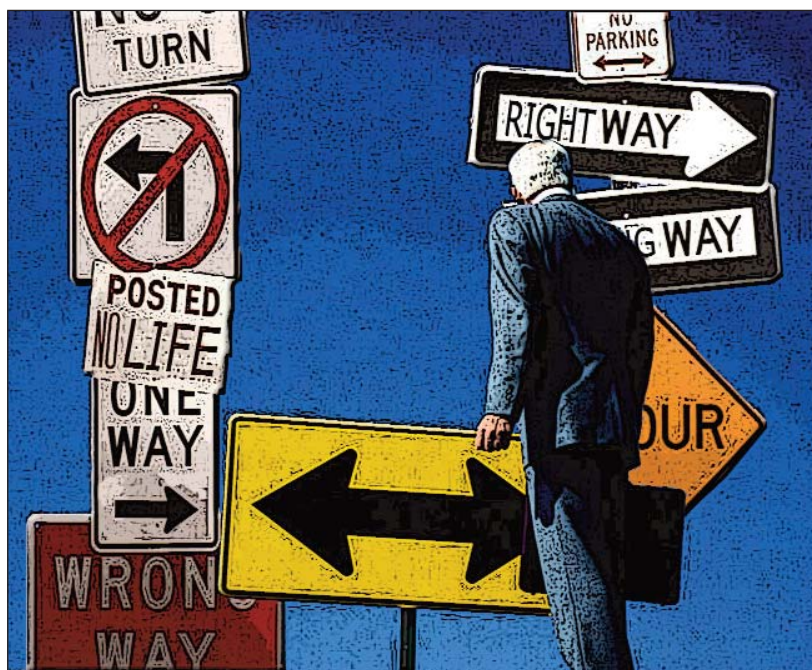
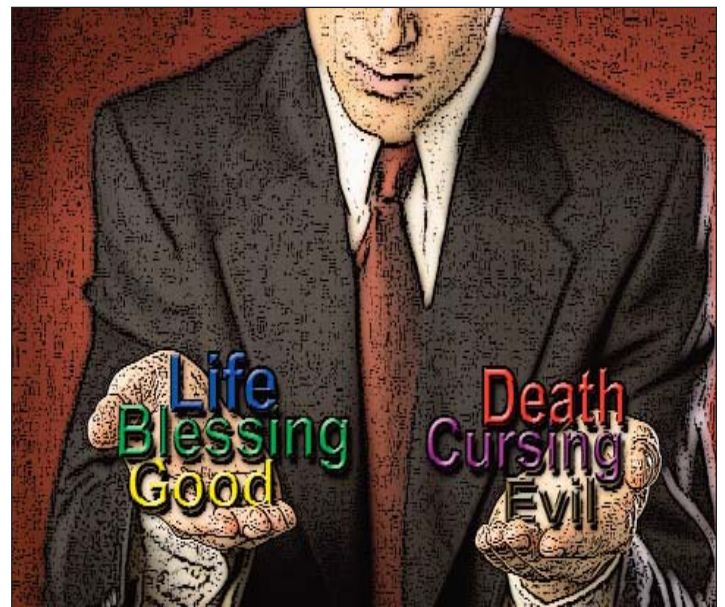
has set both before us. God has not taken temptation away from us, brethren. God has **DELIBERATELY SET TEMPTATION IN FRONT OF US!** God says, **“I have SET BEFORE YOU evil and death!”**

“In that I have commanded thee this day to love the Eternal thy God.” That’s good. God commands us to do good. But again in verse 19 He says, **“I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you LIFE,”** on the one hand, **“and DEATH,”** on the other hand. He has

on **“and shall return to the Eternal thy God and shall obey His voice according to all that I command thee this day ... then the Eternal thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion on thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the Eternal thy God hath,”** or will, **“scatter thee.”** That’s speaking of the Second Coming of Christ.

MAN’S CHOICE – ETERNAL LIFE OR DEATH

Now then, we come right on a little further, and God says in verse 15, Deuteronomy 30, **“See, I have set before thee this day life and good.”** If you do good, it leads to life on one hand and death and evil. If you do evil, it leads to death on the other hand. And God



set before us the **RIGHT WAY** and also the **WRONG WAY!** And He says here, and **“blessing and cursing.”** If we do the right way, we have blessing. We do the wrong way, we have cursing.

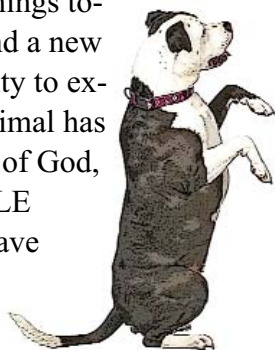
“Therefore,” He said, **“CHOOSE!”** God made us with minds to think! God set both ways before us! God made us so that we must **CHOOSE** because we can choose, because we can make up our own minds. Most people seem to think God is not the Ruler over the human family any longer. God as the **RULER** made us to have independent thought and volition and to have to make up our own minds. And God has decreed we **MUST** make the decision!



MAN'S CREATIVE ABILITY

We make decisions. Dogs and cattle and elephants and horses do not. They have brain. They have a certain intelligence; some of them. You can teach them many tricks, but it's merely a repetition, and they have a brain that can absorb a certain thing if they are taught to do it. They will do it, as a matter of habit.

But to reason out rationally and to think logically and to put a lot of things together and come to a conclusion, to involve in creative thought, to plan and devise something and to make something and decide how to put things together to make a new thing and a new idea and then to have the ability to execute it and do it; no dumb animal has that power! That is the power of God, and God has given us a LITTLE BIT of that power and what have we done with it? We have chosen evil! And we have



chosen so much evil and we have rejected God and the way of God that He has set before us, until today we have come to the place where we have invented engines of destruction that now, they tell us, it is possible, right now TODAY! – to erase an entire continent in one night without warning!

And scientists tell us that TOMORROW it will be possible to ANNIHILATE human life from off the planet! Which way has man chosen? What have we done with this great POWER that God has given us, the POWER to THINK, the POWER to KNOW?

And listen ... did you ever see a little baby calf born? Now, I'm not a farmer. I haven't spent many years on a farm. But I've spent a few days and maybe a few weeks on a farm at a time, and that's all I can say. But I did see a baby calf born one time and having lived in the city, that was quite an event to me.

Now, it was just a matter of a few minutes until that little calf began to struggle a little bit, and it finally made it, and it only took it a minute or so until it was up on its four legs, and it began to walk around. And the mother cow didn't teach it to walk. It didn't take it about nine months or a year or a year and a quarter and then it would start to hold onto something and then it would go along and fall down a lot of times and then kind of toddle in a funny little way first and then fall down and stumble and finally learn to



TWO YOUNG ONES

walk. In the brain of that little calf was planted something that automatically caused it to get up and walk. But in the brain of the human baby when it's born, it's blank. There is nothing.

