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Revelation 3:7-12



## THE KEY of David

The key is given to the steward of God's house.



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What should we understand from the book of Revelation? End times Apostle and Prophet, Eric vonAnderseck's series "Revelations on Revelation", brings clarity to the epoch events that will soon be cast upon the world's stage. Make no mistake, the human race is about to enter into a time of judgment.

The day of reckoning is here! The world, having refused God's grace, will openly accept their false messiah and bring upon themselves utter destruction and sorrow, the likes of which no human eye has ever seen.

The book of Revelation is the disclosing of God's judgments upon man for having rejected His Christ. The Antichrist, False Prophet, and Dragon will come into power and fallen angels will again rule the world as in the days of Noah.

Demon locusts are released to plague mankind, angels pour out the judgment vials upon the earth, 1/3 of all waters are poisoned, earthquakes and tsunami remove all islands and many coastal cities, 2 billion people die in the first year of the Tribulation. In anguish the people cry out, "Hide us from the face of Him that sits upon His throne," (Revelation 6:16) for they know their judgment is just.

As things progress in the second half of the seven year tribulation, the Mahdi, having begun his religious reign will confirm the first Beast (Antichrist) as the messiah to join all religions into one. Upon this achievement the Antichrist will stand in the temple to join the Jews to this new world religion and make his proclamation, claiming the gospel scriptures to be prophetically written and not historically. To him, the Jesus of Nazareth stories was only a prototype of himself.

The Beast shouts out a scripture from Isaiah saying, "That you may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed" (Isaiah 43:10). Shrines of the image of the Beast will emerge in all places and the 'temple-banks' will issue credits to the faithful.

Not long after the resurrection of the two witnesses, Enoch and Elijah, and the second rapture (the rapture of the 144,000 elect and called ones), the Lord God Almighty will issue an order for the defeat of the three entities called the Antichrist, false Prophet, and the Dragon as they join forces to face off with Christ at Megiddo.

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## Revelation Chapter 3

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*The church of Philadelphia. God brings the key of David into the foreground to bring the attention of the church back to stewardship. The key of David is given to the stewardship for the purpose of giving direction to the church. Without this key, the spoilers will continue to rule over the minds of the ignorant to keep them in bondage.*

*The axe of truth is laid to Satan's tree planted by the spoilers and the hour of temptation is announced. The challenge for new direction is issued from the throne of God and a choice is to be made for either reward or chastisement. As God again gives the key of David to today's stewardship we see the church purified and prepared to be received of Christ. Have you prepared your heart?*

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Continuing on in our study of the book of Revelation; we have read about that which the Lord addressed concerning the church at Sardis, and now we're coming to the point of what the Spirit of the Lord is addressing in those of Philadelphia—those that were scattered abroad upon the persecution of Stephen (that which arose around him), and carried the knowledge and the gospel that they learned there at Jerusalem, under the stewardship of Peter, James, and John, and the other apostles.

Being scattered abroad, they began to share their faith with others, but they (the others) were absent of government. Many people were coming to the realization of this gospel, and the gospel was being spread throughout the whole world. But they had to come to the point of acknowledging government, and the government of God as a refuge.

We can see what happens without the government of God, that the church begins to fall into many snares of Satan, as we read about concerning the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, and the doctrine of Balaam, and the doctrine of Jezebel. In fact, she started her own theology school there in Thyatira, but she was leading the church in the direction of her aspirations. And they began to build a gospel centered around a calling, rather than around the stewardship of this week (that is, of the first 8<sup>th</sup> week).

Now we're coming to another point of transition, as those of the first century, the transition from Moses to Christ, and from the physical tabernacle and temple into that which is of Christ. As we read on here in chapter 3, we'll see that the church of Philadelphia was going to go through a transition. So, we'll begin here with verse 7:

**7: *"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write,"***

The angel of the Lord is writing this through stewardship. Notice that individual people didn't come forth and say, God gave me a dream for the church, because it wouldn't have been validated. You have to have a standard for something to validate. As all the prophets validate and confirmed Moses, so also all prophecies today validate the covenant of Christ in the direction which God is giving through the stewardship.

When an individual says that he has a revelation from God, yet is not according to this pattern and record of Christ, then it's by that other spirit, which is the spirit of antichrist.

***"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that has the key of David, he that opens, and no man shuts; and shuts, and no man opens;"***

We can see here the direction which the church was (now) taking, and he calls it an open door.

Let's talk about the word, holy, first. The holiness is that which is joined to Christ himself. That's what he is saying, These things saith *he* that is holy; not *IT*. If holiness was the precept, then it would be *IT*, but holiness is the person, which is he, which is Jesus Christ. We're joining ourselves to him through covenant, by faith in the covenant, and we're meeting his standard by using the tokens, which he has issued forth for our faith to be expressed with. And by doing this we do not transgress against God. Therefore, ***"he that is holy, he that is true,"*** the word, true, has to do with the original pattern.

Usually we use a ruler or a yardstick (4), or a tape measure, or a level, in order to see if things meet up to a certain or particular standard. But Jesus is the standard of our faith, and therefore, he is true, he is the righteous one. And when we express faith we meet the standards of that which is holy and that which is true. By meeting those standards, we do what the prophet said, *"Be ye holy for I am holy, saith the Lord"* (1Pet 1:16). We meet those standards by faith in Jesus.

And he that is true, seeing that he is the original pattern, we meet his expectations perfectly by faith. And that's how we please God.

This is what Jesus said; *"If you love me, keep my commandments"* (Jn 14:15). Love towards God is joined to the knowledge, which we are to express [love] with. He didn't say, "If you love me in sincerity", or "If you love me with all your passion". He's talking about *"If you love me, keep my commandments."*

God has brought it down through this knowledge, by which we are to engage him, by the holy knowledge of God. The holy knowledge of God is very important because we can see that there's a different direction taking place here—  
*"he that has the key of David,"*

The knowledge David received was different than that which Moses received, but David was a prophet of God. David was now establishing a new pattern, but the same covenant. The record that Moses received was now taking another form. This form was going from the skins of the tabernacle to the stone of the temple of Solomon—that's the key of David.

The key of David is given to the stewardship for the purpose of giving direction to the church. Without this the spoilers will continue to rule over the minds of the ignorant and keep them in bondage.

When Jesus was functioning (6) in the first century, when he was on earth, he also had the key of David because he was giving new direction to the Jewish people. That new direction had to do with everything concerning himself as being the Sabbath man, and also as being the communion; whereas he said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink"<sup>1</sup>, and "If any man be hungry, let him come unto me and eat"<sup>2</sup>.

This he said when he was standing in the court of the temple. So, he was bringing to the attention of the Jews their appetites, that they were exhibiting the carnal appetite with these things. "But if you really are hungry, come unto me and eat. If you're really thirsty, come unto me and drink."

