



Double Portion:

Title:

SCRIPTURES

- Deuteronomy 31 & 32
- II Peter 1:10-15

POST MORTEM IMPERATIVE

- Hear, Fear & Obey
- Moral Imperatives

It's a moral imperative, one that does not expire upon death. What could possibly be so crucial, so vitally important, that even death cannot relieve its obligation? We often think in terms of inheritance, succession and legacy, when we think of such things, the stuff left behind after our decease. I wonder what comes to your mind as you contemplate this idea. I'd guess for most of you, it would concentrate somewhere in the subject matter of estate planning and business succession.

Those are important for many reasons, but not the topic of this discussion. And although important, could they ascend to the lofty heights of vital, indispensable, or critical for life and death? I'd say not, and maybe you'd argue. And I suppose we could still return to succession and legacy in search of meaning, with one caveat; remove estate planning and entrepreneurial endeavors from the topics of your probing.

What else is there? What might be the moral imperative; what is so vital, so indispensable, so critical that you must not leave it out of your quest for succession, your pursuit of legacy? I pray that the very fact that we are studying the Bible would give you a clue. And if you take your faith seriously enough and you are willing to take your cues from scripture, you just might see the immeasurable value of leaving this behind for those who will travel this road long after you are gone.

Let's practice it together. In education it's called repetition, repetition, repetition. Why? Because repetition contains the DNA of understanding; it's the matriarch of learning. And if something is so vital, so indispensable, so critical (there goes repetition again), as to effect life and death, I want to "ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease."

What could be so important to designate as a moral imperative that does not expire upon death? Here it is: "That you may hear, that you may learn to fear, and that you may carefully obey." These are so imperative for life and death that I call heaven and earth to witness against you regarding such matters. Now, if that warning does not move these priorities to the lofty top in your succession and legacy plan, I think we ought to check your pulse. You might be dead already!

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

“So Moses came with Joshua the son of Nun and **spoke all the words of this song** in the hearing of the people. **Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel**, and he said to them: “Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to **be careful to observe**—all the words of this law. **For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days** in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess.” Deuteronomy 32:44-47 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“For this reason **I will not be negligent to remind you** always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, **to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent**, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to **ensure that you always have a reminder** of these things **after my decease.**” II Peter 1:12-15 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. Special Note: each year toward the end of the Torah reading schedule, we choose to combine two portions into one, as Judaism does not allot for a separate day to read the final portion (Deuteronomy 33-34). Jewish tradition is to read that portion the same week they begin Genesis again, to mark the conclusion of one year's Torah cycle and the beginning of the next. We prefer to offer this portion it's own weekly teaching. This year we are combining Deuteronomy 31 and 32, which are ordinarily read in separate weeks.

Deuteronomy 31

2. In this short first portion, Moses commands an assembly for a public Torah reading and covenant renewal once every seven years. He then finishes writing the scroll of the Torah and has it deposited in the Holy of Holies next to the ark of the covenant.
3. **It's Time for Joshua to Take Over:** Moses is one hundred and twenty years old and he knows he shall not cross over the Jordan. Yahweh will cross over before them and Joshua will be their leader in the Promised Land.
4. The people are encourage to be strong and of good courage, and to not fear nor be afraid, as Yahweh will destroy their enemies just as He promised. He will not leave them nor

forsake them. This exact promise is later extended to Joshua, personally, as he takes over.

(a) **Moses commissions Joshua:** Joshua, Yahweh will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed.

5. **Read the Law every Seven Years:** Moses wrote the law and delivered it to the priests, and commanded them to read it to the people at the end of every seven years, at the appointed time in the year of release, at the Feast of Tabernacles.

(a) Read it aloud so the people and their children would learn to fear Yahweh and carefully observe all the words of the law.

6. **Predicted Rebellion:** Joshua is inaugurated and is informed that this people will rebel and play the harlot with the other gods. They will forsake Yahweh and break His covenant. Yahweh warns that He will then hide His face from them because of the evil of turning to other gods.

7. **Two Witness:** A Song and a Scroll

(a) Moses is given the words for a song that the people can sing as a reminder of Yahweh's fulfilled promises and it will serve as a witness against the children of Israel. When the evil of their doings brings curses on them, this song will testify against them as a witness.

(b) Moses wrote the song and taught it to the children of Israel. Then He inaugurated Joshua.

- (c) When Moses had completed writing the words of the law in a book, he commanded the Levites to put the Book of the Law beside the ark that it may be there as a witness against them in their coming rebellion.
8. Moses predicts that because the people have been so rebellious, even while he was alive, they will certainly be worse after his death!
 9. **The Song of Moses is Introduced to End the Portion:** *“Then Moses spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song until they were ended:”* Deuteronomy 31:30
 10. Last two year’s this teachings: [The Spiritual Detective](#) and [Inexcusable!](#)

Deuteronomy 32

1. This Second Torah portion is also only a single chapter long, and the majority of it consists of the Song of Moses. The Song of Moses is a prophetic oracle warning Israel about the apostasy to come and the resulting wrath of God. The song looks far into the future, even envisioning the Messianic advent amid rich and frightening apocalyptic imagery. Seven times “the ROCK” is mentioned, imagery of the testimony of Y’shua. After the conclusion of the song, Moses is told to ascend Mount Nebo and overlook the Promised Land before dying.

2. **The Song of Moses:** it is introduced in the final verse of the previous Torah Portion; *“Then Moses spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song until they were ended:”* Deuteronomy 31:30 NKJV

(a) As we learned from the last portion, it is the song given to Moses as a testimony to the people, as one of the witnesses against them if and when they rebel. (See [The Spiritual Detective](#) and [Inexcusable!](#))

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Deuteronomy 31:19 NKJV

(2) *“Then it shall be, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, **that this song will testify against them as a witness;** for it will not be forgotten in the mouths of their descendants, for I know the inclination of their behavior today, even before I have brought them to the land of which I swore to give them.”* Deuteronomy 31:21 NKJV

Themes of The Song of Moses:

3. Proclaim the name of the LORD and ascribe Him greatness.
4. He is the God of truth, justice and righteousness.
5. A people of rebellion is a perverse and crooked generation.
6. You were purchased by Yahweh; do not be foolish and unwise.

7. Ask your fathers and they will remind you:
 - (a) The Most High divided their inheritance to the nations.
 - (b) He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel.
 - (c) He led them in the wilderness, instructed them, and kept them as the apple of His eye.
 - (d) He covered them under His wings, as an eagle does, and prospered them as long as there were no foreign gods with them.
8. Then they made some poor choices:
 - (a) They grew fat, grew bloated, and became obese!
 - (b) They forsook God and scorned the Rock of salvation.
 - (c) They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods.
 - (d) With abominations they provoked Him to anger.
 - (e) They sacrificed to demons, welcomed to new gods, and enjoyed new things.
 - (f) They became unmindful of the the Rock who begot them.
 - (g) They forgot the God who fathered them.
 - (h) They provoked Him to jealousy by their foolish idols.
- 9. Then they had to be punished (as warned in Deut. 28):**
 - (a) He will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation.

- (b) His fire was kindled in anger, and shall burn to the lowest hell.
 - (c) He will heap disasters on them.
 - (d) They shall be wasted with hunger, devoured by pestilence and bitter destruction.
 - (e) He will also send against them the teeth of beasts and the poison of serpents.
 - (f) He will dash them in pieces.
 - (g) The memory of them will cease from among men.
10. And in the midst of this punishment, Yahweh will be sure to never let Israel's enemies think they are responsible for their destruction.
11. It is their disregard of counsel that will cause all this and Yahweh wishes they were wise, that they understood this, and that they would consider the end result before they act!
12. The reason why one will chase a thousand is because their Rock has sold them out and surrendered them.
13. It will certainly happen that these calamities will come.
14. The bottom line is that Yahweh will judge His people and have compassion on His servants.
15. In the end, when all their power is gone, He will say: 'Where are your gods, the rock in which you sought refuge? Let them rise and help you, and be your refuge.'

