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From the Pastor's Desk:

When George W. Bush was President, his regime became such a threat to liberty and freedom that it even caused millions of Republicans to abandon their party for the hope and change of Obama. Now, millions of Republicans are so scared of another Obama term and the thought of what his regime will do to our dwindling liberty and freedom, that they are turning the other cheek to a Mitt Romney regime to deliver them and make things better.

*The truth is, they (Republicans and Democrats) are both being played in this political merry-go-round, because the “right and the left” **are being funded by Goldman Sachs and the same bankers** who have created our economic depression. Many people are waking up and have decided to get off this contrived political merry-go-round. They are beginning to see that Mitt Romney and the Republican frauds are not part of the solution, but are actually puppets of a Hidden-hand international oligarchy that are financially steering this American ship into an international community for their commerce and political interests. Please continue to pray for our awaken!*

***Seven days a week without
prayer makes one weak!***

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SOME THOUGHTS ON VOTING

By Pastor Barley

Well, the Republican, Mitt Romney forum in Tampa Bay, Florida, is now over. The man I really wanted to see as President of the United States of America is Congressman Ron Paul, but this was thwarted by the Romney for President gang.

What to do now is the big question. Well, I could say, vote your conscience, but I don't know how accurate all of your conscience is working or functioning. So, I'm not going to tell you who to vote for, but many have asked, **"Should I even vote?"**

Now certainly I could throw out the slogan, **"JUST VOTE FOR JESUS."** I still like the message that slogan conveys, but it is rather simplistic and as far as I'm concerned, it is not very Biblically accurate. For one thing, **Jesus Christ the true King of Kings and Lord of Lords**, does not need or require our vote to be **KING**. Secondly, **Jesus Christ** is not running for office, He already holds the **MOST HIGH OFFICE**. So, we are left with terrestrial offices, some of which are needed in order for there to be order, stability, and justice in our land. If these terrestrial leaders are bad, corrupt, or unchristian in their leadership, we will most certainly have bad days.

On the other "hand," if we can elect good leaders and they apply Biblical righteous principles of leadership, then things will go much better for man. In reality, voting for Jesus is not the issue or right way of dealing with this. What we want are godly Covenant Israelites in positions of leadership, who are in submission to **Christ the MOST HIGH KING**. Anything we can do to help things move in this direction will be most helpful and beneficial for our nation. But I want to get back to the concept of **"VOTING FOR CHRIST."** You see, **Christ** is in His people, and when His people build upon the foundation of **Christ's Kingdom**, we are supporting, yes, even voting for the **Lord Jesus Christ**. **Jesus** is the Living Word, and where His Word is upheld, those doing His Word are in essence reflecting Christ. So, it could be argued that we are voting for Christ and His Kingdom when we vote for those who are upholding righteous governments and laws in the

positions or platform they are standing upon. But I want to move this article in another direction with the following question, **“who does God vote for?”**

SOME THOUGHTS ON NOT VOTING

If we are to vote for the candidate who will demonstrate that the people have repented, then why do we not have such a candidate to vote for who will be a righteous adherent for the Kingdom of God? A candidate who would clearly represent and support godly leadership.

If voting is the answer, should not God Almighty provide such a candidate for President so He can see by the way the people vote that they have repented? In fact, should we not have such a choice in every office, a candidate who will reflect that the heart of the people has changed for righteousness and their vote demonstrates this repentance? But in reality, there are few, or in most cases, no such candidate with sufficient Christian qualities of Biblical resolve that we can vote for who would clearly reflect that the people are repenting.

Voting for Mitt Romney certainly would **NOT** be a vote that would reflect the people are repenting in the manner of **2 Chronicles 7:14**. Mr. Romney, for the most part, would not abide by Biblical principles, even the very way he and the Republican Party treated Congressman Ron Paul certainly demonstrates corruption. It also shows Mitt's disdain for sound financial principles of a Biblical Jubilee and that his allegiance belongs to the Federal Reserve Bankers. Ron Paul's campaign to stop America's globalization, its foreign aid, and military insanity are vital issues that Romney outright rejects. In addition to this, Mitt Romney has bowed to Zionist interests, and he will stand strong for the Jews in their demands of force against Iran.

In **Psalm 53:2-4**, we read:

²*God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.*

³*Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether*

become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

⁴Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God.

Here is the point I want to make. We are not going to vote our way back into **God's heart**. This is not to say that we should not vote, but voting in and of itself is not the solution. **Casting our vote is a temporal bandaid upon a gushing artery**. But when God's people spiritually wake up and start seeking the leading of the **Holy Spirit**, and they become **doers of His Word**, **THIS FRUIT OF REPENTANCE WILL SHINE BRIGHTER THAN ANY VOTE OF MAN**.

