"INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL WELL-BEING" Deut. 6:1-25
6:23-24

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INTRO: A.- Inquiry Of Spiritual Condition!

1-Saved ?
2-Sure you're saved ?
3-**IF not**--------The gospel is **your need**!
4-If saved and sure of it, then your need and--I trust--your desire, is **to PROGRESS** in spiritual well-being
5-This is to **live** in the realm of **spiritual health**
6-ILLUS--3rd John 1-3 GAIUS

B.-Importance Of Spiritual Instructions!

1-Found in Deut. 6
2-**TO** Israel; **FOR** us of the Church
3-**1 Cor. 10:11**--"Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition upon whom the ends of the ages are come"
--**Rom. 15:3**--"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope."
4-**Reasons** for their importance:
--God-given instructions
--De. 6:1-2
--Designed to insure Israel **"IN FAVOR"** w/ God
--De. 6:3 - "well with thee"
--De. 6:18 - " " "
5-Thus, Deut. 6 is an **application** of **Divine principles** to **human conduct**!
6-They are **timeless principles**!
7-They are important **for the Church** as they were **to** Israel in days gone by

C.-Instructions For Spiritual Well-Being:

HOW?
1-**LOVE** Him-----6:4-5
2-**DECLARE** Him--6:6-9
3-**REMEMBER** Him--6:10-12
4-**SERVE** Him-----6:13-25

5-**Prop.**: --To heed the instructions of God **produces**
* = **OUR** highest good & well-being
* = **HIS** greatest glory

I.-LOVE HIM (6:4-5):

A. Love Him As The One God:

1-6:4
2-Called the **"SHEMA"** by the Jews, from the Hebrew word for **"Hear"**, with which the verse begins
3-Considered the **greatest doctrinal statement** in the O.T.
4-Emphasis on the **UNITY** (or oneness) of God — אֶחָד as in Gen. 2:24
5-**Repeated** in **every service** of the Temple & Synagogue
6-Note the **personal possessive** term
--**"OUR God"**
--It was not merely that there was **A God**, but that He was **THEIR God**. Relationship of Israel was to this One, True God!

B.-Love Him With All One's Powers:

1-6:5

2-Love is the Key attitude ← VOLITIONAL CHOICE. ← 1 Jn. 4:19 – "We love Him, because He first loved us."

3-This is what Jesus called "The great commandment"

*4-Lk. 10:25-28

5-This was to embrace the WHOLE MAN:

- "all thine heart"------Emotional side; affections
- "all thy soul"---------Mental side; will
- "all thy might"--------Physical side; energy & power

6-Love is the basis of all obedience

7-Our first "center of love" is to be our God!

C. Love Is A Heart Decision:

1-Heart is the regulator of life

2-ILLUS---The heart may be compared to the regulator of a watch, which acts on the hair spring, & the hair spring acts on the mainspring, & the mainspring acts on the hands as they move around the dial.

If your watch goes wrong, it will not do merely to alter the hands---you must touch the REGULATOR. God is after a real heart-work in us, not just the external touching of our hands.

3-ILLUS--Josiah, a very good King in Judah

--3 verses which describe him

** 2 Kings 22:1-2
** 2 Kings 22:19
** 2 Kings 23:25

READ

--What a testimony summary of the life of a man whose ministry was completed when he was 39 years of age

4-Can it be said of US that we follow the instruction to "LOVE HIM" ??

Response comes from realizing "HE LOVES ME!" How could I do less than to LOVE HIM also?

II. DECLARE HIM (6:6-9):

A. Declare In Personal Life: — HEART

1-6:6 — Him

2-Private & personal life is where one must begin — Begin Within

3-Can't influence anyone else, until our own lives have shown His touch upon them

4-Real & genuine attitude of heart obedience

* 5-1 Tim. 4:12--"Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

6-C. H. M.--"It is not so much a question of keeping up a certain order of religious observances, the offering of sacrifices, or attention to rites & ceremonies. All these things, no doubt, had their place, but they are by no means the prominent or paramount thing in Deuteronomy. No; THE WORD is the all-important matter here. It is JEHOVAH'S WORD in ISRAEL'S HEART....It might happen that an Israelite would find himself in a place & under circumstances in which a rigid adherence to rites & ceremonies would be impossible; but he could never be in a place or in a circumstance in which he could not love, reverence & obey the Word of God." (Pp. 420-21)

AMEN

B. Declare In Family Life — HOME

1-6:7-8 — Him

2-"Words" commanded
- Are to be taught
- Are to be taught diligently
- Are to be taught diligently unto thy children — Tremendous responsibility to bring our children along with us spiritually. Proof of what our home life really is.

3-Divine instructions
- Subject of daily discussion
  - ** When sitting
  - ** When walking
  - ** When lying down
  - ** When rising up
- These instructions are to be taught in the family life situation — HOME SCHOOLING
- Eph. 6:4 — "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture (discipline) and admonition of the Lord." (N.T. Parallel)
- Bound on hands & forehead by phylacteries, so that they'd ever be "at hand"

4-Method to develop — 1 Pet. 3:15

C. Declare In Public Life: — HOUSE

1-6:9 — HIM

2-Modern as billboards

3-We are to "SHOW AND TELL" of our God

4-How do you measure up as you DECLARE HIM?

5-How long
- Since your last public testimony?
- Since your last personal witness?
- Since your last decision for Christ rendered through your DECLARING HIM? We can't win people without a verbal witness!

III.-REMEMBER HIM (6:10-12):

A. Remember Him When "IN THE LAND" — CONTACT / IMPACT

1-6:10

2-Related to Israel after the conquest of Canaan, when they would be enjoying the possession of what God had freely given them — "In the land"

3-Parallel for the christian is after he is "In Christ"

4-Salvation is by "REMEMBERING HIM" as your Savior

5-Fellowship & growth
- Follow conversion — Born into family - Not grown into family
- Appropriated by the same formula
- Gained & enjoyed by "remembering Him", Who Saved us & keeps us

6-We need to REMEMBER HIM
- Source of blessing
- Channel of blessing
- Blessing itself

"Turn your eyes upon Jesus"

B. Remember Him When "FULL"

1-6:11

2-Israel's possessions in the Land:
- Not by building homes
- Not by digging wells
- Not by cultivating fields
- Not by planting vineyards
- Not by developing olive groves
- but by a Gift of God

3-God would give victory, possession & blessings.

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4-Israel would be "FULL" of blessings

5-Time of DANGER .....prompts a...

6-Warning 6:12

--Spiritual decline & material prosperity go hand in hand

--32:15--"But Jeshurun (Israel) waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness; then he forsook God which made him, and lightly esteemed The Rock of his salvation/"

Don't Forget!

Eph. 1:3

7-Church needs to "REMEMBER HIM" also

--These dangers, are dangers for us also!

--We've been brought OUT of the house of spiritual bondage

--We've been brought IN to the family of God

--We've been brought UP to the "heavenlies" of divine blessing

--BUT we also are in danger of "forgetting the Lord" as we become occupied with His benefits

NB

8-Note David's order in Ps. 103

--Verse 1--"Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name"

--Begins with a remembrance of the Lord Himself

--Verse 2--"Bless the LORD, O my soul; and forget not all His benefits:"

* --Follows with an appreciation for the good gifts from God as the giver.

9-Let us.....

.Love Him

.Declare Him

.Remember Him, and...

IV. SERVE HIM (6:13-25):

A. Serve Him EXCLUSIVELY:

1-6:13--Love leads to Fear (Godly reverence & awe) 6:2,5

--Fear leads to service

Two-fold motive for acceptable service

2-6:14-15--NOT to go after other gods

--Because God is supreme

--Because God is jealous for His place in our hearts

--To avoid judgment for sin of apostasy

3-6:16--Quoted by Christ in Matt. 4

--Not to tempt God

** By idolatry

** By polytheism

** By asking if God is really in their midst or not

4-Israel was to serve God EXCLUSIVELY

5-And so am I !!! Valid principle for today

B. Serve Him DILIGENTLY:

1-6:17

2-diligently; not just with lip-service

3-What's the outcome to this diligent service ??

4-6:18-19 Do RIGHT — Do Good!

5-We serve God because we LOVE HIM, but as a loving Father,

He delights to bestow good upon His own

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C.- Serve Him PERPETUALLY:

1-How long are we to serve Him?

--3 generations stated

--De. 6:2 — Thee, Thy son, Thy son's son

--Reiterated now

--De. 6:20

Generation in Bondage
Generation in Deliverance
Generation to Come

"ALWAYS" — 6:24

2-Testimony is to be handed on from generation to generation--De. 6:21-23

--Reason is also restated — "For our good always"

--6:24

--I like 6:23:

** "Brought out" = EXODUS = "The way out"

** Speaks of REDEMPTION

** "Bring us in" = DEUT. & JOSH. = "The way into the land"

** Speaks of REWARD

** These two phrases are a summary of divine dealings

Family Life Responsibility

N.B.

3-6:25--Might be misunderstood

--Not to get saved

--But to show that one is saved

--As one practices "observing to do all these commandments before the Lord", he is following Divine instructions for Spiritual Well-Being

Lifestyle of the Redeemed is OBEDIENCE

CONCLUSION!

N.T. Parallel — Mt. 28:20 — "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..."

A.-Recapitulation:

1-Love Him.....with your whole being

2-Declare Him.....at all times

3-Remember Him.....in every circumstance

4-Serve Him---Exclusively

---Diligently

---Perpetually

5-This is "the method" of spiritual well-being.

B.-Double Motive Of Deut. 6:

1-LOVE------6:5

2-FEAR------6:13, 24

3-These go together----2 Cor. 5:10-15

Response to the DOUBLE DANGER

(1) Fullness

(2) Idolatry

C.-Decision Is Demanded:

1-One generation decides for itself

2-Next generation must decide for themselves — God has no Grandchildren

3-Deterioration will set in

4-2 Tim. 4:3-4--"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned to fables."

5-Spiritual well-being demands DECISION!

6-ILLUS--Josh. 24:14-16

--Call was made----24:14 (Fear Serve Put Away)

--Choice was demanded----24:15a — "CHOOSE"

--Consistent example was set----24:15b — Joshua's EXAMPLE

--Clear-cut decision was rendered---24:16 PEOPLE follow EXAMPLE

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--Greatest danger then....and now---was to be a "BETWEENITE"

---Between the ones who fully follow the Lord

---And between the rejectors of God's ways for your life

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7-Your spiritual well-being also demands DECISION! — To be all-out for God!

** 8-What is your reply? Will you..Love Him
..Declare Him
..Remember Him
..Serve Him ???????

9-Well, then, let's TELL HIM!

Hymn — "I Love Him"

PROP To heed the instructions of God produces our highest good + well-being + His greatest glory

4/7/68 - AM - Westbrae Communion
3/15/81 - CBC, Byrdstown, TN.
The Old Rugged Cross — 65 247
Break Thou The Bread of Life — 99 175
I Love Him — 77 269 Blue
Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee — 33 170 Red
305 Blue
"Oh, How I Love Jesus"

OR

6/30/85 - O.K. B.C.
6/22/86 Grace Community Ch - Tacoma, Wash.
8/3/86 Cranberry Cr. Com. Ch, NY
11/4/86 - Grace Fellowship Ch, Ephrata, PA
11/5/86 - Twin Valley Christian School, Morgantown, PA.
11/9/86 - Cicero Bible Ch., IL
3/17/96 - Wheitakerie City, N.Z.
3/24/96 - S.F. Bible Ch., CA
11/20/05 Lick Creek Bapt. Ch
2/19/06 - Harper Heights
1/28/08 - Emanuel Bapt, Fayetteville

"THE CHILDREN OF GOD'S CHILDREN"

Deut. 6:1-25
Isa. 38:18-20

INTRO:

A.-Status Of Children In General:

ILLUS--A disgruntled schoolteacher handed in her resignation with the following comment:

"In our public schools today the teachers are afraid of the principals, the principals are afraid of the superintendents, the superintendents are afraid of the Board, the Board members are afraid of the parents, the parents are afraid of the children, and the children are afraid of nobody."

2-Facing a nationally increasing crime rate...
...ESPECIALLY among the YOUTH!!

3-Press of new & trouble-packed problems for today's youth

4-Cause for CHRISTIAN CONCERN by all of us

B.-Status Of Children Of Believers: (What About "OUR OWN"?)

1-First generation christians have vitality & are spiritually robust

2-Second & third generation christians OFTEN LOSE VITALITY, virility & reality of their profession:

--They know the ROUTINE, but they are strangers to the REDEEMER;

--They know the VOCABULARY, but they don't have the VICTORY

3-Jim Rayburn--"Out of the ten outstanding teenagers in the USA today, only 1 out of 10 would be from Christian homes.

4-Proper subject---

"THE CHILDREN OF GOD'S CHILDREN"

I.-ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD'S CHILDREN GOD'S CHILDREN??:

A.-General Perspective:

1-Many take this for granted

2-Some even get offended if you suggest otherwise....and this reaction is not confined to the liberals

3-Some spend time with other people's problems and go on neglecting the "PROBLEMS" growing up in their own homes.

B.-Testimony From Experience:

1-Salvation is dependent upon "BELIEVING"--Acts 16:31

2-This same condition applies for ALL MEMBERS of the household on an individual basis::::not tied to anyone's apron strings

3-NOT HOUSEHOLD SALVATION--As taught in Presbyterian & Reformed denominations

4-Each must decide for himself--Acts 11:14 (Cornelius)
--Acts 16:15 (Lydia)
--Acts 16:31 (Phil. Jailor)
--None were "Children of the Covenant"

5-Each saved & baptized as a result of personally believing

C.-Testimony From Expressed Truth:

1-John 8:33, 39-41, 44

2-Claim of Jews of a relationship to God thru Abraham

3-Christ answered that their works don't match Abraham's

4-But Christ admits that they do follow THEIR FATHER, but he shows that THEIR FATHER is the devil!!

5-Examples that a physical relationship is not spiritually valid & acceptable:

--Abraham fathered Ishmael, but Ishmael wasn't benefited by any "covenant relationship"

--Isaac sired Esau, but Esau wasn't benefited by a "Covenenat relationship"

--Eli had sons, but they weren't saved because they were the High Priest's sons

--David begat Absalom, but Absalom wasn't benefited by a Covenant relationship

--Judas had Abrahamic lineage, but he wasn't saved

--Zacchaeus, Saul & Nicodemus had the Abrahamic family line, but THEY HAD TO BE CONVERTED ** Individually
** Personally

D.-Specific Perspective:

1-To be reared in a Christian home is a great privilege

2-1 Cor. 7:14--"For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now they are holy."

3-"SANCTIFIED"--In the sense of being set apart
--Privileged opportunity to know the truth

4-Still must be the travail of soul for them to be saved
--As in Job 1:5
--PARENTIAL BURDEN of heart

5-Bless God for PRAYING PARENTS--Many are saved thru them!!
--HOW PRECIOUS!!

