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He That Doeth Truth Cometh to the Light (John 3:21) Jerry O'Donnell

Part 5 – As His Custom Was, He Went into the Synagogue on the Sabbath Day (Luke 4:16)

Picking up from the time of Nehemiah where he was dealing with Sabbath breaking by, first, teaching the history of breaking God's commandments, second, instituting commands to encourage people to keep the commandments, and third, putting measurements in place to deal with the transgressors, all to get the people to adhere to the commandments so as to avoid another captivity or worse. Remember, at this time, ten of the tribes were already disbursed throughout the lands. That left the tribes of Judah and Beniamin to return to the land of Israel where they became better known as the Jews instead of Israelites.

To ensure the compliance among the people, somewhere along the line, a group of people known as the Pharisees were formed. History reveals that Israel went from leadership of Moses and Joshua, into being led by judges and prophets, to eventually, kings. On religious matters, the priests were installed in the day of Moses

(Exodus 28:1). We know that the Pharisees were formed because they existed in the days of John the Baptist (John 1:19-24) and Jesus (Matthew 15:1). According to historical records, they seem to have been formed around the year 167 B.C.

Over time, the Pharisees became an elite group of religious leaders. Not only were they the interpreters of God's way, they made sure they made the rules for the public in such a way that exempted themselves from breaking them, but put a burden upon the people to the point that it was nearly impossible to live by them. "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, [that] observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay [them] on men's shoulders; but they [themselves] will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, And love the uppermost

rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi" (Matthew 23:2-7).

For instance, back in the days of Noah, God made a rule about clean and unclean animals. This is not a Jewish or Israelite rule, but for all mankind, as we all have descended from Noah. "Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that [are] not clean by two, the male and his female" (Genesis 7:2). Clean are editable, while unclean are a slow poison to the human body. Of course, what man does to even clean animals today should make one consider if any animal is actually editable, but that is a different story. So, what the Pharisees did was to make an additional rule, not directed by God, but simply to be a burden to the people by requiring a ceremonial ritual of washing before eating. This involved a certain ritualistic type of "the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables" (Mark 7:4). Everyone should wash their hands and use a clean

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environment to eat food, but "the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash [their] hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. And [when they come] from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, [as] the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables" (Mark 7:3-4). However, Jesus rebuked this teaching stating, "But in vain they do worship me, teaching [for] doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:9), and then in private with His disciples, He told them, "These are [the things] which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man" (Matthew 15:20).

Unfortunately, many sincere Christians think that Jesus did away with this dietary restriction. If that were so, many years later, Peter would not have stated, "Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean" (Acts 10:14) during the vision of unclean animals and the command to kill and eat them, all symbolic that "God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean" (Acts 10:28).

Jesus further rebuked another teaching of the Pharisees. Their teaching helped them to build and remain wealthy. "But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to [his] father or [his] mother, [It is] a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father

or his mother, [he shall be free]. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition" (Matthew 15:3-7). So, by not having to financially support one's elderly parents, the parents were left alone to struggle in their elderly years, a direct violation of the commandment that says, "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee" (Exodus 20:12). Today, many just throw their elderly parents in a nursing home and forget about them. How sad.

As you see, the Pharisees burdened the people, going beyond the commands of God and adding extra restrictions, or if they did not like the command, they made up rules that allowed them to break the commands of God.

With that understanding in mind, let us address another item showing that Jesus did not come to do away with the law but to restore it in beauty and love as it was intended to be. We know this to be so because after a number of public arguments with the Pharisees over Jesus breaking their rules, they finally came around with the accusation that Jesus was teaching the destruction of the commandments. Testing this theory, "Then one of them, [which was] a lawyer, asked [him a question], tempting him, and saying, Master, which [is] the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second [is] like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law

and the prophets" (Matthew 22:35-40). This also establishes that Jesus did not come to teach just two commandments in place of the Ten Commandments, but rather, Jesus summarized the Ten Commandment by stating that to love God is to keep the first four commandments, and to love our neighbors is to keep the last six commandments.

On another occasion, the Pharisees staged a situation to see if Jesus would uphold the commandments. "And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with [his] finger wrote on the ground, [as though he heard them not]. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her" (John 8:3-7). Now, many Christians look upon the lack of Jesus taking action, for He was "without sin" (Hebrews 4:15), and setting the woman free that He was working against the Ten Commandments. On the contrary. Jesus gave her specific instruction before letting her go, "Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more" (John 8:11). And, by Bible definition, "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the

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(Continued from page 2) transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4).

In fact, very plainly, Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach [them], the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed [the righteousness] of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:17-20). And yet, many Christians read into this, "I have not come to destroy the law, but to get rid of it when I die on the cross."

There are two problems with that understanding. The first is that the cross was not mentioned. It was "Heaven and earth" passing away as the event. Secondly, to "destroy" and "get rid of" are synonyms. Jesus already said that He did not come to destroy it, so to declare it to be nailed to the cross is a complete act of defying, disobedience, and utter madness.

Besides, Jesus enlightened everyone to see how more difficult it actually is. "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in dan-

ger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire" (Matthew 5:21-22), and "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart"

(Matthew 5:27-28). This is what is meant by living according to the spirit of the law and not the letter as Paul stated, "Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life" (2 Corinthians 3:6). It is not that we do not keep the letter, but we do not consider it sufficient regarding the keeping of the commandments by simply obeying the letter. True Christians go beyond the letter of the law.