Same thing he said to the woman at the well, concerning the living waters; that this new knowledge was living waters. He had the key of David, being the son of David, as was prophesied according to the patriarchs—in the books of the patriarchs (if you read in those

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1 [Jn 7:37](#) ¶ In the last day, that great [day] of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

2 [Jn 6:35](#) And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

you will see concerning this key), as well in the book of the kings, and the book of Samuel; that there would be a key given, which transferred from one week to the next week, and from one covenant to the next covenant. So, not only did Jesus possess the key of weeks, but he also possessed the key of covenants, which was in himself.

*"he that opens, and no man shuts; and shuts, and no man opens;"*

--the new week and the new direction

Those that were scattered abroad were not to keep and preserve the traditions of Moses any longer (regarding physical things). That would contaminate your faith because you begin to build a tradition around physical things, which restricts your growth, would work with the guilt of the moral code<sup>3</sup>, but not (concerning) the condition of the conscience. So, we have two different histories here that are in conflict... **(8)**

\*the history of man, which is in the traditions of man and the moral code, which is a false history because it's tethered to the flesh, tethered to Adam and his fall.

\*and the history of God, which has been inscribed within the conscience of every man.

The history of God, being inscribed within the conscience continually speaks to man's indifference to God, that he must come into covenant with God to be saved; *"How shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach unless they be sent?"*<sup>4</sup>

*"he that has the key of David, he that opens, and not man shuts; and shuts, and no man opens;"*

We'll also be talking about the hour of temptation, which will come upon the whole world. Well, let's talk about this key of David for a moment, in chapter 3 verse 7,8, regarding those things.

The spoilers have already set a particular pattern by that former knowledge. You can see the struggle that existed between David and the Levites. The struggle that existed between David and the Levites is brought out numerous times in the book of Psalms— [whereas] David standing according to the revelation God gave to him was in direct conflict with the roots of the spoilers.

John the Baptist says, *"The axe is laid unto the root of the trees"*<sup>5</sup>. The axe has to do with that axe of truth and the new direction that would be taken. And Jesus said the same thing; "Every plant which my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up"<sup>6</sup>, and cast into the fire.

We can see that Satan makes a breach within the covenant God gives, and that he begins

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<sup>3</sup> Learn more about the "moral code" of man: <http://www.s8wministries.org/lesson.php?id=112&lesson=the-moral-code>

<sup>4</sup> [Rom 10:14](#) How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? **(15)** and how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

<sup>5</sup> [Mat 3:10](#) And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

<sup>6</sup> [Mat 15:13](#) But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.

to sow *his* [Satan's] plants within that system (10), and they begin to get recognition with their aspirations, and they take root, and their fruit is false fruit. All the fruit they bring forth is in recognition of the aspiration. It's like plastic fruit, or like somebody stapling plastic fruit to a tree. It's appearance is very similar to that which is real, but it's substance is different.

So, the spoiling of the spoilers begins to take place. The hour of temptation is present, which we'll be reading about in verse 10. The hour of temptation has to do with this selected time for our reward or chastisement, the challenge for new direction. Because the spoilers taking root are establishing a memorial in the moral code. Instead of the righteous, which establish a testimony of God in the conscience in those that believe—their conscience matches the history of God by faith in Jesus Christ. But when the conscience is overshadowed with false knowledge, the spoilers rule in the moral code to where guilt is not that which has to do with covenant, but it has to do with the moral code.

When a person betrays their own standards of their own principle, they feel guilty, as if they're changing membership from one church to another church; or changing a certain belief system in exchange for a new belief system. They feel guilty regarding the exchange because of the challenges that exist within their moral code concerning their own traditions. But that has nothing to do with the purging of the conscience.

So, you can see that there are two different types of guilt (if you will); the guilt of the moral code (which is false), and that which is challenging to the conscience (which is the presence of grace and truth).

This is what Jesus brings out in John chapter 16:9-11: *"Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father (12), and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."*

Here we can see that Jesus was establishing in the minds of the apostles that people will feel guilty for change, but the guilt is with regards to their choices concerning the change. But the conscience doesn't change, even though they are embracing a new philosophy to build the moral code with. But that's not that which the Holy Spirit gives.

"Of sin" because they're going from one denomination to another denomination, or changing their membership, but they're still remaining in the condition of spoiling, regardless of their choices. But when the grace of God is present, then true conversion can take place, and the soul is exposed regarding its fruitlessness and ungodliness. And the conscience is being challenged with regards to submission to this new history—that which has been inscribed within it must be conformed with faith.

So the challenge for new direction concerning the open door and the closed door... What was the closed door? The first covenant. What was the open door? The second covenant. Well, what's the closed door today? The sixth week and the house of Baal. A sign is up saying, Not inhabitable; condemned.

For now, the new open door is the second 8<sup>th</sup> week, the hour of temptation, which has to do with engaging (this choice). So, the challenge for new direction will come upon the church, as that which came upon David to take the temple from skins to replace it with stones. The old traditions and spoilers will resist this change because they will build a strong tower of theology and build a case of false justification against the open door—the key of David.

The door is the correction and the vessel, which will bring change to the long-established (14) orthodoxy of the spoilers. So, this is the hour, as the Spirit is declaring here in the first century, concerning the changing from the 1<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> week into the 6<sup>th</sup> week. This is the hour of challenge. As (also) from the 6<sup>th</sup> week (now) to the 2<sup>nd</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> week.

The hour is that selected period which the open door will remain. Once the door is shut there is no more entrance allowed. That's what Jesus said; only those whose vessels were full of oil were allowed within, and then those that stand without, their vessels still empty, will say, "Lord, Lord, Open to us". But the open door has now been shut.<sup>7</sup>

"You chose the aspiration of your moral code, which disallowed you entrance." But those of faith will enter into this covenant and receive the crown. Those of faith will receive the crown because they're overcoming their personal feelings about those traditions, which they were nurtured in ever since they were children.

In every society you see the same thing; a nurturing of certain traditions begins to overshadow the perception of their victims to where they will fight against truth because truth will challenge their principle, and truth will challenge their aspiration and those traditions, which are the barriers to grace.

So he says,

**8:** *"I know thy works: behold, I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it:"*

No aspiration of man can withstand it.

Satan can't shut the door. Notice that Satan couldn't stop John the Baptist from baptizing, Satan couldn't stop Jesus from his ministry, Satan couldn't stop the day of Pentecost; Satan can't stop the work of God. The only thing he can do is provide a lot of distractions (16). He makes a lot of noise, distracting you, so that you begin to submit to the aspirations of his influence, rather than to the grace of God.

*"for you have a little strength,"*

little strength has to do with the hope of that grace; the challenges that Satan is setting before you...has to do with that little strength....which I have given you; that you overcome by that grace.

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<sup>7</sup> [Mat 25:10-12](#) And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. (11) Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. (12) But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not."