6-But, it is not a guarantee of salvation, for that requires PERSONAL APPROPRIATION of the privileges afforded one

7-Saved parents--Provides special opportunity
--But not automatic salvation

8-THUS--No saved parent ought to take for granted the idea that his children will be saved
--Rather, he must pray for that salvation
--And he must set an example of devotion & Holiness
--Also PRESS FOR A DECISION for Christ as Savior.
--ILLUS--One day Helen asked her mother, "How old must I be before I become a Christian?"

Mother said, "That is a good question, Helen. Before I answer it, I want to ask you 4 QUESTIONS. My first question is, 'How old must you be to know that you have a heart that makes you do WRONG?'. Helen replied: "I know that now."

'My second question is 'How old must you be before you can trust me to take care of you?' Her daughter answered: "I trust you to do that already.'

'My third question is 'How old must you be to be able to love?' That's easy, answered Helen, I've loved you for a long time.'

'My fourth question is: "How old do you have to

be to know what I mean when I ask you to do something?'

'Why Mother, I can understand that now."

"Then Mother said, "If you can know these four things, Helen, you are old enough to become a Christian. You can know you're a sinner; trust Jesus to save you from your sins; love Him and try to please Him day by day."

9-MOREOVER, once our children are saved, we need to encourage our children in their Christian lives

10-Don't just condemn Youth Leaders for failures with the young people, but LOOK TO YOURSELF. What kind of an example are you being???

11-Dr. Chafer was asked why one of the sons of D.L. Moody would identify himself with a notoriously liberal organization. Chafer's revealing answer was: "Everyone took it for granted that a son of Dwight L. Moody was a born-again son of God."

12-REMEMBER--Whether a member of the congregation
--Or a preacher or missionary
--Our children are a part of the "field that is white unto harvest
--Only saved by the New Birth regenerating them into the family of God.
--ILLUS--Bob McPheeters who was sitting just one row behind Mrs. Kopecky when she died in an AM service. Really sobered him; he was from an active Christian family, but he knew he wasn't saved. Went home that day & told his folks "If the death angel had stopped at my row instead of hers, I'd be LOST right now. I want to get saved!"

13-Impossible to overemphasize this:
--Take your children as your responsibility
--Take your neighbor children as your heart burden.

II.-TRAINING OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD'S CHILDREN:

A.-Ephesians 6:4--"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

1-Discipline--Positive, yet not brutal
--Strict without being severe
--Always IN LOVE

2-Child Psychology
--Psychologists used to talk as if a child were a cross between an orchid and a dresden china doll. Parents were warned not to damage their little IDS.
--Psychology has recently done a "flip-flop", returning to a position favoring discipline.
--Dr. Spock may have been fine on diseases, but on discipline Spock was a flop!!

3-Those who read & obeyed their Bibles never left this position:--Prov. 10:13
--Prov. 15:5

--Prov. 23:13-14
--Prov. 29:15, 17
--Parents ought to read Proverbs through once a month PLUS other Bible reading.

4-Expectation is to "BRING THEM UP"
--Indicates care & concern
--Not just left to "grow like topsy"
--Strict & sympathetic
--Not just BEAT THEM either
--Realize their training is a process
--"In the nurture (discipline) and admonition of the Lord"

5-Parallels--Col. 3:21--"Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged."
--Deut. 6:4-25

6-ALSO----------when a Pastor, Youth Leader or other Adult corrects your child, THANK HIM for it.....Don't rebuke him!!

7-Christian Young People need to be taught that their conduct is to be ABOVE REPROACH (Col. 3:23, 17)

8-Some say: "My daughter doesn't need a chaperone." Some kids I know need an ENTIRE POLICE DEPARTMENT to corral them...and some of them come from "the best" homes.

B.-Admonitions To "My Son":

1-From his FATHER--Prov. 1:8, 10, 15
--Prov. 2:1
--Prov. 3:1-2, 11, 21
--Prov. 4:1, 10, 20
--Prov. 5:1
--Prov. 6:1, 20
--Prov. 7:1-3
--Prov. 8:32
--Prov. 13:1
--Prov. 19:27
--Prov. 23:15, 19, 26
--Prov. 24:13-14
--Prov. 127:11
--Isa. 38:18-19

2-FATHER is "God's Deputy For Child-Rearing" in the home

3-One reference to the admonitions from the Mother--Prov. 31:1-2

4-Ratio in Proverbs is 22 to 1 of Father's responsibility as compared with Mother's
--But it takes BOTH
--Standing in harmony with one another

5-In Moses' case (Heb. 11:23-29) PARENTAL Faith was used to lead Moses to his own PERSONAL faith.

C.-Outstanding Passages:

1-Prov. 19:20-21--"Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end. There are many devices in a man's heart; nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand."

2-Prov. 22:6--"Train up a child in the way he should go:

and when he is old, he will not depart from it"
--KEY TEXT!!
--Illus--To train a tree you must guide it and brace it as well as feed it. So with a child also.

3-Isa. 28:10--"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little."

4-ILLUS--JOHN G. PATON grew up in a humble home in Scotland. It had only 3 little rooms and only one of them eveh had a window in it. In the middle room was the place where the Father of the house went daily to talk with God. He would shut the door & the children would tiptoe through the house as long as he remained in that room.

Daily Mr. Paton would gather his family around him for the reading of God's Word and prayer. John never forgot the influence of his Christian home.

When John Paton became a young man, he left home. He had a walk of 40 miles before him. His father accompanied him 6 miles. Then these two, who lived each other so dearly, parted. His father said, "God bless you, my son! May your father's God be with you and keep you from all evil."

After the farewll John walked on for some time. Then he climbed a little hill and looked back to see if his father was still watching. At the same moment the father climbed a dyke to see his boy. The two waved at each other. Then John continued his journey; his eyes filled with tears. As he walked on, he vowed that with the help of God he would live and act in such a way he would never grieve or dishonor his father.

LATER John G. Paton became a great missionary. He went to the South Sea Islands to preach the gospel and won thousands of the natives for the Lord. Whenever you read stories of Paton's great missionary work, BE REMINDED OF HIS CHRISTIAN HOME, which had such an influence on his life and ministry.

III.-CONCLUSION OF THE MATTER OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD'S CHILDREN:

A.-Intended Products Of Christian Homes:

1-Prov. 17:6--"Children's children are the crown of old men..."

2-Prov. 20:7--"The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him."

3-3rd John 3-4--"For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

B.-Contrasted Reactions:

1-Prov. 10:17--"He is in the way of life that keepeth instruction: but he that refuseth reproof erreth."
--ATTITUDE

2-Prov. 15:10--"Correction is grevious unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth re-

proof shall die."
--END OF THE REJECTOR of the truth of God

C.-Contrasted Results:
1-Prov. 10:1--Gladness vs. Heaviness
2-Prov. 10:5--Wisdom vs. Shame
3-Prov. 13:1--Silence vs. talkative
4-Prov. 15:20--Gladness vs. Despising
5-Prov. 19:26--Shame & reproach vs. Joy
6-Prov. 28:7--Wisdom vs. Shame
7-Prov. 29:3--Rejoicing vs. Spending
8-Unbelievable capacities in Young People. THEY CAN BE TRAINED!!
Animal trainers will spend time to teach an animal to do tricks.
We can teach our children--If we want to
--If we take the time
--PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY
--Spurgeon's poem:

"Ere a child has reached aged seven,
Teach to him the way to heaven;
Better still, the work will thrive,
If he learns before he's five."

9-Can't pass the buck to SCHOOLS or to the CHURCH! "The buck stops here"

D.-Recapitulation:
1-Serious counsel--Prov. 8:32-33--"Now, therefore, hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep thy ways. Hear instruction, and be wise; and refuse it not."
2-Even children are "Old enough"
--Prov. 20:11--"Even a child is known by his doings, whether they be pure and whether they be right."
3-GOD'S METHOD for a happy conclusion to parental responsibility:
--Prov. 22:6--"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it
--H O W ??
--By consistency as parents
--Kids WATCH much more attentively than they LISTEN!!
--Someone has defined children == Tape recorders with eyes
--NO SUBSTITUTE for parents who are consistent christians before their children.
4-Remarkable testimony of NOAH given in Heb. 11:7--"By faith, Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world and became the heir of the righteousness which is by faith."
5-NOAH preached for 120 years without any recorded conversions. He announced the coming judgment of God by water, and the WAY OF ESCAPE by the ark. It is wrong to say he did not have a convert. He was ridiculed. But his testimony made a profound impression on his own sons.....and also upon his daughters-in-law.
5-ILLUS--Let your imagination run a bit, as J. Vernon McGee has. It is easy to imagine that JAPHETH had left home & become a Professor at the University of Nod. A returning professor report-

ed to the Staff the result he saw being made in the hills. He told of seeing a man building the largest boat ever made & that the old gentleman was evidently demented, since he preached that a flood is coming. Then this professor made the profound observation, "YOU KNOW, GENTLEMEN, HE IS WRONG BECAUSE IT IS CONTRARY TO SCIENCE, as we know it, for any such thing to take place."

I can imagine that Dr. Japheth made inquiry as to just the place where the man was, and also inquired as to his name. When he was informed that it was NOAH, this man arose with an ashen gray pallor on his face & said, "GENTLEMEN, I AM RESIGNING. I AM GOING TO JOIN THAT MAN. He is my father I know it is not plausible that a flood is coming, but if my Dad says God told him a flood is coming, I BELIEVE MY DAD You see, I was reared in that home; and I never heard my father tell a lie. Japheth took his wife and joined his father.

I can imagine that Ham went to the city and got with the wrong crowd. In that day it was the only crowd you could get with. One night he attended a party where they were celebrating the return of one of their fellow libertines. They were all drunk when the traveller was called up on to tell of interesting events of his trip. This man also reported about the boat, and the poor old man who was saying God was going to send a flood. All jeered & laughed, including Ham. He casually asked the name of the man. When he was told the man's name was NOAH, he began to tremble. He was sobered somewhat by the shock. He arose and staggered out. When he was asked where he was going, his parting reply was, "FELLOWS, I HAVE KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME I HAVE BEEN DOING WRONG. ALL OF US MUST MEET THE JUDGMENT OF GOD, AND IT IS COMING. That man is MY DAD. He is an honest man. I watched his life up to the day I left home, & I believe my godly Dad rather than this lying, drinking crowd.

Perhaps it didn't happen just like that, but the record is clear: "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an Ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith."

Noah saved his house. He had a clear-cut witness in a world where every thought and imagination of man was only evil continually. Things are bad today, but they are not that bad yet. However, they are getting that way FAST!!!

Surely you and I have a responsibility to claim our own children for God. We can ask Him to help us give them the kind of witness by our lives and lips that will bring them INTO THE ARK OF SAFETY before it is everlastingly too late.

6-Col. 3:21--"Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged."

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CONCLUSION:

A.-Parental Imperatives:

1-Evangelize
2-Instruct
3-Example of consistency

B.-Parental Intentions:

1-Our OWN Kids
2-Our ADOPTED Kids
3-Remember------God has no grandchildren; with Him it is always a first generation decision!

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--9/29/74--"I Would Be True"--#305
--"Trust And Obey"--#402

"ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN" Deut. 6:4-25

Intro: A.-Dress doesn't fit---failed to follow the pattern when making it.
B.-Parallel--Heb. 8:5--Blue-print for the O.T. Tabernacle "according to the pattern"
C.-Another "Pattern" in the Bible
1-Not for a dress
2-Not for a Tabernacle
3-BUT, Heavenly Blue-print for a Godly Home
4-This is "ADULT READING"---not addressed to children, but puts the "bee" on adults !

I.-THE GREAT COMMANDMENT 6:4-6
A.-Doctrine:
1-Unity of God
2-Trinity of God (latent in verse)
3-Personal relationship between God & Israel---OUR GOD
--presupposition of salvation
--invitation to trust God thru His son, Jesus X.
B.-Response Expected:
1-Relationship draws forth LOVE toward God
2-Love lays the groundwork for OBEDIENCE
3-This is "Total Committal"---100%ers Club
--Whole heart
--whole soul } 6:5
--whole might
--diligently 6:17
C.-Results Intended:
1-Doctrine is made PRACTICAL
2-"These words"--6:4-5
--literal content
--spiritual import
3-"In thine heart" -"Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." ILLUS---Heart is the regulator that governs the mainspring, that moves the hands.
4-Real, Personal, & Genuine--ILLUS--A minister of a colored ch. was hearing the experiences of his people at a class meeting. One woman spoke of the preciousness of her religion & the comfort & happiness she found in it. "That is delightful," said the pastor, "but how about the practical side? Does it make you kind in the home, cheerful, sweet, & loving?" The pastor felt someone tugging at his coat tails & a man whispered, "Press dem questions, pastor! Press dem questions. Dat's my wife!"

II.-THE GREAT APPLICATION---In The Home---6:7--25.
A.-Vocal:----Read. Eph. 4:29
1-Teach--systematic approach--cover the areas
--Regular in Time & Place
--Positive in attitude--DILIGENTLY
--Child-centered & geared & related
--Real home training
2-Conversation---all our talk---Eph. 5:18-20
---when sitting-----leisure time (day off)
---when walking-----work time
---when lying down--rest time or end of day
---when rising up---hurrying time & early morning
---Un-embarrassing & natural because on INTIMATE TERMS.
Tit. 2:15

Public
Private
Domestic
Life.

B.-Visual
1-On Hands--like a cheat-sheet---private yet in view
2-On Forehead--Like a beacon to show the way to others
3-On Door-Posts--Like Plaques to catch the eye when wandering
4-On Gate--Like a billboard to catch the eye of the passer-by.
--Gospel advertising.---Modern?????---Eph. 6:4

C.-Warnings: (for alliteration pronounce W as a V as in German)
1-Don't let blessings go to your head--6:10--ILLUS-"Two things a master commits to his servant's care,"someone said, "the child & the child's clothes." It will be a poor excuse for the servant to say at his master's return: "Sir, here are all the child's clothes neat & clean but the child is lost!" Much so with the account that many will give to God of the souls of their children in the time of judgment.
2-Don't just see the gifts & forget the Giver--6:11--ILLUS--Girl who is looking at the size of the ring & not looking at the man giving it.
3-Don't forget the pit from which you were dug out of bondage--6:12
4-Don't forget the pitfall of IDOLATRY--6:14-16 --ILLUS--A man & his daughter were in a service in which the preacher spoke about how obedience toward God is revealed in the manner in which one attends to the small duties of everyday life. He described how many parents neglect their spiritual duties in the home, how they retire night after night without praying for God's watchful care, & how in the morning they fail to thank Him for rest, protection, & the blessing of the new day. The little girl listened attentively, then turned to her daddy & whispered, "DADDY, IS THE MINISTER TALKING ABOUT YOU?" The simple question pierced his heart & he got it right with God---How about you?????