In using math to prove the point, tithing is ten percent of one's income. The letter would be to give exactly ten percent and not a penny more. The spirit of the law does not allow nine percent, but it certainly allows for ten point one or even eleven percent. So, it is true that one should not have physical contact with women that they are not married to, but they need to go beyond that and not even fantasize about them. Likewise, a true Christian does not refrain from murder only but will refrain from even non-religious anger. That is the only cause, like Jesus flipping tables and speaking stern words (Matthew 21:12-13), that is allowed. When God's name, including calling oneself a Christian but not being one, or His Word is

brought into disrepute by anyone, then in self-controlled anger, one may be angry for we are told, "Be ye angry, and sin not" (Ephesians 4:26). That is being in control of one's actions while being angry.

Let us address the average Christian's examples of Jesus doing away with another commandment, which is not true, and that is the one on the Sabbath.

First, Jesus "came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read" (Luke 4:16). It was His practice, or custom, to keep the Sabbath. He did not keep the Sabbath because that was the custom in Israel. It was "His custom". That is because "the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath" (Luke 6:5). Many Christians dismiss this verse encouraging Sabbath keeping by example because they think Jesus would not have kept the Sabbath if He were in a different nation. That is not true because it was "His custom" that He followed.

Now, "at that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw [it], they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day" (Matthew 12:1-2). The disciples were not farming, and they did not travel a distance on purpose just to pick the food either. By Jesus stating, "For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day" (Matthew 12:8) clearly shows that Jesus was not doing away with the Sabbath but was establishing what was, and

was not, permissible. Grabbing a tomato off of vine is one thing, but opposed to harvesting all of the ripe tomatoes. In Mark's version, Jesus said, "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath" (Mark 2:27-28). The Sabbath was not made in the time of Israel under Moses. It was not made for the Jews. It was made for man. That is because God's intention before man fell into sin was "God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it" (Genesis 2:3).

Again, "they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him"

(Mark 3:2), but Jesus set the rule for the Sabbath regarding medical issues, "Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill?" (Mark 3:4). So, necessary medical treatment is permissible. Scheduling an appointment to correct one's vision should be scheduled on a different day.

Another time "there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up [herself]" (Luke 13:11). "Jesus saw her, he called [her to him], and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity" (Luke 13:12). But "the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day" (Luke 13:14). "The Lord then answered him, and said, [Thou] hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or

[his] ass from the stall, and lead [him] away to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" (Luke 13:15-16). So, even taking care of animals for feeding and watering is permissible on the Sabbath. The same argument of the Pharisees was used upon "a certain man before him which had the dropsy" (Luke 14:2). And again, the same argument was made when "it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes" (John 9:14). Relieving the suffering of people is permissible. It is like a plumber hearing the neighbor scream, "Help! I have a burst pipe and water is going everywhere!" For the Sabbath keeping plumber to say, "I will look at it tonight," would be ridiculous. Going over and stopping the water from flooding onto the floor or down the walls would most certainly be within the Sabbath commandment. Replacing all of the plumbing in the house because the house is filled with weak piping, would not be Sabbath appropriate. That could wait until after the Sabbath.

Jesus also declared, "on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless" (Matthew 12:5). Ministerial work is permitted.

Then we have the famous bed incident, where "a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years" (John 5:5). "Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk" (John 5:8). "Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sab-



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bath" (John 5:18). It is not normal and should not be practiced in carrying things like a bed on the Sabbath day. There is no question that under normal circumstances such would be considered Sabbath breaking, however, it was not like the man was going to carry it around all day. He probably was returning it to his home, as Jesus directed. In other words, there is an exception here. The only other option would be to tell the man, "You are healed. Now wait here until the sun goes down less someone steals your bed." That is ridiculous. The man just became healed after thirty-eight years of not being able to walk. So many people try to exploit an exception, both to condemn Jesus in this case, or to show that Jesus did away with the Sabbath because of it. The exploitation of an exception needs to stop.

Besides, Jesus gave specific instructions to His followers who would eventually be known as Christians: "But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day" (Matthew 24:20). Why would Jesus be concerned about the Sabbath in 70 AD and possibly at the end of time, as the prophecy applies to both, if the Sabbath were done away with? He certainly was not speaking to the Jews, for they were not listening to His words.

Now, if Jesus taught to keep a different day holy or do away with it, then why is this account in the Bible, written by a converted Gentile many years later, stating, "And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment"

(Luke 23:56). If a convert is not to be keeping the Sabbath, why point out Sabbath keeping? And if one argues, "But he was recording the historical event accurately", it certainly is a stretch, but nonetheless, it still stands that right up to the death of Jesus the followers of Jesus kept the Sabbath.

But many Christians even quote some of the Pharisaical rules today trying to show how ridiculous it is to try and keep the Sabbath. They even quote today's misguided Jews as well. "Did you know..." they will say, "... that on the Sabbath you are not allowed to walk more than 200 steps?", "... that if a light is on, you may not turn it off, and if a light is off, you may not turn it on, including heating and cooking?" None of that is in the Bible.

Finally, Paul states, "For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day" (Hebrews 4:8). So, since we have no place where it is recorded that Jesus declared Sunday now as the Christian Sabbath, "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (Hebrews 4:9). In fact, "he spake in a certain place of the seventh [day] on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works" (Hebrews 4:4). And before someone says, "That's for Hebrews", that means such a person believes in different standards of salvation for different groups of people when there is only one standard, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Timothy 1:15). There are sinners in all groups and Jesus is our standard for all people. Jesus even said, "I came not to judge the world, but to save the world" (John 12:47). He did not come to

save one group one way and another group another way.