16. They must recognize that Yahweh alone is God, that He alone kills and gives life; He alone wounds and heals.
17. And ultimately, Yahweh will bring down the hammer on those who hate Him.
18. **Moses Delivers the Song:** Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe—all the words of this law. Do NOT minimize the magnitude of this testimony! For it is not a futile thing for you; it is a matter of life and death.
19. **It's Time for Moses to Die:** Moses is instructed to go die on the mountain as did Aaron! And he is again reminded that because he did not hallow Yahweh in the midst of the children of Israel, he would not enter into the promised land. (See Numbers 20:1-13 or a complete teaching on the subject in [Juicy Rocks and Fiery Serpents](#)).
20. To see last teachings on this portion, go to: [Narcissistic Christianity](#) and [Hula-hoops & Yo-yos](#)

HEAR, FEAR & OBEY

1. Death, Reminders, and Assignments

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- (5) My Moral Imperative

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1. “but the **Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the Testimony, that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the children of Israel;** and the Levites shall keep charge of the tabernacle of the Testimony.”” Numbers 1:53 NKJV

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(b) Moses and Peter

1. Of course, Moses is the author of the Torah (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy). And

last week there was such a heavy emphasis on how Peter's letters (I & II) integrated with Moses' words and intentions in Deuteronomy 29.

2. So, it was fitting, as we launch into a message of reminders, that we start with Peter, who does a masterful job emphasizing the life and death importance of reminders, even after we are dead and buried.

B. Peter on the critical nature of reminders...

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- (a) To do what? To live like you truly appreciate that God called you to an abundant life, a life of overcoming sin and temptation. You are called to express God's divine nature, access His divine power, and experience His exceeding great and precious promises. All this is available to you as you build upon your faith with virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness and love. (See II Peter 1:1-11)

1. "Therefore, brethren, **be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things** you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting

kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." II Peter
1:10-11 NKJV

(2) This is so important that...

(a) So important that...what? It is so important that even though Peter faces his imminent death, as revealed to him by Christ, he has made it his greatest priority to **remind God's people of these things before his decease!** In other words, even though Peter is possibly breathing his last breaths, this is his succession plan. This is the legacy he wishes to leave behind. This is his moral imperative. Notice there is no mention of worldly goods in the entire letter of II Peter.

1. "For this reason **I will not be negligent to remind you** always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, **to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent,** just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. Moreover I will be careful to **ensure that you always have a reminder** of these things **after my decease."** II Peter 1:12-15 NKJV

(b) Now, we will go back in time from Peter to Moses and see, he too had arrived at a critical moment, a moment

of death. What was most important to Moses in that moment? What was his moral imperative? You will see that they both had the same approach; remind the people of what is MOST important. Maybe Peter got his approach from Moses!

C. Moses on the critical nature of reminders...

(1) Moses has reached the end of his life...

(a) I have come to my stopping point. This is the end of my journey.

1. "Then Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel. And he said to them: "I am one hundred and twenty years old today. **I can no longer go out and come in.** Also the Lord has said to me, 'You shall not cross over this Jordan.'" Deuteronomy 31:1-2 NKJV

(b) I have written all this stuff down so you have a record. Like we saw with Peter, *"I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease."* (II Peter 1:15) The entire book of Deuteronomy is a reiteration of God's laws and Moses is going ensure the people have a written reminder.

1. **"So Moses wrote this law and delivered it to the priests,** the sons of Levi, who bore the ark of the

covenant of the Lord, and to all the elders of Israel.”

Deuteronomy 31:9 NKJV

(2) The moral imperative is the plan to keep it at the forefront of the peoples’ hearts.

(a) Hear, Fear and Obey: Every seven years at the Feast of Tabernacles, read to the people what I wrote down, so **they hear it, learn to fear the Lord, and carefully observe** all the words of this law. Repetition contains the DNA of understanding. Repetition is the matriarch of learning. Repetition allows a conscious skill to transfer into one’s subconscious!

1. “And Moses commanded them, saying: “**At the end of every seven years**, at the appointed time in the year of release, **at the Feast of Tabernacles**, when all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses, **you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing. Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger** who is within your gates, that they may **hear** and that they may **learn to fear** the Lord your God and **carefully observe** all the words of this law, **and that their children, who have not known it**, may **hear** and **learn to fear** the Lord your God as long as you

live in the land which you cross the Jordan to possess.” Deuteronomy 31:10-13 NKJV

(3) And to make it even easier...

(a) Write down this song, teach it to the children so it is on the tip of their tongues. This and the written law will further serve as witnesses that you will never again have ignorance of the law as an excuse.

1. “Now therefore, **write down this song** for yourselves, and **teach it to the children** of Israel; **put it in their mouths**, that this song may be **a witness** for Me against the children of Israel.” Deuteronomy 31:19 NKJV

(4) Warnings

(a) A thoroughly satisfied people is a forgetful people.

People in need, however, seldom forget their provider.

1. “**When I have brought them to the land** flowing with milk and honey, of which I swore to their fathers, and **they have eaten and filled themselves and grown fat**, then **they will turn to other gods and serve them**; and **they will provoke Me and break My covenant.**” Deuteronomy 31:20 NKJV

(b) Paul was left with a piercing need for this very reason and learned to be content NO MATTER WHAT.

1. “And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, **a thorn in the flesh was given to me**, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, **“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”** Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. **Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses,** for Christ’s sake. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.”** II Corinthians 12:7-10 NKJV
 2. **“Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I** know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:11-13 NKJV
- (5) The song will be a witness...

- (a) Because you taught them the song and because they remembered the words, it will serve as one witness against any wrong behavior.
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- (6) The Law will be a witness!
- (a) After you complete the written law, take the Book of the Law and place it next to the ark of the covenant. There it will remain as a reference and the other witness against any wrong behavior.

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(7) Heaven and Earth as a Witness

- (a) Even after my death, this post mortem imperative will stand. Heaven and earth themselves will stand as the witnesses against any wrong behavior.

1. “Gather to me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their hearing **and call heaven and earth to witness against them.** For I know that **after my death** you will become **utterly corrupt**, and **turn aside** from the way which I have commanded you. And **evil will befall you** in the latter days, because you will do evil in the sight of

the Lord, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands.” Deuteronomy 31:28-29 NKJV

(8) The Song

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The truth will cover all of creation. And God’s name will be glorified!

1. ““Give ear, **O heavens, and I will speak;** And **hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.**” Deuteronomy 32:1 NKJV
2. “**Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew,** As raindrops on the tender herb, And as showers on the grass.” Deuteronomy 32:2 NKJV
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(9) Then the final seal! It is your life! (Assignment!)

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- (b) Then Moses is commanded to go die...

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(4) Warnings

(a) A thoroughly satisfied people is a forgetful people. People in need, however, seldom forget their provider.

(b) Paul was left with a piercing need for this very reason and learned to be content NO MATTER WHAT.

- (5) The song will be a witness...
- (a) Because you taught them the song and because they remembered the words, it will serve as one witness against any wrong behavior.
- (6) The Law will be a witness!
- (a) After you complete the written law, take the Book of the Law and place it next to the ark of the covenant. There it will remain as a reference and the other witness against any wrong behavior.
- (7) Heaven and Earth as a Witness
- (a) Even after my death, this post mortem imperative will stand. Heaven and earth themselves will stand as the witnesses against any wrong behavior.
- (8) The Song
- (a) Moses spoke the words of the song to the people...
 - (b) The Heavens and the Earth have heard the testimony!
The truth will cover all of creation. And God's name will be glorified!
- (9) Then the final seal! It is your life! (Assignment!)
- (a) Moses spoke all the words of the song. Then Moses commanded the people to be careful to observe—all the words of the law. It is not a futile thing; it is moral

imperative, even a “*Post Mortem Imperative*”, BECAUSE IT IS YOUR LIFE!

(b) Then Moses is commanded to go die...

D. Moses and Peter

(1) Post Mortem Imperative

(a) It is life and death! Therefore, I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease! So that is what will happen in the next section!

MORAL IMPERATIVES

2. I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things...

A. The Last 5 Messages (Repetition, Repetition, Repetition)

(1) Indomitable Grace

(a) Wholistic Grace

(b) Grace Stewardship

(2) Impersonating a Christian

(a) Who Owns Your Worship?

(b) Who Owns Your Possessions?

(c) Who Owns Your Allegiance?