D.-Victory:
1-Motives---6:5--LOVE the Lord thy God
6:13--FEAR the Lord thy God
It takes work
2-Application--6:17--Diligently keep.....ILLUS--In his biography, Pierre Loti tells how, as a small boy, reading stories of saint-hood led him to aspire to become a saint. He resolved to imitate Simeon Stylites, who lived on top of a pillar & thereby won a great reputation for sanctity. Accordingly, he mounted a high stool in the kitchen & announced his plan to remain there for FORTY YEARS. His mother & the cook would have none of his sanctity & at the end of an hour he was wistfully recording in his diary, "THUS I DISCOVERED THAT IT IS EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT TO BE A SAINT WHILE LIVING WITH YOUR OWN FAMILY."
3****---God wants reality;;;;;not mere lip-service
3-Answer--1 Pet. 3:15-----De. 6:20, 23-25
--Exodus--The way out---Redemption
--De. & Josh. ---The way in--Reward with the Land
--for our permanent good
--for ourreternal preservation
--for our righteous obedience.

CONCL: --GOD'S PATTERN FOR THE HOME: Addressed to Parents
A.-Parents Know---The Lord
--Bible Doctrine
B.-Parents Perform---Speak & Teach
---What to Avoid
---Victory Road
C.-Examine the Results of the Home "Acc. to the Pattern"
1-Dad is in the proper place--Leadership
2-Mom is in the proper place--Loving Subjection
3-Kids are in the proper place--Obedient Attention
4-Home is in proper place--Enjoyable & blessed of God.
Won't YOU Decide today for God's Pattern in your home????
Read. Col. 3:15-20

ILLUS see 3 X 5

"Vital Values Of A Family Altar" Mt. 7:7-12; Eph. 6:10-20

DEUT 6:7-9

Intro: A.-Many sins besetting this nation & people
B.-God's Provision
1-Deu. 6:5-7
2-Family Altar---ILLUS--The story is told of a little Japanese girl who studied at an American college & spent a Xmas vacation in the home of 1 of her classmates. She had seen much in America, but the thing she longed most of all to see on the inside was a Xn home, & such a home this one was known to be. She had a delightful time & as she was about to leave at the end of the vacation time the mother said, "How do you like the way we American folks live?" "Oh, she said, "I love it. Your home is beautiful. But there is 1 thing I miss." It is queer to me to find that I have been to your church & there I have seen you worship your God, but I have missed that God in your home. You know, in Japan, we have a god-shelf in every home, with the gods right there in the house. Do not Americans worship their God in their homes?" CHRISTIANITY WILL NEVER REACH THE WORLD UNTIL IT IS THE VERY WARP & WOOF OF OUR HOMES.
3-Family Altar is the "sea wall of protection, security & safety about our home"
4- Place of weakness — if not downright failure — for many of us!

I.-FAMILY ALTAR & FAMILY SALVATION

A.-Promise Given:
1-Acts 16:31 — "... and thy house
2-Parents and Family or household too
3-BELIEVE is the word of trust
* 4-Born in our family, living in our home; CAN Have a place in His home?
B.-Action Required: "And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house."
1-Acts 16:32—
2-"Spoke" --to him----The word, ----all others in house too.
3-How???---Tit. 2:15—"These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee."
C.-Action Produced:
1-Acts 16:34, 33
2-He believed-------Household believed
3-All rejoiced------All baptized
4-Provision for the messengers is proof of reality
OUTWARD SHOW IS PROOF of INWARD REALITY
D.-Relationship Between Altar & Salvation:
1-Sincerety shown
2-Responsibility & Reward go hand in hand
Rom. 10:17
3-ILLUS---3 year old grandchild of Zoets in Carlsbad & his prayer list for unsaved & missions due to Family Altar
4-Family Altar is something we cannot AFFORD to be WITHOUT.
5-ILLUS---One family gave the excuse for not having a family altar because they were too busy. A friend asked a question: "If you knew that your children would be sick thru the neglect of family prayer, would you have it?" "Of course," was the answer. "If 1 child were smitten down with fever each morning that you negleced prayer, would you have prayer then?" "Oh yes," they quickly replied. "We would surely have prayer then." "And if there was a law that you should be fined $5 if you did not meet for prayer each day, would you have prayer then?" "Yes" "Well, then," said the one asking the questions, "it is surely a poor excuse when you who profess to be children of God say that you have no time or opportunity to have family prayers, if you would have them for such simple reasons as you have just said."
6-Hearing, reading, praying — "exposure" — brings the gospel to the tender heart of your children while they're still tender

II.-FAMILY ALTAR & FAMILY DISCIPLINE

A.-Close & Vital Relationship
1-Not based upon psychology alone
2-Not based on the rod alone — Inter-action of several good influences
3-Manifold relationships

1- B.-FIRST--Discipline Based on Prayer Life of Parents:
1-Power with God gives power with children
2-Prayerless parents don't have the respect of their kids
3-ILLUS---Mother says to children, "Stop quarreling" They answer that they are not quarreling, but just playing "Mom & Dad"
4-Prayerless parents don't sho vital concern in children
5-Rod punishment produces bitterness when not applied by a praying parent — Eph.6:4

2- C.-SECOND--Self-Will of Parent Will Be Subdued: — Ps. 78:5-8
1-Wilfulness on your part won't cure wilfulness in a child
2-Children learn more from watching than from listening.
3-Children recognize authority of one oft with the Lord.
4-The child mind is quite willing to submit to an earthly parent who is submissive to the Heavenly Parent
5-ILLUS--Jacob w. thigh out of joint----Power of self dislocated & only God's sustaining strength shows thru.

3- D.-THIRD---Teach Them God's Word Regularly:
1-Blame---often fault of parents because they haven't taught God's word & there is not basis for obedience apart from it.
2-De. 6:7--"impress diligently upon children"--ILLUS--"whet" them until they are sharpened to a keen edge by the Word.
3-Saturate the whole fabric of life at home with the Word ---Vocal & Visual--De. 6:7-9
4-ILLUS--Suzannah Wesley literally took God at His Word & sought to obey this command as fully as possible. Though she had 19 children & was the wife of a busy & faithful pastor, she had daily worship & in addition devoted 1 hour a week to the spiritual examination of each 1 of her 19 children.

4- E.-FOURTH--Right Parental Motivation:
1-Purpose:::???--Self interest & convenience?
--Good of the child??
--Glory of God???
2-Family altar will help keep motive clear by keeping HIM in focus.
3-Weaning from dependence upon Parents, to dependence upon God

III.-FAMILY ALTAR & VICTORIOUS CHRISTIAN LIVING

We can trust our Kids when we've taught them to trust always in the Lord — Prov. 3:5-6

A.-The Battle Is On:
1-Effects young and old alike
2-Superhuman battle---Eph 6:10-12
3-Fury of Satan & hosts to be overcome--World, Flesh, Devil
4-FAILURE surrounds us

B.-Problems:
1-Issues not clearly known by all--compromise--why not?
--Victory---How?
--Defeat--such a price it takes
--Worldliness vs. Dedication
2-Some are so busy working or working for the Lord, that they are not arming themselves or their families
3-Price of Failure--lack of growth-----lack of joy — lack of continuance.
--lack of service----lack of testimony
4-We cannot have HEARTS for Christ, without having HOMES for X.

C.-Hindrances:
1-Satanic in source & method
2-Devices--Delay----Proper time---Discouragement--Interruptions
--Wrong marriage which gives no cooperation--Company.

ILLUS ----Henry Clay, the great American statesman & orator, once lodged overnight at a humble cabin in his native state of Kentucky. The family was in the habit of holding worship morning & evening, but the father trembled at the thought of doing so in the presence of a guest so distinguished. The children were becoming sleepy, & the wife by significant gestures suggested that the time for prayer had come. The man hinted to his guest that perhaps he would like to go to bed. But Mr. Clay with great politeness said that he did not feel at all sleepy, & that, unless it was intrusive, he would be happy to enjoy the society of his host longer. Of course, the man could not object. Still the matter of prayer could not be postponed without sending the children to bed contrary to their settled custom. At last, with considerable trepidation, the father told his guest that he could stay & unite in their devotions or retire at his option. Mr. Clay promptly replied that he would remain. When the wonted exercises, gone thru with much fear & trembling, were over, Mr. Clay, with no little feeling, approached the man, & said, "My dear sir, never again feel the least hesitation in the discharge of your duty to God on account of the presence of man. I saw your embarrassment, & remained on purpose that you might never feel it again. Remember that every man of sense will respect the individual who is not ashamed to acknowledge his dependence upon his Maker; and he deserves only contempt who can cherish any other feelings than reverence for the 'consecrated hour of man in audience with Deity." I would rather know that the prayers of a pious man, no matter how humble his position in life were ascending in my behalf than to have the wildest applause of listening senators."

D.-The "HOW" Of Family Altar:

1-Preparation---Assuming proper attitude — unhurried
2-Impression----Reading God's Word--(reading around)
3-Expression----Prayer---(praying around)
4-Manifestation---Living what we read & pray----
"I am the way, the truth and the LIFE"

NB

5-Other Pointers — Vary the routine of procedure
— DAD in charge
— Time is not to be FOUND; it must be TAKEN

Concl:----Family Altar is Vital to: — choose MORNING or EVENING acc. to your schedule & then stick to it!
--Family Salvation
--Family Discipline
--Family Life for the Lord

--ILLUS--Dr. George Truett told of a funeral he was asked to conduct of a 16 yr. old girl. Seeking information that would help him in his ministry of comfort, the mother told him: "Dr. Truett, she was our only child." "Yes, but you sorrow not as others that have no hope," said the minister. But the mother answered, "That is where the trouble is; we have no such hope. Our daughter was not a Christian." The mother wept bitterly while she continued her story. "While it is true that her father & I were both members of the church even before she was born, it is also true that our darling girl lying in that casket never heard either of us pray. She was not converted, & her blood will be upon us for she is LOST. Then she became hysterical in the thought of a lost daughter. Relating the incident later, Dr. Truett asked "Who would dare say that her blood would not be upon them?" Father & mother both professing Christians but had neverprayed in their home. May God have mercy on children coming from such homes....

....And May SUCH HOMES BECOME HOMES OF PRAYER & BIBLE READING TOGETHER.

***We need to dig again the wells of our fathers

*** Gen 12:7-8; 13:3-4 — TENT and (FAMILY) ALTAR — All in between was lost time
** Family ALTAR will ALTER the family

Hymns: I Gave My Life for Thee
The Fight Is On
Are ye Able, Said The Master

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"King, Priest & Prophet" Deut. 17:14--18:22

Intro: A.-Background:
1-Israel not like other nations--Redeemed people.
--Ruled by God. --Theocracy
2-Being prepared for the Promised Land
3-Responsible to live according to God's precepts

B.-Leaders:
1-Stood for God to the people & ministered before the peopl
for God
2-KING----ruled for God (Provided because God foresaw their
desire to be like the nations)
3-PRIEST--Ministered for God
4-PROPHET--Spoke for God

C.-Old Testament And Christ:
1-O.T. economy---different man in each capacity most of the
time
2-In Christ it is all fulfilled in one Person to show HIS
utter supremacy

I.-KING 17:14-20

A.-Six Requirements Of A King:
1-Chosen by God----1 Sam. 9:15-16
2-One of the Chosen people---Israelite
3-Not to multiply horses-----Solomon in 1 Kings 10:26-29
4-Not to multiply wives------Solomon in 1 Kings 11:1-4
5-Not to multiply gold-------Solomon in 1 Kings 9:28; 10:11
6-(KEY)--To be a man of the Book---Hezekiah--2 Chron. 31:1-4

B.-Fulfillment As Seen In Christ:
1-Christ was chosen---Heb. 1:8
2-Christ was of Judah---Isa. 11:1; Mt. 1:17; Rom. 1:3
3-Christ had to borrow a colt---Mt. 21:2
4-Christ had no wife
5-Christ was poor---2 Cor. 8:9
6-Christ was a Man of the Book----Mt. 4:4; Lk. 4:4

C.-Christ As King:
1-My kingdom---Jn. 18:36
2-King of the Jews----Jn. 19:19
3-King eternal-----1 Tim. 1:17
4-King of Kings----Rev. 19:16
5-Reign with Christ----Rev. 20:4

II.-PRIEST 18:1-14

A.-Service:
1-Offer sacrifices to God — 18:3
2-Minister in holy things----18:5
3-Lead the people in worship

B.-Portion: (Deut. 18:1-8)
1-No earthly inheritance---18:1---No land. See Neh. 13:10-14
2-The Lord is their inheritance--18:2
3-Offerings---These were the priest's DUE----18:3-4
---Giving was not optional, it was obligatory
---Servant worthy of support---1 Cor. 9:7-14
4-Calling----From within & From God---18:6
5-Warning--Avoid idolatry & charmers---18:9-12
--Because of their position as representing man to God
18:13-14

C.-Fulfillment In Christ:
1-Offer sacrifices----Heb. 8:3 & 10:12----Jn. 19:30
2-Inheritance is the Lord---Heb. 10:7 & not in earthly things (Jn. 18:36)
3-Offerings are DUE to Christ as our High Priest (not to the church or the preacher, but these will have all they need as believers give to the Lord)----1 Cor. 16:2; 2Cor. 8:5, 8, 21; 9:6-8.
4-Called of God as Priest---Heb. 5:1-6

III.-PROPHET 18:15-22

A.-Functions:
1-Foretell the future — Channel of revelation
2-Forthtell the message
3-Perform as a mediator---Ex. 20:18-21
4-Speak face-to-face with God---Num. 12:6-8

B.-Explanations:
1-Greater prophet than Moses is promised to Israel
2-To HEARKEN TO prophets & not to familiar spirits
3-Also this "coming prophet" would be a Mediator

C.-Fulfillment In Christ:
1-Scriptural fulfillment---Acts 3:20-23
2-A Mediator of a New Covenant---1 Tim. 2:5
3-Authoritative words----Heb. 1:1-2; Mt. 7:29; Jn. 7:46; 10:27
4-Message---Foretold & Forthtold

Concl: A.-Beauty Of Our Savior:
1-King of Glory
2-Priest of the Most High God
3-Prophet of our hearts

B.-Test Of The Prophet:
1-Prophet's BULLETIN BOARD in the Temple in Jerusalem
2-Speak into the local situation
3-Authenticates or rules out predictive utterances
4-~~HILUS~~---In the ministry of Christ---Mk. 11:12-14; 20-21
5-Authenticates ALL He said

C.-Responsibility Of Hearer:
1-Hearken---18:15
2-Whosoever---Jn. 3:16 is the positive side
---De. 18:19 & Acts 3:26 is the negative side
3-Whosoever will not hearken can expect to have to deal with God's wrath if he rejects God's grace.
4-"I will require it of him."