David had to overcome the same things concerning the revelation that was given to him. He had to overcome those struggles—taking it from skins and designing the new temple, which would be in stone. And Jesus did the same thing; as he overcame, we also overcome.

Jesus overcame...has to do with he that overcame the contradiction. Hebrews 12 brings that out.<sup>8</sup> The contradiction had to do with the established theology schools and the orthodoxy of those traditions, which were very strong; they had a very strong grip and influence on the perception of the people.

Even today, it still has that strong grip on their perception, where they can't understand even what grace is because Satan redefined everything of the Bible. That which the apostles of the first century spoke, their definitions of these words morphed into a whole different definition during the time of the 6<sup>th</sup> week.

Over a period of 2000 years Satan redefined all these elements to a point of meaninglessness, that grace was just unmerited favor, and faith had to do with the projection of one's imagination with a promise. Even the word, covenant, was reduced to that which is just of a physical communion. And also the word, sin, was reduced to only that [which pertains to] the struggles of one's conscience (**18**), rather than their choices concerning kingdoms—a kingdom and its influence—the sowing of Satan's seed within the soul.

Everything that was a struggle was removed from that of the covenant into the moral code; the signature of man and his social issues. And those that are savoring the moral code even today continually address moral issues, of trying to bring about revival through law, or by politics, or by force, as we can see in other nations.

They try to bring about conformity through pain, and conformity works with the principle of that kingdom. That's the kingdom (and house) of Baal doing those things.

So he goes on;

*"for you have a little strength, and have kept my word,"*

the word has to do with the direction of his plan, which was given to the apostles, concerning government, truth, Spirit, the gifts, callings, and graces of God, prayer, preaching, prophecy—your priesthood.

*"you have kept my word"*

regarding this

*"and you have not denied my name."*

regarding my kingdom.

As he says here, denied my name, he's not talking with concern about proper pronunciation, as we see in some groups today—that if Jesus' name isn't properly spoken of in the original languages—that's not what he's talking about.

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<sup>8</sup> [Heb 12:2,3](#) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. **(3)** For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

When he says, I have kept them in your name, he's talking about kingdom and influence; kingdom, influence, and tethering, building, direction. That's what Jesus was bringing to the attention of his apostles when Jesus prayed; he said, "*Father, I have kept them in your name*"<sup>9</sup>, concerning this influence, this kingdom, this selection, this building. But God has millions of names (20). What name is it that Jesus selected at that point in time that he spoke unto him? That would be very unfair of God to say something [with regards to] a particular name and not to reveal it to us. So, he's not talking about a particular pronunciation of this, but rather of the whole kingdom.

"You have not denied my kingdom because you kept my word" regarding the direction of his plan, "and my strength of grace, which you first received."

**9: "*Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan*"**

We have something here, which is very interesting—the synagogue of Satan.

The synagogue of Satan is also called the temple of death, the house of Baal, or another way to say this, is the curse of the false Jesus. The curse of the false Jesus resides in the house of Baal; they have designed a Jesus of their own aspiration, and not that which is in reality, which is in covenant.

The Jesus of the covenant is the true Jesus, which we worship in faith, according to the terms Jesus gave to the apostles even upon his ascension. Acts 1:2 brings that out, that Jesus by the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto his servants the apostles.<sup>10</sup> And it's those commandments that the apostles penned for the direction of the church.

We know that Peter had the key of new direction. How do we know that? Well the book of Acts brings that out, that Jesus gave Peter the key because Peter opened the door to the Gentiles. When the door to the Gentiles was opened, that was a new direction for the church. And there was a little struggle of theology concerning that, as it was also in Paul's revelation (22), regarding [that he] not go into Asia, but to Macedonia.

Yet Jesus' commandment to his apostles, before he ascended into heaven, right at that point of the mount of Olives, he said, "*Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature*" (Mk 16:15). Now, the word and charge was to them; the evangelism was given to the apostles, but those in the house of Baal believe that this commission is granted to themselves. And that's not true.

The commission is granted to the stewardship, not just anybody who decides that he wants to do this. Yet we have today that the evangelism of the house of Baal has polluted the world. And Jesus said that this would take place: "*For many will come in my name, saying I am Christ, and shall deceive many.*"<sup>11</sup> That the gospel of the spoilers would dominate the world, and that the world would view Christianity as a weak form of religion and a house full of hypocrisy.

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9 [Jn 17:12](#) While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

10 [Act 1:2](#) Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

11 [Mat 24:5](#) For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

And they've been saying that for years; I would go to church, but it's full of hypocrites. Remember they said that?

That's the true testimony of the house of Baal. That's right; when they say that, and when they challenge you with that—Well, I would go to church, but I believe its full of hypocrites, what they're acknowledging is that fact concerning the gospel of spoilers. They preach the gospel with regards to the state of man's frailty, and they try to rectify it through a form of force, of will-worship in the moral code.

The gospel that was being preached from the pulpit was challenging the moral code, but it wasn't cleansing the conscience with faith. It was just challenging the moral code, and that's the false gospel. It always addresses the issues and relationships regarding right choices, but the choices they're making is with regards to the ten commandments—Thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, thou shalt not covet...

Those things were given to Moses by God (24) in order to challenge the moral code, [to show] that it was not a sufficient scale for righteousness. It never was; it never will be. The moral code is a lying scale because it always leans toward your prejudice, works with your signature, intuitively speaks to you (which is the voice of Wilson) regarding the condition and state of your own self, of how to improve yourself.

The gospel that's being preached from the pulpit is for the purpose of self-improvement—how I can be a better person. And those that are in the house of Baal enjoy the smiting of the conscience regarding the changes; will-worship; a powerless gospel of will-worship, false piety; *"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."*

*"Come out from among them."*<sup>12</sup> You cannot remain in the congregation of the dead and possess the life of Christ.

So, this charge was not only given through the lips of Isaiah to those that were worshiping in the house of Baal at that time, but it's (also) relevant for today, and it will be relevant again during the 7<sup>th</sup> week. In chapter 18 of Revelation we see that.<sup>13</sup>

*"Come out from among them. Don't touch their things; touch not the unclean thing."*<sup>14</sup> Don't handle the tools or the articles of their philosophies of life. As Isaiah was saying, *"If they speak not according to the law and to the testimony."* To that which is regarding the record of Moses and the establishment or witness of the conscience, *"if they speak not according to this word, it's because there's no light in them."*<sup>15</sup>

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12 [2Cor 6:17](#) Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you,

13 [Rev 18:4](#) And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

14 [2Cor 6:17](#) Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you,

15 [Isa 8:20](#) To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, [it is] because [there is] no light in them.

That's what Isaiah said. And that's relevant for today. If they speak not, if the gospel that they're preaching is not regarding this record of Christ<sup>16</sup> and the testimony of the conscience matching the history in the conscience of man [reflecting the image of Christ by his knowledge] (which is based upon the tools and articles of this covenant), it's because there's no light in them.