And keep in mind, only Jews go to Heaven anyways. Paul stated, "he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither [is that] circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he [is] a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision [is that] of the heart, in the spirit, [and] not in the letter; whose praise [is] not of men, but of God" (Romans 2:28-29). We may not have been born Jewish, but if our selfish hearts have been circumcised, cut, converted, we are considered a Jew. "And if ye [be] Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:29). And we shall then live in "the holy city, new Jerusalem" (Revelation 21:2).

So, the commandments existed in Heaven before creation, were practiced by Abraham explicitly, were written down under Moses, were re-established and guarded under Nehemiah after the Babylonian captivity, distorted by the Pharisees causing Jesus to have to show and teach proper commandment keeping, and Christians were expected to keep the commandments through 70 AD and beyond until the last day events and even "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law" (Matthew 5:18).

But what did the apostles teach? We shall continue next time to find that out.

To be continued...

Be In Health — 3 John 1:2

Avoid the Use of Wormwood - Deuteronomy 29:18

This is not as simple as one may think. This is not like avoiding the use of poison ivy or something like that. "The LORD, I change not" (Malachi 3:6), states a very serious health principle that did not change one's bodily construction when Jesus died on the cross therefore it still applies despite coming from the Old Testament.

Deuteronomy 29:18 says, "Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go [and] serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood." We are not to even have in our possession that which is referred to as "a root that beareth gall and wormwood."

What is biblical "wormwood"? Revelation 8:11 tells us, "And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter." It is a root that causes people to die.

And how serious is this? Deuteronomy 29:20 answers with, "The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven." Salvation can be lost over this for the only blotting that is that significant from Heaven's perspective is that of regarding the Book of Life (Revelation 3:5).

Now, wormwood is an herb that is toxic to the kidneys leading to kidney failure, but that is not the only plant that leads to health issues, and that is the focus of this topic.

The use of tobacco would be in the same class as wormwood as there are little to no health benefits, and in fact, tobacco is very much a body-destroying substance. The one benefit that people of the world claim is that of relieving stress, but that is not God's perspective on the matter. Therefore, those who smoke declaring that the Bible says nothing

about tobacco or smoking, they are correct, in a direct manner, but we certainly are intelligent enough to know that when Jesus forbade lusting after women, that was inclusive of porn on TV, movies, and the Internet without Jesus having to state the word "porn".

So, indirectly, smoking indeed is condemned in the Bible, and if anyone really is fussing about the broader coverage of "wormwood", "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and [that] the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which [temple] ye are" (1 Corinthians 3:16-17).

Wormwood is not only inclusive of tobacco, but it would be inclusive of every body-destroying substance digested, snorted, injected, and whatever other manner people get narcotics into their system. Even prescriptions and over the counter medications need to be very carefully administered to the body. There are many side effects to legal drugs that causes people to have to take other drugs and even more drugs to deal with those effects. Therefore, before one pops the pills to feel better because they have a hangnail, try a little endurance first. Also, try some natural means.

Now, we are again not telling anyone to stop taking their prescriptions, but to strive to change habits so as to reduce the use of them. That would be highly encouraged by God.

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And that is just it. Even commercials on TV encourage people to eat foods, drink alcohol, and partake in other body-harming activi-

ties because they have a pill to deal with the consequences. That is the way of the world, but Jesus said, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (John 17:16). That means that true Christians will not seek for a solution of the world, but one that is approved of God.

Healthy and Delicious Recipes

French Onion Dip

Ingredients

- 1 recipe Cashew Sour Cream (see last month's magazine)
- 1/2 packed cup chopped Caramelized Onions, chilled or at room temperature
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon sea salt
- 2 tablespoons chopped chives

Instructions

• In a small bowl, stir together the cashew sour cream,

caramelized onions, onion powder, salt.

- Cover and chill for one hour.
- Serve and enjoy!

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There are also some antispasmodic properties of calendula. If you suffer from a nervous system disorder, have painful cramping in relation to menstruation or some other type of spasmodic condition, adding calendula to your diet could improve these conditions.

As always check with your medical professional before using calendula. Some people have shown allergic reactions to the use of calendula oil if it is used in high doses and concentrations.

Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

2 Corinthians 6:14 is not just for marriage or even a guide when seeking a business partner. It is for everyday life. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" The expected saved, holy and sanctified life is to live a righteous life being in the light of God's Word. The lost, unholy, and unsanctified life is to compromise righteousness so one can pal around with the unconverted, fit in with them, be one of them, as is encouraged by many, if not by all, denominations as a shedding of the old way of evangelizing and creating a more effective way. It is a lie! Fitting in with the unconverted means that the Christian has to give up a disciplined life by going to see movies, watch TV, compete in sports, be into worldly music, etc., all of which is condemned in the Bible. Further, by ignoring God's Word, a person remains in darkness, and deeper darkness prevails when Christians listen to the arguments against the Bible: it is ancient; it is written by men; it is contradictory; etc. If those arguments against the Bible are in our minds and we believe them, we can call ourselves "saved" all we want, but we shall be lost in the end. So, are you in the light, living a righteous life, or are you going along with society thinking you are influencing them to Christ?

Galatians 6:7-8 declares that there

are two sides. Despite claiming to be saved, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." So, if we think we are deceiving God by claiming to be saved while continuing in our sinning, we are deceiving ourselves. If we think we are destined for Heaven, we shall instead end up in corruption - hell. If we live according to the Spirit, which, "will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8), we shall have eternal life. There is no exception for the person who claims to "just believe". Our works do not save us but reveal whose servants we are. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16). So, whose servant are you of?