(3) Seeker Friendly

(a) The Image of God

(b) Time to Clean House

(c) Weights and Measures

- (4) Available!
 - (a) His Heart His Part
 - (b) Your Heart Your Part
- (5) Scorched Earth
 - (a) God is Angry
 - (b) Unforgivable Sin
 - (c) Time to Burn Bridges

B. Summaries Sermons #1-5

SERMON #1: [Indomitable Grace](#) (08/26/2022)

- (1) Wholistic Grace
- (2) Grace Stewardship

Summary: WHOLISTIC GRACE

1. The exceeding greatness of God's power!

A. Definitions

- (1) Wholistic Grace
 - (a) Energizing Spirit, Soul and Body
 - 1. The magnitude of that power you can access is the power that raised Christ from the grave.
- (2) Wholistic Gospel
 - (a) Sanctifying Spirit, Soul and Body

1. Your life, through the sanctification process, is to yield a purified Spirit, soul and body.
- (b) The power we have access to should produce Godliness!
 1. Godliness is wholistic integrity: when your spirit, soul, and body are in complete alignment with God's will!
- (c) This understanding about the divine power you have access to can only come about by divine revelation.
 1. What will you do with that power?

B. Obedience Unleashes God's Power

- (1) Put your blessing or your curse on...
 - (a) Obey God in every way, and this is what will be available to you!
 1. This is a combination of God's promises partnered with human obedience.
 2. However, humans cannot obey God absent His grace.
 3. Those who came before Christ, did not have unlimited access to God's power, hence the consistent failure to obey and the definite need of a "redeemer!"

4. What excuse then does the Christian have, who has unlimited access to God's grace, to disobey? He commands us to obey, and then empowers us to obey. Then we either obey or not!
- (2) Get ready to unleash...when your obedience is complete
 - (a) "and being ready to punish all disobedience **when your obedience is fulfilled.**" II Corinthians 10:6 NKJV
 1. The spiritual practice of taking every thought captive, and bringing it into submission to Christ, is how you create an obedient life!
 2. It is when you are living a life of radical, grace-empowered, faith-based obedience that you will be prepared to command blessings and curses!
 3. What an awesome and frightening responsibility!
 - (3) You will receive power...
 - (a) It is not a matter of if, but rather when you will recognize its availability, and what you will do with the power you have access to!
 - (b) Again—get this revelation. You have access to the power that raised Christ from the grave!

C. The Daunting Commission

- (1) We are commissioned to preach the Kingdom. This cannot be done with human strength. We must be animated by the power of God.
- (a) John was about to transition from the main event to the opening act! He was pointing toward Christ when he was pointing at the Kingdom within! (Christ was the fullness of God manifesting in human form.) John was saying, "Look at Him!" *"He must increase, but I must decrease."* (John 3:30)
- (b) After Christ emerged from the wilderness...Christ was pointing at Himself when He was pointing at the Kingdom within! (Christ was the fullness of God manifesting in human form.) He was saying, "Look at Me!" *"I have increased, John has decreased."*
- (c) Preach the Kingdom (Y'shua sent out the 12 disciples). What follows are supernatural signs.
1. What is the Kingdom of Heaven, the Gospel of the Kingdom, the Kingdom of God...?
- (d) The kingdom is within you...
1. The Kingdom is at hand when the fullness of God is manifesting in a human.
 2. Think Jesus, the perfect manifestation of God in man.

3. Perfection is sinlessness and sin is lawlessness (I John 3:4).
4. What does sinless look like? (Christ: radical grace-empowered, faith-based obedience to God.)
5. How is that possible?

(2) Blood and Light

(a) The life of the creature is in the blood.

1. It is clear that for the flesh and blood body, that God intended for the blood to represent its life!

(b) But Jesus showed us something deeper about life!

1. Jesus shed his blood because He was more concerned with being filled with light!
2. The life of the creature is in the light...we were given a preview of what that looks like! At the the Transfiguration.
3. New creature—Light replaces blood?
4. He is the light of the world; You are the light of the world! Let you light (transfigured self) shine!

(c) What will you look like?

1. It will look like Christ staring back at you when you look in the mirror!

Summary: GRACE STEWARDSHIP

2. Daunting Duties and Responsibilities

A. Available or Mostly Available

- (1) What happens when you become “All Available?”
 - (a) “He must increase, but I must decrease.” John 3:30
NKJV
 1. First come to the sober reality that you have nothing good, no revelation, that does not come from God.
 2. You are not the Christ, but you have come to point to the Christ. In other words, GET OUT OF THE WAY.
 3. Picture it like this: you become transparent. This way when people look toward you, they will see through you at Christ.
 4. *“He must increase, but I must decrease.”* John 3:30

B. Grace Trustee

- (1) The Grantor and the Trustee—a special relationship between the boss and those called to steward His resources!
 - (a) Since He is the one, and you are His sent ones...
 1. A trustee is given control or powers of administration of property in trust, by a grantor, with the legal obligation to administer it **solely for the purposes** specified.

(2) The parable of the poor trustee (steward, administrator, agent, custodian)...

(a) Making bad things worse...

1. You are designated as the trustee of Christ's mission. If you are doing a bad job, you will be held to account.
2. The right thing to do is to correct your mistakes and become a faithful trustee who **makes decisions** for the trust that are in the best interest of the beneficiaries.
3. The worse thing you can do is to try to find loopholes.
4. This mindset might be responsible for the formation of many, many denominations.

a) Definitions:

- 1) {Denomination} what man does when he wishes to add or take away from God's word, in most cases, so they can continue to disobey God, but to feel good about what they are doing at the same time!
- 2) {Synonym} religion; legalism; rationalization; compromise; pride
- 3) {Antonym} Christianity; disciple; truth; faithful; humility

(b) Pick a side: Faithful or Unjust

1. If you cannot be trusted with what God has assigned to you, then you can be certain He will not assign you anything else, until such a time that you become faithful with what you've already been entrusted.
2. You cannot serve God at the same time you are serving yourself!

C. Are you available?

(1) Prerequisites—You shall...

(a) Rule #1

1. Get rid of ALL paganism and idolatry. You cannot serve Yahweh and ANY OTHER THING at the same time!

(b) Rule #2

1. Choose God's will!

(c) Rule #3

1. Stop following your own heart and leave your old life behind!

(d) Rule #4

1. Don't make it up! This is the way it is!

D. Greasy Grace

(1) Hijacking God's grace in some slimy back alley transaction.

- (a) No Excuse!
 - 1. Let me make a clear distinction as there are some who use God's grace to excuse abhorrent behavior.
 - 2. Don't do that! It will never work!

E. The Kingdom commission—Spread the power

(1) Impart Grace to the Hearers

- (a) Now that you have a complete understanding of God's grace, can you recognize the daunting responsibility to share it with others?!

(2) Bind and Loose

- (a) **“Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”** Matthew 18:18 NKJV

- 1. The power of agreement. When you agree with one another and with Christ, heaven will manifest on earth!

(3) The Power to forgive sins!

- (a) **“If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”** John 20:23 NKJV

- 1. Whatever you forgive will be forgiven. Let's pause and wrap our minds around stewarding this responsibility.

2. But remember, not until your obedience is complete!
“and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.” II Corinthians 10:6

(4) Shake the dust off your feet

- (a) “If the household is worthy, **let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.**”

Matthew 10:13 NKJV

1. We are back to where we started. If you impart grace to a perfectly cut, well polished diamond, it will reflect the glory of God. If you shed your light on a lump of coal, you are likely to get nothing back but dusty feet.
2. Shake off the dust and move on!
3. Let your light shine!

SERMON #2: [Impersonating a Christian](#) (09/02/2022)

- (1) Who Owns Your Worship?
- (2) Who Owns Your Possessions?
- (3) Who Owns Your Allegiance?

Summary: WHO OWNS YOUR WORSHIP?

1. New Idols to Replace Old Idols

A. Cheep Imitations

- (1) Counterfeits and Substitutes: Is Yahweh just one of many gods in your life?
 - (a) The pagans have their Gods and spiritual practices. DO NOT imitate them!
 - (b) This is not a new warning but one that Yahweh reiterated, over and over again. And it begs the questions, "Who owns your worship?" "Are you impersonating a Christian?"
- (2) Let's pause here and not brush off the magnitude of this instruction. There are two overarching themes here that MUST be elaborated for you to NOT miss God's warning.
 - (a) **First:** you are to utterly obliterate every single remnant of anything the pagans did or used to worship their false gods, **including their names**. Do you understand utterly!
 - (b) **Second:** and this is the part often missed. *"You shall not worship the Lord your God with such things."* This is the part that most modern Christians miss completely. Most Christians today engage in practices, use symbols and images, and even the names of pagan deities, in their worship.
 - (c) Christians typically dismiss any discussion on such matters by rationalizing, *"God knows my heart, and He knows why I am doing it, and that I am doing it for Him,*

so it's fine." They completely ignore, *"You shall not worship the Lord your God with such things."*

(d) His people are to participate in NOTHING pagan! This again begs the questions, "Who owns your worship?" "Are you impersonating a Christian?"