A false prophet continually engages (26) with the struggles of the moral code, and when people find closure through this false knowledge, they feel, at that point, that they have entered into true religion, but that's not true at all. That's not what he says here: *"he that is true"*

They're not standing on the scale of truth, they're standing still on the scale of the moral code. So, will-worship is found within the moral code and the challenges of the philosophy that comes from the pulpit; they continually smite them so that their guilt is that of the moral code and not in regard to sin, because they believed not on me, as Jesus said.

**8:** *"I know your works: behold, I have set before you an open door, and no man can shut it: for you have a little strength, and have kept my word, and have not denied my name."* again, the kingdom, which we're waiting for; the manifestation of your joy.

**9:** *"Behold, I will make them"*

You might want to circle the word, I, there in verse 9;

It is God (who) will assign them a strong delusion; "I will give them a lie to believe." That's what God is saying; "I'm going to give them a lie to believe because they have built a barrier of their own philosophy in their moral code to resist my grace, and they're looking for closure through the psychology of man, and not in the cleansing of the conscience.

If you want true closure, it's in the cleansing of the conscience, and that only takes place by faith in covenant. Yet they feel that the journey they're in is sufficient enough (in the smiting of the moral code) to give them a feeling of worthiness. And it makes them upset when you challenge them concerning, Didn't Jesus say, Be you perfect, even as my Father in heaven is perfect?

When a sinner hears that, when those in the house of Baal hear that they think that (28) they reduce perfection with regards to their character, and not the perfection of (their) faith. So, they're always in the journey, and they're always journeying toward their holiness: Well, if I could be a better person, I know God would do this; if I fast more, then God will do this for me.

By the way, fasting does not improve or magnify the grace of God at all. So, we can dispel that kind of prejudice, which has been created regarding fasting. In the house of Baal, they regard that [fasting] as a journey toward holiness, but in the house of Christ it [fasting] is that which is of teaching of temperance and for the purpose of working

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<sup>16</sup> Learn more about the "record of Christ" at: <http://www.s8wministries.org/lesson.php?id=6&lesson=the-witness-follows-the-record>

righteousness; working with the tools is giving that more time to work with those things that God has assigned you to work with—not journeying towards it, but working with it.

I (verse 9), I,  
*"Behold, I"*

The angel of the Lord is revealing to the Apostle John right here, that those that do not come in covenant with God, *"I will kill their children with death"*; we read about that in chapter 2, concerning Thyatira.<sup>17</sup> A God of love is going to assign them to his wrath because they're not embracing the terms of the covenant, and therefore, they are not truly converted.

There's great confusion today in the earth concerning when the catastrophes of God's rod smites the heathen; the heathen view these things in the light of the flesh. They try to measure the validity of it (as concerning), Well, these people were good people; they were sincere people, they were trying to live a good life, but the smiting of God has nothing to do with their particular traditions or lifestyle; it had to do with their choices, not coming in covenant.

When God sends forth his judgments in the earth, it's after a period of time of engaging the people (30) through dreams, and the gospel. And when he sees that they're continually favoring those things that are indifferent to him, he will bring a great smiting in the land, sending the angel to create the devastation to show that man is merely mortal, and that he is dust and ashes, and that he doesn't have the power of his own destiny. God has resigned that for himself; that's to him, not to man.

Man only has the power of choice, not of his destiny. God selects the destiny for man's choices, not man. That man is but dust and ashes.

*"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan,"*

the temple of death, the temple of Baal; the curse of the false Jesus will rule over them. They will worship the Jesus of the flesh, the Jesus of the moral code, and not the Jesus of the covenant.

*"which say they are Jews,"*

underline the word, Jews, there;  
those that are of the true faith history—they say they are Jews, which means, they're embracing the true faith, but they're not embracing the true faith. They're in pursuit of promise, but not covenant. They say they are Jews in their conversation, but are not.

The Lord, knowing the reigns of the heart, knows exactly what force or what spirit is guiding them—the reigns. If Satan is pulling their reigns, their perspective is always going to be in his direction. If the grace of God is the reign of the heart, then our perspective will be from the throne of God.

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<sup>17</sup> [Rev 2:23](#) And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

*"but are not, but do lie;"*

The word, lie, there has to do with them changing the record of God and the testimony of the conscience is that of Adam, not Christ (32). Therefore, they do lie. The record they embrace is a false record. That's what it means, *"all liars shall be cast into the lake of fire."*<sup>18</sup>

All those that use the record of their own soul, the oath of their own soul, are a lie to God; they're standing indifferent to God, and they're trying to impose upon God (as Satan did before he was cast out of heaven), they're trying to impose upon God their perspective of right and wrong—a way God should do things. They want God to set an orbit around their oath, rather than around the Oath of Christ. That's an offense to God because everything was created for his pleasure, not for our aspirations.

*"behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you."*

This is very interesting.

The Apostle Paul says the same thing in the book of Corinthians; "they will say of a truth God is speaking through you", concerning the assemblies of the righteous, and they will fall down before you and say of a truth that God is speaking within you."<sup>19</sup>

This is the same thing that Paul, the Apostle Paul wrote from what he read here in what the Apostle John received concerning the testimony of God; that those who desire to come in covenant will acknowledge the fact that it's truly that you are the ones who are carrying the true tidings.

"I'm going to make them"

*"I will make them"*

I will refuse the denial of their sovereignty and to acknowledge my stewardship by this your calling in the true record of Christ, which my grace issues.

"behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you."

So, we can see that the Apostle Paul built out on the same thing in Corinthians because—this is why;

**10:** *"Because you have kept"*

as to embrace and to preserve my word and plan (34)

*"Because you kept the word of my patience"*

you might want to highlight the word, patience, there

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<sup>18</sup> [Rev 21:8](#) But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

<sup>19</sup> [1 Cor 14:25](#) And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on [his] face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

We know that it's through faith and patience that we inherit the promises, but the patience (here) is the engaging of the faith in covenant. You have to endure the time until your joy is full.

But those who want to take the shortcut, as Adam did in the garden of Eden—he took the shortcut by accepting Satan's knowledge, which became the shadow, which overshadowed Adam. Once Satan's shadow overshadowed Adam, Satan was his god. Satan was now [became] the determining factor for Adam's perspective. And when Adam was cast out of the garden, notice how he argued with God; he contended with God, rather than working with God.

So, also, all those in the house of Baal contend with God by promise. Tele-teachers, tele-evangelists, and tele-prophets, whoever they are, try to get you to engage under their persuasion, when they say, O God just showed me that 1000 of you are going to give \$1000, and God will bring this healing; God will heal that relationship; God will also bring you money.