Philippians 3:18-19 states, "(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, [that they are] the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end [is] destruction, whose God [is their] belly, and [whose] glory [is] in their shame, who mind earthly things.)" Many Christians see these verses as if it is being stated as the saved versus the lost, as in, once a person declares to be saved, these verses do not apply,

and that is not so. The words "many walk" include those who claim to be Christian, claim to be saved, but live an unsanctified, unholy lifestyle. Paul would not be weeping over the lost choosing to act worldly. Such has always been the case. We may be disappointed that they want to be worldly. A person is an effective enemy of the cross when they exploit the grace of God, "turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness" (Jude 1:4). Claiming to be a Christian while acting like the world makes such a person an enemy, for to the Christian, for we are told, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). Adulterers and adulteresses are titles applied to those who betray Christ with their worldliness, apostasy, backsliding. A worldly person does not fall into spiritual adultery by living worldly. So, what is the real test to see if we are truly saved? - Giving in to the belly-god known as appetite and minding the things of the world. The inability to control food intake in quality (junk food) or quantity (gluttony) is being referred to. Further, being into the latest gadget, politics, sports, entertainment, quick rich schemes, keeping up with others, etc., are all examples of minding the things of the world. Let the world mind the world! Now, do you have control over your appetite? Are you content with the necessities of life?

1 Thessalonians 4:3-6 clearly states God's expectation: "For this is the will of God, [even] your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour; Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: That no [man] go beyond and defraud his brother in [any] matter: because that the Lord [is] the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified." Jesus stated, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). Therefore, if the will of the Father is to have us live a holy and sanctified life once we are born again, and Jesus says that only those who do so will get to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, that means that everyone else is lost, making it a requirement of salvation. First, we believe and then we live the holy and sanctified life by the "divine power" of God (2 Peter 1:3). Even the Gentiles or unbelievers know that and because so many Christians claim to be saved as they continue sinning, "denying the power thereof" (2 Timothy 3:5), the unbelievers stay away from Christianity. In fact, Christians are creating more atheists these days by such lifestyles because "from such turn away" (2 Timothy 3:5). So, are you abstaining from fornication, making sure your body is kept holy, subduing lusts, not defrauding?

2 Thessalonians 3:3 says, "But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish

you, and keep [you] from evil." Elsewhere, the Bible says, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling" (Jude 1:24). In other words, living a holy and sanctified life is accomplished not by gritting our teeth and digging into obedience, but rather being willing to stop sinning and allowing Jesus to keep us from falling into sin. This is done by the fact that the "divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness" (2 Peter 1:3). So, have you received of this divine power from God to keep you from sinning and actually live a godly life, or do you just have "a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (2 Timothy 3:5)?

2 Timothy 2:22 states, "Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." Just because the verse does not declare it to be a command does not make it any less of a command. When we are born again, we are expected to live the Christian lifestyle, otherwise, our profession is in vain. The lack shows that we truly do not believe in Jesus. Belief in Jesus is with power (Romans 1:16). We have power to cease from youthful lusts, including those raging hormones. We have power to live righteousness, have faith, express charity, have peace, and have a pure heart. So, does your lifestyle reflect your belief in Jesus or the power of Satan to keep you sinning?

1 Peter 2:7-8 defines what true belief really is: "Unto you there-

fore which believe [he is] precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, [even to them] which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed." A believer is compared twice to a disobedient person. That means a believer is an obedient person, which is to live a holy and sanctified life. This is why there is a concern for those who "obey not the gospel" (1 Peter 4:17, 2 Thessalonians 1:8). The gospel is not just about Jesus paying the penalty for sin, but it is about pulling us out of our sinning state where we "go, and sin no more" (John 8:11), where we "hath ceased from sin" (1 Peter 4:1), and realize "How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?" (Romans 6:2). We live a life "not of the world" (John 15:19) for "he that is dead is freed from sin" (Romans 6:7), "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Romans 6:18), and "now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life" (Romans 6:22). We are just getting started about the requirement of obedience as part of the gospel, but space does not permit us to continue to list the many more verses yet stating this. So, are you an obedient believer, or are you simply living in disobedience while even using the phrase "I'm saved!"?

Revelation 3:5 shows who is

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saved: "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels." Overcoming our sins is the expected holy and sanctified life after one is freely justified of Christ. And we see that the implication is if we do not overcome, we do not receive of these things. So, are you overcoming your sins, or are you still living in only the justification phase of salvation, living in your sins, thinking you are saved?

Those who just think that belief is all that is necessary to be saved, or even add the act of baptism to it, are being deceived and deceiving themselves. Why risk salvation? They are to live a holy and sanctified life by the power of God (2 Peter 1:3), otherwise, their profession was in vain and they will be lost. Jesus' own words should be chilling. Matthew 5:27-28 says, "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: but I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." The word "whosoever" is inclusive of the Christian and non-Christian. There is no exemption for "the saved". Those who cannot control their heart when looking upon the opposite gender are headed to hell. So, are your eyes and hearts disciplined when it comes to the bombardment of sensuality all around us, especially from the media?

2 Corinthians 6:15-18 spells out a clear "this, then that" relationship regarding salvation. "And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." This is clearly teaching that we are not to be part of the ecumenical movement where we accept everyone's religion as worshipping the same God. Only in the Christian religion did God send His only begotten Son to save us. Only the true Christian religion has no idol part of the worship where other religions have a stone, a temple they pray towards, many gods of thisthat-and-the-other-thing. Those in the Christian religion using idols such as statues, and even the wearing of the cruel instrument of torture known as the cross, are lumped in with idol worshippers. Sincere ignorance is being winked at, which means, that God does not condemn them "but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30). We are to come out from all of that, and if we do, then at that time we are received of God. That means if we stay in or accept other people's religion as being acceptable to God, even if we don't continue to use statues and crosses, we are

not received of God and will be

lost. So, have you separated yourself from the idol worship of the world, not by condemning or with animosity, but with concern for their souls, or do you believe in the one world form of religion that allows the worship of one God in any form that people choose?