(e) God was well aware of the temptations that would shipwreck His people.

1. Don't practice anything you saw in Egypt...
2. Don't practice anything you will see in Canaan...
3. Do practice ONLY My judgments, ordinances, and statutes!
4. Any questions? "Who owns your worship?" "Are you impersonating a Christian?"

B. Human Tendencies

(1) Man loves his idols...

(a) These false gods simply shall not stand!

1. One of those pagan traditions is the Christmas Tree! Are you dull-hearted and foolish? Is this worthless doctrine and "wooden idol" part of your "Christian tradition?" "Who owns your worship?" "Are you impersonating a Christian?"

C. Yahweh Alone

- (1) You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve...
- (a) When you are tempted to engage in pagan practices, ask yourself: "Who owns my worship?" "Am I impersonating a Christian?"
 - (b) You can have everything the world has to offer. All you have to do is compromise a bit! Give in a little and idolize something other than Yahweh! It will be worth it. God knows your heart; He knows you are using those pagan Christmas trees and Easter eggs to worship Him. It's fine! NO, IT IS NOT FINE!
 - 1. *"You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve."* Matthew 4:10
 - 2. *"You shall not worship the Lord your God with such things."* Deuteronomy 12:4
 - 3. *"God has not appointed such for you!"* Deuteronomy 18:14

(2) Too Harsh?

- (a) If you think I might be a bit too harsh in my approach, then maybe you will like James' approach better.
 - 1. Sinner? Double minded? Submit to God! Resist the Devil!

2. Ask yourself... "Who owns my worship?" "Am I impersonating a Christian?"

(3) Living in Two Worlds...

- (a) It's bizarre if you'd consider going back to your pagan ways!

1. Keep this in the forefront of your mind! Christ died so you could STOP SINNING!
2. You spent your entire past life chasing sin, lust and paganism. Now you are equipped to chase the will of God.
3. The enemy and his teammates will find it bizarre that you no longer desire lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries.
4. But today I ask you this..."Do you? "Who owns your worship?" "Are you impersonating a Christian?"
5. Warning: Don't get entangled in past sins (paganism)...
6. Warning: You can't serve two masters...

D. Questions, Directives and Obvious Differences

(1) Questions

- (a) "Who owns your worship?"
- (b) "Are you impersonating a Christian?"

(2) Directives

- (a) "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve." Matthew 4:10
- (b) "You shall not worship the Lord your God with such things." Deuteronomy 12:4
- (c) "God has not appointed such for you!" Deuteronomy 18:14

(3) Obvious Differences

- (a) The tares among the wheat...
 1. There will be two lookalikes fellowshipping together.
 2. One is authentic and one is the imposter.
 3. As they grow side-by-side, it is difficult to tell them apart.
- (b) The impersonator looks the same as the authentic Christian.
 1. Yes, they look the same on the outside but their priorities and decisions will ultimately expose them. When it's time for the harvest, tares simply bear no fruit. You can distinguish the impersonator from the authentic Christian by their fruit (Matthew 7:16).
 2. So, "Who owns your worship?" "Are you impersonating a Christian?"

Summary: WHO OWNS YOUR POSSESSIONS?

2. Second Best Might as Well be Worst

A. Actions speak louder than words...

(1) Saving your defective things for God!

(a) Do you really prefer to keep the best for yourself?

Would you rather just give God your leftovers? Who owns your possessions?

(2) Blemished Sacrifices

(a) Give your best or give your junk! And FYI, God will NOT accept your junk!

1. God considers your (leftovers) lame, sick and stolen sacrifices evil!

2. God does not accept them, so don't bother.

3. Someone should stop God's people from offering Him anything less than their best!

4. And it is even worse when someone comes along and tells people it is okay to do so!

5. Question: Who owns your possessions?

B. Give

(1) You can't out-give God!

(a) Give what is in your heart, not out for compulsion! Here is how it works...

1. Give and what comes back will be immeasurable!

2. Give cheerfully and God's exceeding grace, His supernatural power, will abound toward you.
3. Promise: you will have sufficiency in all things.
4. Promise: you will have an abundance for every good work.
5. Promise: you supply the needs of the saints; thank God for the resources, and the testimony of your obedience will glorify God.
6. It all works with this formula: That which you do for the least of God's people, you do for God!
7. Question: Who owns your possessions?

C. All for God

(1) The Perfect Formula (This + This = This)

(a) This...

1. You were resurrected with Christ, so set your mind on kingdom things, not on things of the earth.
2. Put to death all your nasty sins because you used to walk in them, but that was your old man with his his nasty deeds.
3. Live as a new man who was renewed and is now capable of representing the image the God.

(b) Plus this...

1. Put on all the character traits of Christ.

2. Forgive others like your were forgiven.
3. Above all things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.
4. Let the peace of God rule in your heart.
5. Be thankful.
6. Let the word of Christ dwell in you.
7. Teach and admonish one another.

(c) Equals this!

1. Everything is done through the authority of Y'shua.
2. Do everything with excellence as if you are doing it for Y'shua, not for men.
3. It is He whom you serve.
4. And it is He whom will hold you accountable!
5. Question: Who owns your possessions?

Summary: WHO OWNS YOUR ALLEGIANCE?

3. No Plausible Deniability

A. You should know better!

(1) The Responsibilities of Royalty...

(a) Don't do that!

1. You shall not multiply horses for yourself.
2. You shall not cause the people to return to Egypt

3. You shall not multiply wives for yourself, lest your heart turn away from Yahweh.
 4. You shall not greatly multiply silver and gold for yourself.
 5. Note to self: You are royalty!
 6. Who owns your allegiance?
- (b) Do this!
1. Become totally engulfed in God's word. It should become part of your DNA!
- (c) This is why!
1. Knowing the scriptures: will instill reverence of the Lord.
 2. Knowing the scriptures: will instill the need to carefully observe all the words of the law.
 3. Knowing the scriptures: will help you stay humble and meek.
 4. Knowing the scriptures: will keep you on a straight path!
 5. Knowing the scriptures: will prolong God's favor!
 6. Question: Who owns your allegiance?

B. The Word in Action

- (1) Knowing the scriptures...

- (a) Cuts through all the distractions and exposes...Who Owns Your Allegiance?
1. Knowing the scriptures: pierces to the core of any matter.
 2. Knowing the scriptures: discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart.
 3. Knowing the scriptures: exposes every hidden secret.
 4. Question: Who owns your allegiance?

C. What's in the mirror?

- (1) Are you impersonating a Christian? All you have to do is look in the mirror!
- (a) If you are a hearer of God's word and not a doer, you are impersonating a Christian.
1. When you look in a mirror you see the old man looking back at you!
- (b) If you are a doer of God's word and not just a hearer, you are an authentic Christian.
1. When you look in a mirror you see the new man looking back at you!
- (c) We have the exact pattern of what it looks like to be an authentic Christian.
1. Unfortunately, many walk on a different path.

2. Their allegiance is to the god of their own desires...
“Who owns your allegiance?”
3. Their worship is to the god of their own glory...
“Who owns your worship?”
4. Their possessions are the god of their own their minds...“Who owns your allegiance?”
5. They are enemies of the cross; they are the tares among the wheat.
6. God says, *“Gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them!”* Matthew 13:30

(d) Final Analysis

1. “Who owns your worship?”
2. “Who owns your possessions?”
3. “Who owns your allegiance?”
 - a) If the answer is God—welcome to the faith!
 - b) If the answer is you—you are impersonating a Christian!
4. Paul says it best; *“Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.”* I Corinthians 11:1 NKJV
5. John the Baptist tells us how? *“He must increase, but I must decrease.”* John 3:30 NKJV

SERMON #3: [Seeker Friendly](#) (09/09/2022)

- (1) The Image of God
- (2) Time to Clean House
- (3) Weights and Measures

Summary: THE IMAGE OF GOD

1. Cross Pollination Pollution

A. What is a man or woman anyway, and why does knowing matter?

- (1) Yahweh's Definition
 - (a) In His image He made THEM!
- (2) Cross Dressing
 - (a) Since we have now clearly defined that there are two different genders...
 - (b) Key Takeaways
 1. The human family on earth is the expressed image of the Divine family in Heaven—the image of God.
 2. The destruction of the family is the enemy's chief strategy used to deny, destroy, or hide the image of God.
 3. The existential threat of the day is that one political side, because of their stance on gender, family and the right to life, says there is no God, and the other,

by their stance in these three areas, says there is a God!