JESUS CHRIST THE KING - Deut. 17; 14-20; 2 Sam. 7:1-29

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INTRODUCTION:

A. - Background of Israel's King:

1 - Israel was not like other nations
- Redeemed people
- Theocracy

2 - Responsible to live acc. to God's Laws

B. - Leadership in Israel:

1 - Ones who stood for God in Israel
- PROPHET - SPOKE for God in authoritative revelation
- PRIEST - Ministered for man before God
- KING - Ruled for God

2 - Three distinct classes of leaders in O.T. Economy

3 - UNITED in one Person in Jesus Christ; the MESSIAH who will rule the World

C. - Definition Of A KING:

5 Characteristics
1 - One who is a Person - THE KING
2 - One who has power & authority
3 - One who RULES over a people
4 - One who has a Throne - Seat of power
5 - One who has a Kingdom - LAND AREA; DOMINION

6 - Jesus Christ is the Great David's greater Son; KING OF ISRAEL

I. - HISTORICAL SKETCH OF KINGSHIP:

A. Early Promises:

1 - Out of Abraham - Gen. 17:6 "I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and Kings shall come out of thee;"

2 - Out of Jacob - Gen. 35:11 "... a nation & a company of nations shall be of thee and Kings shall come out of thy loins."

3- Kingly Tribe would be JUDAH - Gen. 49:10 - "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah."

4- Moses gave prescription as to what kind of man would be an acceptable KING - Deut. 17:14-20 when Israel eventually craved a King IN GOD'S TIME

B. Days Of The Judges:

1- Gideon was urged to rule over Israel - Jud. 8:22 - "Rule thou over us, both thou + thy son, + thy son's son also."

2- Gideon wisely declined - "...I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you." Jud. 8:23

- Gideon declined a merely human kingship - In favor of a THEOCRATIC concept - Hos. 13:9-10 - "O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in Me is thine help. I will be thy KING: where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities."

- Isa. 33:22 - "For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our King; He will save us."

3. GOD is Israel's KING - Hos. 13:9-10

4- Gideon's son ABIMELECH (Jud. 9) + made an abortive attempt to establish a monarchy, but was killed by what would be humanly called a freak accident, but wherein - "God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech..." (Jud. 9:56)

5- In the days of SAMUEL because the evil of Samuel's sons + because of international pressures, Israel called for a King

- 1 Sam. 8:4-7
- 1 Sam. 8:19-20

- Renunciation of God's rulership - "The LORD is King forever and ever..."

C: Kings Of Israel — RULED FOR GOD (3)

1- SAUL was chosen by God (1 Sam 9) + anointed by SAMUEL (1 Sam. 10) + approved by the people (1 Sam. 11:14-15)

2- However, SAUL's self-will led to God's verdict (13:13-14) that his Kingdom would not continue permanently — DISQUALIFIED! (1 Sam. 13:1-12)

3- DAVID was chosen + anointed (1 Sam. 16) as Saul's successor + became the real "father" of the Kingdom of Israel (16:1, 12-13)

4- To DAVID + thru him to his descendants God promised (2 Sam. 7:4-17) a perpetuity of his line upon the throne + insured that the Greater Son of Great David would be MESSIAH — The KING of Israel

5- God INTERRUPTED the line of succession

- As far as human sight could see
- * - Hos. 13:11 - "I gave thee a King in my anger, + took him away in my wrath."
- * - Hos. 3:3-5 — "many days w/o a King"
- NO KING on the Throne after 586 B.C. + Babylonian Captivity
- BUT records were meticulously Kept in the Temple
- Rightful accession line to the Throne is traced for Jesus in Mt. 1:1-17 + again in Lk. 3:23-28

6- All other acceptable + historically documented records of genealogical descent were destroyed in the Temple in 70 A.D

7- Christ is the ONLY ONE with a legitimate + documentable claim to this DAVIDIC THRONE over Israel.

II. - THE LAWS OF THE KING - Deut. 17:14-20

A. Chosen By God: Deut. 17:14-15a

1 - Not merely the choice of men (Jud. 9)
2 - God overruled in the case of ABIMELECK
Gideon 8:22-23
3 - SAUL, DAVID + SOLOMON chosen by God
- 1 Sam. 10:24 - "See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people..."
4 - YET - Not always chosen w/ God's approval.
- Hos. 8:4 - "They have set up kings, but not by Me."

B. Chosen From Among Brethren: (De. 17:15b)

1 - No tribe specified in Deut. 17
2 - Thus allowed SAUL of the tribe of BENJAMIN + later David of the tribe of Judah
3 - KINGLY TRIBE - Gen. 49:10 - "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be."
4 - Explain - Judah + Tamar in Gen. 38
- Deut. 23:2 - "A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to his tenth generation."
- Ruth 4:18-22
5 - NEVER a stranger - Forbade alliances + intermarriage w/ pagans

C. Not To Multiply Horses: (De. 17:16)

1 - Military power
- Lead to alliances
- Produce military expansion
2 - Not necessary for the mountains of Israel, where infantry was more practical than Cavalry

3-Real reason was SPIRITUAL
-Isa. 31:1-"Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen because they are very strong, but look not to the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD."

4-Israel would depend upon ARMS, rather than upon the arm of the LORD
-1 Sam. 14:6-"...it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few."

5-Violated FLAGRANTLY by Solomon
-1 Kings 9:1-10:26-"And Solomon gathered together chariots + horsemen: and he had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen, whom he bestowed in cities for chariots + with the King in Jerusalem."

D-Not To Multiply Wives: (De. 17:17a)

1-Because of the MORAL WRONG of polygamy-SIN
2-Because many might be foreign women married for the sake of political and/or military allience
3-Because these women might have "strange gods" to which they might turn the heart of the King.

4-NOT VIOLATED by SAUL-Only 1 wife
-1 Sam. 14:50-"And the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam."

5-VIOLATED by David + Solomon
-1 Kings 11:1-10

E-Not To Multiply Silver + Gold: (De. 17:17b)

1-To protect the people from excessive TAXATION

2-To protect the nation from being attractive to invaders for SPOIL

3-To protect the King from trusting in riches
-Ps. 62:10- "Trust not in oppression, + become not vain in robbery: if riches increase, set not your heart upon them."

4-Not violated by DAVID, for he accumulated wealth, not for himself, but to build the House of God.

5-Flagrantly violated by SOLOMON
- Repeated references to gold - 1Kgs 9+10
- 1Kgs. 10:27- "And the King made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones..."

F. To Be A Man Of The Book: Deut. 17:18-20

1-WRITE OUT his own copy of the Law - Longhand personally

2-Keep this personal copy WITH HIM!

3-READ IT all the days of His life
- To learn to fear the LORD his God
- To Keep the Words of this Law
- To Do them!

4-This presumes a deep spirituality + constant use of the Book as his source of wisdom
-Ps. 1:2- "But his delight is in the Law of the LORD; and in His Law doth he meditate day and night."
-Josh. 1:8- "This book of the Law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then shalt thou make thy way prosperous + then thou shalt have good success."

III.- THE QUALIFIED KING OF ISRAEL:

A.- Jesus Christ Is Qualified:

1- HISTORICALLY He is both GOD + MAN

2- GENEOLOGY of Jesus is the only one in the world of the Jews that can be proved

3- BIBLICALLY Jesus Christ fulfills God's revealed requirements:

a- Chosen by God - Heb. 1:8-9; Ps. 2:6-7

b- Jewish nationality: TRIBE of JUDAH - Heb. 2:11-16; 7:14; Mt. 1:1, 17; Rom. 1:3

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c- No horses - Not a man of war - Mt. 21:2-5

d- Not a man of harem of women

e- Not a man of material wealth - 2 Cor. 8:9; Lk. 9:58

f- Pre-eminently a MAN OF THE BOOK - Mt. 4:4, 7, 10; 7:28-29; 11:1-6; Lk. 4:15-21

Red SUMMARY!

B.- Jesus Christ Is King:

a- Prophesied as a KING - 2 Sam. 7:16

b- BORN as a King - Lk. 1:32-33; Mt. 2:2

c- TAUGHT as a King - Mt. 5-7; Jn. 1:49

d- Offered as a King - Mt. 21:1-7; Zech. 9:9

e- REJECTED as a King - Mk. 15:12-13

f- DIED as a King - Jn. 19:19; Mt. 27:37

g- He will COME AGAIN as a King - 1 Tim. 6:14-16; Rev. 19:16

h- He will REIGN as King eternally - Isa. 9:6-7; Rev. 20:4

CONCLUSION:

A. Historical Sketch Of Kingship:

1- Early promises – Abraham, Jacob, Kingly tribe of JUDAH, Moses

2- Days of JUDGES – Gideon, Abimelech, Samuel

3- Kings of Israel – Saul, David, Others + INTERRUPTED as a judgment of God

B. The Laws Of The King:

1- CHOSEN by God – Deut. 17:14-15a

2- Chosen from among BRETHREN – De. 17:15b

3- Not to multiply HORSES – De. 17:16

4- Not to multiply WIVES – De. 17:17a

5- Not to multiply GOLD + SILVER – 17:17b

6- To be a MAN OF THE BOOK – 17:18-20

C. The Qualified King Of Israel:

1- Historically – He is GOD
– He is MAN
– He "fits" GENEOLOGICALLY

2- Biblically – Fulfills the "Laws of the King"

3- He was BORN a King
LIVED as a King
OFFERED as a King
REJECTED + DIED and will return to rule + reign

D. Bringing Back The King:

France has been the "sick man of Europe" & as such is a mirror of the modern world. As government crisis followed government crisis "an old idea was coming to life again--the idea that only General De Gaulle, hero of the wartime resistance could save France...and bring political order to their country" (Newsweek, March 17, 1960)

2- General de Gaulle ~~has~~ became France's "man of destiny" in their dark hour and has restored both discipline and grandeur to France.

3-Similarly, the only MAN able to rule & reign over our troubled world is the MAN of Calvary, the One who though now rejected has been appointed by God to be the world's Saviour and Sovereign.

4-When David, the anointed King of Israel, had to flee because of Absalom's rebellion, there were those in the land who realized that only King David could restore peace and order to the Land. Thus the question began to go 'round:

* "Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing back the King."

5-Our Politicians & World Leaders may plan as they please, but as long as there is never a word spoken about the Man of Calvary, this world will know nothing of real peace.

6-It is up to the friends of the King to ask: "Now, therefore, why speak ye not a word of bringing back the King?"

III, A, 3 Heb 1:8-9

a- "But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy Kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity: therefore God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows." Heb. 1:8-9

b- Heb. 2:11-16

c- Mt. 21:2-5

d- 2 Cor. 8:9- "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be made rich."

Lk. 9:58- "And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head."

III, B a- 2 Sam. 7:16- "And thine House and thy Kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: Thy throne shall be established for ever."

b- Lk. 1:32-33- "He shall be great, & shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David: And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end."

Mt. 2:2- "Saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East, and are come to worship Him."

c- Jn. 1:49- "Nathanael answered + saith unto Him, Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God; Thou art the King of Israel."

d- Zech. 9:9- "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass."

e- Mk. 15:12-13- "And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto Him Whom ye call the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, CRUCIFY HIM."

f- Jn. 19:19- "And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS."

Mt. 27:37- "And set up over his head his accusation written THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS."

g- Rev. 19:16- "And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

h- Rev. 20:4- "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and which had not worshipped the Beast, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

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JESUS CHRIST—THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST (1)

Deut. 18:1-14

INTRO

A.- Israel's Leaders:

1-Prophets spoke for God to men (Deut. 18:15-22)
2-Priests ministered for men before God (Deut. 18:1-14)
3-King - Ruled Israel for God (Deut. 17:14-20)
4-ALL CHOSEN BY GOD - Heb. 5:4 - "No man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that is called of God."
5-All PREFIGUREMENTS of Messiah - JESUS CHRIST.

B.- Israel's Priesthood Revealed: (Deut. 18:1-14)

1- Priest's PORTION (18:1-2)
- From Tribe of Levi
- No land inheritance
- The LORD is their inheritance
- Not THINGS, but a PERSON!

2- Priest's DUE - (18:3-4) From the PEOPLE
- Of the sacrifices
- Of the produce of the land
- Of the flocks

3- Priest's MINISTRY (18:5) - LEVI
- CHOSEN out from among the Tribes
- "To minister in the Name of the LORD
  - Sacrifices
  - Gifts / Offerings
  - Intercession as a True Mediator
- DEF - "A man duly appointed to act for other men in things pertaining to God." (C. Hodge, Systematic Theology, II, 464)

4- Priest's CALLING (18:6-8)
- A Levite - 18:1,6 - CHOSEN OF GOD
- Internally - "come w/ all the desire of his mind" 18:6
- Externally - "before the LORD" 18:7

5- Priest's SEPARATION (18:9-14)
- FROM spiritism is abominations (18:9-12)
  IDOLATRY + CHARMERS

- UNTO perfection (=uprightness + sincerity)
- "with the LORD thy God"
- DIFFERENT from the surrounding nations — SEPARATED!

C. Israel's Priesthood Distinguished:

1 - Individuals — Adam, Abel, Seth, Noah
2 - Father for his family — Job, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
3 - City of Salem — Melchizedek — Gen. 14
4 - Israel — Offered universal priesthood — a nation of priests before God — Ex. 19:3-6
- Failed come to pass due to SIN
- Tribe of Levi; AARON + Descendants

5 - TWO HIGH PRIESTS:
- Melchizedek — King/Priest of Salem (Gen. 14:17-24)
  - w/o record of father or mother
  - w/o record of end of days.
  - PATTERN of an ETERNAL priesthood
  - Ps. 110:1-7 Applied to Messiah
  - King of RIGHTEOUSNESS + PEACE
  - Priest of the MOST HIGH GOD

* Typical of PERSON

- AARON

* Typical of WORK

- Succession of offerings to COVER SINS
- Succession of priests until each DIED
- Temporary system until Messiah would come at FULFILLMENT

6 - PROPHETIC ANTICIPATION — 1 Sam. 2:35

"And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build Him a sure house; and He shall walk before mine anointed forever."

I. THE PORTION OF JESUS OUR HIGH PRIEST:

A. His Portion NOT In Earthly Goods:

1 - Matt. 8:20 - "And Jesus saith unto him, The foxes have holes, & the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head."
2 - Possessed neither wealth nor influence
3 - Relatives were inconspicuous
4 - Had little training or education
5 - No record He owned anything, but clothes on His back

6- YET - Lk. 12:15 - "... A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the THINGS which he possesseth"

B:- His Portion - to Do The Father Alone:

1- Not building an earthly Kingdom - Jn. 18:36 "Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world"

2- Rather, to do His WILL - Heb. 10:7 - "Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the Book it is written of Me) to do Thy will, O God."

3- Jn. 8:29 - "And He that sent Me is with Me: The Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please Him."

II:- THE MINISTRIES OF JESUS OUR GREAT H.P

A:- IN PAST - Making Atonement For Sin:

1- In perspective - BOTH - The OFFERER of sacrifice - The OFFERING for sin

- Isa. 53:10 - "Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, & the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand."

→ - Jn. 1:29; Lev. 17:11; Heb. 10:10-12; Jn. 19:30

2- In particulars - Doctrinal truths

- REDEMPTION - Sinward aspect - Rom. 3:24 "Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus"

- PROPITIATION - Godward aspect - Rom. 3:25 "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God."

- RECONCILIATION - Manward aspect - Col. 1:21 - "And having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself, by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven."