The way we are to repent, or turn from our national sickness, is by putting away our national filthiness (referencing vs. 3). Perhaps this means, *"waiting upon the Lord."* If God Almighty has not provided such a man, or men for public office, all our voting, even though good intentioned, just might be an exercise in futility.

This means, that perhaps, voting just for the sake of voting is not the answer and that we would make better use of our time seeking and being about our **Heavenly Father's** Kingdom Business. Which does not mean sitting around and waiting for a Divine wake up call. It means, let us all take our Kingdom call seriously, and do our best to be representatives of His Kingdom now, and get the truth of the Kingdom unto those who will listen.

Just telling someone to tune into the candidates' debates and vote for your favorite candidate is **NOT** helping them seek the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness. Voting Republican or Democrat over the many years has not helped make America a righteous nation nor has it slowed the antichrists down, and going down this road is not what Christ has called His people to do. Jesus never told His disciples to go vote or get more politically involved, but He did tell them to **SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS. (Matthew 6: 33)**.

It was Christians pursuing and seeking the Kingdom of God and His

Righteousness that changed the world. It was the Puritans coming out of the old world Babylonian ways and into this New World, America, in which they pursued the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness that blessed lasting righteous changes came forth. They did not try to establish a political party. They established a Holy Covenant (the Mayflower Compact) upon the principles of **Christ and His Kingdom**, to be His Kingdom People.

Voting, in and of itself, has not brought about nor produced righteousness among the people. I believe that repentance will most likely come from outside of the voting process. It may very well come from the realm of **God's Sovereign Timing** in which He will pour out His **Holy Spirit** upon His end-time witnesses, the **SONS OF GOD** (who will be armed with the double witness of **Christ's Two-Edged Sword of Spirit and Word**).

In other words, our salvation or deliverance will come from **THE SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST, when we CALL UPON HIM AND SEEK HIM WITH ALL OUR HEART** (rephrased, "In total commitment," or "in full Covenant persuasion"). Are the remnant people ready to do this? It does not appear that they are fully prepared to do this. Perhaps it will take four more years of Obamation for them to full wake-up? So friends, if you are not sure if you should vote Democrat or Republican, for an array of reasons, don't despair and do not feel all is lost, for **King Jesus** is still on **THE MOST HIGH THRONE**, and He will set things right at His perfect timing, and **HIS GLORY SHALL FILL THE EARTH**.

I pray that what I have shared will give you peace of understanding and increase you faith and truth in the **God of Israel**. If you have been uptight about voting and feeling as though voting is not all it is presented to be by the Republicans and Democrats, I want to assure you that you are right. If you vote, you have not necessarily advanced the cause of freedom and liberty. If you do not vote, you are not aiding or advancing the cause of "evil," the money changers are financing and manipulating the Republicans and Democrats. When the Bible tells

us in Joshua 24:15-18, "**CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE,**" the choice was not between a Republican and a Democrat.

Joshua 24:15-18

¹⁵ *And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*

¹⁶ *And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;*

¹⁷ *For the LORD our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:*

¹⁸ *And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the LORD; for he is our God.*

A STUDY IN HEBREWS (Part Ten)

Chapter 9 of Hebrews is mind boggling, and our minds need boggling by the **Holy Spirit**. The Book of Hebrews leads, instructs, and reveals to us that the Tabernacle in the wilderness was a type or example that **foreshadowed God Almighty** dwelling within His people. It was a pattern that was laid down to teach us His Plan for the Ages. It is a blueprint laying out the stages of the individual's personal development as well as Israel's corporate development. Ultimately, it revealed that *we* are that Tabernacle and that He dwells within us.

The Tabernacle was in the midst of Israel. That is significant in many ways, in that this is the place of government, in the

center, or middle of the township of Israel. This is also where the **Holy Spirit** is located, in the heart (or middle) of His people, because His law (according to the New Covenant, Hebrews 8:8-10) will be written upon the heart of His Covenant people. There were perhaps millions of Israelites, as well as others who came with them out of Egypt, and this constituted a mass of people who needed governing. Can you imagine what it took to keep these people in order, to have any semblance of successful government?

What type of government did Israel have under Moses? She had a **Theocracy**. She did not have a democracy or a republic or monarchy ruled by man; these systems of man fall short of God's designed government. However, a Theocracy is **God Almighty** in the midst of His people, and only God's law could be the law of the land. The Tabernacle represents this form of government. We are His new Tabernacle wherein He dwells, and collectively we become that new city, New Jerusalem, which will be His seat of government.