4. It is critically important to restore the family and thereby restore the Image of God in the earth!
5. You must make a clear distinction between the biblical worldview and current cultural view of family.
6. The restoration coming to the earth will be paralleled by the restoration of the family to the image of our Creator. It's the most important work on planet today.

B. The Image of God—The Suppression of Truth!

(1) Invisible Attributes

- (a) His image should be clearly recognizable in the earth.
- (b) What invisible qualities should be clearly seen?
- (c) These are His invisible qualities...
 1. God is an us (male, female, child).
 2. Adam (Man) was created in God's image as and "Us" (with male and female DNA and fruit in him).
 3. But, looking at Adam, the Female and Child **were invisible.**

(2) How does God make these invisible attributes "clearly seen"?

- (a) He extracts the woman out of Adam and presents her to him!
 - (b) After they are separated as a man and a woman, God reunites them as ONE FLESH in Marriage.
 - (c) And whereas God told Adam, even when he appeared as just a man, to “Be fruitful and multiply,” in Genesis 1:28, the manifestation of Children takes place in Genesis 4:1, after God extracted the invisible Eve from the visible Adam and then brought them back together in marriage in Genesis 2.
 - (d) Summary
 - 1. Yahweh extracts Eve from Adam and presents her to him.
 - 2. The two reconnect in Marriage to remain One flesh
 - 3. Then the male and female intimately recombine to form a child.
 - 4. This is the Image of God!
- (3) Review: God’s invisible qualities are clearly made visible!
- (a) Man was created in God’s image (as a man, woman and child) and the woman, who was not visible at that time, became visible!
 - (b) Why? So that man would be without excuse.

C. Warning

(1) The destruction of the expressed Image of God is the greatest existential crises in the world!

(a) One stance says men and women are distinct and definitive, marriage is a holy union between them, and that children are the blessed fruit of that union. The other stance says gender is a social construct and there has never been a distinction between a man and a woman, nor is gender limited to male or female. A person is born as one gender, both genders, or neither. Marriage is unnecessary, or if desired, may take place between any genders or no genders at all. And of course, the unborn child is the fruit of nothing, is not even human or alive, and has no rights to live, other than what the person carrying that lump of cells permits. One side believes in the God who expressed His image in the human family. And the other side denies every aspect of the family and therefore denies God Himself.

(b) Let's Connect the Dots!

1. Let Us make man in Our image...
2. Male and female He created them...
3. From man He extracted the woman...

4. He brought her to the man...(so His invisible quality can be seen).
5. The two shall become one flesh...
6. Be fruitful and multiply...(fruit also becomes visible).
7. His invisible attributes are now clearly seen...
8. These attributes point to the nature of His His eternal power and Godhead...the characters traits of man, woman, and child.
9. Now, there can be no excuse! (It is clearly visible!)
10. Deny this image; deny the One true God!

D. Y'shua's View on the Topic

- (1) What was Jesus' spin on the importance of His Father's Image as expressed in gender and marriage?
 - (a) For this reason! For what reason?
 1. Because Adam was made both male and female...
 2. And because he had hidden attributes...
 3. And because the hidden attributes were revealed when the woman was extracted from Adam...
 4. And because even with that separation God needed us to understand that they remained One as He is One...He gave us MARRIAGE!
 5. And Jesus let us know in no uncertain terms that this oneness CAN NEVER BE SEPARATED!

E. Chief strategy (and strategist) to destroy the image of God!

- (1) If understanding the once invisible qualities—the male, female, and child—is the way God reveals His image to us, what would be the best strategy to DESTROY that image?
 - (a) Strategy: suppression of the truth in unrighteousness
- (2) NO EXCUSES!
 - (a) Pervert those invisible attributes and see what happens (now add verses 21-23)!
 - (b) The root manifestation of futile thoughts and a foolish darkened heart (this is what happens when you deny His invisible qualities!)
 - (c) All the sins that follow...(what happens when you deny His invisible qualities!)
 - (d) Summary:
 1. Suppress the truth about what has been revealed about God's invisible attributes!
 2. Persist long enough and your heart will be darkened.
 3. God will give you over to the lusts of your heart and vile passions.
 4. The first on the list—the corruption of gender! [**So God created man in His own image; in the image of**

God He created him; male and female He created them.]

5. All else follows!

F. How do we fix this mess?

(1) It's called The Restoration!

(a) Corrupted Creation is delivered from bondage with the revealing of the sons of God—“

(b) Summary

1. The fall of creation in Genesis 3 is still manifesting in the earth.

2. The corruption is ultimately manifested in the denial of God's very image.

3. Therefore, when creation is delivered from the bondage of that corruption, we will see a RESTORATION of God's image!

(2) When is the restoration?

(a) Elijah is coming first and will restore all things.

(b) John the Baptist points toward Elijah in Malachi

(3) What will it look like as we approach those days?

(a) Like the days of Noah and Lot...

(b) What will the restoration look like? The final words of the Old Testament! Elijah comes first (before Messiah). Radical obedience and the restoration of families.

G. Whose job is the restoration?

- (1) Jesus, Elijah and the Church
 - (a) It's not Jesus' job. He's in heaven until the restoration!
 - (b) AGAIN! What did His holy prophet say?
- (2) Radical obedience to God's commands or the curse remains!
 - (a) You cannot have restoration if you continue to act with the same lawlessness that had Jesus crucified in the first place!

H. Jesus' final prayer a whole new perspective on Oneness with God...

- (1) The end looks like the beginning— The Image of God restored!
 - (a) The Image of God—made perfect in One!
 - (b) Summary
 1. At the very end of His longest discourse, Jesus gets down to the bottom line truth!
 2. Currently we have rampant denial of distinct genders, the holiness of marriage, and the sanctity of the life of the unborn—a blatant denial of family and therefore the denial of the ONE AND ONLY GOD!

3. When the Image of God as One (with three parts) is perfectly represented by His people (family as one with three parts)—the world will know who He is!
4. In other words, when God’s invisible attributes are clearly acknowledged once again, then the world will recognize His Image!
5. That process begins with the revealing of the sons of God—the deliverance of creation from bondage—and the restoration of the family!

Summary: TIME TO CLEAN HOUSE

2. No Refuse Permitted in the House of the Lord

A. Leave it at the door!

(1) Sin in the Camp

- (a) What is the plan for your refuse?
- (b) The camp is holy; don’t let that nasty stuff into the congregation!

(2) The Acceptable Sin?!

- (a) What has become ritually accepted sin in the Church today?
- (b) It does not matter how you frame it, nor does it matter that you’d donate the proceeds of your unrighteous behavior to God! He does not want it or your behavior!

B. What's Under Your Seat?

(1) I'm not here to make friends. I'm here to make disciples!

(a) It's actually reported...what are you going to do about it?

(b) Bad company corrupts good morals. If you allow it to hang around, it will get on you and before too long it will get in you!

(c) Toss him out of the congregation...don't even share a meal! Or, are you more concerned about the numbers game and empty seats?

(d) REFUSE! (Categories) Don't even share a meal with those who insist on bringing this refuse into the house of God. Better yet—remove them from the congregation! *It's the obvious sexual immorality, the idolatry, the slander, the gossip, the greed, the physical and chemical abuse, the unchecked desires, the consumerism, and the preoccupation with selfish gain.*

(2) MASSIVE MOMENT! Repentance

(a) Don't even share a meal with those who insist on bringing this refuse into the house of God! "...do not to keep company with... do not even to eat with such a person." (1 Cor. 5:11) "...let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints;" (Eph. 5:3) "Abstain

from every form of evil." (I Th. 5:22) Is this mandate missing God's mercy? Let me qualify this concept.