There is the possibility of receiving knowledge, the possibility of learning, of being taught and then doing things. Now, we have to be taught everything. We don't know anything when we are born, but animals do. Animals don't learn much more when they grow up than they did when they were born.

Of course, they learn a few things. That's true. As I say, you can instill habit in an animal and experience does instill certain things, but it still is not what we call rational thought and creative ideas and designing, and planning, and accomplishing and doing. An animal cannot ever do that.

But this little baby when it is born, the human baby, is the most helpless of all the animal world. And a human baby has to be taken care of, has to be waited on, has to be taught. Here's a little baby taking a bottle now. It can't take that bottle by itself. It can't go and get that milk. It doesn't know where to go, but that little calf I noticed it got on its feet and what do you think was the next thing it did? It went right for its dinner, and nobody showed it where it was, either.



But nevertheless, God did put certain things, I think, that might be called instinct within us and in a way there is certainly an instinct in every mother to love her child and be willing to take care of it and be willing to change it and be willing to wash for it you know and some of the things aren't very pleasant.



And that little child, you know we just love babies, and we think they are so pure and sweet, and we don't realize how mean and ornery they are. Do you realize that? Here maybe mother has been so busy planning something, and she's been busy about the house all day, and she's just so tired when night

comes that she just has to have her rest and daddy, maybe he's been out plowing or maybe he's been at the office working or in a factory or wherever he's been, or maybe it's been in mental work like we do in preaching. He's just a bundle of nerves. He's just simply worn himself out.

And I'll tell you daddy and mom both need their sleep SO bad, and it's so wonderful to get into bed and just be able to relax and shut your eyes and go to sleep. Well, you just get nicely asleep and about ready to really be rested. Baby wakes up and the baby begins to think, "Now, look at them sleeping over there. I don't want them to enjoy that sleep. WAAAAH!!!! For no



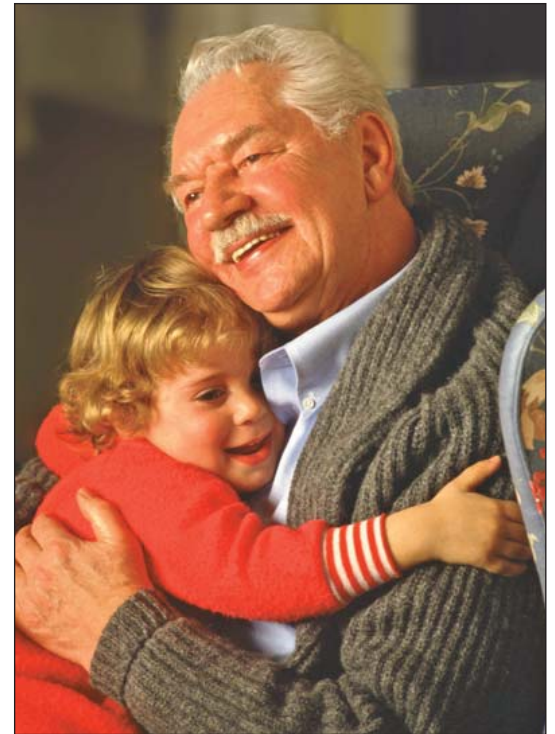
reason at all! Get up and walk the floor with me all night.” And still we love those mean little babies. I’m glad my mother loved me, and she still does today. You know, she can’t help it.

Well now, I think God knew all about that, and He just made us love our own children, and our own grandchildren are just as sweet to us as our own children were. Maybe we don’t love our grandchildren just as much as we did our own, but I’ll tell you this. We think we do, don’t we? Maybe we’re wrong about it, but it seems like we do.

We don’t love them enough to want to do as much taking care of them though as we did our own, as their parents do now. That’s true, but I just love when our grandchildren come in. They usually come in the back way, and I hear them toddling around in here, and you know, oh, it’s fine.

I’ll take them up on my knee and play with them a little while, but I’ll tell you after a, certainly after a half hour or so they get on my nerves, and I’m glad to see them go again.

Well, that’s human experience and lots of us have it. A great many of you know just what I’m talking about; same way with you, exactly. But I tell you, if we live it right, God has made life very wonderful and has given us many blessings.



GODLY CHARACTER ESSENTIAL IN MAN

Now, let’s get right on this again. God has set both ways before us. Now, what God is reproducing is this: He’s reproducing Himself. And what is God? God isn’t just a hunk of flesh. God is Spirit, and God is supreme mind, and God is the supreme intelligence, and God is the PERFECT SPIRITUAL CHARACTER!

Now, a character is something that even God with His great power cannot just fashion and mold and create instantaneously. A character is an independent separate entity that has the power and ability to do wrong as well as right; that has the mind to conceive all things and make decisions and makes only the right decision and has the will to resist the wrong and to go the right way. That’s character.

CULTIVATE THE RESISTANCE OF EVIL

And that’s what God is, and that’s what we have to become, or we can’t ever enter the Family of God and so God HAD to make us as we are, and God HAD to set temptation and the WAY OF EVIL before us as well as the way of right. He had to set the cursings as well as the blessings in front of us so that we could make the choice, and so we could choose and so we have OUR

part in it as well as the part of God. And we HAVE to make the choice. We have to HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, and we have to RESIST EVIL, even though we sweat blood doing it, and I don't think any of us have ever done that.

And then we have to endure in it until it becomes fixed and permanent. I mentioned that last night, this point, is it possible for God to sin? Well, certainly it's possible for God to sin. God has power to sin. There is no superior power that restrains and prevents God from sinning! There is no power greater than God that says we won't let you sin. And God has made us like Himself. Now, God WILL NOT SIN because He is God. He is the perfect character. He has decided the right. He WON'T do the wrong! He WILLS to do what is right! He NEVER WILL SIN, and since He never will you can say if you wish that it's impossible for Him, but it's only impossible because HE, HIMSELF, has made it impossible! There is no other power that could do it.

THE NEEDED HELP FROM GOD

Now, we have to come to that same place. As long as we are human, we will not have STRENGTH within ourselves to always resist it. You know there's a Scripture that says, **"Let him that thinketh he standeth take HEED LEST HE FALL!"** Do you ever worry about it? I would if it weren't for another scripture, **"Now to Him that is able to KEEP YOU FROM FALLING,"** the very last two verses of Jude, way over just before the Book of Revelation.

"NOW UNTO HIM THAT IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM FALLING, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding JOY!" There you are. That's why I don't really worry about it. I don't want to fall. I know I am weak enough though that if I didn't have help and a stronger power helping me I probably would. But I know there is that power, and He is able to KEEP me from falling and as long as I don't want to fall I

NEVER WILL FALL because I have confidence and faith in God that He won't let me, as long as I don't want it.