His salvation provided the way whereby He could dwell within us. Our sins had to be completely covered before He could indwell us, and this is where He is leading us. This is the hope of His glory and our glory. We see the development of that same idea in **Revelation 21:3**:

*And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,
**Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them, and they shall be
his people, and God himself shall be with them, and
be their God.***

Think about that. The Tabernacle of God is with men (Covenant Israel), and He will dwell with them. They shall be His people, and **God Himself** shall be with them and be their **God**. This is a New Covenant, an end-time Zion

declaration about **God Almighty** fully dwelling in the midst of His people Israel.

The author of Hebrews sets the stage in **Hebrews 9:1**:

*Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a **worldly sanctuary**.*

The ancient rites of ceremonies and sacrifices performed by the priests were types and shadows of salvation and the process of sanctification. The first covenant, or the first testament, contained many significant ordinances of Divine worship. But the first sanctuary was a “*worldly sanctuary*,” divinely patterned but constructed by the hand of man. It was something truly glorious, something almost supernatural, but the author of Hebrews speaks of it as it really was, a shadow and promise of what was to come. It was a worldly pattern picturing for us the ultimate spiritual reality, “*Christ in you the hope of glory*.”

The author described it as “*worldly*” to lead us somewhere. He wants to lead us out of the Old Tabernacle into the New Tabernacle. This is wonderful because it is **Jesus Christ** who is building this new sanctuary; it is not being built by the hands of man. He is performing this work within each of us. We need to be aware of His work within us and be receptive to His construction – to His cleansing and His chastening. We need to yield to that power and to the leading of the **Holy Spirit**.

The first Adam sinned and all of mankind became lost under that sin. The old Tabernacle that served the first Adam had to make way for the new Tabernacle that serves the second Adam. The second Adam is our **Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. **He** is in the process of building a new sanctuary by transforming and conforming us into **His image and likeness** so that we become **His new Tabernacle**.

The Old Covenant Tabernacle was only a temporary sanctuary. It was a type and shadow of the New Covenant sanctuary that was to come. How wonderful and exciting it is to see this revealed, to understand and embrace it. It is being done in accordance with **God's** greater purpose that embraces the salvation and eventual restoration of all things that culminates in the glorification of our worldly tabernacles, which are our bodies.

We read on in **Hebrews, Chapter 9:2:**

For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.

And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

Here the old Tabernacle is described for us in some detail. **The Holy Place** is called the sanctuary. It contained the candlestick, table, and shewbread. Then came the second veil behind which was the **Holy of Holies**, or the holiest of all, which literally means **Holy Things**, or among **Holy Things**. Within the **Holy of Holies**, there was a golden censer, the Ark of the Covenant, the golden pot, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant or the tablets of the law.

The Tabernacle was not just some elaborate tent with religious relics. When a study is made of the items contained within the Tabernacle, you will find that they symbolized the process of our perfection. Each item has a very deep and significant meaning and purpose. They were shadows of the

work that **Christ** was going to perform in us. They symbolized the appointed means by which simple man could approach **Yahweh**. ***It is important to note that only the priest could enter into the Tabernacle. It was a limited calling available only to Aaron and the Levitical priestly order.***

Hebrews 9:6-7:

***6**Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.*

***7**But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:*

The priesthood performed a very important function. They interpreted and conveyed **Yahweh's** instruction to the Israelites. They performed these services as servants of **God**. Priests have a special calling, a special election, and are responsible for bringing about the proper relationship between the people and their **God**. They offered sacrifices for sins of the people, and they interceded for the nation of Israel. However, the priests could not make the people perfect; our perfection is of **Christ** who paid for our redemption.

Our Lord and Savior **Jesus Christ** is now our **High Priest**. He is interceding or intervening on behalf of us, and through **His work** within us and for us, He can and will eventually make us perfect. This work requires a heart of love to perform it, and **Jesus Christ** loved His creation and His people enough that He was willing to die upon the cross to restore them. He was willing to be the sacrifice that was required for perfection. But His work of restoration was not finished at the cross. He is still intervening through His plan of restoration.

Hebrews 9:8

The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing:

The old Tabernacle had to go – just as our old terrestrial tabernacles must go to make way for our new celestial bodies. The **Holy Spirit** is signifying that there is going to be something to come. What was the **Holy Spirit** or **Holy Ghost** signifying? It was signifying that the way into the holiest of all was not possible or complete under the old Levitical order or with the Aaronic priesthood. There was yet to be something greater. The services that were performed under the Old Covenant and in the old Tabernacle were merely a shadow and a pattern of something that was greater to come. And only the **Holy Spirit** can reveal the way into the **Holy of Holies in the new Tabernacle**.