- (b) God is okay with your sin as long as you are not! God came to free the sinner, not in search of the "already righteous!" The key is your repentance. Struggling with your sin is not the same as insisting on your sin. When you insist on sinning, it is a clear sign that you do not have a contrite heart!
- (c) I suggest you read and study all of Psalm 51. In my estimate, it is the most complete picture of a proper view of sin and repentance that you will find anywhere in the Bible. It even shows the most beautiful fruit of repentance and forgiveness... *"Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You."* Psalms 51:13 NKJV

C. A Pile of C _ _ _ in the House of the Lord

(1) A form of godliness

- (a) There are those who will love their sin—who creep into the house of God and influence others with their sins and lusts! They will not care about the truth! *"Evil company corrupts good habits."* (I Cor. 15:3)

Summary: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

3. It is what it is!

A. Even if...

- (1) Weights and Measures: You shall not have in your house differing measures.
 - (a) Do you keep those who insist on sinning in your midst because they serve some benefit to you, to the congregation?
 - (b) Is it good to give God the proceeds from that of which He disapproves? No... they must be removed even if....Just like anyone else!
- (2) Protect others from such influence!
 - (a) Don't give him back to the enemy! Don't let them go back to satan.
 - (b) If they go back and are overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning....
- (3) Don't look the other way when you see sin!
 - (a) Love your neighbor! When you ignore sin, don't convict sin, you are actually hating your neighbor. Overlooking sin is NOT an effective form of evangelism.

B. Instead...

- (1) Instead...Stop sinning

- (a) You are empowered to stop sinning. It is a deception to think you are stuck with your sin. Sin is from the devil and the works of the devil have been conquered. He who is born again is no longer the victim of the need to insist on sinning!
- (2) Instead...Be Holy
 - (a) Be holy (set-apart) in all your conduct. Be mature (perfect) in every aspect of your faith!
- (3) Instead...
 - (a) You shall not confuse a man for a woman; you shall leave your sin at the door; you shall not compromise anything you do as if it for God; and you should treat all sin the same; it does not matter what “benefit it might be to you!”

SERMON #4: [Available!](#) (09/16/2022)

- (1) His Heart His Part
- (2) Your Heart Your Part

Summary: HIS HEART HIS PART

1. What He did for you!

A. Yahweh does what He promises!

- (1) Acknowledgment

- (a) The first thing you must do when you receive what the Lord has promised is to take some of what He has given you, and give it back to Him.
- (2) Exceedingly Great and Precious Promises
 - (a) If you think a land inheritance is good, just contemplate what promises He has offered you!
 1. Exponential Grace!
 2. Divine Power!
 3. Everything you need to live a godly life!
 4. Access to the Divine Nature!
 5. Escape the world's corruption!

B. He is your deliverer!

- (1) Appreciation
 - (a) Do you have any real appreciation for what God does for you? Life has its ups and downs, no doubt. And when things are going great, do you forget who is your provider? And when things fall apart, when you are mistreated, afflicted and feel trapped, do you remember who is your deliverer? He takes on our enemies when we have no strength to take them on ourselves!
- (2) When I am weak, then I am strong!
 - (a) Think about human nature. It is very easy for us to forget how much we need God when life is going great. In

those times, God often allows challenges, sometimes severe, to enter our lives, so we have no choice but to depend on Him. His grace is always enough and His strength is on full display when our strength is gone! Because this is ALWAYS true, you might as well take pleasure in the trials.

C. Everything good comes from God!

(1) Rejoice

- (a) You should not only acknowledge that everything good comes from God, but you should rejoice in that reality, and take pleasure in giving your first of everything back to God. The idea of firstfruits is that we don't wait to give God what belongs to Him; we do that before we do anything else, including the firstfruits of our very lives.

(2) We are His firstfruits...

- (a) All good things come from God. This truth never changes. It was true when God fulfilled every promise to Israel; it was true when He fulfilled every promise Y'shua's disciples; and it is true today.

D. God defines your ministry!

(1) Ministry

(a) It is of no use to talk about taking care of others, unless you actually take care of others. This is the heart of God, to use your resources to pour into His institution and into people in need. It should be a joy to obey the voice of the Lord on this matter.

(2) Ministry to others...

(a) True religion is one of action. Don't just talk about serving God; do something about it! Live a pure life and pour out your life for others: your money, your time, your talent, and your resources. Stop talking about it and do it!

(b) When you see a need, fill it, don't just talk about it.

(c) How can you say you have God's love in you if you see a brother in need and don't try to help him?

(d) Give and it will come back to you in multiples! Of course, this is NOT the reason to give, but it is a benefit!

E. God answers your prayers!

(1) Prayer

(a) Bless us from heaven Father.

(2) Everything by Prayer...

(a) Pray, earnestly ask, and thank God in advance! Then have peace.

F. God has made you His special people!

(1) Your Destiny

- (a) You have openly acknowledged your allegiance to God and your desire to obey Him. He will keep His promise to you as His special people. You are to be known as a nation of praise, great reputation, honor, and holiness!

(2) Greater Things

- (a) If you identify yourself by His name, His authority, and His reputation, you will be a “great nation” above all other nations. You will do great things!

G. God has made you to remember!

(1) Memorials

- (a) Each time God does something in your life, catalog it. Mark it down; tell others about it so you never forget. I like to think of it like this. When you tell your testimony, God gives you more testimonies to tell.

(2) Remember

- (a) I can think of no better area in the New Testament in which we are reminded about the importance of reminders. *“I will not be negligent to remind you; I think it is right to stir you up by reminding you; I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder.”* Why? It is easy to forget what God has promised, what He has done, and what we should do.

- (b) Easy to forget! It's like the man who looks in the mirror and then walks away and immediately forgets what kind of man he is. Or, the disciples who scattered after Y'shua's arrest. Or, how they all hid themselves after the crucifixion. Or, the men "slow of heart" on the road to Emmaus who could not connect the dots about what just took place! We need to be reminded, so we NEVER FORGET!

H. You are God's obedient people!

- (1) God's people must obey God's voice!
 - (a) If you wish to enjoy all the benefits of being the people of God, you must also enjoy all the responsibilities of hearing His voice and obeying His commands!
 - (b) You can't just hear His law, you must do His law!
- (2) Legal Perspectives
 - (a) A proper understanding of what it means for a Christian to obey God's commands is essential to your walk of faith. You must obey, not just think about obeying. If you believe you can hear and not obey, you are deceived. under those conditions, your faith is dead. And you must understand what it means to be "cursed" by disobedience in both the Old Testament and New Testament.

1. First you must understand what “works of law” means. It means you are NOT obeying the law by faith (grace-empowered faith-based obedience), but by legalism (human-powered check-list obedience). Without faith, it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6).
2. Simple Translation: “Works of Law” means you are disobeying the law!
3. That is why as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse, because it means they are disobeying.
4. And cursed is every one who does not obey all that is written in the book of the law, just like it says in Deuteronomy 27:26. *“Cursed is the one who does not confirm all the words of this law by observing them.”*

I. You are a covenanted people!

(1) Covenant

(a) God makes all agreements by covenant!

(2) Covenants are permanent

(a) A latter covenant does not override a previous covenant; it only builds upon it.

J. You are a people of vision!

- (1) Sight with no vision...
 - (a) You have seen all that the Lord did before your eyes...
 - (b) But, you still don't get it! You don't have the heart to perceive the magnitude of it.
- (2) Sight with vision...
 - (a) Prophets and kings wish they had what is available to you as a Christian. You have the vision to see and perceive the deep mysteries of God.

K. You are a people of supernatural provision!

- (1) Supernatural Testimony
 - (a) God supplied your food and water. God gave you clothing and shoes that did not wear out. It's should be hard not to notice such things!
- (2) God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory... *"that you may know that I am the Lord your God."*
 - (a) Know this—you should be content in every circumstance because God supplies all you need all the time!

L. You are a protected and prosperous people!

- (1) Conquerers: Walk in Obedience—Walk in Victory
 - (a) God goes before you to conquer your enemies. Stick to your covenant with Him and you will prosper! Nothing can defeat us when we walk in obedience.

- (2) Conquerers: Walk in the Spirit—Walk in Victory
 - (a) Your obedience to God is achieved by walking in the Spirit, not in the flesh!
 - (b) We are not just conquerers; we are more than conquerers. Nothing can defeat us when we walk in the Spirit.

M. His Heart His Part: What He did for you!

- (1) Yahweh does what He promises!
- (2) He is your deliverer!
- (3) Everything good comes from God!
- (4) God defines your ministry!
- (5) God answers your prayers!
- (6) God has made you His special people!
- (7) God has made you to remember!
- (8) You are God's obedient people!
- (9) You are a covenanted people!
- (10) You are a people of vision!
- (11) You are a people of supernatural provision!
- (12) You are a protected and prosperous people!

Summary: YOUR HEART YOUR PART

2. What will you do for Him?

A. His Will and Your Will

(1) It begins in the mind (heart), but ultimately what you do comes down to whose will you will submit.