B.- IN PRESENT — "Seated" — But Ceaselessly Active:

1- Ministry of Interceding for tempted saints to Keep a saint from sin. — Lk. 22:31-32 — (4)

"And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for you that thy faith fail not..." Heb. 7:25 — "Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

2- Ministry of Advocating for sinning saints to Keep a saint after He had sinned.

→ 1 John 2:1-2

3- Ministry of Teaching God's Word — Lev. 10:11

"And that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses."

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Mt. 9:35 — "And Jesus went about all the cities + villages, teaching in the synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom..."

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Seen more fully in function of the Prophet:

4- Ministry of Sustaining Saints — Gen. 14:18

"And Melchizedek King of Salem brought forth bread + wine: and he was the priest of the Most High God."

- Fed the 4000 + 5000 - 1 Cor. 10:13; John 6:37-40; Heb. 2:18 — "For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succor them that are tempted."

ILLUS- Dr. Hutchison tells about a boy whom he knew who had lost his right hand. He felt so badly about it that he did not want to see anyone. His father said, "I'm going to bring the minister in to see you." The boy said, "I don't want to see him." But the father brought him in. When the boy looked up he saw that the minister had no right arm; there was an empty sleeve. He came over to the boy & said, I haven't any hand either. I lost mine when I was a boy, & I know how it feels." It wasn't hard for the boy to get acquainted with the minister who "knew how it felt." So Christ has suffered for us & knows our temptations & needs.

5- Ministry of blessing believers — Gen. 14:19-20

1- Gen. 14:19-20 — "And he (Melchizedek) blessed him, and said, 'Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, possessor of heaven and earth: and blessed be the Most High God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand."

2- Num. 6:23-26 — "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The

Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

3-Luke 24:50-51--"And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them and carried up into heaven." ON EARTH

4-Eph. 1:3--"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesu Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." FROM HEAVEN

5-Only **incidentally** do blessings accrue to His creatures or creation, but **directly** to His children of redemption.

III- THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST IN HEBREWS:

A- Jesus Is Merciful + Faithful: 2:17-3:2

B- Jesus Bids Us To Come Boldly In Prayer: 4:14-5:10

C- Jesus' Call To Us Is Confirmed: 6:13-20

1- Heirs of promise
2- Confirmed by an oath
3- Impossible for God to lie
4- Has our ANCHOR (6:19) + Forerunner (6:20)

D- Jesus Is Priest Of A Better Covenant:

1- MELCHISEDEC priesthood succeeds the Levitical priesthood - 7:11-21
2- A BETTER COVENANT because Jesus has an unchangeable + intransmissible priesthood - 7:22-8:6
3- The New Covenant is based upon a better sacrifice - 9:11-28; 10:9-25

IV- SEPARATION OF OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST:

A- Separation To Inaugurate Ministry At Baptism:

1- Normal Procedure for beginning priestly service → AGE of 30
- Num. 4:2-3 - "Take the sum of the sons of Levi... from 30 years old & upward even until 50 years old, all that enter unto the host, to do the work of the Tabernacle."

2 - Baptism of purification - Num. 8:6-7 - "Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, & cleanse them... Sprinkle water of purification upon them, & so make them clean!" (6)

3 - Administered by John, the Baptist - A Priest

4 - A UNIQUE CASE since there had never been a priest from the tribe of Judah

B. Separation in Life:

1 - Not from the presence of evil

2 - But from complicity with evil

- Christ's Question - Jn. 8:46
- Pilate's Verdict - Jn. 18:38; 19:4-6
- Centurion's Declaration - Matt. 27:54
- Judas' Confession - Matt. 27:4

3 - Summary Verse - Heb. 7:26 "For such an High Priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, & made higher than the heavens."

C. Separation in Death:

1 - Normal pattern for mortal men - 4 steps

a. Death
b. Burial
c. Corruption
d. Resurrection

2 - Jesus' experience was UNIQUE - 3 steps

a. Death
b. Burial
c. Resurrection

3 - Corruption was bypassed

- Ps. 16:10 - "For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption."

4 - Jesus' case - Acts 2:31 - "He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in hell, neither His flesh did see corruption."

ILLUS -

Eli's son's were unfaithful & apostate, until, in the time of our Lord the priests themselves were Sadducees, not believing in the Resurrection

What a comment on that priesthood which must pass away & which was connected with a law that could make nothing perfect!!! How striking it is that in Jesus and the resurrection the effulgence of the truth broke forth at the very time when the exponents of the earthly priesthood were denying the reality of the resurrection. THE MANY PRIESTS UNDER LAW PASSED AWAY BY DEATH, BUT HERE IS ONE WHO LIVES FOREVER, & THEREFORE HAS AN UNCHANGABLE PRIESTHOOD.

CONCLUSION:

A.- Recapitulation of Message:

1-The Priest's PORTION - Spiritual inheritance
2-The Priest's MINISTRIES - He stands for the people before God
3-The Great High Priest In HEBREWS — Selected by God after the Order of Melchizedek as a PRIEST FOREVER
4-The Priest's SEPARATION — Set apart by God for the benefit of men.

B.- Jesus As Our High Priest FOREVER:

1- Beyond death
2- An intransmissible Priesthood
3- "Thou art a priest forever" — Ps. 110:4; Heb. 7:21
4- Therefore believers are SAFE FOREVER. BECAUSE OF → The Perseverence of THE SAVIOR!
5- In Noah's Ark, the ant was as safe as an elephant.

A big lump of something--a stone supposedly--lay for centuries in a shallow limpid brook in North Carolina. People passing that way saw only an **UGLY** LUMP, and passed on. A poor man passing one day saw a **HEAVY** LUMP--a good thing to hold his door ajar--and he took it home. A geologist who stopped at the poor man's door one day saw a **LUMP OF GOLD**--the biggest lump of gold ever found east of the Rockies.

Many people looked upon Jesus. Some saw only a **Galilean peas**ant, and turned away. Some saw a **Prophet**, and stopped to lis... One saw the **Messiah**, and worshipped. Some saw the **Lamb of God**, and looked to Him to save them from their sins.

There are people today who see in Jesus simply a **perfect man** & they get nothing more from Him than the **example** of His perfect life. Others looking upon Him see the Lamb of God--the Divinely chosen **sacrifice** and **Savior**; and realizing that their greatest need is to be saved from their sins they go to Him for cleansing.

When you look on Jesus, what do you see? ?

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IN THE SECRET OF HIS PRESENCE

In the secret of His presence
How my soul delights to hide!
Oh, how precious are the lessons
Which I learn at Jesus' side!
Earthly cares can never vex me,
Neither trials lay me low,
For when Satan comes to tempt me,
To the sacred place I go.

When my soul is faint and thirsty,
'Neath the shadow of His wing
There is cool and pleasant shelter,
And a fresh and crystal spring;
And my Saviour rests beside me,
As we hold communion sweet;
If I tried, I could not utter
What He says when thus we meet.

Only this I know, I tell Him
All my doubts, my griefs and fears;
Oh, how patiently He listens!
And my drooping soul He cheers;
Do you think He ne'er reproves me?
What a false friend He would be,
If He never, never told me of the
sins which He must see.

Would you like to know the sweetness
Of the secret of the Lord?
Go and hide beneath His shadow:
This shall then be your reward;
And whene'er you leave the silence
of that happy meeting place,
You must mind and bear the image
of the Master in your face.

- Geo. B. Stebbins

"Praise Him, Praise Him"
"I Must Tell Jesus"
"I Need Thee Every Hour"
"No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus"
"Jesus Never Fails"
"God Will Take Care Of You"
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus

JESUS CHRIST THE PRIEST

Deut. 18:1-14
Read Heb. 7:11--8:6

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5-**All pre-figurements** of Messiah--Jesus Christ
6-Details in Deut 17:14--18:22

B.-The Priest--Deut. 18:1-14:

1-Priest's **PORTION** (18:1-2)
--not in earthly possessions of lands, houses & goods
--but in the Lord alone
--not a physical, but a spiritual inheritance
2-Priest's **DUE** (18:3-4, 8) **OFFERINGS**
--Offerings from the people's sacrifices
--Priests' needs met by these; no other means of support
--Giving is not optional, but OBLIGATORY !
--Servant is worthy of support
--1 Cor. 9:7-14 — esp 9:11, 13-14
3-Priest's **MINISTRY** (18:5)
--Chosen for this calling by God— Only He can issue such a "call"
--Called to stand
--Called to minister
--Ministry is "in the Name of the Lord"
4-Priest's **CALLING** (18:6)--Internal & External: From Heart From God
--With a ready & willing heart & mind desiring to serve God
--Man's responsibility--"come with all the desire of his mind."
--With the call of God in his ears (18:5)
--God's place of service--"which the Lord shall choose
5-Priest's **SEPARATION** (18:9-14) — **WARNING**
--Avoid idolatry & charmers (18:9-12)
--Because of their positions as Priests of the Most High God (18:13-14) — Representing man before God.

C.-Two Prophetic Priesthoods:

1-Melchizedek Priesthood typified the **PERSON** of Christ
--King of Righteousness
--King of Peace
--Priest of the Most High God
--Without mother or father--BORN OF GOD
--Without beginning or end of days--ETERNAL CHARACTER
2-Aaronic Priesthood typified the **WORK** of Christ
--Sacrifices brought
--Priests die
--System done away in Christ as its fulfillment.

→ 3-Called of God — Heb. 5:1-6

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2-Heb. 10:5-9 — 10:7
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4-Jn. 17:4--"I have glorified Thee on the earth: I have finished the work which Thou gavest Me to do."

II.-THE DUE OF JESUS CHRIST THE PRIEST: 18:3-4,8

A.-Due The People's Sacrifices:

1-Sacrifice of body---Rom. 12:1-2
2-Sacrifice of praise--Heb. 13:15
3-Sacrifice of good works--Heb. 13:16
--Gal. 6:10--"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."
4-Sacrifice of Giving--Heb. 13:16
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--2 Cor. 9:6-7--"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."
5-These SACRIFICES are "well-pleasing" to Him
6-These are the prescribed sacrifices to be brought today by the people of God to their High Priest, Jesus Christ

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks unto His name."

"But to do good and to communicate forget not: for w/ such sacrifices God is well pleased"

NO OPTION TO THE OBEDIENT!

B.-Due These Sacrifices Regularly:

1-Due to Christ as our High Priest
2-Not given to our church
3-Not given to our Pastor
4-Not given to our program
5-Not given to our missionaries
6-BUT, given as His "due" from us
7-This is not OPTIONAL, but OBLIGATORY if we're spiritual
8-Christ's work and Christ's workers will not suffer if we render TO HIM that which is HIS DUE!
9-Dare we do any less than this?

Not to Pastor
Not to Church
But, to the Lord Jesus

III.-THE MINISTRIES OF JESUS CHRIST THE PRIEST: 18:5

A.-Ministry Of Making Atonement For Sin: Heb. 8:3 PAST SESSION

1-Heb. 9:14
2-Heb. 10:5, 10-12
3-Jn. 1:29
4-Isa. 53:10 "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, & the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand."
5-Lev. 17:11--"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."
6-Jn. 19:30

B.-Ministry Of Interceeding For Tempted Saints:

PRESENT SESSION

1-Heb. 7:25--"Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." LK. 22:31-32
2-Interposing His power to keep us from sin

C.-Ministry Of Advocating For Sinning Saints:

1-1 Jn. 2:1-2--"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous: and He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."
2-Interposing His power to keep us after sin by pleading the sufficiency of His death for ALL SIN !

D.-Ministry Of Teaching The Word Of God:

1-Lev. 10:11--"And that ye (priests) may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses."
2-Mt. 9:35--"And Jesus went about all the cities & villages teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."
3-Seen more fully in the function of the **Prophet**

E.-Ministry Of Sustaining The Saints:

1-Gen. 14:18--"And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the Most High God."
2-Heb. 2:18--"For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted."
3-Fed the 5,000, etc. 1 Cor. 10:13
4-Phs. 4:19 John 6:37-40

F.-Ministry Of Blessing Believers:

1-Gen. 14:19-20--"And he (Melchizedek) blessed him, and said, 'Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, possessor of heaven and earth: and blessed be the Most High God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand."
2-Num. 6:23-26--"The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace."

3-Luke 24:50-51--"And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them and carried up into heaven." ON EARTH

4-Eph. 1:3--"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." FROM HEAVEN

5-Only **incidentally** do blessings accrue to His creatures of creation, but **directly** to His children of redemption.

IV.-THE CALLING OF JESUS CHRIST THE PRIEST: 18:6

A.-Called By God: — To OFFER Sacrifice — Jn. 19:30; Heb. 8:3; 10:12.

1-Principle---Heb. 5:1-4

2-Practical application to Christ--Heb. 5:5-6, 10

B.-Call By God Confirmed:

1-In **Promise**)---Heb. 6:17-18

2-By **Oath**

3-Heb. 7:20-24 shows Christ's superiority to all other Priests
- --Oath as well as Promise given
- --Surety of a better covenant
- --Intransmissible Priesthood, for He is beyond death

C.-Call By God Accepted:

1-Heb. 10:5-7 — Voluntary Obedience

2-Lk. 2:49--"And He (Jesus) said unto them (his parents), 'How is it that ye sought Me? Knew ye not that I must be about My Father's business?"

3-Jn. 17:3-4--"And this is **lifeeternal**, that they might Know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent. I have glorified **Thee** on earth: I have finished the work Thou gavest Me to do."

V.-THE SEPARATION OF JESUS CHRIST THE PRIEST: 18:9-14

A.-Separation At Baptism:

1-Normal procedure for inauguration into priesthood
- --at age 30
- --Num. 4:2-3--"Take the...sons of Levi...from 30 years old and upward even until 50 years old, all that enter into the Host, to do the work of the Tabernacle..."
- --By baptism of purifying
- --Num. 8:6-7--"Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them. And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of purifying upon them...and so make themselves clean."

2-Administered by John the Baptist who was a PRIEST & thus qualified to induct Christ into Priesthood by this formal & prescribed ritual

3-Unique case in that heretofore no priest in Israel had come, or was to come, from any tribe but Levi, but to show that Christ superceeded the Aaronic Priesthood, He was inaugurated, though He came from the tribe of Judah

4-Heb. 7:11-17

B.-Separation In Life:

1-Not from the **presence** of evil
--talked with people
--ate with sinners & publicans
--lived with family & disciples

2-But separated from **complicity** with evil
--Christ's question---Jn. 8:46—"Which of you convinceth me of sin?
--Pilate's verdict----Jn. 18:38; 19:4, 6
--Centurion's view--Lk. 23:47--"Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man."
--Judas' confession--Mt. 27:4--"...I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood."