I strongly suspect that this work of the **Holy Spirit** has something to do with our spiritual frequency, in that we will certainly have a divine charge, or energy that will change us. Those who have the mark of the Covenant upon their mind, meaning, their mind is directed and connected with a **Holy Spirit** frequency that came about through the forming of a power charge, or circuit of Divine Communication.

A New Tabernacle and a New Covenant were required. Similarly, if we are to be led by the **Holy Spirit** into becoming His new Tabernacle, we must acquire a new and a renewed mind. The old priests could not delve into the heart of man and change him – he could only apply the law. A change of heart was not possible until **Jesus Christ** finished the work of redemption upon the cross and He began the work of writing His law upon our hearts.

THE PINEAL GLAND THEORY

Remember the words of Jesus, when He took His last breath: ***“It is finished.”*** Following those momentous and portentous words, the **Holy Spirit** communion (communication) was poured out upon the disciples and apostles as recorded in the Book of Acts. This **Holy Spirit** communion may very well involve our pineal gland (its shape resembles a tiny pine cone) and is located near the center of the brain. Some researchers believe the pineal gland is the window to our soul; some even refer to it as the *“third eye.”* Some believe that the pineal gland is a transmitter of capabilities beyond the here and now, but is **Holy Spirit** developed and exercised by **Yahweh** towards tabernacles. **God’s** Divine frequency is developing within His people the mind of **Christ** for newness of Life beyond our present conscious existence (Beware of New Age false teachings on the pineal gland. There is truth and deception.)

Looking again at **Hebrews 7**, we read of our new **High Priest** coming not out of Levi but of Judah:

Hebrews 7:11-14

¹¹If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

¹²For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

¹³For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar.

¹⁴For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood.

Among other types and shadows, the Levitical priesthood also was finished. Jesus came of the tribe of Judah. This tells us that the old Levitical priesthood could not perform the change of heart that was needed nor could it facilitate the restoration of the world that fell under Adam. It tells us that **Jesus Christ** of the tribe of Judah who was after the order of Melchisedec was going to perform this work. **Jesus Christ** is the sinless Priest King to whom all things were given, and His tabernacle was Holy, a vessel of **LOVE** that will **LIGHT** all things and darkness will be dissolved by His Agape **LOVE**.

Let me hasten to add that **Agape Love** is not without consequences, meaning, and is not void of Divine Law and Order. Righteous laws of economics, justice, and spiritual services, are essential for **Agape Love** to flow and be a glorious source of healing not only for Covenant Israel, but the healing of the nations as well.

We are told here that the old order could not accomplish the salvation, restoration, and perfection needed for the new order. The old order consisted of types and shadows that symbolized what was to come. There was to be a new order that would come into existence in which **Jesus Christ** would be the Director and Distributor of this new process. **Under the New Covenant, Jesus** would raise up a kingdom of priests and kings. Yes, I believe in the New World Order, only, not of man, but of love, joy, peace, and righteousness of the Kingdom of God, where all the corrupt manifestations of man's flesh have been replaced by the fruit of the **Spirit**.

We were told that the priesthood changed, and therefore it was a necessary that the Law be changed. The Old Covenant required the priesthood to come out of the tribe of Levi, but **Jesus Christ** came out of the line of Judah. Therefore, it necessitated a change in the law to accommodate this

difference. **Jesus Christ** is both Priest *and* King after the order of Melchisedec unlike Aaron who was only a priest. In **Jesus Christ**, there is no separation of church and state.

As **King, Jesus Christ** is to lead the charge in reformation and restoration. He came in the flesh of the natural or the Adamic order, but He resurrected into a higher order. He now resides and commands in both the natural and spiritual realms.

Hebrews 9:9-11

⁹Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

¹⁰Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

¹¹But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Read that passage carefully. The gifts, sacrifices, and washings could not make the conscience of the priest or the individual or the nation perfect. That had to wait until the time of reformation. **Christ came to be our High Priest** of a good and more perfect tabernacle that He was to build, and He will bring about the reformation through our transformation in which we will be filled with **His Presence** and **His Fruit** will flow from **His Spirit** unto restoration.

Jesus Christ was a perfect tabernacle, and through this tabernacle will come about the restoration of all things. Our lives, our being, and our destinies are in His hands. All things have been turned over to Him. All power is given to Him in heaven and in earth. This Divine Tabernacle, this **Jesus**

Christ, is going to bring about a healing restoration, and He is going to use a New Kingdom of priests just as the old tabernacle used the old order of priests. This new priestly order is called the **Sons of God**.