God is a God of strength and power, and He gives strength to those of us that are weak. Maybe you are a little bit weak in temptation. What are you trying to do, just attend on yourself? The way to develop strength and strength of character is to go to God and say "I lack the strength. I am weak. GIVE ME YOUR POWER AND STRENGTH!" God won't turn you down. And when He gives you His strength and His power, then you're not weak anymore. You can have it. It's there for you. It's just waiting. The trouble is so many of you don't go after it.

All right now, each of us as I say is an egg, but the Spirit of God is what? When the Spirit of God comes into us it imparts into us the divine nature. But now, do you remember that I said a while ago that when the spermatozoa from the father enters the little egg, the



ovum of the mother and the nucleus, it enters the actual nucleus and joins with it, that there is a human life, but it doesn't have the form and shape of a human life yet at that time. That develops as it grows.

When the HOLY SPIRIT FIRST ENTERS OUR MINDS, my brethren, and with the nucleus within us,



OF THE BIBLE! I didn't get it from any church denomination. I didn't make it up in my own mind, either. These things are too wonderful for a human mind to think out. This is something God reveals.

Now brethren, it all begins in the mind. Repentance is in the mind. We come to see that we have been sowing the

which is OUR MIND that is like the mind of God, except it's material, and it will perish when we die, if we don't receive the life-imparting element or essence, the Spirit of God. We still don't have very much of the divine form and shape, in other words the divine image of character yet.

wrong thing, and we are going to have to reap it. We come to see that we have disobeyed God because He has allowed us to. He has made it possible and actually allows us to disobey. And God has decreed that we must choose. He is the Ruler, and He has ruled we have to choose.

We are still carnal and so the Apostle Paul said to those that were sanctified those that were in Christ in the Church at Corinth, he said, **"YOU ARE YET CARNAL! YOU HAVEN'T YET TAKEN ON THE FORM AND SHAPE, THE ACTUAL SPIRITUAL IMAGE, THE CHARACTER IMAGE, of God of the Heavenly!"**

So, He allows us to disobey, and when we come to see that our way is wrong, and we get sick and tired of it, and when we learn there is nothing in this world that will really satisfy you. Oh, there's lots of glitter and glamour, and it's attractive and as long as people think this world is a pretty good place, but it NEVER really satisfies. It never gives you anything that is a LASTING satisfaction and is fullness and abundance.

THE GODLY MAN TO BEAR THE IMAGE OF THE HEAVENLY

And to the same Corinthians he said, **"As we have BORNE the image of the earthy, WE SHALL bear the image of the Heavenly!"** We are in the image of God only as to form and shape, but not yet as to character! And we never are as to character until we are first begotten of God and then have grown spiritually until we come to have the very mind of Christ.

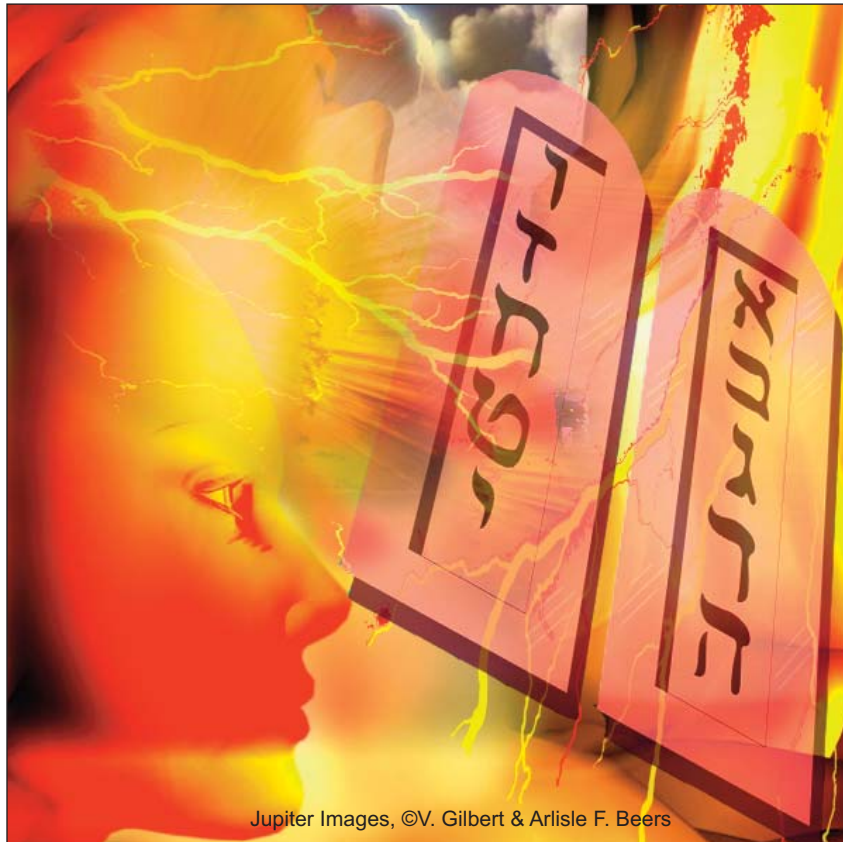
It just isn't in the world. And people don't know why. It's because your mind is NOT complete. It's because your mind is made to need the Spirit of God and the spiritual knowledge that a carnal mind can't even have. **"The carnal mind is enmity against God! It isn't subject to the law of God neither indeed can be."**

Listen, did you ever hear any teaching like that in the Baptist, the Methodist, the Catholic or the Quaker or the Christian Science church? THAT'S WHAT YOUR BIBLE SAYS AND I GOT EVERY BIT OF IT OUT

"Let this mind be in you which is in Christ Jesus." It comes through the Holy Spirit, and it only comes when we have REPENTED and TURNED FROM THAT WAY! And decided we want to go the other way and accept the BLOOD OF CHRIST THAT

PAYS OUR PAST SINS and transgressions and opens the way for us to be reconciled again to God!

Now we have a connection with God and His Holy Spirit comes into us. Now the Spirit of God is not something that is matter. It isn't something that He takes and puts in you and seals up in you and there it is. It's like electric current. It's like air and wind as it's compared to in the Bible in many places. And the Spirit of God is on a return circuit. It pours into you, but it must pour out in love to God returning to Him in obedience and in love and service and doing good to your fellow human man on this earth. Above all it's the Spirit of love, and we have to grow in grace and in knowledge. And we have to overcome, and we have to endure in that until the end.



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And finally we begin to take on a little bit of the pattern of spiritual character and maybe God can begin to see a little spirituality in us after awhile. And then at the time when we are really born in the Kingdom of God at the time of the resurrection of the dead and those of us who, I tell you many of you in this room are going to be alive at this time of the resurrection of the Second Coming of Christ.