3-**Summary text**--Heb. 7:26--"For such an High Priest became us, Who is holy, harmless, undefiled, seaparate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;"

C.-Separation In Death:

1-Normal pattern for mere men— 4 steps
--death (1)
--burial (2)
--corruption (3)
--resurrection (4)

2-Jesus' experience --**UNIQUE**— Only 3 steps
--death (1)
--burial (2)
--resurrection (4)

3-**Corruption was bypassed** (3)
--as prophecied
--Ps. 16:10--"For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt Thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."
--as seen in Jesus' case
--Acts 2:31--"He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that His soul was not left in hell neither His flesh did see corruption."

CONCLUSION:

A.-Recapitulation:

1-Priest's PORTION----------Spiritual inheritance
2-Priest's **DUE**----------Sacrifices from the people
3-Priest's MINISTRIES-------Stands for the people before God
4-Priest's **CALLING**---------Selected by God
5-Priest's SEPARATION-------Set apart by God & unto God

B.-Priest Forever:

1-Beyond death once.....and for all
2-No longer subject to death
3-Intransmissible priesthood
4-"Thou art a priest **FOREVER**"
5-Therefore we are safe forever
6-Perseverance of the believer depends solely upon the **PERSEVERANCE & THE SAVIOR**
7-**ILLUS**--A big lump of something--a stone supposedly--lay for centuries in a shallow limpid brook in North Carolina

People passing that way saw only an **UGLY LUMP**, and passed on. A poor man passing one day saw a **HEAVY LUMP**--a good thing to hold his door ajar--and he took it home. A geologist who stopped at the poor man's door one day saw a **LUMP OF GOLD**--the biggest lump of gold ever found east of the Rockies.

Many people looked upon Jesus. Some saw only a **Galilean peasant**, and turned away. Some saw a **Prophet**, and stopped to listen. Some saw the **Messiah**, and worshipped. Some saw the **Lamb of God**, and looked to Him to save them from their sins.

There are people today who see in Jesus simply a **perfect man** & they get nothing more from Him than the **example** of His perfect life. Others looking upon Him see the Lamb of God--the Divinely chosen **sacrifice** and **Savior**; and realizing that their greatest need is to be saved from their sins they go to Him for cleansing.

When you look on Jesus, **what do you see?** ?

What are you going to do about it?

"Praise Him! Praise Him
"~~He~~ Lives On High"

THE INCOMPARABLE PROPHET

Deut. 18:15-19

INTRO:

A: O.T. Revelation At Mt. Sinai:

1- Related to living in the land of Canaan
2- Given in wilderness thru Moses
3- THEOCRACY = Immediate rule of God over His covenant people ISRAEL
4- Live according to GOD'S LAW
   - NOT to gain salvation
   - BUT as a rule of life for a redeemed nation; heirs of Abraham, Isaac + Jacob

B: Clarification Concerning Leadership:

1- Initially Moses + Aaron
2- Succeeded by General Joshua
3- Thereafter by JUDGES whom God periodically raised up for a time in the early years of Theocracy
4- PROPHETS = "One who spoke for God. He was God's voice to the people." (I.S.B.E. IV, 2865)
   The channal of divine revelation, which is true and authoritative
5- PRIESTS = "One who speaks and serves for the people before God." SACRIFICES, OFFERINGS, CEREMONIES, CLEANSING, VOWS
6- KINGS = Civil head of human government w/ a hereditary succession
7- Characteristics - Succession of individuals
   - Service interrupted by DEATH
8- Divine Successor would have LIFE WITHOUT END; an all-encompassing MESSIAH.

C.- Prophet Information:

1- References - 303 times in O.T.
- 158 times in N.T.

2- L. S. Chafer - "Much that the prophet uttered was not predictive in its nature; yet he declared the truth which God gave to him. His message was sustained by the O.T. phrase 'Thus saith the LORD.' (IV, 286)

FORETELLING + FORTHTELLING

"... He was a patriot and a reformer, a revivalist in the midst of a chosen people. His ministry was called forth in times of spiritual declension, & his very warnings inevitably assumed the character of predictions. (IV, 286)

I.- N.T. STATEMENTS CONCERNING "THAT PROPHET"

A.- Witnesses Of Jesus' Contemporaries:

1- John the Baptist - Jn. 1:21, 25 - "And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And He saith, I am not. Art thou THAT PROPHET? And he answered, No. ... And they asked him, and said unto him, Why baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither THAT PROPHET?"

2- Philip + Nathaniel - Jn. 1:44-51

3- Samaritan Woman - Jn. 4:6-26

4- 5000 men fed - Jn. 6:1-14

5- Jesus at Feast of Tabernacles - Jn. 7:37-46

6- Blind man who received sight - Jn. 9:17 "And they say unto the blind man again, What saith thou of Him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet.

B.- Jesus' Own Testimony: (Mt. 13:57)

1- Occured in NAZARETH - At Synogogue

2- He taught / They were astonished!

3- Valid + important questions asked (3)
- Q of ORIGINS- works + wisdom (13:54c)
- Q of CONNECTIONS- birth + family (13:55-56c)
- Q of AUTHORITY- (13:56b)

4- Rejection of Person + work of Christ
"OFFENDED"

5- JESUS' verbal response (13:57b)
JESUS' lack of "mighty works" these because of the people's UNBELIEF

C:- Writings of Others:

1- Josephus - Wars of the Jews - Described the fall of Jerusalem + defended the accuracy of the prophetic statements of the One Who was crucified.

2- Eusebius - "Jesus is the only H. P. of all men, the only King of all creation + the Father's only supreme Prophet of Prophets."

II:- THE O.T. GREAT PROPHECY OF MESSIAH THE PROPHET:

A:- The Warning Against False Prophets: (Deut. 13:1-5) COUNTERFEITS

1- False words +/or signs will come (13:1)
2- Subversive of worship + service (13:2)
3- Commandments - "NOT HEARKEN" (13:3
- God will prove their love for Him
- "Ye shall walk after the LORD your God" (13:4-5)

4- DEATH for such a prophet for the pre-tense of speaking for God (13:5)

B.- The Pattern After Moses: (Deut. 18:15-19) GENUINE

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1- Moses was nearing the end of his life + ministry

2- Moses had been THE PATTERN for a spokesman for God

3- CHARACTERISTICS of a PROPHET:

a- A superseeing + superhearing power according to these men of God (Ezek. 3:10)

"Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart and hear with thine ears."

b- They saw words (Isa. 2:1) "The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah + Jerusalem"

c- It was a burning fire within them (Jer. 20:9; Ezek. 3:1-7)

"... His Word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, + I was weary for forbearing, + I could not stay."

d- The personal element was not sacrificed (Jer. 15:16; 20:7; Ezek. 3:3)

"Thy Words were found and I did eat them; and thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy Name, O LORD God of hosts."

→ 4- PROMISE for the FUTURE — Deut 18:15-19

a- Divinely called - "the LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet" (18:15a)

b- Humanly connected - "from the midst of thee, of thy brethren unto me." (18:15b)

c- Authoritatively commissioned - "unto Him ye shall hearken." (18:15c)

→ d- REPETITION - (18:18)

→ e- WARNING - (18:19)

5- C.H. Mackintosh - "How precious the privilege of hearing the voice of such a prophet! It is the voice of God through the lips of the Man Christ Jesus - speaking, not in thunder, not with flaming fire, nor the lightning's flash, but in that still small voice of love & mercy which falls in soothing power on the broken heart & contrite spirit, which distills like the gentle dew of heaven upon the thirsty ground. This voice we have in the holy Scriptures..." (Deuteronomy, II, 301)

6- Tests of the TRUE Prophet

a- A true Prophet will not give revelation which is contrary to what God has already revealed. (Isa. 8:20)

b- A true Prophet will not give conflicting information (Jas. 1:17)

c- A true prophet will not give any false predictions - 100% accuracy. (Deut. 18:22)

d- A true Prophet will not teach people to follow a false god. (Deut. 13:1-3)

e- A true Prophet will not need to alter or revise his revelations

C- Proofs of Jesus As God's Promised Prophet:

1- Incidental acknowledgements

- At the raising of the son of the woman of Nain - LK. 7:16 "And there came a great fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen among us: & that God hath visited His people."
- At the Triumphal entry into Jerusalem - Mt. 21:11 - "The multitude said, This is Jesus the Prophet of Nazareth of Galilee."
- At an attempt to take Jesus' life in Jerusalem - Mt. 21:46 - "But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitude, because they took Him for a prophet

2- In Appreciation by Disciples

• On the Road to Emmaus - LK. 24:19 -
"And He said unto them, 'What things?' And they said unto Him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a Prophet mighty in deed & word before God & all the people.'"

3- In Affirmation by Jesus Himself

• Regarding being rejected - LK. 4:24 -
"And He said unto them, Verily I say unto you, No Prophet is accepted in His own country."

• Regarding being crucified - LK. 13:33 -
"Nevertheless I must walk today, & tomorrow & the day following: for it cannot be that a Prophet perish out of Jerusalem."

4- In Approval by the Father - Heb. 1:1-2 -
"God, who at sundry times & in divers manners spake in times past unto the Fathers by the Prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son..."

D- Particulars of Jesus' Predictions:

1- J. predicted His own DEATH - Matt. 20:17-19
2- J. predicted the DESTRUCTION of Jerusalem - LK. 19:41-44
3- J. predicted Peter's denial of knowing Him - LK. 22:31-34
4- J. predicted His death by CRUCIFIXION - Mt. 26:2
5- J. predicted His BURIAL - Mt. 20:12
6- J. predicted His disciples would be OFFENDED & SCATTERED like sheep - MK. 14:27
7- J. predicted that He would RISE from the DEAD - MK. 10:34
8- J. predicted Jerusalem to be under Gentile Domination & DESOLATE - Mt. 23:37-38
9- J. predicted His ASCENSION on 9 separate occasions - John 14:1-6

"I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee (MOSES), and will put my words in His mouth: and He shall speak unto them all that I shall command Him. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which He shall speak in My Name, I will require it of him."

2- **Claimed authority** — **Jn. 8:24** —
"I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins."

3- **Heavenly attestation**

- **BAPTISM** — **Mt. 3:17** — "And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved SON in whom I am well pleased."
- **TRANSFIGURATION** — **Mt. 17:5** — "... behold a voice out of the cloud which said, This is My beloved SON, in whom I am well pleased: HEAR YE HIM."
- **Anticipating THE CROSS** — **Jn. 12:27-28** —
"Now is My soul troubled: and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, GLORIFY THY NAME. Then came there a voice from heaven saying, 'I HAVE BOTH GLORIFIED IT, AND WILL GLORIFY IT AGAIN."

4- **Earthly Acclaim of people as He entered Jerus.** —
Mt. 21:10-11 — "And when He was come into the ~~city~~ Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying **WHO IS THIS?** And the multitude said, This is Jesus the PROPHET of Nazareth of Galilee."

5- **QUESTION** — Have you hearkened to Jesus Christ THE INCOMPARABLE PROPHET OF GOD, Who still speaks heaven's message to earthly people?

DO SO TODAY!

"Praise Him, Praise Him"
"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"

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JESUS CHRIST THE OUR KINSMAN REDEEMER — Deut. 25:5-10; Read Ruth 3:10--4:12

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INTRO:

A. Contrast Between **Picture** And **Reality:**

1-Describe **Hurlbut's** Bible Story book
- --text
- --pictures
- --simplified Biblical concepts — Conveying concepts, but few details

2-**Bible itself**
- --straight, unvarnished and accurate
- --the very Word of God
- --Sometimes there "are some things hard to be understood" (2 Pet. 3:16)
- --**truths are there,** but **not** always **obvious** in their import to the casual reader

3-Contrast
- --Hurlbut's "pictures" are **obvious** to a child
- --Bible's "pictures" are **latent** & must be searched out.

H- PROP. To See Christ as our Kinsman-Redeemer + to adequately appreciate Him — **Help us**

B. Application In Case of **Kinsman-Redeemer:**

1-God gives us a **PICTURE** in the **O.T.**
2-God gives us the **REALITY** in the **N.T.**
3-**Both are true** and according to God's pattern & law

I. THE LAW OF THE KINSMAN-REDEEMER:

A. Seen In Deut. 25:5-10:

RIGHT, OBLIGATION, DUTY

1-**Death** of husband without leaving sons
2-Wife **not free** to marry a stranger
3-**Kinsman's duty to marry her**----if he is free to do so + willing
4-Children are accounted to his **dead brother's name**
5-If a Kinsman should refuse
- --then **another kinsman** may take up this responsibility
- --then the **refuser** is **embarassed** openly--or may be.

ONLY a KINSMAN Could redeem — An unmarried brother who shared property & home - 25:5

25:7-10

B. Kinsman-Redeemer Concept Seen In Technical Term:

Scripture — 30 VERSES NB

1-Hebrew term "**Goel**" is translated "**REDEEMER**"
2-Used in parallel passage in **Lev. 25:47-49**
3-Means---"**to free by paying**"
- ---also, "the one who pays"

Irvin W. Batdorf - "So strongly did the Israelites feel about this custom (inshrined in the Law) that these two words (KINSMAN and REDEEMER) became synonomous. When we read 'KINSMAN' in our English Bibles we are reading the word for 'REDEEMER.' There is no difference." (Revelation, Sept. 1946, P. 417)

as our KINSMAN-REDEEMER.

II. THE HISTORIC EXAMPLE OF THE KINSMAN REDEEMER IN TYPE (In Boaz): Ruth

A. Narrative Of The Story (Book of Ruth):

1-**Famine** in **Bethlehem**
2-Elimelech & family — Wife is Naomi; move to Moab
3-Elimelech dies — Sons are Mahlon + Chilion

4-Naomi's 2 sons marry Moabitish girls
5-Naomi's sons both die
6-Naomi returns to Bethlehem
  --Daughter-in-law Orpha goes back to Moab
  --Daughter-in-law Ruth goes on with Naomi
  --Naomi greeted in Bethlehem as "the mighty who has fallen"
7-Poverty of the women is marked---Ruth gleans in the fields to provide food for them
8-By providence (and perhaps by Naomi's planning-2:1--) Ruth gleans in Boaz' field
9-Attracts Boaz' attention & makes herself known to him as his kinswoman & wins his love

Redeem —LAND sold
-WOMAN widowed

B. RIGHT To Redeem-----A NEAR Kinsman:

1-Any kinsman could redeem
  --if a near kinsman
  --in order of their rights
  --Lev. 25:48-49
2-Boaz was Naomi's kinsman & thus also kinsman to Ruth by her marriage (Ruth 2:1)
3-Closeness of the kinsmanship relationship is not spelled out

"And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name was Boaz"

C. POWER To Redeem-----A FREE Kinsman:

1-Any prior commitment would disqualify
  --already married
  --already engaged
2-Boaz knew of a kinsman who was even closer related to Naomi's dead husband than he was
3-That closer-related kinsman had a prior right
4-Other kinsman would have redeemed if only land were at stake, but was not free to do so (Ruth 4:3-6) when he found it also involved marrying Ruth — Jer. 32:6-15 Redemption of Land only
5-Boaz was then free to redeem

D. ABLE To Redeem-----A WILLING Kinsman:

1-Money available, for Boaz was a man of wealth (Ruth 2:1)
2-Willing to expend that wealth so as to satisfy the just demands of redemption
3-Ruth 3:12-13--"And now it is true that I am thy near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I. Tarry this night, & it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD liveth:"
4-Boaz was willing of his own heart
5-Boaz actually did redeem Ruth--
6-Ruth 4:9-10--"And Boaz said unto the elders & unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi. Moreover Ruth the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, & from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day."