Notice that they build everything on fables. They want to tether you to that perspective—that's Satan's shadow. And if you come under the yoke of Satan's shadow, he will ruin you. He will ruin you, he will confound you. You will not know what the voice of God is, and you will stand confused (regarding), Why aren't things happening according to what that man or that woman said on television?

And if you try to engage them on that level of your expectation, all they're going to do is tell you, Well, you need to give more money, or they say, You have to be patient, You have to have more faith. They don't understand what the covenant is. You can tell in the way they convey that the things they communicate (36) is the record of their own experience, not the record of Christ.

Our experience is not the record of Christ, our experience is to become the record of Christ by faith in him, that by seeing things from his perspective, Christ is being molded within you, Christ is being formed within you,<sup>20</sup> as the Apostle Paul said.

The word, patience, right here, is with regards to your joy. Your petitions are made according to the terms of the covenant, and by this, your joy will be full. God will manifest himself to you. So he says,

*"Because you have kept the word of my patience, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation,"*

you might want to highlight the word, hour of temptation because the hour of temptation (again) has to do with the change in direction, which God is bringing to the church, and regarding also, the great tribulation, which is going to be forthcoming. So, the hour of temptation, again, the selected time of reward.

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20 [Gal 4:19](#) My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

*"I also will keep you"*

preserve you; I will guard your mind from false knowledge,

*"from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."*

This is when God sends forth his angels to divide the goats from the sheep. And that's what he's doing right now, at this time; he's dividing the goats from the sheep. And by dividing the goats from the sheep, he's going to turn up the volume in the house of Baal, so those who want to live by the moral code and resist grace will gravitate to the house of Baal.

The house of Baal has their own apostles. The house of Baal has their own prophets. The house of Baal has their own pastors and their own teachers. The house of Baal has their own evangelists. The deception is through simulation, not direct indifference, but through simulation; that is the greatest deception.

A counterfeit hundred dollar bill (38), regarding its appearance and its material of construction, the closer it is to the real thing, the harder it is to make discernment.

The hour of temptation is to show that the similarities will be so close that only those who embrace the covenant, coming in to those terms....when I say, embracing the covenant, I'm including all those things [that pertain] to the covenant, which has to do with the stewardship and the priesthood: government, truth, Spirit, prayer, preaching, prophecy, the gifts, callings, and graces of God—coming in contact with the sanctified things, the holy angels.

**11:** *"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which you have, that no man take your crown."*

which shows that those that were illuminated, even those that came in covenant, if they don't continue to embrace these things and walk by faith, they're going to be enslaved by Satan.

The Apostle Paul wrote about the same thing in Hebrews 6:4-6: *"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame."*

Here, the Apostle Paul is referring to—that which was sowed within the heart is denied because of no faith; they're not nurturing those things, concerning the 3rs (reflection, reciprocation, and rehearsing—rehearse, reflect, and reciprocate). They're not doing those things; their consistency is weak. Their prayer life is very weak (if any at all), and their study of doctrine (40) has been removed from that of the priesthood into that of the intellect.

It's just nothing more than a challenge of the intellect, trying to put the pieces together, so that they rejoice in the works of iniquity, rather than rejoicing in the truth, as Paul



brings out in 1Cor 13<sup>21</sup>.

*"Behold, I come quickly:"*

concerning the challenges. And the Lord is doing the same thing today—the angel of the Lord is present, and the eye of the Lord is beholding the choices that are being made, particularly by these ministers today; the ministers that are claiming to be standards for Christ. The eye of the Lord is beholding them.

The Lord is giving dreams and visions to many people all over the world. It's a common thing; listen to the people testify of it on television, concerning how God has given them a dream. But they use the dream for the moral code rather than for conforming to covenant. And when you turn the dream into the moral code, it becomes a fable; they use it for a boast in order to maintain independence so that the broken bone.

The bone has been broken. They say my broken bone has been healed. But no; they're walking on it only because there's a cast on it. But there's no healing; it has an infection of false knowledge.

*"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which you have, that no man take your crown."*

The crown of peace upon the soul that unites the soul and spirit together will not be fruitful if, at this point in time, they don't come in covenant.

*"Behold, I come quickly:"*

The Lord is issuing grace, as the Apostle Paul also brings out—*"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,"* (Titus 2:11,12) *"Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world"*.

**12:** *"Him that overcomes will I make a pillar (42) in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name."*

It's kind of interesting, he says, "Behold, I come quickly." He says, again, bringing to their attention, Wake Up! The grace of God is present. This is the day of your salvation.

If you don't embrace this and be converted, then you're going to die in your sins. Even when you take up my name on your lips, unless it's inscribed in your heart, you're going to die in your sins.

This is the same thing Jesus said to the scribes and the Pharisees regarding their worship of God. Their worship of God had a lot of eye appeal to it, as Jesus also brought out in the contrast concerning the things they were adorned in, and also the adorning of John; when he said, "What went you out in the wilderness to see? A reed shaken in the wind? Or what went you out in the wilderness to see? A man clothed in splendid apparel?"

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21 [1Cor 13:6](#) Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

If you want to look for a person clothed in splendid apparel, you're going to have to go there...to the palaces or the temple. But what went you out to the wilderness to see?<sup>22</sup> And here he's speaking of John the Baptist, in comparison.

Did you go out just to have a picnic? What drew you out there to hear this man dressed in camel's hair and skins, and his diet...his temple is the wilderness, but his knowledge is of God.

Do you want the temple of the wilderness and the knowledge of God? Or do you want the temple of great stone and glitter and the knowledge of sin? What drew you out here? The angel of the Lord drew them out there, regarding these challenges.

So, the temple of Baal has a lot of flair to it, and it makes a loud noise and attracts those things **(44)** like a lamp attracts moths and insects at night. As the lamp attracts insects and moths at night, so also the house of Baal [attracts] those that are very weak in faith, or have no faith at all, but are very strong in the tradition of their own moral code. And they want others to come under that same yoke.

The crown (again) has to do with the reward of your choices. A man can snatch your crown away if your choice is not in faith. But if your choice is in faith then your crown remains, and this is a token for your increase. God will continue to give you the tokens of increase so that you increase in your faith, in knowledge, in all utterance, and in all charity, as the Apostle Paul said<sup>23</sup>.

If you're not engaging in these things it's because you don't have the tokens, neither the crown. And you'll become a victim of your own choices; that tradition is more favorable than faith...the tradition of man more than the tradition of God, which is in covenant. And those that are brought up in those traditions, when they see that you're departing from those traditions, will think that you're actually denying God, because they looked at those traditions as Christ. But those traditions are not Christ.

Jesus, to them, is that which addresses and adorns their moral code. That's a false Jesus. The curse of the false Jesus is on the house of Baal, called the synagogue of Satan—those that are claiming to embrace the true faith, but are walking contrary to covenant, whereas their aspiration is their faith, and their principle is their truth, and covetousness (to them) is the gospel of promise, of health and wealth.