GOD ALWAYS TO BE FIRST IN HUMAN LIFE

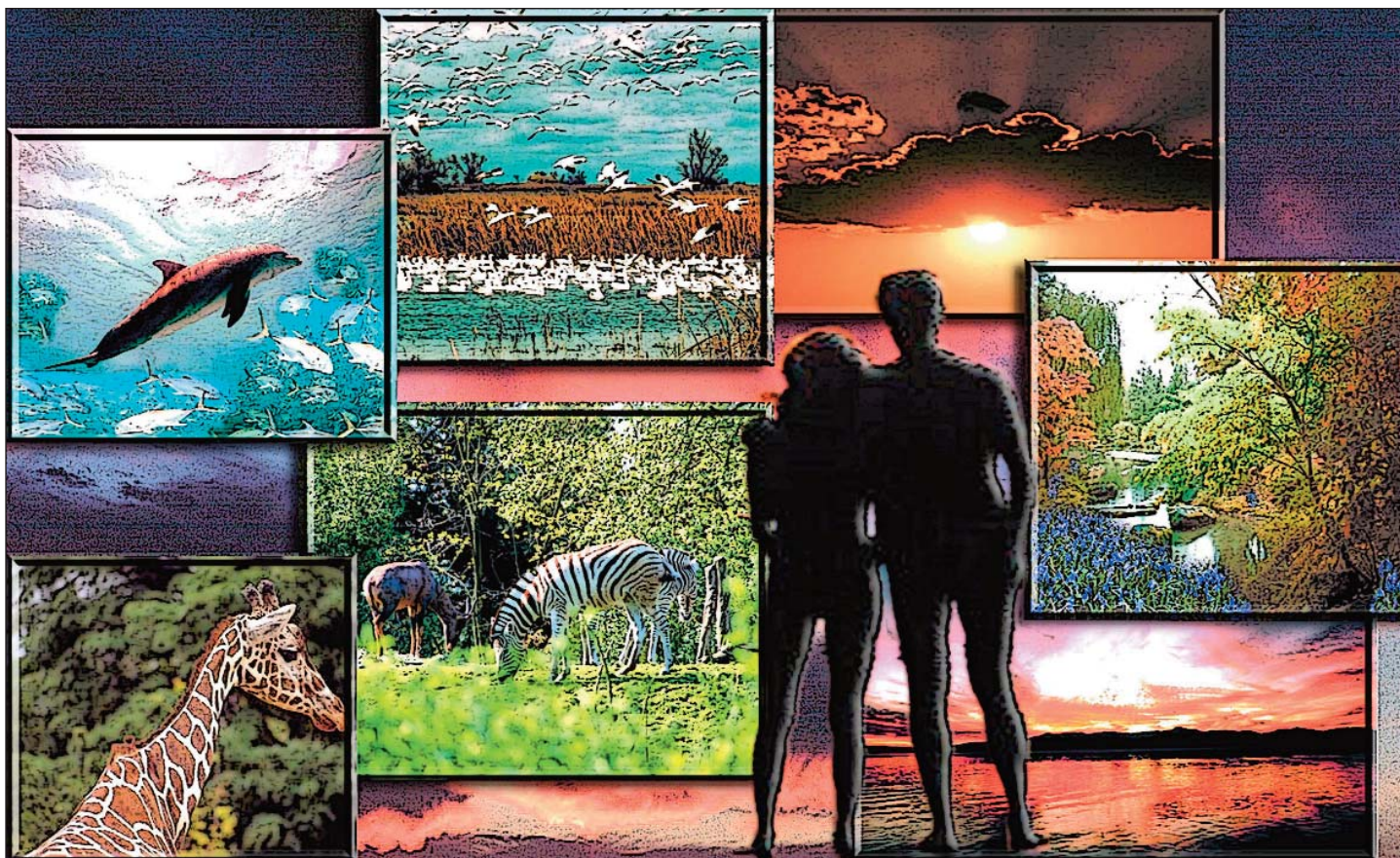
And if you have REALLY BEEN GROWING MORE AND MORE LIKE GOD, because He tells you, **“BE YE PERFECT as your Father in Heaven is perfect.”** Without FAIL many of us shall see the Lord. This Christian life is a calling. It's a vocation. It's something we DEDICATE our lives to. We must

SERVE God and become the servants, the BOND SLAVES of HIM and DO WHAT He says ALL THE TIME! I don't care what your job, your business, your housework, whatever it may be! That's only secondary. You've got to put God FIRST and if God is not FIRST you're on your way to that LAKE OF FIRE, NOT on the way to the Kingdom of God.

And I tell you, that's one point we like to kid ourselves about. We think we're putting God first when we're not. What does absorb your time, your mind, your thought, your interest? The things of God, the things in the Bible and the work God has given us all to do that comes from the Headquarters there in Pasadena? Does that just fill your mind above your job, above your children, above entertainment and pleasure, above other people in the

world? Does it? If it doesn't, you're on your way to the Lake of Fire, not on the way to the Kingdom of God! I say brethren, wake up! It's later than we think!

Now, God has given us a number of things to do. God has given certain commandments. God has shown us a pattern of life that He has laid before us. And He has laid before us blessing and cursing, and He wants us to choose the blessing. Therefore He said, **“Choose,”** but He also said **“Choose life.”** I didn't, I stopped at the word **“choose”** before, now if you read it really, there is another word after it, **“life.”** He told us to **“CHOOSE LIFE!”** God never told us to choose the wrong way! God COMMANDS us to choose life, but the very fact He says **“choose”** means that He allows us to make the wrong choice.



Now, just the fact you make that choice once doesn't mean it's permanently made. You have to keep making that choice maybe hundreds of times a day all your lifetime. It's a lifetime job, and we have to work at it.

Now, God works. Jesus said, "My Father works and I work." Now, God has given us a number of things to do and among them are His annual Holy Days. God set apart the Sabbath Day for man and that was for MAN, so it was given when MAN was first created. In six days God created the heaven and the earth and on the sixth day of that creation, the last thing that He did was to make man in His image but only in the material image, just matter at that time.