(a) Choose God first and He is ready to fulfill what He has placed in your heart. But, you must be completely committed to Him and trust that what He has for you is better than what you have for you. Then step into action and God will direct your every step!

(b) In the end it will come down to whether you choose His path for your life (in all things), or your own. Y'shua's model demonstration was to submit, even if it will cost you your life. This is what it means to be a disciple.

B. His Equipping and You Equipping Others

(1) He will equip you to equip others.

(a) You have access to God's divine power (grace) which is all you need to live a godly life.

(b) You have access to God's Word which will thoroughly equip you for every good work.

1. Tools at your disposal in Scripture

a) Doctrine: access to correct theology and prophecy.

- b) **Reproof:** the proper approach to express disapproval and to reprimand those with bad theology and prophecy.
 - c) **Correction:** the proper approach to disciplinary action for those with bad theology and prophecy.
 - d) **Instruction in Righteousness:** we are empowered to live a Godly life (II Peter 1:3), and what that looks like is taught to us in the Holy Scriptures.
- (c) Godliness is not just something we achieve at some moment in time; it is something we practice continually. The benefits of such are both temporal and eternal.
1. Godliness is wholistic integrity. This is a state in which all aspects of your triune being, Spirit, Soul and Body, are in complete alignment with the will of God. *“Not my will but Your will be done...”*
- (d) Every ministry in the Church (the Body of Christ, not a building or location), is designed to work together in perfect coordination to equip God’s people for one ultimate purpose. They are to be built up until they look like Christ in every way (Spirit, Soul and Body).
 - (e) **Wash—Rinse—Repeat:** teach others to do these things, so they can, in return, teach others to do these things, and on and on it goes. It is a person-to-person play

book and that is why Y'shua had such a small inner circle of disciples.

1. And that is why the growth of the Church was from house-to-house, not stadium-to-stadium.

C. Willingness to be Sent and You Going

(1) Send me, I'll go!

- (a) It's a simple formula, but not easy. You were not even remotely worthy and then God took away your iniquity. Then He asked a simple question; *"Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?"* *"Here am I! Send me. Or, don't ask me! I have other plans."* Now, it is up to you? Are you available, mostly available, or not available at all?
- (b) It's a simple formula, but not easy. How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? *"Here am I! Send me. Or, don't ask me! I have other plans."* Are you available, mostly available, or not available at all?
- (c) Go make disciples! Immerse others in the Divine Family. Teach them to obey God! *"Here am I! Send me. Or, don't ask me! I have other plans."* Are you available, mostly available, or not available at all?

D. What more do you need?

- (1) *“Here am I! Send me. Or, don’t ask me! I have other plans.”* Are you available, mostly available, or not available at all?
- (a) If it was up to me I would do something else. I have other plans. However, I have come to realize that there is no better life than the one in which I make myself completely available for God. So, I will choose that path because it is what God wants me to do for the benefit of others. *“Here am I! Send me. I am available!”*
- (b) Use all of me God. I will not even complain about it, even if it ruins all the plans I had for myself. And when I commit all of me God, I mean total and complete. Let my life be as if I was a glass of water being poured over a raging fire, evaporated into a vapor. *“Here am I! Send me. I am available!”*
- (c) If you want a perfect example of how to do this, consider the quintessential disciple Timothy. Whereas others seek their own plans, he has proven that he will go all-in for God. Use him as the perfect role model of... *“Here am I! Send me. I am available!”*
- (d) Just like I am encouraging you today to step in boldly to what God has called you to do; Paul inspired Timothy to fulfill his ministry. And He showed him precisely what

level of commitment that will take. *“I am already being poured out as a drink offering.”* I am nothing more than a glass of water being poured over a raging fire, evaporated into a vapor. That is the level of commitment it takes to be available. *“Here am I! Send me. I am available!”*

(2) Are you available?

(a) Available: able to be used or obtained; at someone’s disposal; not otherwise occupied; free to do something; ready for use; unoccupied; not busy; present, in attendance; contactable; contractable; **at hand...**

1. “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is **at hand!**”

Matthew 3:2 and 4:17 NKJV

2. **At Hand:** to make near; to come near; I bring near; approach; has drawn close; extreme closeness, immediate imminence; even a presence; because the moment of this coming happened!

3. Are you available for the kingdom of heaven to be at hand, because the moment is now? Or, are you otherwise occupied?

(b) Are you available?

1. Something else happened that day. I made a decision that when I die, when I sit at that allegorical desk,

alone, with no observers—just me, I will say to my Interrogator, “Available.” That’s the one word I can use to describe my life Lord. “I am...available!” Let the journey begin!

2. Will you make yourself available?

E. Summary: What will you do for Him?

- (1) His Will or Your Will?
- (2) You are equipped—Will You Equip Others?
- (3) Willingness to be Sent—Will You Go?
- (4) What more do you need?

SERMON #5: [Scorched Earth](#) (09/23/2022)

- (1) God is Angry
- (2) Unforgivable Sin
- (3) Time to Burn Bridges

Summary: GOD IS ANGRY!

1. The ONE Thing God WILL NOT Tolerate

A. Defining Terms

- (1) Scorched Earth
 - (a) My Thoughts

1. **War:** to absolutely annihilate something, to burn it to the ground, leaving only a pile of ashes, like what God did to Sodom and Gomorrah.
 - a) **Example:** God went “scorched earth” on Sodom.
 2. **Relationships:** what we do to others when we kill them with our words, hurt them so badly that they are too bloodied to even offer a defense.
 - a) **Example:** Jack went “scorched earth” on his ex-girlfriend.
- (b) Literal Definition
1. **War:** The term “scorched earth” started as a military term. During times of war, troops would destroy valuable goods – crops, buildings, routes in and out of towns – in order to make them unusable by enemy troops.
 - a) **Example:** carpet bombing: has its roots in the *scorched-earth warfare* practiced—extending the battlefield to the enemy’s infrastructure, by bombing every single thing as if you were laying a carpet to cover over a bare floor.
 2. **Law:** the act of taking every legal method you have at your disposal to cause maximum disruption to those

around you without regard for potential social repercussions.

3. **Relationships:** At the end of a relationship and knowing how much you despise the person you just left for everything they did to you, you ensure that there is never any hope of getting back together by letting everyone know what that person did to you.

(2) Geo-political vs. Theo-political vs. Theo-ecclesiastical (The latter two being Dr. Jeff terms!)

(a) Geo-political (Geo = Earth)

1. Nation against Nation and Worldview against Worldview

- a) relating to politics, especially international relations, as influenced by geographical factors.

- b) Geopolitics is a study of the influence of such factors as geography, economics, and demography on the politics and especially the foreign policy of a state.

- c) ...and I would add religious factors that create either unity or division within intra-national or international relations

(b) Theo-political (Theo = God)

1. God's evaluation and judgment against the pagan world: there is judgement by fire coming to the earth, therefore what type of person ought you to be in conduct and godliness?

(c) Theo-ecclesiastical

1. God's evaluation and potential judgment of the Church: Judgment begins in the house of the Lord, so what type of person ought you to be in conduct and godliness?

- a) My concern today is not the scorched earth policy the enemy has for the earth. I am concerned with the scorched earth policy Yahweh has for those who call themselves the church! What type of person ought you to be in conduct and godliness?

2. Theo-political or Theo-ecclesiastical (Ministry from Jonah or to Jonah?)

- a) God's great concern in His relationship to Jonah was not His intention to destroy Nineveh (Theo-political), but rather His evaluation of Jonah (Theo-ecclesiastical).

- b) Jonah, go bring a message to those people or else they are toast. It's a good and necessary ministry. But, on full display was God's ministry to Jonah

who would rather “flee the presence of the Lord than obey.”

- c) “Jonah you have your priorities all wrong and thus you won’t be effective for Me. Act like the man of God you say you are and go!”
3. God get’s angry when you do your own thing
 4. Second Chances: don’t get so focused on the world (Nineveh) that you miss that it was Jonah who had to change first! *“For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God...”* (I Peter 4:17)
 5. Evangelism vs. Kingdom
 - a) Evangelism is the retail transaction (ministry to those outside the church—to the customers).
 - b) The Kingdom is the Business to Business (B to B) transaction (ministry to the church for the edification and maturing of itself—to the employees). See Ephesians 4:11-16
 6. For Jonah, it was a business to business transaction.
 - a) In other words, the primary theme in Jonah is God’s ministry to Jonah and His anger and punishment toward Jonah for his disobedience. (... *judgment begins at the house of God.*” I Peter 4:17

- b) Of course the retail transaction (Jonah to the people) is the important sub-theme, showing God's mercy and forgiveness to a repentant people. But, who Jonah is supposed to be is what is primary on God's heart.