*"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which you have, that no man take your crown."  
...distract you into vain things*

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<sup>22</sup> [Mat 11:7-9](#) And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? **(8)** But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft (clothing) are in kings' houses. **(9)** but what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.

<sup>23</sup> [2Cor 8:7](#) Therefore, as ye abound in every [thing, in] faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and [in] all diligence, and [in] your love to us, [see] that ye abound in this grace also.

*"He that overcomes"*

that is, overcoming your feelings **(46)**; just as Jesus overcame his feelings concerning his own house and concerning Lazarus.

Remember, Jesus had to overcome his feelings about his best friend, Lazarus. Lazarus was laying sick and ready to die. But Jesus was already going in the direction of Bethany, but was stopped. The angel of the Lord stopped him. And he was obedient to the angel of the Lord. The angel of the Lord stopped him; he could have come sooner and healed Lazarus of his condition, but he didn't. He overcame his feelings by faith. And that's what we have to overcome.

There are many times that we want to engage and try to resolve something for our own personal appetites, or our own personal feelings. But God says, "No, You can't do that." And we look at God as being a big meanie. Well, why can't you let me do what I want?

Because I'm going to reward you with something greater. If you'll just be patient, I'm going to reward you with something greater. But you're going to have to overcome your own perceptions of life, your own feelings. And those things you experienced when you were in the house of Satan, you're going to have to overcome, and you overcome by me, by faith.

So, Jesus had to overcome his feelings about Lazarus, and notice he wept. And "*Jesus wept*" [Jn 11:35], because he saw at this... because he that wasn't there to satisfy their aspirations, and that this was in direct conflict with what he just denied himself.

"Lord, if you'd have been here my brother would not have died." Both Mary and Martha came there and were saying this as a form of reproof to the saviour of the world. They were saying this in a form of reproof: Now, if you'd have just gotten here a little sooner... We heard that you were out here... Why couldn't you have been here sooner? Why is it that you put me through such grief?

And what did Jesus say? "*I'm the resurrection and the life.*"<sup>24</sup> As long as you remain in contact with me, you're going to see something—you're going to see that God is going to breach this death with the power of my word, which is the bridge."

When he said, "Lazarus, come forth," **(48)** then the end was greater than that which was at the beginning. And this is what God does within our lives. That's why you have to be patient in your circumstances, not to think of tomorrow, but think of today with regards to your faith.

Concerning things of tomorrow, the Lord has already assigned those things to take place. All you have to do is come unto the refuge of your confidence, the refuge of this covenant, and use the tools of this covenant in your priesthood. And God will resolve those issues. All you have to do is exercise your patience: faith and patience in covenant.

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<sup>24</sup> [Jn 11:25](#) Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Now, if you overcome, he says, I will make you a pillar--  
*"Him that overcomes will I make a pillar"*

A pillar—He's not talking about that he's going to turn us into a pillar of salt as he did Lot's wife; that's not what he's talking about. Who wants to be a pillar?

I don't want to be some kind of marble icon out there; that seems rather impersonal and boring to become a pillar. He's not talking about a pillar of granite or marble, he's talking about (concerning) a house.

The two pillars that were used in the temple of Solomon—one was called Boaz, and the other was called Jachin<sup>25</sup>. These two pillars, one represented Judah, the other represented Levi, which represented a whole house.

You will become the steward of a house; that's what he's saying—Him that overcomes, I'm going to make a steward of the house,

*"a pillar in the temple"*

in the temple where?

*"in the temple of my God,"*

which means, in the light of his bosom.

When God assigns us the rewards of our dimensions (and that means many, many dimensions, larger than this universe), he's going to say, I'm going to assign you in a throne and a stewardship, and you're going to increase my house by this blessing.

That's the same thing Abraham did when he assigned Eliezer of Damascus as steward of the house. Eliezer of Damascus was handling (50) all of Abraham's business matters, and he was increasing Abraham as the prince.

And that's what we're going to do; we're not going to detract anything from our Father's house, we're going to add to it and increase it by our faith in other dimensions sitting on his throne as gods equal to our Father—equal to our Father regarding the capacities and expressions and experiences. But we can never be greater than Oath, which we're using, which is our Father. He is the Oath of all things. He is the very substance we exist by. You can never be greater than the substance you exist by, regarding the Oath and the will of God.

When people that are in the house of Baal hear that God has promised us as being gods, they always devalue it to the standard of their own moral code. And when they hear, even the word, apostle...the word, apostle, to them means one of rank, rather than one of responsibility, and they look at the calling as one of the virtue, rather than that of a calling. The stewardship is a calling, not a virtue. And it's a responsibility and not a rank.

This is what Jesus taught his apostles, that *"he that is greatest among you shall be servant of all"*<sup>26</sup>. "You will be servicing my people in my kingdom and increasing my

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25 [2Chron 3:17](#) And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

26 [Mat 23:11](#) But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.

house. This is the responsibility that is put upon you.

But in the house of Baal they run it according to the course of this world, according to the mindset of the Gentiles. This is what Jesus was teaching the apostles. And when the apostles began to argue among themselves, concerning who would be the greatest, Jesus again (at that point) took a child and set him in the midst of them.

“You have to be humble and learn as a child; you have to be a student before you become a master. And if you want to be a steward of my house, then you're going to have to sit and learn, and stop competing among yourselves,” because your competition is a principle, and being a principle, it's going to produce Satan's temperament of envy, strife (52), and division, sedition, and in the end, treachery, which reminds us...that treachery came through Judas Iscariot.

Judas Iscariot wanted to impose upon Jesus; regarding Jesus' position as being the Messiah, he wanted to impose upon Jesus his principle and perspective. And Jesus knew that, that Judas Iscariot would continually communicate that—Lord, Jesus, we're going to make you the king of David; we're going to put you in position of ruling over these Romans; you're going to cast out the power of Rome; you're going to establish Israel as the light of the earth. And again, all the wealth of the Gentiles will come into my pocket, into my purse.

Judas was the man, a visionary, that was going to use the position he had in order to try to bring about Jesus' ministry. Jesus, you're so slow; Jesus, if you would just do this; and Judas Iscariot tried to force Jesus into position prior to that, of his being arrested.

When Judas brought out people, he tried to force Jesus to reciprocate his desires, to make him a king. But Jesus escaped; in other words, he quickly turned the corner and got out of that position because the people were looking towards him as being the next king. And Judas Iscariot was looking to see this transform. But it wasn't the time yet. And this is why the apostles were confused; they were listening to Judas Iscariot's arguments and Jesus' answers. And Jesus would say two things: I'm going to die, and I'm going to rise again. My kingdom doesn't come with observation.