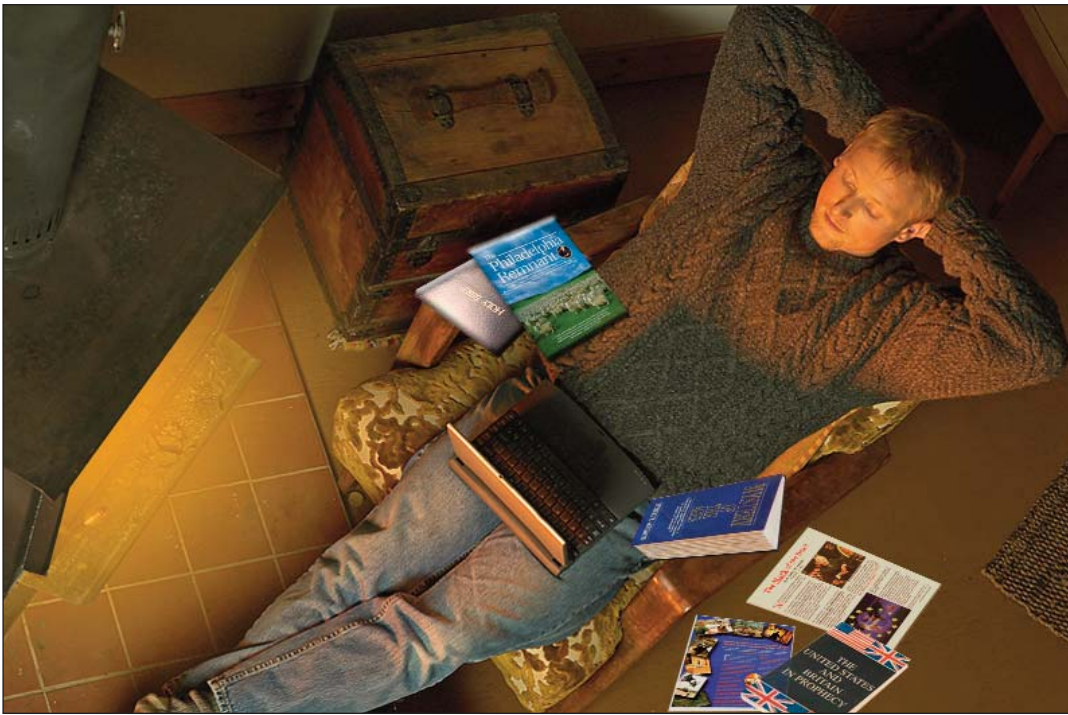
GOD'S CREATION OF THE SABBATH DAY

But on the seventh day He created the Sabbath day, by rest, not by work. He finished all His WORK at the end of the sixth day, but He did not finish His creation. You can't say anyplace that God finished His creation. He finished His WORK which He had made. That's what your Bible says. I'm afraid some of you thought it said He finished creating, but it doesn't say that. HE FINISHED HIS WORK, HE WENT RIGHT ON

CREATING, AND ON THE SEVENTH DAY HE CREATED THE SABBATH BY REST, not by work! It didn't take any work to create the Sabbath, but a lot of people go to a lot of work trying to abolish it and tear it down, don't they?

Now, He also knew that not only did man need it physically, one day out of seven for rest, but He knew that we needed something to bring us close to Him in spiritual, a spiritual quality in it, so He chose the one day that was a memorial to creation to show us that the One we obey is the Creator! In six days He created, or made, the heaven and earth, the things that were made by work, and the seventh day He rested and started His spiritual creation.

And so, that is the day that He appointed for us to assemble forever, and we should all be assembling because it should be, if people hadn't turned the wrong way that all your neighbors would be keeping the Sabbath with you, instead of persecuting you for doing it. See, it's what man has done that makes it hard. And so, that is the day that we are not to do physical work or carnal things but to be devoted wholly to spiritual



of anything is to assemble with the brethren that we should love the most. Now, we are to love all people, even our enemies, but there are different kinds of love, and God has given us the teaching that we should love our brethren just a little bit more than we love others, but we are still to love others. Maybe it's a little different kind of love because we are joined to Christ together by the Holy Spirit, and He's the vine. We're the branches.

things and the worship of God and to fellowship with God's people.

And I tell you rest, you know, is something that isn't physical alone. If you have worked hard physically six days, and when sundown Friday night comes along and you start to just rest Friday night and all day on Sabbath, by lying down on a couch or in a bed or lounging around in a nice easy chair, but you've got a lot of hate in your mind and you're full of fears and worries and you don't know, maybe you're going to lose your home.

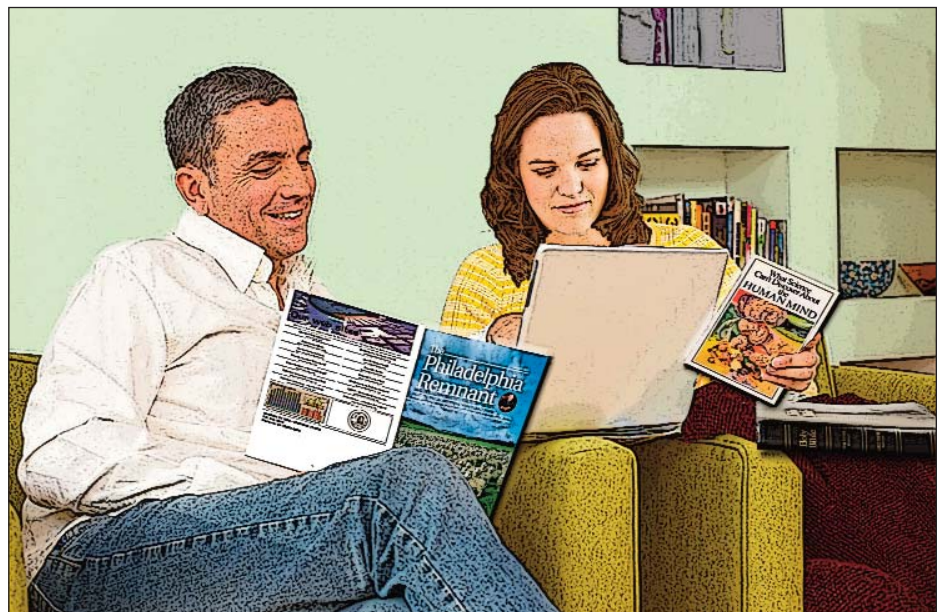
Now, when we're assembling with brethren that's the happiest time of all. Well, here you are assembling with brethren, is this a happy time? We get to come together here two, some of us three times a year. Oh, this is a very happy time.