1 Corinthians 15:46-50

46Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

47The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

48As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

This is a process that we will experience ourselves. We are in the natural right now, but we have to put on the spiritual as well. Remember the priests removed their regular garments and put on linen garments when officiating in the Tabernacle. We now are clothed in our earthly garments, but when He perfects us, we shall also be able to put on **“the Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 13:14)** in full apparel, clothed in **HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS**, and be lifted to new heavenly realms. We will have the ability to move in and out of our earthly, fleshly bodies and our heavenly, spiritual bodies. Until then, creation will continue to groan and travail and remain in its dying state.

There is a higher realm. That is what the author of Hebrews wants us to understand. The **sons of God** are being called into this realm. We are **His priests to do His service**, and **Jesus Christ** is perfecting us for this service.

Romans 8:14 & 29

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

²⁹ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Paul is talking of a conforming process, for we are **“to be conformed to the image of His Son.”** We learn how that process begins in **Galatians, Chapter 3:**

Galatians 3:27

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Many people think that our transformation comes as an instantaneous change. In **God’s** mind, it is an accomplished fact, but as far as our lives and the fulfillment of the tasks, that He has called us to, it is an on-going process. It is something that we will go through until the day that we die. The process of putting on **Christ** is very, very important. That is why baptism is so important.

Baptism is a spiritual form of death to Life that involves many things. It signifies dying to self and putting on **Christ**. This is why Paul said in **1 Corinthians 15:31**, **“I die daily”** meaning that we claim the power of **Christ’s redeeming blood**, and we live as new creatures in Him. Through the shedding of **Christ’s sinless blood**, we are cleansed from all unrighteousness. **Water** represents the **blood of Christ** that seals us or anoints us as vessels ready to be filled.

Nevertheless, the “baptism” process does not stop there as some have ritualized it. **Ephesians 5:26** provides us with a second and equally important form of “baptism,” and that is

the **Word of God**.

Ephesians 5:26

That he might sanctify (His church) and cleanse it with the **washing of water by the word**,

“Washing of water by the WORD,” yes, because **Christ** is the **WORD** and **Christ** in you means we must be washed within by the **Word**, and without by being washed/cleansed by claiming His cleansing blood and in faith entering Biblical baptism. This term **“washing”** as used in this verse does mean **“baptism.”** It is the Greek word **“loutron,”** and it means **“a bath, i.e., immersion, baptism.”** So the **Word of God** is also an essential process of baptism. Water immersion alone does not cleanse our bodies (our temples), it also takes the power of **God’s Word** to be engrafted into our heart –and there is more.

There is a third “baptism,” the baptism of the **Holy Spirit**. Remember the Bible story of Simon the sorcerer who had bewitched the people of Samaria in **Acts chapter 8**? The Bible relates that through the preaching of the Apostle Philip, Simon became converted and was baptized into water. Nevertheless, as I have shared with you, this is only one part of the complete baptism process. Read the following verses for yourself, and see what happened to **“water only baptized”** Simon.

Acts 8:13-21

*¹³ Then Simon himself believed also: and **when he was baptized**, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.*

¹⁴ Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

*¹⁵ Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:
¹⁶ (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)
¹⁷ Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.
¹⁸ And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,
¹⁹ Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.
²⁰ But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.
²¹ Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.*

As you can see, Simon did not receive the “baptism” of the **Holy Spirit**. You and I are spiritually incomplete without all three of these baptisms. This third part of baptism by the **Holy Spirit** is given in **Titus 3:5**.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

God Almighty said that He started a work within Israel, and He would perform it. These people were going to show forth His praise, and it is through His anointing that God's people will show forth His praises and His glory. Let's now read from **Isaiah, Chapter 43:21**:

This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

And we certainly must include the following verse from Psalms 22:3:

But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.

How do you show forth the praise of the **Heavenly Father**? One way is through obedience. He has called us to fulfill His will, and we show forth our praise of Him when we fulfill His will. What father would not be proud of his children if they fulfilled His Will? Parents spend a lot of time giving their sons and daughters special instructions, hopefully rearing them the right way, and the parents anticipate that the children will mature into these instructions. Our **Heavenly Father** wants us to put Him first, His will, and His plan, and in so doing we show forth praise and a function of the priest is to lead us in that praise.

In closing this section, we will read from **1 Peter, 2:9:**

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Yahweh God called Israel out of darkness into His marvelous light to praise Him to all of creation. Through this holy calling and under our **King and Priest, the sons of God** are going to transform this fallen creation.

There is another Scripture verse that says He ***“hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son”*** (**Colossians 1:13**). And what is that Kingdom? It is a Kingdom of light, truth, justice, joy, and I fully believe there will be a smile on every face as the **Spirit of Christ** flows through us. That is His plan. We are His Kingdom people, He is our King, He is our Priest, He has given us His law, and we are to show forth His glory as His called out representatives.

We do this in part by obedience and by praising His works as His living Epistles.