Colossians 3:8-10 states, "But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new [man], which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him." The expected life after being born again, to be considered saved, is to be a new man who does not get angry, except when God is brought into disrepute (Matthew 5:22) as Jesus demonstrated often when He even flipped tables; not to be wrathful or exercise any malice, not to be blasphemous nor expressing filthy content, not to be lying, of which there is no exception. This means that Christians need to stop lying regarding Santa Clause and other such holiday practices along the same line, and everything else that goes with sinning. So, are you a new person or are you the old person claiming to be saved?

Study to Shew Thyself Approved Unto God—(2 Timothy 2:15)

What is Heaven going to be like?

- 1. What two things will become new? 2 Peter 3:13
- 7. What is an activity that we shall participate in? Isaiah 65:21 (second half)
- Hebrews 12:14 "without which no man shall see the Lord"

- 2. What is one of the first events that we shall participate in? **Revelation 19:9**
- 8. What will the saved do "from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another"? Isaiah 66:22
- Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ" 5. What do we receive to become

sanctified? Acts 26:18

"forgiveness of sins"

4. Who makes us sanctified? Jude 1:1 "sanctified by God the

- 3. What will God do for us so that we are not sad for the lost throughout eternity? Revelation 7:17, Revelation 21:4
- 9. What shall not happen ever again that happened to Adam and Eve when they ate the fruit? Nahum 1:9
- 6. What instrument is used to make us holy, sanctified? John 17:17 "truth" or "word" or both

- 4. What shall Jesus take us to? John 14:2
- 10. What four items will never be experienced ever again?
- 7. How much of us is to become sanctified? 1 Thessalonians 5:23 "wholly"

Revelation 21:4

8. During the sanctification process, what does the Holy Spirit lead us unto? 1 Peter 1:2 "obedience"

- 5. What relocates from Heaven to earth? Revelation 21:1-3
- **September 2021 Bible Questions** and Answers

The Sanctified

- 1. What is a synonym to the word "sanctified"? 1 Corinthians 7:14
- 9. How does the Holy Spirit lead us to do that? John 16:8 "reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness"

- 6. Where else will we live? Isaiah 65:21 (first half)
- "holy"
- 10. What are we called to be? 1 Peter 1:15, 16 "be ye holy"
- 2. What is sanctification part of? 2 Thessalonians 2:13 "salvation"
- 3. What is so important about being holy, being sanctified?

Questions & Answers

QUESTION: Should a wife be subject to her husband in all cases?

ANSWER: "Ye wives, [be] in subjection to your own husbands" (1 Peter 3:1). "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord" (Colossians 3:18). "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord" (Ephesians 5:22).

Now, when presented with obedience to the commandments, should a wife obey the dictates of her husband if the husband declares that either she is not allowed to do something in compliance with the commandments, or she is to do something that is contrary to the commandments. A real specific example is that of regarding lying. A wife answered the phone. It was her husband's boss. The husband signaled, "Tell him I'm not here."

And looked upon in an extreme situation, it becomes very clear that a wife is not subject to her husband in all cases; for instance, if her husband told her to rob a bank or commit murder or become a prostitute, how many would tell the wife to be subject to her husband? None! At least we hope none.

Although it is true that a woman is subject to her husband, it is not a slave relationship nor is it a dictatorial one. "As it is fit in the Lord" means that a wife is subject as in agreement with God and not simply saying, "I must be subject to my husband because any insubordination, even for a godly reason, is not tolerated or fit in God's eyes." No. The "fit in the Lord" is about the reason to be subject to a husband.

If the husband makes a godly request and she simply does not feel like fulfilling it, that is when she ought to be subject to her husband; but if the husband makes an ungodly request, she has no obligation whatsoever. Besides, it is a two-way street. Husbands and wives ought to consider Ephesians 5:21, which says, "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

Further, a wife is not to be waiting on her husband hand and foot, either. The Bible is quite clear: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25). Jesus said, "Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for [so] I am. If I then, [your] Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:13-14). Therefore, the husband ought to be making the wife's job easier and not adding undue burdens upon her.

The bottom line is that a wife is subject to her husband when the two disagree on a matter but the husband is acting godly at the time; otherwise, subjection comes into question. For instance, an inheritance comes in and the husband wants to buy literature to distribute while the wife wants to take a vacation to an exciting resort. The wife ought to be subject to her husband.

Likewise, if that same inheritance occurs and the husband wants to throw an alcoholic party to celebrate with the wife making the food for the guests, she ought to be very careful in being subject to her husband as her actions would then

be supporting sin. This does not mean to be disrespectful. There is a difference.

So, like Peter said, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

QUESTION: Does Colossians 2:16 cancel the fourth commandment regarding the Sabbath?

Colossians 2:16 says, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath [days]."

Before we get the proper understanding, it is interesting how so many people look for an uncommand to do away with the fourth commandment but do not look for the command to keep it. In other words, people are so willing to dismiss the fourth commandment without having a command to keep another day holy. They are satisfied in that they are left to do whatever they want regarding the fourth commandment, which now makes only nine commandments. So, immediately one should say, "If Colossians 2:16 removes the fourth commandment, do we then have only nine commandments or is there a command that replaces this one, such as now to keep Sunday?"