Fulfillment

E.-Let us now turn from this divin
KINSMAN-REDEEMER to its Divine fulfilment in our Lord for
us Gentiles, the Jews, and the whole world.

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III.-THE HISTORIC FULFILLMENT OF THE KINSMAN-REDEEMER IN ANTI-TYPE, OR FULFILMENT (In Christ):

A.-Narrative Of The Story:

1-In prophecies of the O. T. anticipating Christ's coming
2-In history of the N. T. recording Christ's coming
3-In doctrine of the N. T. explaining Christ's coming
4-His Coming was as our KINSMAN-REDEEMER !

B.-RIGHT To Redeem----A NEAR Kinsman:

1-Holiness & Righteousness of God had to be satisfied, for God could not arbitrarily forgive without a proper price of redemption being paid
2-Christ came as a true and near Kinsman
--became part of the human family thru incarnation

HUMANITY

--Heb. 2:14-15--"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh & blood, he also Himself took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of bondage were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

ORDAINED TO REDEEM

--Gal. 4:4-5--"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.
3-Christ was a TRUE & NEAR Kinsman---1 Tim. 2:5
4-There is no one with a prior claim or subsequent right to redeem; CHRIST IS UNIQUE ! "For there is one God, + one Mediator between God + men, the man Christ Jesus."

C.-POWER To Redeem----A FREE Kinsman:

1-No mere man could redeem others because of his own sin
2-Christ, however, is free from sin
--"in him is no sin"--1 Jn. 3:5
--"Who knew no sin"--2 Cor. 5:20
--"Who did no sin"--1 Pet. 2:22
--"tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin"---Heb. 4:15
--So, Christ had no taint of the malady from which He came to set others of His kinsment free

"None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him" Ps. 49:7

3-His POWER is unlimited !
--Mt. 28:18 "All power is given unto Me in heaven + earth."
--Jn. 10:18--"No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, & I have power to take it again...."
4-Thus, Only Christ has the power to redeem---CHRIST IS UNIQUE

D.-ABLE To Redeem----A WILLING Kinsman:

1-Compassion of Christ
--Mt. 9:36--"But when He saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd."

arily gave Himself willingly in behalf of

edemption

11--"I am the good shepherd! the good

iveth His life for the sheep."

18a--"Therefore doth my Father love me,

ay down my life, that I might take it

man taketh it from me, but I lay it

self..."

to redeem as an act & expression of love

3--"This is my commandment, that ye love

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an this, that a man lay down his life for

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paid was His own blood

1:18-19--"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were

edeemed with corruptible things, as silver &

from your vain conversation received by

ition from your fathers; but with the precious

d of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish &

hout spot:"

TAKING OUR PLACE

Have you ever heard of Willie Leer whose tombstone may be seen to this very day at Palmyra, Missouri? A young single man, he lived during the Civil War. A group of Southern soldiers had been sentenced to death by a Northern firing squad. They were lined up blindfolded in a little clearing in the woods. As rifles were raised, bushes parted and Willie Leer came through to ask, "Who's in charge of this detail?" Irritated, an officer replied, "I am, and you'd better get out of the way!" Without heeding the warning, young Leer interrupted, "Standing at the end of that line of condemned men is the father of ten children. If you kill him today, you'll make orphans of those little ones. Do you believe in a person taking the place of another?" The stern officer growled, "Sure, if he's fool enough." So, Willie Leer volunteered and took the man's place, explaining that he was alone anyway, without any family. So, standing blindfolded with the others, in a moment it was all over for Leer. Shots rang out and the men fell in the bloody dust. It wasn't too long after the war that the grateful father headed toward a little military cemetery where he erected a tombstone which bore the epitaph, "Here lies the body of Willie Leer, the man who died for me." While this was a brave act indeed, it cannot begin to compare with the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, who died in our place, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. Yes, He who was rich, for our sakes became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich.

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C.-Our Response:

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COST FOR REDEMPTION

The King of Ethiopia once captured as prisoner a British citizen named Cameron. The Englishman was taken away to a huge stone castle and securely placed in a stone dungeon. Six months elapsed before the British government found out about it. They asked the Ethiopian monarch to release him but their request was not granted. Within ten days ten thousand English soldiers were aboard ships sailing for Ethiopia. When they landed on the distant shore they still had to march 700 miles under a hot sun in order to free Cameron. By now the prisoner had become so weak that he had to be carried by stretcher back to safety. It was computed that this expensive expedition to rescue a single British subject cost the government some 25 million dollars. That is almost inconceivable until we see how it fades into a mere nothing in the light of what it cost the Lord to save us from our sins. Christ Jesus, the only begotten Son of God, gave His very life that we might receive our eternal ransom. The price He paid was far more than all of the money in the world put together. It took the shedding of the Saviour's own blood, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. Like to file bankruptcy. Then, there's a knock at the door. And there stands—not a creditor—but your best friend, a wealthy person who has decided to pay all your bills for you. You write all your creditors . . . enclosing checks for payment in full. No longer are collection agencies ringing your 'phone off the wall. Your friend has saved you from financial disaster.

Now do you think you would ever forget such an experience? I doubt it. You would remember all the money you owed . . . but you would also remember the wonderful way it was paid. And your memory of the friend who "saved" you from bankruptcy would be

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C: Our Response To God's Love:

1- Understand So Great a Love for SINNERS !

2- RECEIVE this Loving SAVIOR as your KINSMAN-REDEEMER

3- THANK HIM AUDIBLY !

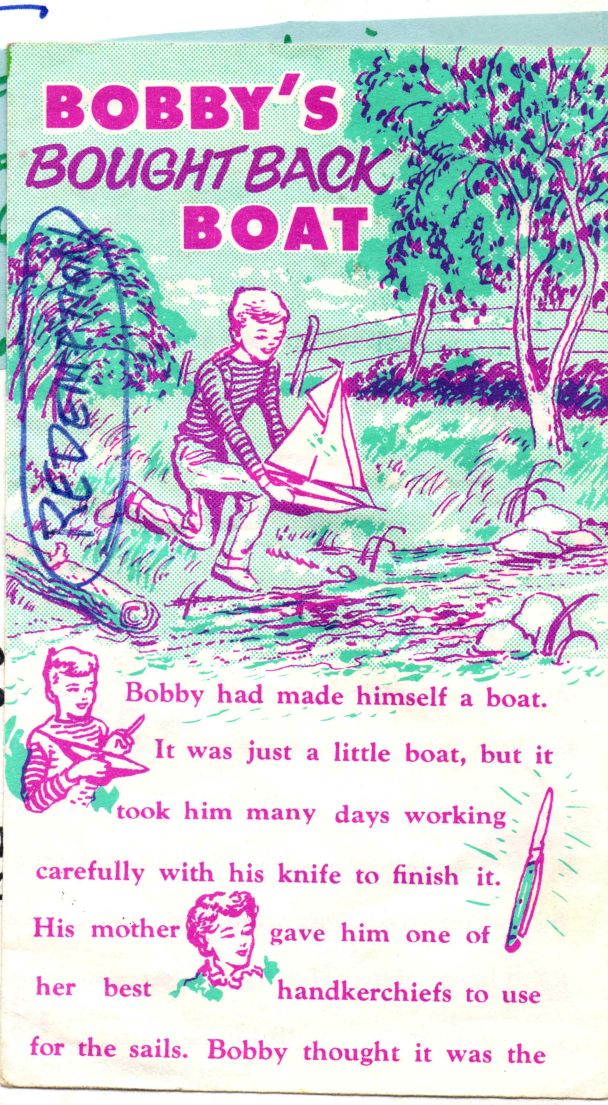
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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Deut. 28:63+

#4 in a Series on Prophecy

Intro: A.-Previously Discussed Signs:

1-Increase of travel & knowledge
2-World-wide preaching of the gospel
3-Spiritual declension & apostasy
4-Pysical disorders in the world
5-All promised for "the time of the end" or "the latter days"
6-SIGNS are not related to the RAPTURE, but to events to take place after the Rapture — When the signs are seen, can the Rapture be far off?

B.-Nearness Of Christ's Coming:

1-More signs discussed in this message
--Restoration of Israel to Palestine
--Rise & Aggressive Power of Russia
--The Nature of Modern Warfare
2-Other signs to be discussed in next message
--Ecumenical movement in Protestantism
--Inclusivism of Romanism
--Revival of the old Roman Empire
3-These--and other--signs multiply in our day
4-Return of Christ is moving closer at a rapid pace
5-ILLUS--Dr. Guinness in speaking on "The Imminent Return of the Lord Jesus" used this illustration to show how he knew that the coming was near. He had heard "The Messiah" performed the evening before with great delight. Now if a man had asked him after the performance had proceeded a couple of hours, how long he thought it would continue, he would have answered, "About five minutes."...."But", the man might have expostulated, "how can that be? It is in full swing, & has been going on for 2 hours, & I see no reason why it should not continue for two hours longer. How do you know it will be over in five minutes?"

"Then," said Dr. Guinness, "I should have answered him, 'Because I have the score. Don't you remember that beautiful solo?' And ye would have said, 'Yes.' 'And that chorus?' 'Yes'. And then I should have said to him, 'And I know it will soon be over because I have the score & they are singing the last chorus'"

It is a wonderful thing to have "The Score", so you may follow the events that lead to Christ's coming. Soon the present will be past & that new day will dawn.

We are near His coming. How near we do not know. But one thing we do know, IT CANNOT BE LONG!

I.-FIFTH SIGN--RESTORATION OF ISRAEL TO PALESTINE

And I will give unto thee, & to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; & I will be their God. Gen. 17:8

A.-The Past Situation:

1-Promise of the LAND to Abraham & His seed FOREVER--Ge. 17:8
2-Dispersions--To Egypt (Gen. 15:13-16)
--To Babylon (586 B.C.) (Jer. 25:11-12; Dan. 9:1-2)
--To ALL Nations (70 A.D.) (De. 28:62-68)
3-Read Deut. 28:63-66--exactly fulfilled in world-wide dispersion
--been true for 2500 years
--a literal people literally scattered among literal nations suffering literal persecutions

Scatterings involve regatherings

4-ILLUS--Fredrick the Great once asked his Chaplain to tell him in one word why he believed the Bible to be true and God's Word. The Chaplain replied; "ISRAEL".....and Fredrick agreed.

5-No proper assessment of the Gentile world can be made w/o some consideration of the rebirth of the state of ISRAEL & its relation to other nations of earth. In Lk. 21:20-24, Jesus Ch[illegible] predicted the imminent destruction of Jerusalem. "But when ye see Jerus. compassed with armies, then know that her desolation is at hand...and Jerus. shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentile be fulfilled."

6-Prediction fulfilled 37 years later by Romans

7-2nd phase occasioned by the so-called "Bar-Kochba uprising" in 132-135 A.D.. This ended with the devastation of Palestine & world-wide dispersion of Jews.

B.-The Recent Situation:

1-Jewish history since dispersion
- --frequent attempts to return to homeland of fathers
- --all attempts failed
- --improved political & civil positions of Jews thru Protestant Reformation & French Revolution
- --emancipation makes them "feel at home" in dispersion
- --Love for Zion began to die. — ASSIMILATION

2-Counter-thrust (19th Century)
- --Religious anti-Semitism gave way to Racial anti-Semitism.
- --Now hated, not for their faith, but for their race.
- --Jews were stunned
- --Jews had given up traditional ways to adapt to the Gentile environment
- --Jews felt betrayed in this new erruption of hostility

3-Jewish reaction---ZIONISM — Theodor Hertzl
- --Turned anew to hope of national restoration
- --Determined to regain their lan by any & every means
- --Last quarter of 19th century, the RETURN began
- --Waves of immigrants to Palestine which was then under Turkish domain
- --Drained the malaria-breeding swamps
- --Dug out the rocks & stones
- --Nursed the eroded soil back to life
- --Restored old cities
- --Built new cities

C.-The Present Situation:

1-Prior to W.W.I it was impossible that great numbers of Jews could return & dwell safely

2-1917 the British government in the BALFOUR DECLARATION covenanted to assist the Jews in re-establishing a NATIONAL HOMELAND in Palestine

3-1922 the Balfour Declaration was approved by the League of Nations

4-OBSESSION for a homeland was realized May 15, 1948: A

4-Israel is literally back in the Land, though in UNBELIEF
5-God has kept His Word
6-During the Tribulation, Israel MUST be back in the land in unbelief and have a government & a temple (Ezek.36:24)
7-Restored Temple--not yet
--OLD Jerus. is [redacted] in [redacted] hands
BUT --Mosque of Omar stands on Temple Hill
--[redacted] reports are that they have all the materials & stones cut & crated ready for shipping & construction.
8-This COULD NOT have occurred at any time in the past 1900 years
9-It HAS OCCURR

- All of this NECESSARY ACTIVITY was something of an embarassment to former generations of Bible Teachers, for they HAD TO TAKE PLACE
- They'd be throbbing w/ excitement if they were alive today
- Electrifying revival of the LAND,
- Significance is OBVIOUS
- Israel is BACK in the Land (partially)
- Greatest movement in Israel since MOSES, over 3000 years ago, 200,000 Israelis in 1948; 3 Million now in 1973

II.-SIGN NUMBER SIX--

A.-Peace Attempts
1-Peace by war
2-Peace by conf
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7-Peace by prea
8-Peace by "Bri
9-Peace by threat
10-BUT, all without the PRINCE OF PEACE

B.-Philosophy Of Communism:
1-Got its real chance towards the end of W.W.I when it siezed power in Russia
2-Consolidated its gains thru "blood purges" between the two great wars, but no great headway was made outside its own borders
3-W.W.II gave communism its 2nd chance - out of the RUBBLE of WAR
--on the victors side
--imposed its system on the war-weary countries of E. Europe, China, & Northern Korea
--now subjugates 900 million people
4-Communism is more than a regimented system of economics and politics. It is first and foremost a philosophy of life; or more accurately, a RELIGION; A SATANICLY INSPIRED RELIGION. Its premises--There is no God
--Man is only material
--Man is a product of his environment, which in turn is governed by economic forces.

Communism is a SUBSTITUTE FAITH w/ all its counterfeit doctrines

5-"The Communist believes that if you are going to change the individual and if you are going to change mankind... you must first conquer the world." Dr. Rred C. Schwarz
6-"Having conquered the world, the Communist believes you must destroy the capitalist environment, which is built on profit, selfishness, & greed, & replace it by socialism, which is built on service, cooperation & unselfishness." Fred. C. Schwarz.