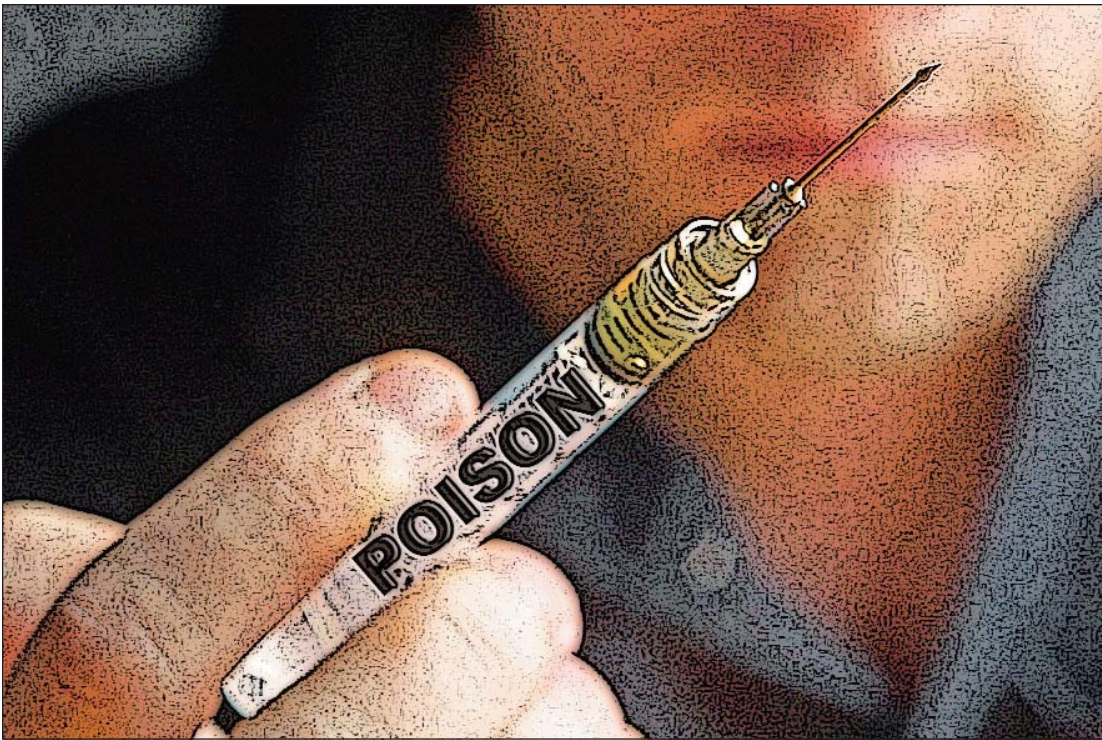
AVOIDING WRONG SPIRITS

And the assembling of brethren should be happy, and that's why if one begins to create sides and be against others and get a little of this resentful and bitter and sour spirit, that's why God tells us to mark that person,

Someone is threatening to sue you, and you HATE him, and you think and you plan how to get even, and you're BITTER, and you're SOUR. You aren't going to get any physical rest, and I want to tell you when Sunday morning comes, you're going to be just as tired as you ever were. You have to have mental rest along with body rest or it isn't going to do you any good.

And the thing that will put your mind in the best condition and give you the best spiritual and mental conditioning





have any of that in your mind and your heart, you'd better get it out right now, because the Spirit of God can't stay there with it.

God says we're to separate any such people from His Church, and I'll tell you right now, the Holy Spirit does separate from a person like that and leaves them quickly. And in your carnal mind you'll say, "AH, THE OTHER PERSON'S ALL WRONG!" But

and we must avoid them because they're going to introduce that sour spirit into the whole congregation. And we must have love, and we must have, oh, happiness and blessedness and joy when we meet, without ANY of this bitterness and without ANY of that, get that POISON out of our minds. IT'S SPIRITUAL POISON and it will SHRIVEL YOUR SOUL and send you straight into the Lake of Fire.

THE LOSS OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT

You know there is something in the human mind though that if we ever harbor a little bit of that we always get to thinking that others are wrong, and we get that thought so that how wrong they are and how mad we are at them. We can't see that we are doing something wrong ourselves in even letting that thought enter our minds, can we? Well, now, if any of you

you haven't got the Holy Spirit anymore or you wouldn't even be talking like that. And you're just a mortal, carnal person, just a hunk of flesh, that's all. And you're going to burn up if you don't repent before it's too late.



THE ADDICTION OF A WRONG SPIRIT

And I want to tell you that's something, once it gets a grip on us it soon becomes too late. It's just like dope, only that's a spiritual dope. It's a lot worse. Today we have these drug addicts. They start out on marijuana, junior high and high school. There's a big problem there in Los Angeles. Finally, they get them to take heroin just once. They inject it into the arm with a needle. Well, that once it gives them an exhilarating feeling I suppose. I don't know what it is, and I hope I never know. I don't want to experiment to find out.

But that hasn't got you hooked yet. It hasn't set up a habit. You



can still get rid of it. But I don't know how many times, whether it's five or seven times, but something like that if you take it and then as they use in the vernacular, or the slang expression, "you're hooked!" And the authorities that deal with it tell us that once you get hooked on heroin there is no cure. They have NEVER KNOWN A PERSON TO BE DELIVERED FROM IT! There could possibly be only one cure that would be a miracle from God, a miracle of healing.



Then you HAVE to keep taking it to live. You can't ever get rid of it. It's too late. I tell you my friends, there's some things that you can do and repent and have them be forgiven.

There's some, you can make a mark on a blackboard and erase it, but you can drop an egg and break it and you can't put it together again.

You can't correct that. There are some mistakes if you make them you can't ever correct them.

Now, you let a little resentment or bitterness well up in your heart and soul and maybe you'll go to bed with it tonight, but if you don't wake up in the morning, and it's all gone and you're a little ashamed of yourself, why, all right you're not hooked yet. Maybe you can do that six or seven times, I don't know. Maybe you can harbor it three or four days and get rid of it, I don't know how long. But I know this, if you harbor that thing and you nurse it, as a grudge and you try to

feed it and you get more mad and more shivered up and more angry and you think because you didn't get your way, you're mad at the person that didn't give you your way when you probably shouldn't have had it! You go around looking for sympathy! You tell others how bad that person is that didn't do what you think they ought to or that you think abused you or tramped on you! And OH YOU'RE BITTER, AND OH YOU'RE MAD! And you harbor that a few days. Now I don't know whether it's two or five or 10 days, but I do know there comes a time when YOU'RE HOOKED! AND IT'S TOO LATE! AND THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GONE AND YOU CAN'T EVER GET OUT FROM UNDER IT! And you will ALWAYS be like that! An old, MISERABLE, SHRIVELED UP SOUR PUSS as long as you live!

I don't care how RUDELY anybody ever treated you, the cure of it isn't to get yourself all embittered and soured! That's the last thing in the world to do! That's only going to hurt you, that won't hurt the other fellow.