But, instead of trying to battle wits, let the Bible provide the correct understanding. First, we shall read it in full context. The verse is in the context of Colossians 2:14-17, which says, "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to

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us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; [And] having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath [days]: Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body [is] of Christ."

We have numerous clues in these verses that point to the fact that "sabbaths" or "sabbath days" does not point to the fourth commandment, but rather, it points to other days called sabbaths.

#1 One cannot simply blot out a commandment. It is engraved in stone. If a person tries to use ink to blot out chiseled commandments, it would simply color it. Blotting out is done on paper, and the commandments were not written by God on paper, but on stone (Exodus 31:18). And a collection of paper usually is placed in a book, of which, in this case, Moses wrote (Deuteronomy 31:24).

#2 Handwriting is used regarding the list of things done away with. The Ten Commandments were not written by human handwriting, but were "written with the finger of God" (Exodus 31:18). The handwriting refers to the writings of Moses, which was done in a book (Deuteronomy 31:24).

#3 An ordinance is not the same as a commandment.

#4 The writings were written "against the people". And this, too, points to what Moses was commanded to write in a book (Deuteronomy 31:19). "Now therefore write ye this song for

you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel."

#5 The word "contrary" matches a number of references in the book of Leviticus, especially in Leviticus 26:24, which is about ceremonial practices and not the Ten Commandments. "Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins."

#6 And then we have the list to address. "Meat", short for "meat offering", is not found in a commandment, but throughout the Book of Moses (Leviticus 2). "Drink", short for "drink offering", is not in a commandment, but throughout the Book of Moses (Leviticus 23). "Holyday" or better translated as "feast day", is not in a commandment, but throughout the Book of Moses (Numbers 28:17). And there is no mention of a "new moon" in the commandments, but Psalms 81:3 says, "Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day." Therefore, if all of these items in the list point to Moses' book and specifically feast days, a logical person would then conclude that the word "sabbath" must also apply to the same group. And we shall prove that in a moment.

#7 The phrase "which are a shadow of things to come" is stating that the items done away with in that list all pointed to Jesus Christ, of which we now no longer need to keep. Does the fourth commandment point forward? The answer is no. The fourth commandment states, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all

thy work: But the seventh day [is] the sabbath of the LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates: For [in] six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it" (Exodus 20:8-11). The end of the commandment points backwards to creation and not forward.

So, after these seven contextual points declaring that in no wise can the word "sabbaths", or "sabbath days", point to the fourth commandment, let us see in the Bible where feast days are referred to as sabbath days.

Leviticus 23:24 says, "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first [day] of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation."

Leviticus 23:32 says, "It [shall be] unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth [day] of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath."

Leviticus 23:39 says, "Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day [shall be] a sabbath, and on the eighth day [shall be] a sabbath."

So, there you go. At least three verses in the feast chapter of Leviticus identify three feasts to be called sabbaths. Now, some jump

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up to the beginning and say, "God includes the fourth commandment and so if the feast sabbaths are done away with, so are the weekly sabbaths." Let us quickly put that one to rest as well.

It is true that Leviticus 23:2 states, "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, [Concerning] the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim [to be] holy convocations, [even] these [are] my feasts" and then follows with an excerpt from the fourth commandment in the very next verse: "Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day [is] the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work [therein]: it [is] the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings." But people fail to realize that after verses 2 and 3, verse 4 says, "These [are] the feasts of

the LORD, [even] holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons." So, instead of understanding verse 3 and onward as feasts to be done away with later, since there is a repeat in verse 4, then that list is about to begin. In other words, we are to reset our minds to believe from verse 5 and onward is the actual list and not from verse 3.

The proper understanding of these verses is this: "Below is a list of the feast days. The word 'sabbath' is going to be applied to them and as a reminder, when I say 'sabbath', I mean it to be treated like the one in the fourth commandment. Now, here is the list..." Therefore, verse 3 is used only as a pattern. Without the pattern, some may have thought the feast days were days of merriment like many treat Sundays, calling it the Christian

Sabbath, and yet believe they are properly keeping their "sabbath". The pattern is not for pleasure.

So, Colossians 2:16 is not about the fourth commandment, but is referring to the feast days, which do not include the fourth commandment except to be used as a pattern for keeping the feast days, which, of course, have been blotted out as a requirement and no longer are to be observed by Christians.

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Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. (Daniel 6:10)

Let's face it, if we are serious about getting through Babylon, we need to take Daniel's example and also be praying at least three times a day.

To help direct one's thoughts on a subject, this website offers three Bible references a day: morning, afternoon, and evening.

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News and Comments

August 2

The Washington Examiner

New Mexico Supreme Court rules gas stations can be liable for drunken driving accidents

The Bible says, "Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead" (1 Peter 4:5). So, what happened to individual responsibility? In other words, why are they allowing the family, who the drunk may have killed in an accident, be able to sue a gas station? It is a source of money, because to sue the family of the drunk or the drunk themselves, who may have lost their insurance, has little to no money in many cases. But, most stations allow payment by card and cannot be easily evaluated by an attendant, who may not be looking at the customer but may be stocking shelves, waiting on another customer, or other distraction. Further, if cash is involved, many attendants are not of the age to successfully identify a drunk without possibly insulting an innocent person and are reluctant to make that call. Again, society is simply trying to blame various industries by individual's irresponsibility. God had a whole set of laws dealing the society all pointing to either deliberate or careless acts of the individual without expanding to other industries or processes.