They were listening to two conflicting things, but Jesus was talking about two different weeks. He was talking about the 1<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> week and the 9<sup>th</sup> week. But Judas thought Jesus was speaking really of the 9<sup>th</sup> week, thinking of the millennial reign of Christ. Judas was only thinking that Jesus' presence right here was going to be short in his flesh, but it was going to be glorious in his Spirit. And he's going to restore our kingdom and honor to the house of David, and we will rule the moment.

So, Judas' perspective was ordered by Satan, in order to continue to provide conflict even among the apostles. When Judas was listening to Jesus' discourse, he was interpreting everything in that light, which made Judas an enemy of righteousness.

That's why Jesus said, *"It was better for him that he never was born"*<sup>27</sup> because he kept molding his aspiration with this knowledge, rather than submitting to grace.

Judas Iscariot did not overcome, and neither will he be a pillar in the temple of God for ever because he went out and hung himself.

*"Him that overcomes"*

Judas did not overcome.

*"Him that overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of my God,"*  
which is in the heart of our Father.

Being a pillar, we're also going to be a steward on the throne of God to oversee the house of God; you'll also be an established eternal memorial, and a rank, even as Boaz and Jachin were in the times of the judges.

*"a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out:"*

go out, has to do with that there will be no longer any wandering because you're going to be in the place of your rest. But you will be able, by the power of God, to enter into a form of multiplicity; you can be in numerous places all at one time, just like God is—multiplicity--numerous places all at one time.

He's in heaven, in his throne; he's in our hearts right now, isn't he? That's the multiplicity of God; that's how God can project himself outside of himself, in different forms, in numerous places, in different dimension, all at the same time because everything is tethered to him in this dimension. And we will be able to do the same thing, even as our Father is teaching us now—that he can be in more than one place at the same time. So, we will no longer wander. We have entered into our rest.

Going on in verse 12:

*"and I will write upon him the name of my God,"*

which has to do with inscribing upon us our divinity—the name of my God. This is our secret name, also as the white stone, concerning the rank and intra-dimensional travel, which we will have going from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 1<sup>st</sup> heaven. All we do is show the gatekeepers and the thrones these symbolisms, regarding the white stone.

We're not just talking about a piece of granite, polished granite; we're talking about something of a great ranking, and when the guards of each gate see these things, we have automatic entrance and exit into each kingdom, just like our Lord does.

*"and he shall no more go out:"*

as to wander, but enter their rest,

*"and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name."*

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<sup>27</sup>[Mk 14:21](#) The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.

New Jerusalem is not here right now in this dimension, but this is the destiny of the holy city, which is the Mother of us all.

So, the Lord is giving us these tokens. This is a token here in verse 12.

"I'm going to give you these numerous tokens for the purpose of intra-dimensional travel as a god, so that you can sit on my throne. And I'm going to give you my new name."

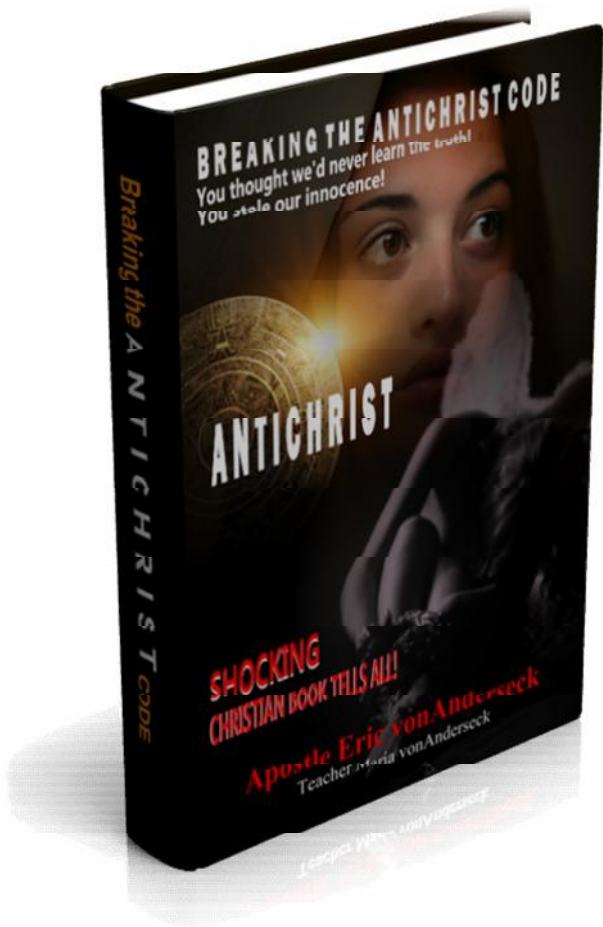
The Lord is going to get a new name. It's a secret name; only this name here, he gives and issues to his holy ones. It's like giving somebody the combination to your locker. Remember when you were in high school, sometimes you would give the combination to your best friend so that they could get in your locker at any time and you could share lockers.

Well the Lord is going to give us a new name, his secret name, so that we can share within the secret things of God, which no angel or any other ranking or station or throne has access to because it's in the bosom of his light. No creature, less than God himself, can gain entrance into. That's why Christ is engrafted within us.

If Christ was not engrafted within us right now, we would not have access to the throne for the purpose of our confidence; as the Apostle Paul brings out where he says, "*Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need*" (Heb 4:16).

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Regardless of how much life or religion has disappointed you, God was there time and again, encouraging you not to give up. He was there telling you that He would help you. There is a Psalm that says, “Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy,” Psalm 64:1. And another favorite is, “Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust,” Psalm 16:1.

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## ***Step One: Understand Where You Are Spiritually and How You Got There***

For most, life's journey is not an easy one. It is much like being on a ship, drifting through thick fog; you feel lost and uncertain of your future. Every time the waves threatened to capsize your ship you cried out, "God, where are you?! I can't see through this fog, and the waves are too high for me! Help me!"

This cry the soul makes for God is desperately repeated thousands of times every day. The Psalmist said, "Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation," Psalm 27:9.



## ***What the Bible Says About Man's Condition***



Man's separation from God is a direct result of Adam having accepted Satan's promises. Satan gave Adam knowledge for his mind to work with that was a direct contradiction to the things God had told Adam. God told Adam not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and Satan said, "Yes, but. . .if you eat of this tree you will get what you want."

Satan offered Adam knowledge (promise) that worked with what Adam wanted and by that knowledge, Satan taught Adam how to work around what God had said. In this way Satan took captive Adam's mind, and this is why all Adamites today are prisoners to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

This is what God said: "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die," Genesis 2:17. God breaks sin down for us: Sin is the kingdom of Satan that Adam joined himself to by reaching for Satan's promise. There is no life in Satan's kingdom, only death.

Nothing about sin has changed since the garden. Satan continues to promise liberty, but his promise is a bondage to our self image, which brings uncertainty, works doubt in the heart, and causes man to live in fear.

Knowing these things makes the choice for life easy. Choose life by choosing to enter into God's kingdom by coming into covenant with Him.