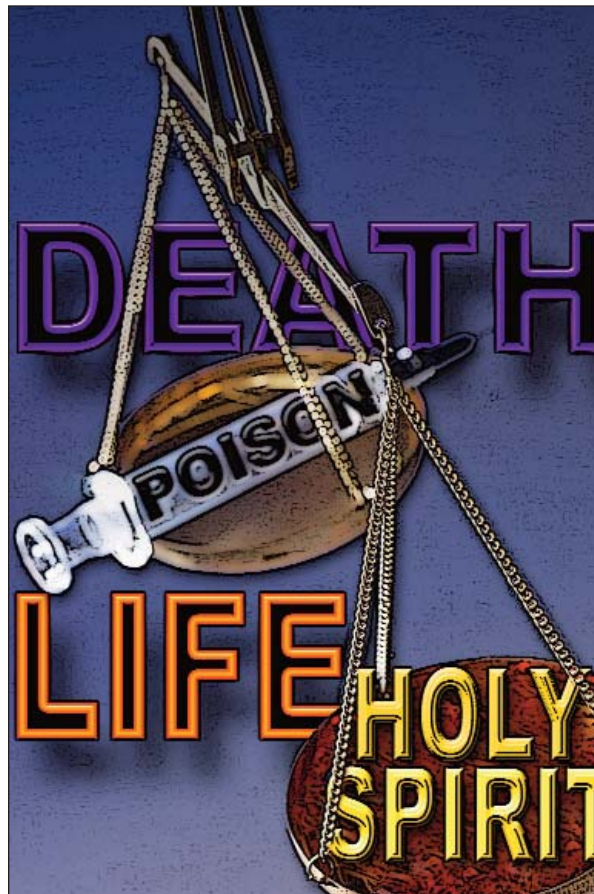
PERSECUTION AMID LIES

You know, this man I told you about last night on the air, well, he's just so mad at me that he has to vent it out over the air. Well, I just laugh, and I quit listening to him because I find that the whole thing, it just makes your whole day miserable to even listen to that kind of bitterness. Well, there's a temptation, when I knew he was talking about me and calling me names over the air to just listen, but I don't even listen anymore. Let him call all he wants to. **"Blessed are you when you are persecuted for righteousness' sake."** They persecuted Christ. They will us too. Why I have to keep more love and good cheer in my heart than that sort of thing. We can't afford to do that.

Why people are always, they're getting bitter and they say things against us. My wife just told me coming over here, how there is another new member out in Pasadena that had been in one of these other churches that wouldn't accept the truth or anything, that I used to fellowship with and they have a lot of things to tell about me now.

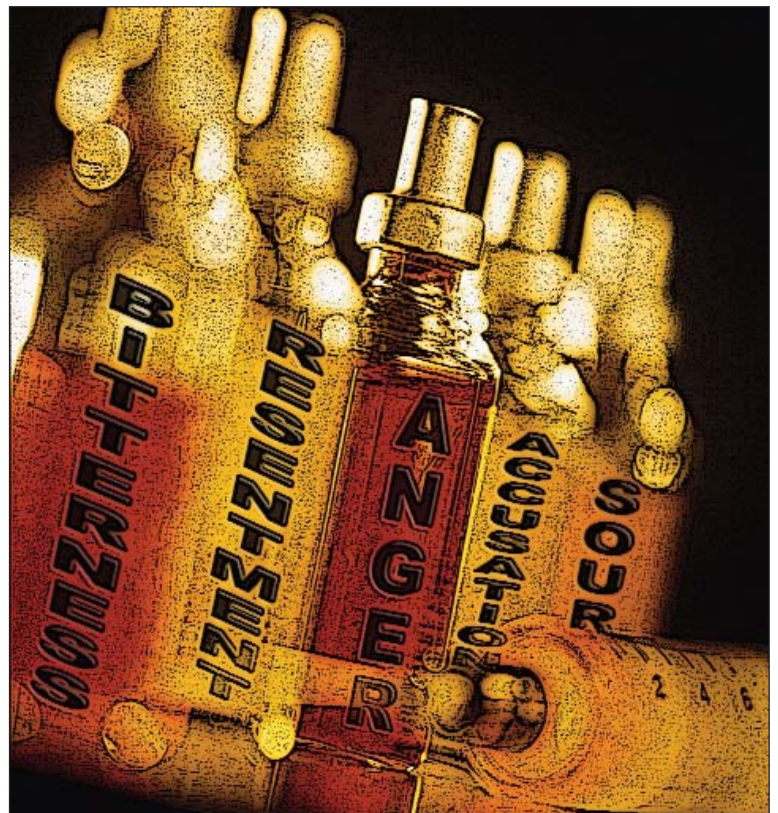
She said that they were saying that, oh yes, that the time I, I had this dream about Beverly's wedding, as if she was going to get married, and that's what I think prompted my wife to tell me that this person said that when Beverly got married that I went to a certain lofty woman and demanded \$500 of her so that we could broadcast Beverly's wedding over the air and show it off and put it on the air. Now that's the funniest thing I ever heard of.

That's the last thing that I would ever have thought of doing. If you'd offer me \$5,000 I



wouldn't do it. I'd say, "No, I'll let God supply that \$5,000." We wouldn't, if you'd offer me a million I wouldn't do it. I'd say, "If God wants me to have a million, He'll send it." But that isn't God's way. Now such a thought would never have entered my mind. And that finally she gave me \$150 and I just was so bitter that I ranted and raved and I wouldn't even put the wedding on the air for that because I was so mad.

And that we have plush carpets that thick around Ambassador College. Now, you come over to the college sometime and see if you just sink down in those rugs that thick. Now, we do have nice things at Ambassador College. God wants us to have nice things, and God has given us that college property and paid us for having it because the facilities it has given us



have saved more money that we had to spend before and would have to have gone on spending to have the broadcast on the air, that it saved us more than we had to pay in payments on the property. We've been paid for going in there. There isn't any extravagance. My, we haven't spent anything. We've been paid to take it.

But look how the enemies will twist it around. Now, what satisfaction do they get? Does that make anyone happy? Brethren would you be happy doing something like that, getting mad at someone and telling lies about him? Well, that won't make you happy. I tell you that's enemy number one we all need to fight is that resentment and bitterness though and I hope that will be a lesson. Don't EVER let it start in you. It is spiritual drugs, and it will make you an addict and finally you will never be able to get out from under it.

Now, I've found that when anyone gets that far, and they're in the wrong spirit that the only thing we can do, and I've learned it from experience, is AVOID them. If any of you ever get that way in the Church, we're going to put you out because God does. You've lost contact with God. You've had no connection with Him. He won't hear you when you pray any longer. He'll have no fellowship with you until you repent. Well then, neither can we.

Don't get to choosing sides and I'm on so-and-so's side and I don't think so-and-so did this thing right and it isn't how I would have done it. Oh my. I don't suppose that any of you would do the things that I have to do in the position God has called me to and the direction He has given me over this work. It's just the way I do it. But I do it the way that I sincerely from the heart believe God is showing me to do.

GOD LOOKS ON THE HEART

Now, maybe God wouldn't show you the same way, but after all, God chose me and maybe He had a reason, I don't know. I mean I can't understand the reason. I know He had a reason. That much I know, but I don't know just what. I often wonder why could God

have ever chosen me? I don't know. I can't see anything in myself that He could have seen, but I do know that I want to do it to the best of my ability, and I do know that I am ready to make any sacrifice, to admit it if I'm wrong, always to change if I have to, as God leads me to see.

Of course, I'm not perfect, and I don't always see it just right and maybe you see it better than I do. But I think in due time, if that's true, God will open my mind. There is no stubbornness in my heart, and I'm willing to see so I think finally I'll come to see and do it the right way.



You know, when you get in the war they make some colossal mistakes and right now in the army, here is one of the things that are being done. They are shipping certain supplies or food, I forget what it is, from the West Coast back to the East, millions upon millions of dollars worth, and then they are shipping from the East Coast for the Army in the West other millions of dollars worth of the same identical thing clear across the United States.

Now, I think I wouldn't do it that way if I were the head of the Army, but you know people don't just condemn the government and get so mad at it because it does things like that.