August 3

Reuters

Four officers who responded to U.S. Capitol attack have died by suicide

According to Addiction Center, September 14, 2019, police officers do experience higher rate of suicide at approximately 17 per 100,000 officers. The capital police, according to United States Capital Police, have a total of 2,300 staff and officers. That means, approximately .39 of an officer is at risk of committing suicide in that group alone. Just so that we are clear, we are stating that statistically, not even one whole person but just over a third of a person is at risk, yet we have four officers now down and who knows how many more are about to "commit suicide". That percentage goes down even further when we look at the number of those 2,300 who were on duty that day, for not every officer was deployed. According to their own documents, there were 500 on duty that day. That means the likelihood of suicide would be less than a tenth. The point is, did these officers know something more than what is being reported? We are not high on conspiracy theories, but four suicides and counting is a red flag. Conspiracies to silence people is not new. Not only was there a conspiracy against Christ, but the voice of Paul needed to be silenced as well: "And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy" (Acts 23:13). It may be nothing, and we are opened to that, but do keep in mind, the government is about self-preservation -

not for the defense of the people.

August 8

The Hill

Missouri taxi company refuses vaccinated, masked customers

Although this is not a religious organization, more and more people and organizations need to "Resist the devil" (James 4:7). Once the end goal is achieved with the agenda, it will be too late. There will be no going back, no recovering of our surrendered freedoms, no effective resistance. We must put the hyped-up fear aside and not surrender our freedoms.

August 10

The Washington Post

Ted Cruz calls for 'zero' coronavirus mandates, while Rand Paul urges defiance amid delta variant surge

We commend these two for standing up and encouraging others to stand as well. We are to "Resist the devil" (James 4:7) despite the odds against us. The Bible says, "they loved not their lives unto the death" (Revelation 12:11). With that said, admittedly, our efforts are futile but stand anyways. That is the difference between being faithful as opposed to those who go along with the masses. It is one thing to resist but when every business is in compliance, it makes it hard to shop without a vaccine or mask. It makes it hard to go to work without a vaccine or mask. It is hard to face the fines. It is hard to deal with people knocking on the door to make sure the vaccine

was taken. But then again, it was hard for Christ to go the cross, too. It was hard for the numerous martyrs to face death for their faith. Be a martyr if called to be!

August 10

Yahoo Finance

Won't get a COVID vaccine? Some bosses may charge you \$20 to \$50 more for health insurance on every paycheck

"Tyson Foods, United Airlines, CNN, the U.S. military. A wide variety of employers such as those four are imposing COVID vaccine mandates on their workers, and experts believe they'll have a lot more company soon after the Food and Drug Administration gives the shots its full approval." We do our best to not speculate or use articles about things that "could happen". If we did that, we would be alarmists, and we would be chasing numerous articles that suggest such nonsense. With that said, since four companies already have implemented such, it technically is a reality. Whatever happened to the HIPAA regulations? The agenda does not care. Revelation 13:11 says, "And I beheld another beast" [kingdom or nation -Daniel 7:17, 24] "coming up out of the earth" [rising from the opposite of water that represents populated places and many nations -Revelation 17:15 so that means not so populated and not really any nations]; "and he had two horns " [two distinct powers - Daniel 8:6, 7; Habakkuk 3:4] "like a lamb," [Christ like in nature – John 1:29, 36] "and he spake " [past laws - Isaiah 8:20] "as a dragon" [satanically – Revelation 12:9].

August 10

Fox News

CDC adjusts Florida COVID-19 numbers after health department call-out

"The state took to Twitter on Monday to ask the CDC to update its COVID-19 case tracker because it incorrectly combined 'MULTIPLE days into one'. The Sunday total was the state's worst ever, according to the CDC data." There are way too many mistakes being made that exaggerate the information and taking way too long to correct the information and do so only when exposed. It truly smells of the global agenda to keep the populations under scared submission. And interestingly, these mistakes usually happen where resistance in one form or another is taking place, as the governor is well-outspoken against mandates. The CDC, who recommends intense push for vaccines and masks, are indirectly part of the predicted pharmaceutical deception. Once again we refer to Revelation 18:23, which says, "by thy sorceries [Greek word ... pharmakeia] were all nations deceived."

August 11

The Blaze

Colonial Williamsburg aims to tell the 'queer history' of America's founding In the establishment of Williamsburg back in the late 1600's, the focus was not on relationships. The focus was in establishing the colony. That is what has been taught and should be taught. This is yet another distraction away from simple historical lessons and moving into unnecessary political content being another step to make prominent that has such a minor aspect. That is what is meant by "feet that be swift in running to mischief" (Proverbs 6:18).

August 16

Barrons

As Covid Cases Spread, Vaccines Won't Be Enough

The Bible says, "for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23). Is it not obvious yet? Politicians and media are pushing the COVID issue as if it were the plague when in fact it barely registers on effects so low as compared to the non-existent flu or even colds. The numbers of cases and deaths are quite low. Nothing is ever going to be good enough because there is a worldwide control agenda working towards one goal... re-seat the antichrist power. "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3). A beast is always a nation (Daniel 7:17, 23). And, the world is working up to "that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name" (Revelation 13:17). Show your vaccination card or not be employed

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is practice for this. Penalizing employees is practice for this. Creating hatred towards unvaccinated is practice for this. Blaming with lies upon the vaccinated as the reason for the spread is practice for this. Going door-to-door to encourage vaccinations is practice for this. The world governments working in unison is practice for this. Religions and denominations being arms for the government is practice for this. In other words, every angle that the Mark of the Beast will exercise is happening right now, though the vaccine or proof is not the Mark – just the trial run.