We are called into His light, and we become light givers. His **LIGHT** will flow throughout His many membered Body. **God Almighty** began this process right there in the Garden of Eden, if you really think about the big picture. What was it that Adam and Eve could not get hold of in the Garden? It was the **Tree of Life**. We, my friends, have access to that **Tree of Life** through **Jesus Christ**. As we take hold of that **Tree**, He begins transforming and conforming our lives into His image and likeness.

Very few churches have an understanding of or talk about the **sons of God**. It has always been a few of the elect down throughout the ages who have pressed for the mark of the prize of the high calling which is in **Christ Jesus**. That is what He is asking us to do in simple form, He is asking us to press in for the mark of the prize. We have yet to do the great work that He has called us to. There is a greater work; a greater ministry that is yet ahead for us. But we must have His Kingdom within our hearts. Also, we will have the praises of **God** in our hearts, because we know that *“His mercy endureth forever.” (Psalms 136: 1-26)* Remember what we read in 1 Peter, if we are His royal priests, then His praises are going to go forth from within our hearts, and we will be **His New Jerusalem, His new Tabernacle. Hallelujah!**

'Pray for Obama' Sign Stirs Controversy over Biblical verse

VICTORIA, TX -- The Secret Service is looking into a sign posted in Victoria, Texas. The sign says "Pray for Obama," but it's the scripture quoted below those words that is raising eyebrows:

Psalms 109:8. *"Let his days be few, and let another take his*

office."

Milton Neitsch Jr., who has lived in Victoria since 1961, says he didn't intend for people to pick up on the hateful wishes of death and pain surrounding the tiny verse. But some people say it is hateful and inappropriate. They say it misuses the Holy Scripture and it must come down. Neitsch recently received an email from a friend and decided to post it on his advertising billboard along North Navarro Street. He had no idea the firestorm of controversy it would create.

"Pray for the president. He needs it," said Neitsch. When asked what the sign means, Neitsch responded, *"Exactly what it says. Hope he's gone soon and somebody different takes his place."*

Reverend Amy Danchik started a petition demanding Neitsch take down the sign. They've since met and Neitsch and agreed to replace the billboard. *"He shared with me a little about some of the threats that have come at his family, which is incredibly inappropriate, and in no way helpful and in no way how we're called to react when we disagree with somebody,"* said Danchik. *"So I hope that those stop. I hope that people will react with the graciousness that he has reacted with and leave his family alone."*

Neitsch says he is also getting plenty of support. He said he might replace the sign with something like, "Vote for the American," a sign that would no doubt stir emotion, while leaving the word of God to the experts. Code enforcement in the City of Victoria says they don't review the content of signs. They said they would only get involved if the sign affected traffic.

"The Left believes in cradle to the grave assistance, it's just sometimes really tricky making it to the cradle."

Dennis Miller

A “Trillion” is Mind-Boggling: No, Even Worse!

I would wager (with odds) that very few Americans understand just how mind-bogglingly enormous \$1 trillion is. The analogy I will share with you today will knock your socks off! It certainly did mine.

Yet our government is running trillion-dollar annual budget deficits like it's no big deal. And it's not just Obama – the first trillion-dollar deficit, which was incurred in FY2009, was actually the result of President George W. Bush's budget, one of the few legitimate things Obama really inherited from “W.”

Most Americans know that a “trillion” dollars is a **LOT** of money. But with our government running trillion-dollar budget deficits for the last three years (soon to be four and then five), many people have become numb to the magnitude, unfortunately. I have seen a lot of attempts at putting the concept of a trillion in perspective, but the one that follows is the best I've seen.

1 Million seconds is 12 days.

1 Billion seconds is nearly 32 years.

1 Trillion seconds is 31,688 years!

Read that again. And maybe again. Let it sink in for a few seconds. Does that not put a “trillion” in a better perspective than you've ever thought about it before? It certainly did for me. Sure, we all knew that a trillion was a huge number. But this analogy just nails it.

Currently, the US national debt is **\$15.931 trillion**. That figure does not include tens of trillions more in unfunded liabilities for

Medicare, Social Security, government pensions, etc. For purposes of discussion, let's call the national debt \$16 trillion, since we'll be there before the end of this year.

16 times 31,688 years is 507,008 years!

That's where we are today folks! There is simply no way our government will ever pay off this enormous debt.

CALIFORNIA IS OBAMA'S DREAM

*Written by Roger Hedgecock, former Mayor of San Diego
Wednesday, 25 January 2012*

I live in California. If you were wondering what living in Obama's second term might be like, wonder no longer. We in California are living there now.

California is a one-party state dominated by a virulent Democrat Left enabled by a complicit media where every agency of local, county, and state government is run by and for the public employee unions. The unemployment rate is 12%.