## ***Step Two: Recognize the Voice of God Calling You***

**Did you know:** Everyone has heard the voice of God calling them out of Satan's kingdom many times. This call is the most wonderful and sweet thing imaginable. It is like a call home, a longing to be with God, a knowing that you were created for something other than what you are now experiencing.

God's call to you is special. But it's only when you stop and listen that you can hear Him more clearly. You may be wondering, If God has been calling me all my life. why has it been so difficult to find him? The reason for this difficulty is that Satan has been there too.



Every time you heard God calling you, Satan was there hanging around, listening, just like he did in the garden when God spoke to Adam. Satan designed many spiritual paths hoping you would choose one and get lost, looking for God's purpose in the wrong place.

This is why some think God's call is a call to spirituality and begin to search into everything spiritual, while others think it's a call to find themselves and begin a journey of self discovery.

It's hard to find God's true spiritual path of the covenant when Satan volunteers to be our path finder. It's like taking a trip to a faraway place. You're trying to find your way to the tourist center when this man walks up to you and tries to sell you an all-inclusive package to visit the wonderful and exotic places that only he knows about.

Everything sounds adventurous and exciting, and you trust this guy because he appears to know what he is talking about. But you haven't seen the posters around town warning tourists not to trust themselves to this murderer and thief.



In the same way, when people hear the call of God, Satan is there to send them on another journey far away from God. How do you know that is true? Because you come back to the same struggle, the same questions, the same emptiness, and the same disappointments. Does this describe your condition today?

## **God's Call Into Covenant With Him**

A call into covenant is a call into Christ for the salvation of our souls. The Bible says that God created man in His image and likeness: "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness," Genesis 1:26. When Adam accepted Satan's knowledge, he lost the likeness of God and gained Satan's mindset.

Just as a father would be disappointed in a son who follows another path, because the father no longer sees in his son an image of himself, so God, in the same way, is disappointed with man. When He looks at man's soul he does not see a likeness of Himself. What does he see? He sees the likeness of Satan. This is the likeness man gained after Adam's fall: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23.

Jesus knows this to be true. This is why he referred to Satan as the "father" of the sinner (John 8:44). All sinners shall have their portion in the lake of fire because that is Satan's destiny. Nothing of Satan can be allowed into God's kingdom.

To change this, God provided man with a way back to Him. God gave man a chance to regain the likeness of God. God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die for the sins of the world, thereby offering forgiveness by a covenant of blood.

### **John 3:16**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

### **Hebrews 13:20-21**

"Now the God of *peace*, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting *covenant*, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

### **2 Corinthians 3:18**

"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same *image* from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

God is calling to you to believe the testimony of Jesus Christ, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Jesus is the Messiah, the Saviour. He is the one who was prophesied to make reconciliation for the sins of the world, to blot out your transgressions, and to join you back to God through Himself.

Jesus shed His blood to provide the terms or grounds of the Second Covenant to sanctify your faith, that your faith may be pleasing to God.

Jesus rose again from the dead to establish a new priesthood in Himself, a living priesthood of knowledge to establish your communion with Him by this knowledge, that God might change you into His image by the power of the Holy Ghost.

You must believe this report and be baptized with the Holy Spirit, evidenced by speaking in tongues. It is by this engraving of the Holy Spirit in you that you gain His likeness.

### ***Step Three: Make the Decision to Come Into Covenant With God***

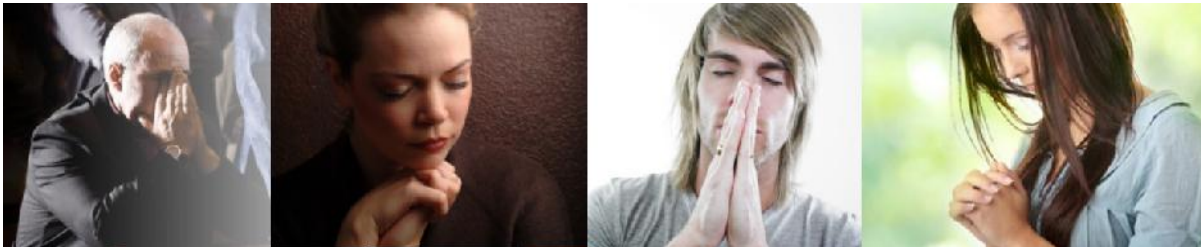
Jesus said, “him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out,” John 6:37. God makes it easy for you to come to Christ that God might establish His testimony in you. All you need to do is respond to His grace and accept His invitation. If you believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins, and if you desire God’s forgiveness of sins, I invite you to respond to His grace by praying this prayer right now.

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## **PRAYER**

Almighty God, I humbly come before your throne of grace. I believe the testimony of Jesus Christ; that He is the Messiah, the Savior, that He is the one who was prophesied to come to seal our faith and make us complete in Him, and that it is His sacrifice that blots out our transgressions. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He died to make reconciliation for the sins of the world to join me back to You through Himself.

I believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood to provide the terms or grounds of the Second Covenant to sanctify my faith, that my faith may be pleasing to You. I believe that Jesus rose again from the dead to establish a new priesthood in Himself, a living priesthood of knowledge to establish my communion with You by this knowledge that I might be changed into His image by the power of the Holy Ghost.



I ask that You forgive me for walking contrary to your covenant for I ignorantly worshiped what I did not understand. It is You that put a difference between truth and error, darkness and light, and I choose to leave the kingdom of sin and enter into your kingdom.

I am tired of living by Satan’s lies, and I desire to walk on the true path of faith in Jesus Christ whereby I can regain your likeness. I accept your knowledge of faith and ask that You baptize me in the Holy Spirit and assist me to pray in tongues.

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If you have prayed this prayer with faith in your heart, then God has forgiven you of your sins and declared you righteous. He will now seal your faith with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and you will begin to speak in tongues that you may begin a relationship with Him.

## **God's 4-Step Program**

To convert you to Christ God is bringing you through 4 steps of His own to claim you as His child.

1. The first step is *grace*: Grace is His voice that you are hearing right now, calling you. That is God's part, to provide you grace that you may believe in Jesus. *Ephesians 2:8-9*
2. The second step is *faith*: That is your part. God's invitation to come into covenant is made effective upon grace entering into your heart. You need to yield to the grace of God and accept it. Your confession of faith means that you believe the testimony of Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 2:8-9*
3. The third step is *righteousness*: Upon seeing your heart of faith yielding to His grace God declares you righteous; you have met the standard God placed in His Son for faith to reflect Him, and you are now ready for the final step to come into covenant with God. *Romans 4:6,9,12*
4. The fourth step is the *seal of the Spirit*: The seal of the Spirit is the baptism of the Spirit evidenced by tongues. God needs to bring your faith into the house of Jesus Christ where He can properly care for you and nurture you. *Romans 4:11; Ephesians 1:13*

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