August 16

The Washington Examiner

Photo of Biden in national security meeting raises accuracy and security questions

How can such a dismal move be made? Why the lies of it looking like Biden was in control during it all when there are so many inaccuracies of the released photo of the day during the evacuation? That is because someone else is actually pulling the strings. "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth" (Revelation 17:18). And it is not just the current presidency either. Even the GOP beloved Reagan had his strings pulled. They are all puppets.

August 17

Myrtle Beach Online

If you drank alcohol to cope with pandemic stress, you weren't alone, study finds

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world" (1 Peter 5:8-9). Christians are to handle afflictions, issues, completely different than the world. In fact, if Christians actively look for escapes of reality, the are falling for the devils devouring means. This is alcohol. There are many other means of escape as well, including video games, binge watching, etc. Christians are to always be alert, especially under stressful conditions. Do not follow even Noah's example where "he drank of the wine, and was drunken" (Genesis 9:21). Noah did not handle very well the stress of all the population being wiped out. It is in the Bible not for just regarding the incident that happened next but as an example to avoid the failure of being sober, of looking for that escape. "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (Ephesians 6:13).

August 18

Yahoo News

Teen mom comes to dead stop on graduation stage to finish walking with 3-year-old daughter: 'This gave me goosebumps'

Right up front, before we get the biblical response on this, it is great that Natalie endured her challenges and graduated instead of just being statistic. With that said though, this act of trying to inspire endurance also glorifies sin by teaching that "See, you engage in sexual activity, even get pregnant, and life still is good. On top of that, look at all of the attention I'm getting for my act of sin to begin with." Basically, sin does not appear to be so sinful. "Woe unto them that call evil good" (Isaiah 5:20).

August 18

The Telegraph

Double-jabbed people carry same levels of Covid as unvaccinated

Therefore, the blame for the spread of COVID cannot be easily traced to unvaccinated people making it a lie to be doing so.
"These six [things] doth the LORD hate: yea, seven [are] an abomination unto him: ... A false witness [that] speaketh lies..." (Proverbs 6:16-19).

August 20

The Inquirer

Philly's archdiocese advised priests not to help Catholics seeking exemptions from vaccine mandates

Religious exemption is permitted so far by the government. For a religious organization to turn their backs on their members for legitimate exemption is no different from a symbolic representation of Jesus' words: "[some] of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute [them] from city to city" (Matthew 23:34).

August 25

In the Know

Mom tricks veggie-hating toddler into eating cauliflower with a little white lie: 'whatever works'

What the mother did with the food is not unusual and is not a lie. A mom is just flavoring something to make it more palatable. Kids thinking it is something else is a misunderstanding. Our concern is on the acceptable phrase called a "little white lie". White represents purity (Daniel 7:9). Even the smallest lie makes it impure, therefore, it is no longer white creating a hypocritical statement right away. Basically, there is no such thing as a "white lie". As for it being considered little, just remember, a little coveting of God's throne and position (Isaiah 14:13-14) created this satanic mess. A little bite of the forbidden fruit (Genesis 3:1-6) plunged this world into a loss state. A little taking of some booty by Achan caused a battle loss as well as a loss of lives (Joshua 7). There is no such thing as a little sin. Any sin kept in our lives unconfessed, unforsaken, shall cause loss of eternal life.

August 26

The Insider

Japan temporarily halted the use of 1.63 million Moderna vaccine doses over claims that tiny parti-

cles were found floating in unused vials

Many other articles on the topic dismiss the particles as simple contamination. Contamination and tiny particles imply two separate facts. Contamination is similar to spoilage, but these are unidentified particles that gives a little credence to the conspiracy theories, substantiated by the Bible, where we ought to have memorized by now, "By thy sorceries [Pharmakeia in Greek] were all nations deceived" (Revelation 18:23), and this is done under the approval of the antichrist.

August 28

Fox News

Cook County judge strips mother of parental rights because she is not vaccinated

The vaccine unofficially being reguired is completely out of control. When Australia can do what they do to kids and now this judge is ruling regarding custody, it is just going to escalate to more scenes just like physical Babylon did back in the day and spiritual Babylon in Revelation is in the process of copying. Government officials were told to "bring [certain] of the children of Israel" (Daniel 1:3) "whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans" (Daniel 1:4) or reeducate. So, make sure our children are educated in the Lord like Daniel was so they too can stand like Daniel and keep the faith.

August 28

News Week

Tate Reeves Says Mississippians 'Less Scared' of COVID Because They 'Believe in Eternal Life'

The rest of the world fulfill the prophecy, "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken" (Luke 21:26). Let us trust in God as this governor said correctly.

August 30

Fox News

Teacher who suggested pledging allegiance to gay pride flag in classroom now under investigation

And much of society does not see anything wrong with indoctrination of this sort. "Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD" (Psalms 34:11). Parents, it is time, if you are not already, to be teaching your children. Actually, it has been time for awhile now, but we wanted to explicitly state it again. There is no way a parent can undo 8 hours of exposure to this nonsense.

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Natural Remedies

Turmeric for Minor Wounds

A compound called curcumin found in turmeric, which has strong anti-inflammatory and anti-oxidant properties can help with the cleansing and healing of wounds. A study in the *Biochemical Journal* even found that curcumin has the ability to stop bacteria

from spreading. So if you don't have any antibiotic ointment on hand, try dabbing a little turmeric on your cut or scrape instead, but only for minor or superficial wounds. Using turmeric powder with a few drops of water to make a paste, apply it directly to the

wound, or if the wound is still bleeding a bit, you can apply the powder without water to stop the bleeding. After the area is dry, cover with an appropriate bandage.