California has more folks on food stamps than any other state, has added so many benefits and higher rates to Medicaid that we call it "Medi-Cal." Our K-12 schools have more administrators than teachers, with smaller classes, but lower test scores and higher drop-out rates with twice the per student budget of 15 years ago. Good job, Brownie.

This week, the once and current **Gov. Jerry "Moonbeam" Brown** had to confess that the "balanced" state budget adopted five months ago was billions in the red because actual tax revenues were billions lower than the airy-fairy revenue estimates on which the balance was predicated.

After trimming legislators' perks and reducing the number

of cell phones provided to state civil servants, the governor intoned that drastic budget reductions had already hollowed out state programs for the needy, law enforcement and our schoolchildren. **California government needed more money.**

California has **seven** income tax brackets. The top income tax rate is 9.3%, which is slapped on the greedy rich earning at least \$47,056 a year. Income of more than \$1 million pays the "millionaires' and billionaires'"surcharge tax rate of 10.3%.

Brown's proposal would add 2% for income over \$250,000. A million-dollar income would then be taxed at 12.3%. And that's just for the state. **Brown** also proposed a one-half-cent sales tax increase, which would bring sales taxes (which vary by county) up to 7.75% to as much as 10%. Both tax increases would be on the ballot in 2012.

The sales tax increase proposal immediately brought howls of protest from the Left (of **Brown**). Charlie Eaton, a sociology grad student at UC Berkeley and leader of the UC Student-Workers Union, said, **"We've paid enough. It's time for millionaires to pay."** At least five other ballot measures to raise taxes are circulating for signatures to get on the 2012 ballot in California. **The governor's proposals are the most conservative.**

And we don't want to turn down the Obama bullet-train bucks Florida and other states rejected because the operating costs would bankrupt them. **Can't happen here because we're already insolvent.**

If we get into real trouble with the train, we'll just bring in the Chinese. It worked with the Bay Bridge reconstruction. After the 1989 earthquake, the bridge connecting Oakland and San Francisco was rebuilt with steel made in China. Workers from China too. Paid for

with money borrowed from China. Makes perfect sense. In California, we hate the evil, greedy rich (**except the rich in Hollywood, in sports, and in drug dealing**). But we love people who have broken into California to eat the bounty created by the productive rich.

Illegals get benefits from various generous welfare programs, free medical care, free schools for their kids, including meals, and of course, in state tuition rates and scholarships too. Nothing's too good for our guests. To erase even a hint of criticism of illegal immigration, the California Legislature is considering a unilateral state amnesty. Democrat State Assemblyman Felipe Fuentes has proposed an initiative that would bar deportation of illegals from California.

Interesting dilemma for Obama there. If immigration is exclusively a federal matter and Obama has sued four states for trying to enforce federal immigration law she won't enforce, what will the President do to a California law that exempts California from federal immigration law? California is also near fulfilling the environmentalist dream of deindustrialization.

After driving out the old industrial base (auto and airplane assembly, for example), air and water regulators and tax policies are now driving out the high-tech, biotech and even Internet-based companies that were supposed to be California's future.

The rest of us only found out about these plantations when the workers' open campfire started one of those devastating fires that have killed hundreds of people and burned out thousands of homes in California over the last decade. It's often said that whatever happens in California will soon happen in your state.

You'd better hope that's wrong.

Rep. Allen West Calls Out Dem ‘Trackers’: ‘I Serve a Mighty God’ & ‘I Am Not Afraid’

by Bill Hallowell

Rep. Allen West (R-FL) is known for his brutal honesty and pointed public proclamations. While delivering a Labor Day speech to the Palm Beach County Tea Party earlier this week, these attributes were in full force. West called out so-called “trackers,” those individuals employed by Democrats to attend his speeches and to publicize his blunders. Then, he told the audience that he **“serves a mighty God”** and, as a result, he doesn’t fear liberals’ ploys to smear him.

During the speech, West, who was sporting a baseball cap, called upon a woman in the audience. **BIZ Pac Review** claims she was one of the trackers who regularly attends his appearances throughout the district.

In the past, West has made it a point to call out these trackers, but in this case, he did so with fervency and fanfare.

“Come sit right here, because I want you to make sure that you get everything I say, so that when you post it on ThinkProgress, they can make sure that I stay the number one target in this country for liberal progressives,” he told the woman after she positioned herself in the front of the venue, camera in hand.

Then, he touted God’s protection and said that, as a result of his faith, he is not afraid.

“What they need to understand is that I serve a mighty God,” he proclaimed. **“My God does not walk in the realm of fear. My God walks in the realm of strength and courage. That’s why I am not afraid of them.”** West then went on to praise the tea party.