Even if they do make mistakes, we go ahead and we made all kinds of mistakes in World War I and World War II, but the United States came out victor because GOD gave the United States the victory, in spite of mistakes. And God is giving us the victory in this Work. Maybe I make lots of mistakes, but God is giving us the victory.

Now, God has given you your part and all you need to do is SEE YOU DO YOUR PART RIGHT and GOD will see that I do my part right. And that way we're all together, and we keep sweet and keep good cheer and love in our hearts and God can use us and the WORK of God just goes ahead as never before.

THE GLORIFIED CHRIST

Well, now I'm going to finish tomorrow morning, we'll get into the Holy Days. I wanted this background. The Christian life is a way of life, and God has laid down a way. I wanted you to see this because the thing is we are to be like Him. Just this much in parting. Jesus doesn't look like the pictures you see, brethren, at all. I've read this to you before a good many times. I want to read it a good many more. I want you to realize, here is the picture of Jesus as He is now, since He has been glorified.

“His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes as a FLAME OF FIRE!” You don't see pictures like that, and He has short hair not long hair. **“It's a shame for a man to have long hair,”** and He inspired Paul to write those words.

Now, **“His feet were like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters ... and His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.”** His countenance, it's just like looking right into the sun. Listen, that sun's a long ways off. What is it 92 million miles is it? Something like that? I believe, I'm not enough of a scientist to, I've seen those figures many times, but I don't retain them. It's a long ways!

Well, if Jesus were here and with a face with that power and that strength, right up close to you, what would happen to you if you'd look on such a face? That is the glory that is His. Absolute perfection, ALL POWER! He sustains the whole universe with His power!

Let me read that to you in the first chapter of Hebrews, now how God in these last days has **“spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of ALL THINGS!”** And we're joint heirs, co-heirs on the level with Him. Think of the heritage that we have ahead.

“By whom also He made the worlds,” a Creator, **“Who being the brightness of His glory,”** of the Father's glory, **“the express image of His person, and**

upholding all things by the word of His power.” Oh my, I want to read that to you in another translation that makes it a little plainer, **“sustains the universe with the word of His power.”** Just think of that! He, reflecting God's bright glory and stamped with God's own character, sustains the universe with the word of His power! He upholds, sustains it, preserves it, the whole universe and keeps it from collapsing. That was the Moffatt translation.

Here is this Revised Standard that so many of them say is such a terrible Bible. Well, it's just another translation. There aren't any of them that are absolutely perfect so far as that is concerned. Here it is here, **“He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of His nature,”** God's nature, **“upholding the universe by the word of His power.”**

Now, how great is Christ? Brethren, we are to be made just as great, every one of us. We are to be made like Him, our vile bodies to be made like unto His GLORIOUS BODY! That's His glorious body I just read to you. And we are to share not only in His glory, but in the responsibility of the wielding of that power.

THE CREATIVE POWER OF GOD

What will be created in the future? God is still creating. He's not through creating. He never will be, NEVER throughout all eternity. Space is limitless. We try to think of things limited to space. Well, there is enough space to keep creating for eternity, always doing good, creating and ruling righteously, wisely, always accomplishing, always with a full abundant life full of satisfaction.

Think of the POWER! A man gets hold of a new automobile with 250 horsepower today. You put a boy 16 years old at the wheel of that 250 horsepower and, oh boy, isn't that a thrill? Two hundred and fifty horsepower, well, you'll get 250 billion, trillion, million horsepower at the wheel. Think of the thrill, but you'll have to learn to wield it properly or you'll never be given that power. No young 16-year-old boy should ever be given a car with 250 horsepower UNLESS and UNTIL he has learned how to CONTROL that power! Instead of ZOOOOM! Seeing how fast he can



skid around a corner on two wheels. He's quite sure he'll never have a wreck. Oh no! Until he gets into one. And God is never going to give you that tremendous power until you learn how to hold it.

The president of the United States, once he gets in office, I know that President Eisenhower thought he didn't ever want to run again once he was elected and the first few days in the White House I think he still felt that. I really think that he would have been perfectly satisfied never to have been president. I don't think he was too anxious for the job.

But now that he's gotten there and gotten onto it and gotten a hold of these controls and that terrible, terrific POWER that he wields as president of the United States and got where it's all working and all of his assistants working with him and where he's really controlling it, well, I can tell you right now he wants to be president a little bit longer. He would like to be president as long as he lives. Once a man gets a feel of that power he just, there is just a thrill to it, he doesn't ever want to let it down. Well, that's a little puny power compared to what every one of you can have.

GOD'S ANNUAL SABBATHS

Now, but I'm going to come the next time to show you that one of the things that God gave us, to develop us that He set before us as His way to TAKE IT OR REJECT IT is these annual Holy Days. He gave the Sabbath to man when MAN was made, but the Sabbaths

He gave to the Church when His Church was first called. That's why the ANNUAL Sabbaths DID NOT begin at Adam. They DID NOT begin until they were called out of Egypt.

And I'm going to show you that these days were commanded for our good and for a WONDERFUL, glorious purpose. Yes, blessings, blessings, I am, and CURSINGS if you are going to observe the world's holidays that replaced them. They were commanded forever, long before the Law of Moses, before the Old Covenant. They weren't introduced or set in motion by the Old Covenant or the Law of Moses. They couldn't be taken away by it.

They're commanded in the New Testament. The New Testament Church observed them. There were no sacrifices or meat and drink offerings on the Holy Days AT ALL when God first ordained them. The sacrifices and meat and drink offerings went on them when they went on every other day of the week, every other day of the year, and they went off of these days when they went OFF of every other day in the year, at the crucifixion of Christ.

But you still have your Sundays and Mondays and Tuesdays, and we still have the Sabbath and we still have the annual Holy Days. And I'm going to show you that ALL nations are going to have to keep them in the Millennium, and then the wonderful meaning. I know that some of you have not been here before and maybe you're not all quite straight on why do we keep these days. It certainly is different from this world.

All right, in the next sermon I'll try to get right at it and now we'll have the closing.



Editor's Comment: It was necessary to edit out portions of this sermon given by Mr. Armstrong due to a lack of space. However, it is available in its entirety to those who will write or call us (P. O. Box 8819, Modesto, CA 95357, Phone # 209.772-0737.

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www.10commandments.ws

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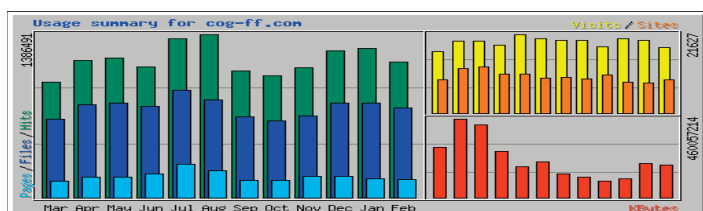
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