7-"We communists do not play with words: we are realists. Of our wages and salaries we use only that which is necessary for survival while all the rest is given for our propaganda. We dedicate all of our free time and most of our holidays, while you Christians give very little time and practically none of your money. How could anyone possibly believe in the power of the Gospel when you sacrifice neither time nor money for it. You see my friends, this is why we will finally beat you; for we Communists are willing to sacrifice even our lives to bring about our society...and you--you Christians aren't even willing to dirty your hands. Mark my words, we will finally beat you even though the Gospel is a more powerful weapon than our Marxist philosophy." (Quoted from CBMC LIFE, Vol. 7, Issue 10, Mar. 14, 1961, Santa Ana

8-Dr. Billy Graham speaks of communists this way: "The Communists are the world's greatest evangelists. In one generation they have evangelized the world with their gospel, because they are willing to endure hardness, sacrifice, and pay any price in order to make the world Communist."

9-Religious character of MATERIALISTIC ATHEISM seen in the worship of no god, but of military power in Tribulation when they worship the "god of forces" or "god of fortresses" (Dan. 11:36-38)

C.-Prophecies About Russia:

1-Ezek. 38-39 deal with an invasion from a great power NORTH OF PALESTINE

2-Bible students almost unanimously identify that power as the geographical area of RUSSIA

3-Motive is spoil & plunder — ECONOMIC WEALTH!

Germany wanted Palestine in W.W. I + II. Russia wants it too for its economic + political + military value.

4-In a time of relative peace as under the covenant of the first ½ of the Tribulation

5-This economically instigated invasion is more nearly upon us every day as the economics of Israel improve considerably

6-Subsequent events--attack by western confeceracy after Russia comes against Israel in war
--Invader from Russia defeated by God
--Other invaders defeated in the Campaign of Armageddon at the end of the Tribulation
--Regathering & conversion of Jews from all over the world
--Second Advent Of Christ

7-Attitude of Russia--militant & aggressive
--despises God
--geography eliminates other nations
--long has attacked to gain its ends
--long-expressed desires of Russia to control the Dardenelles, the Near & Middle East
--Stopped in this area in W.W.I & II by the Allies.
--Now deterred by USA & NATO
--Eventually will try to take Israel's land

(Poland, Japan, Hungary, Balkans)

Yet, the Bible reminds of only 4 world empires, so no world dominion by Russia

8-The Phenomenal rise of Russia to the place of one of the two major world powers, plus the fact that whatever the West does, Russia seems to come out on top, indicate that this is a case of SATANIC INSPIRATION and of our

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9-YET, the West cannot seem to make up their minds whether the Soviet BEAR is a peaceful TEDDY with whom to PLAY, or a viscious GRIZZLY of whom to be AFRAID.

III.-SIGN NUMBER SEVEN--THE NATURE OF MODERN WARFARE:

A.-War In The Tribulation:

1-Mt. 24:6-7) Read
2-Rev. 6:2-4)
3-Prominent place in the trib.
--RUMORS of wars for 3½ years
--ACTUAL wars for 3½ years
--Rev. 16:14--"Campaign" of Armageddon
4-Accompanied by famine, pestilence & suffering
5-Inevitable invasion of Palestine by Russia acc. to Ez.38
6-All nations of the earth will gather armies in Palestine for Armageddon.

Thrust at Israel by Egypt (Dan. 11)

B.-Modern Arms Race:

Balance of POWER replaced now by a Balance of TERROR

1-General Wm. K. Harrison, Chief UN Truce Negotiator at Panmunjam, Korea, and genuine believer: "Never until today have the weapons been available to cause such world-wide & terrible destruction as is prophesied in the Bible. Never until today have the international relationships and interdependence been so complex as to insure that practically any major war will become a world war involving the whole world. Destruction has always been great in war, sometimes totally destructive in a locality. Today the weapons are able to cause death far from where they explode, because of the spread and fall out of radioactive particles or the spread of weapon-caused pestilence. The weapons will become increasingly destructive. There is no way of eliminating war because it is caused by criminal rulers, who care nothing for the people of the earth but only for their own ambitions and lusts. If at any time the Russians thought they could destroy the United States without serious risk to themselves they would probably attempt to do so. This could happen if we let down our guard."

"The meaning of the power of modern weapons as to the time of the great tribulation seems reasonably clear. As long as both sides maintain a state of power and readiness, neither side is likely to risk a world war. Should such a war occur it would cause the kind of terrible destruction prophesied for the great tribulation, and would probably destroy civilization and untold millions of people. Therefore, it seems that there will not be war until the great tribulation. On the other hand, nations cannot continue the present arms race without reaching the breaking point, and then someone will start a war. From this it appears that there will be no world war until the great tribulation, but that it is probably not far over the horizon." (Bib. Sac.

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CONCLUSION:

A.-Additional Trends Today:

1-Restoration of Israel to a national entity
2-Rise and aggressive power of Russia
3-Nature of modern warfare
4-At no time before the present could these have occurred.

5-YET, all are now true & clearly apparent

B.-Significance Of These Events:

1-Things move on apace

2-God may graciously alter the course of events and give this sinful race still another, longer time to repent

3-BUT WE HAVE NO GUARANTEE OF THIS!

4-Nevertheless, the Lord will surely come some day, & I believe that the state of the world today definitely points to the near approach of the G.T. and the even earlier coming of the Lord for the Church. Certainly one who so believes should always be looking expectantly for the Lord and governing his own life accordingly.

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C.-Warnings Of These Events:

1-One who believes in the posttribulation rapture or midtribulation rapture should begin to examine his faith, to see if he is really as steadfast as he thinks he is, so that he can prepare for the tribulation and its martyrdoms

2-The literal manner in which the fulfillment of the prophecies approaches should be an enlightening warning to amillennialists and postmillennialists and others who deny any such literal fulfillment and thereby practically eliminate these prophecies from the Bible as far as any definite & significant meaning is concerned.

3-We are living most momentous times. Every Christian should determine that with God's help he will fully surrender his own will and life to the Lord Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us.

4-ILLUS--To put it in the words of W.E.Blackstone, author of the book, JESUS IS COMING; "I'm looking for the Lord every day, but I'm hustling to get the chores done before He gets here."

5-What a glorious truth is hidden here for all the Lord's dear children. If you do not believe He is coming so soon as do others, yet you likely do not have any time to waste to get all your "chores" done. Those of us who believe His coming is imminent, how busy we should be with life's chores! We will do well to get them done!

6-UNBELIEVERS--repent
--believe on the Coming Christ as YOUR SAVIOR
--be saved----TODAY!
--As the Ninevites repented under Jonah's preaching and God saved them, so God will save you too in response to a genuine repentance toward God and faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ.

(5) Signs are not related to the RAPTURE, but to the events of the TRIBULATION which follows after the Rapture. When the SIGNS ARE IN EVIDENCE, the Rapture — which must take place first — must be very near.

(6) ILLUS - If it is Nov. 15 + you + I are walking down the street + we see someone loaded down with CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. Then if you say to me, "It must be that thanksgiving

"GOD'S PROMISES TO ISRAEL" Deut. 30:1-20

WHAT'S AHEAD FOR ISRAEL

INTRO:

A.-Promises:

1-ILLUS--When C. I. Scofield learned the value of prophetic truth in his life & ministry he confessed, "I was actually refusing the most intimate fellowship with the Lord." "It is peculiarly the prophetic part of Scripture which brings us into intimacy with God."

"I confess with shame that there was a time in my Christian life when I thought lightly of prophecy; when I said to myself, if not in words, at least in fact, 'What has that to do with me? What I wish to know is how I may be saved; how I may get blessing; how I may go to heaven. Never mind what God intends to do with the Jewish people; never mind what His purposes are toward the world; He will in due time fulfill all these things. Why sould I care particularly what He is going to do with Israel? I am not an Israelite.' I say there was a time when that was my attitude toward the prophecies."

But the day came when Scofield realized that in neglecting the study of God's plan for the future, he was rejecting the way toward intimacy with God.

2-Promises may be--glorious
--grevious
--but, they're still promises to be believed & claimed to the full

3-Some are made TO US, and some are TO OTHERS

4-Fulfillment of some assures our hearts concerning all others as yet unfulfilled

B.-Dispersions Of Israel:

1-Into Egypt---Gen. 15:13-16

2-Into Babylon---Jer. 25:11-12; Dan. 9:1-2

3-Into the whole world---Deut. 28:62-68

4-Dispersions involve REGATHERINGS

5-Jas. 1:1 & 1 Pet. 1:1 are addressed to Jews in Dispersion.

6-ILLUS---Pobjendonostow, a persecutor of the Jews in Russia, once asked a Jew what he thought would be the result of the persecutions if they continued. The answer was: "The result will be a feast." The Jew illustrated his point from history. Pharoah desired to destroy the Jews, but the result was the PASSOVER. Haman desired to destroy the Jews, but the result was the PURIM. Antiochus Epiphanes desired to destroy the Jews, but the result was the feast of the DEDICATION OF THE TEMPLE. Shall the present trial of the Jews be a FEAST OF RECONCILIATION between the Israelites and their eternal King Jesus, the Son of David, & the Son of God?

C.-Distinctions:

1-Almost 50 separate passages on dispersion & regathering

2-Israel's hopes must be literal if they have meaning

3-They are TO ISRAEL.....NOT to the CHURCH

4-1 Cor. 10:32-"Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles nor to the church of God."

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I.-COVENANT PROVISIONS***30:1-10
***Unconditional
***"I will" stated or implied 12 times
***Ezek. 16:60--"Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, & I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant."

A.-Dispersion Due To Disobedience (30:1):
1-Choice given of blessings or curses
2-On basis of their obedience
3-Curse involved dispersion "among all nations"
4-There because of God's punishing their sins
5-Personal status in dispersion--Deut. 28:65-66

B.-Repentance While In Dispersion (30:2)
1-Return to the Lord--forsaking own way
--leaving wicked ways
--Isa. 55:7
2-Involves a HEART change---Zech. 12:10-13:1 (Read)
3-This leads to obeying God's Word
4-TOTAL dedication; not just outward
5-ILLUS--Present attitude of Jewry--Yossell Rackover at death TYPICALLY EXPRESSED in Warsaw Ghetto--"I believe in You, God of Israel, even tho You have done everything to stop me from believing in You. I believe in your laws even if I cannot excuse Your actions. My relationship to You is not the relationship of a slave to his master, but rather that of a pupil to his teacher. I bow my head before Your greatness, but will not kiss the lash with which You strike me. 'You say, perhaps, that we have sinned, O Lord?' It must surely be true. And therefore we are punished? I can understand that too---But I should like You to tell me---'IS THERE ANY SIN IN THE WORLD DESERV* ING OF SUCH PUNISHMENT AS THE PUNISHMENT WE HAVE RECEIVED'"??
Yes---Seen in Luke 19:14--"But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.'"

C.-Return Of The Lord (30:3-4)
1-God works in response to changed hearts
2-Isa. 66:1-2--"Thus saith the LORD, The heaven is my throne, & the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, & all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor & of a contrite spirit, & trembleth at my word."
3-"RETURN"--involves a 1st advent
--then a 2nd advent too
--Centers in the Lord Jesus Christ
--Rev. 1:7--"Behold, he cometh with clouds; & every eye shall see him, & they also which pierced him: & all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."
4-Regathering of Israel--30:4
--By God & not man
--Angelic ministration
--Mt. 24:31--"And he shall send his

angels with the great sound of a trumpet, & they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

D.-Restoration To The Land (30:5):
1-"Title Deed" to the land
--Belongs to Israel
--Gen. 12:1-2; 13:15; 15:18
--141 times repeated in Scripture
2-Never fully possessed; even under Solomon
3-Promises reiterated that they will be multiplied above their fathers in full possession
4-This is supposed to be the "consuming passion" of Jews
5-ILLUS--Leon Tucker tells of traveling on a train in the West & of speaking to a Jewish man about the homeland. The Jew went on to say that he was perfectly satisfied here in the USA. His home was here, his business was here, his family had been born here. He was not interested in Jerusalem. Tucker said to him: "Stretch out your right hand, will you please?" The Jew struck out his right hand & Tucker looked at it & then said: "Stick out your tonge, please."

The Jew said, "Are you trying to make a fool out of me?"

Tucker said: "No, but I would like to see your tongue" The Jew stuck out his tongue. Tucker looked at it, & quoted from Psalm 137:5-6--"If I forget thee O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy."

That Jew bowed his head &, with tears on his cheek, said: "My God, I was never so rebuked in my life."

E.-National Conversion (30:6):
1-Circumcision of flesh--OUTWARD sign of separation unto the Lord
2-Circumcision of heart--INWARD reality of changed life thru faith
3-Scriptures
--Isa. 66:8--"Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children."
--Jer. 31:33--"But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; & will be their God, & they shall be my people
--Zech. 3:9--"For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, & I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day."
--Rom. 11:26--"And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, & shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob."
4-ILLUS--Wrote Rabbi Frehof in American Hebrew: "Today, throughout the world, many noble thinkers, philosophers, psychologists, & scientists are groping their way thru darkness toward some vision of

the infinite Presence. Who shall perform this function of guiding the perplexed in modern Jewish life? Who shall rediscover our lost God?" ANSWER

Centuries ago Jehovah said "I will go and return unto My place until they acknowledge their offence, & seek My face." Nineteen hundred years ago Jesus came to be the Light of the world. Israel rejected Him, & how shall they see God except in His face?

F.-Judgment Of Oppressors (30:7):
1-Jews judged--Ezek. 20:33-38
2-Gentiles judged--Mt. 25:31-46; Joel 3:1-8

G.-National Prosperity (30:8-9):
1-Spiritually--30:8
2-Physically---30:9; Amos 9:11-14

H.-Conditionality (30:10):
1-Conditionality is not of REALITY of the promises
2-Conditionality is not of SURENESS of fulfillment
3-Conditionality is only of ENJOYMENT thru faith & obedience
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II.-AVAILABILITY OF PROMISES (30:11-20):

A.-The Word Is Nigh (30:11-16):
1-The commandment is not hidden or far off
2-The commandment is not in heaven or across the sea
3-The Word is NIGH, even at thy mouth
4-They knew the Word---Genesis thru Deut. by heart
5-Application in Rom. 10:4-10 —— Jn. 3:11-13
6-QUESTION is -- Will we BELIEVE & RECEIVE that Word?

B.-Alternative (30:17-20):
1-At our own choice....Matter of the HEART
2-Brings denunciation
3-Record is clear
4-Heaven & earth witness it
5-Choice is clear-cut; no fuzzy fringes
6-Proper choice--30:20
--Leads to Love, Obedience, Cleaving & Dwelling

CONCLUSION: A.-Point Of Message:
1-"Great is thy Faithfulness"
2-Promises are sure
3-Sin is the problem....Sin of rejecting Christ
4-Corrective is NIGH thru the Word
5-"Marvelous things" (Micah 7:15) are in store for Israel

B.-Application:
1-Truth of God's Word--2 Pet. 1:16, 19
2-Promises are NIGH in GodIs Word
3-Encourage us--not to be as HARD OF HEART as Israel
--To love & evangelize those who are His chosen people