PressTV - Iran would clobber Israel within 24 hours

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A regime [with a frontier] that in some spots is only 24 kilometers wide could have its back broken by one of our infantry battalions in 24 hours."

IRGC deputy commander, Brigadier General Hossein Salami The deputy commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) says the Islamic Republic can annihilate the Zionist regime of Israel in 24 hours.

"A regime [with a frontier] that in some spots is only 24 kilometers wide could have its back broken by one of our infantry battalions in 24 hours," Brigadier General Hossein Salami told an Iranian television station on Sunday.

PASTOR'S COMMENTS: No doubt many of us who are sick of the Israeli's underhanded ways, and their criminal role in the destruction of our nation, their incessant attack against Christianity and our Christian values would almost expect to see some form of **"THE WRATH OF GOD,"** come against these tares. We would not be surprised if the Iranians and their simmering, ready to explode, Arab brethren, or Muslim brethren throughout the region take on the Zionist Israeli's, and putting them in their place. But when you also understand that the United States of America, as well as England and Australia would also join with the Zionists, such an encounter does not thrill my soul. When I think of the tens of thousands of our men who have died in the many "Jewish harvests" then **NO**, I am not eager for more bloodshed and our people dying for those vile Christ hating, Talmudic minded people.

Furthermore, Iran would suffer the fate of Iraq, and such a war would plunge our economy into economic ruin, that would only further aid and abet the International bankers. **SO, I SAY, LIKE RON PAUL, NO, NO TO THE INSANITY OF THESE WARS OF**

POLITICS. NO TO ANY WAR OF THE REPUBLICANS OR DEMOCRATS. Instead, let's focus on having a Biblical Jubilee and setting the people free from the bondage of these debt creators.

Then, lastly, there is this from the **NEW YORK POST**, September 17, 2012, 'NO MORE ISRAEL' a quote from Dr. Henry Kissinger. ***"In 10 years, there will be no more Israel."***

PASTOR'S COMMENTS: Well, if old Henry is right, think of what this will do to the claims by the Judeo-Christians concerning the land of Old Jerusalem. If there is no more Old Jerusalem, then their claims concerning the Jews being the true Covenant People of the Bible and the old Jerusalem being the Promised Land are without Biblical foundation. Present Judeo-Christians, exercise unquestionable support, almost worship, for the Jews and their claims of a sacred promised land. That somehow, in order to be a true Bible believing Christian, one must unwaveringly support Jewish nationalism, and identify yourself as a "Judeo-Christian," rather than, just being a "mere Christian."

The truth of the matter is, that since 1948 when the old Jerusalem was given to the Jews and turned into a Jewish state, America has not been blessed into becoming more Christian and guided by Biblical principles, but, sadly has become more unchristian and a haven for antichrist degradation.

There, of course, are a remnant number of people who understand that the bulk of the present day Jews are not of true Biblical Israel (meaning, they are not true Israelites) and that they do not bear the prophetic marks of Israel as described in the Bible. The true Covenant People of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, are the Caucasian People (If you need proof of this write us!) who have racial and even national confirmation that they bear forth the true fruit of the New Covenant. When the Zionist monkey on their back is one day (I pray soon) lifted, and the false fig tree of Judaism and its fruit of Talmudism is exposed for is leaven upon the nations, true Israel will emerge and the sign of the New Covenant will become evident upon the **Sons of**

God.

HUMOR AND WISDOM

Paraprosdokians (Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
9. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
10. Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station.
11. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out, I just wanted paychecks.
12. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put 'DOCTOR.'
13. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

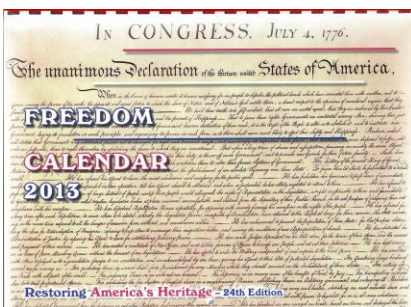
CLOSING THOUGHTS

Well, I hope you had a good laugh with us (laughing is good for the soul), and that there were some useful articles that helped inspire you, but more importantly, that motivated you to **“SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.”** No doubt we are living in perilous times and the wolves of antichrists are in full hunting mode. But of this, I am certain, that if we fear the wolves, we will become **“wolf food.”** If, on the other hand, we have the **“FEAR OF THE LORD,”** and we **“live, move, and have our being in Christ,”** (which means focusing on His Will, not on worldism) the wolves will go hungry and turn on themselves. ~ *May the blessings of Christ's Covenant for His People Israel be upon you, Pastor Barley*

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