B. Verse-by-Verse into God's Anger

(1) Who is God talking to?

- (a) As we approach the end of Deuteronomy and the people prepare to cross into the promised land, in this second telling of the law, we see that the law was not just for them—but for you too!
- (b) Y'shua, just as we see in Deuteronomy, is not only speaking to those present, but to you!

(2) Where did they come from?

- (a) They came from exposure to every pagan influence and practice imaginable.
- (b) You also have come from exposure to every pagan influence and practice imaginable.

(3) What is the warning?

- (a) Listen, you covenant people, don't you dare turn away from Yahweh, the one true God, to go serve idols!

- (b) If you know who Yahweh is, and decide to go back to your past pollution, it will be worse than never having known in the first place!
- (4) Rationalization makes things exponentially worse!
- (a) You have been warned; It does not get any clearer than the promised curses of Deuteronomy 27:11-26 and 28:15-68. If you think you can do whatever you want in your own heart, regardless of sin, and get away with it, you are about as clear-eyed as man totally inebriated who swears he is sober!
 - (b) Do you think you can totally disobey God and still be blessed. Y'shua doesn't think so! Depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness. If you hear His words and do the opposite, you will fall!
- (5) God is angry!
- (a) He will not spare those who insist they can do their own thing! Any warning which includes your "name being blotted out" is one that you ought not take lightly!
 - (b) Ananias and Sapphira conspired to lie to the Holy Spirit of God, as if that is even possible. *"The Lord would not spare him; for then the anger of the Lord and His jealousy would burn against that man."*

- (c) Willful sin: The worst punishment is reserved for those who trample on the blood of Y'shua and willfully insult the Holy Spirit!
- (6) You will be excommunicated!
- (a) You will be separated from the “tribe” because of your utter obstinance and insistence on doing your own thing!
 - (b) It does not get worse than this, to be handed over to the devil.
 - (c) Reminder: We must be talking about non-believers as NOTHING can separate a Christian from God.
- (7) Plagues and Sickness Witness
- (a) The plagues and sickness that result from your chronic disobedience are unavoidable.
 - (b) Bad trees bear bad fruit; there's no avoiding that reality. Fake Christians bear bad fruits because their “land” is plagued with sickness—by their fruits you will know them.
- (8) Scorched Earth
- (a) ...to absolutely annihilate something, to burn it to the ground, leaving only a pile of ashes, like what God did to Sodom and Gomorrah.

- (b) Scorched Earth—the prophetic word confirmed. This is what the Lord has warned me. We are in a dark place! I wish to shed light. Sodom and Gomorrah were just an example of what happens when we break our covenant and go after “other gods,” doing whatever we wish according to our own heart, regardless of how sinful, and then claim God will bless us anyway!
- (9) Why has the Lord done this? Why has God turned the whole land is brimstone, salt, and burning? Why is God so angry!
- (a) Because they have forsaken the covenant; because they served other gods and worshiped them!
 - (b) We consistently see what angers God: destructive heresies and blaspheme (serving and worshiping other gods).
- (10) Anger, Wrath, and Great Indignation
- (a) This behavior (serving and worshiping other gods) is the ultimate insult to Yahweh and is what insights His anger, wrath and indignation.
 - (b) Scorched Earth! This entire message culminates (prophetically) with the literal scorching of the earth. *“The elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”*

But, what I am emphasizing today is you! Are you contributing to the “works that are in the earth” that will bring the scorched earth in YOUR LIFE! Are you *“heeding the example to those who afterward would live ungodly?”* (II Peter 2:6) *“Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,”* (II Peter 3:11)

(11) Mysteries

- (a) God has revealed His deep mysteries for this single reason—that you would OBEY HIM! Don’t contribute to the scorched earth policy! It is your legacy to search these things and to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.

Summary: UNFORGIVABLE SIN

2. A Sobering Review of Unforgivable Sin

A. Heart Blindness and the Sin that Leads to Death

- (1) I will bless myself anyway! I can go after other gods and Yahweh will bless me anyway...
- (2) The deception of thinking Yahweh will accept you even while you violate Him! (Having peace in your own heart about your choice to worship idols!)

- (3) What happens if you follow the dictates of your own heart and go after other gods? God will be angry! God will not spare you; God will blot out your name; God will excommunicate you!

B. What could you possibly do that Yahweh would never forgive?

- (1) Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit
- (a) Just pause to wrap your mind around how serious this is! *“The LORD would not spare him” “The Lord will never be willing to forgive them.”*]
1. There is sin leading to death.
 2. Blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men.
 3. Whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him.
 4. Paul calls it grieving the Holy Spirit of God!
 5. Practically, it is achieved by willful sin (going after other Gods, including you being your own God, and claiming Yahweh will bless you anyway).
 6. This is insulting to the Spirit of grace.
 7. No worse punishment exists than what you get for this! *“The Lord will never be willing to forgive them.”*

(b) New Testament example in Section One: Ananias and Sapphira conspired to lie to the Holy Spirit of God.

(Acts 5:1-11)

1. *“Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit?”*

2. *“Sapphira, how is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord?”*

C. Can a Christian commit the unforgivable sin? Look at these two categories of people:

(1) Believers with bad doctrine and Non-believers who think they are believers AND NEVER WERE!

(a) **Believers with Bad Doctrine:**

(b) **Non-believers who think they are believers AND NEVER WERE:**

1) They were NEVER one of us!

2) They were NEVER “enlightened.”

(c) Back to our question: Can a Christian commit the unforgivable sin?

1. Answer: No! Those who do so were never Christians in the first place!

2. Are you a truly a Christian? Have you had an authentic born-again encounter with Christ or are you

living on a “confession of words” that had no heart conversion to support that confession?

3. NOW, TODAY, it is time to decide! God is angry and time is up!

D. Why has the Lord done this?

(1) The Common Denominator: serving other gods and insisting that Yahweh will be okay with it!

(a) Summary of the Sobering Truth:

1. There is a sin in which the heart of a rebellious people goes too far, even for Yahweh.
2. That sin looks like this; “I can do whatever I want, even go after other gods, and even be warned that I am about to cross the point of no return, and still act as if Yahweh will bless me anyway.”
3. There is a sin that Yahweh Himself considers unforgivable. And Y’shua, John and Paul all expose this sin in the New Testament—Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.
4. There are some who believe they are in the family of God but they are NOT: How do you recognize them?

Summary: TIME TO BURN BRIDGES!

3. Better off being ignorant; but you are not ignorant...

A. There is nothing back there for you!

(1) Don't Go Back!

- (a) You have already invested enough of your time, energy and resources into your past pagan life. Don't give it one more ounce of your attention!

(2) Don't Forget

- (a) If are willing to remember this ONE THING, you will be fruitful and abound in ALL THINGS! Your past sins are in the past. LEAVE THEM THERE!

(3) Don't get entangled and overcome!

- (a) You have ALREADY escaped the pollution of your past. Don't dip your toe back in that water. If you do, your next flirtation with sin will be worse for you than at any other time!

(4) A true proverb

- (a) If you have truly tasted God's righteousness, and you would rather continue in your own vomit, the outcome will be a personal scorched earth.

(5) It's not possible!

- (a) If you "fall away" it is because you were never part of the fold in the first place!

(6) The Point of No Return

- (a) At some point, your insistent rebellion will land you in situation in which there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins!
- (b) As the fire rained down and scorched the earth of Sodom and Gomorrah, there were two options. Look straight ahead into the future, or look back at a life of pollution and doing the will of the pagans (or your own will-SAME THING!). Lot's wife chose to look back and she was incinerated into a pile of mineral salts, about \$7.00 worth!

B. Make a Choice!

- (1) Choose today whom you will serve!
 - (a) You have your old life back there (being incinerated) with all your sins and idols. And you have your new life ahead of you with Yahweh! Choose! And while you are at it...
 - (b) Help your friends join you. Do whatever you can to stop them from looking back!
- (2) It's actually how you demonstrate true love for them...
 - (a) We all love to quote the wonderful Bible verse, "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" But we never consider how the Bible teaches us to do so! Don't stand

by and watch them sin and do nothing about it. That would be the opposite of loving your brother!

(3) All things considered...

(a) What manner of persons ought you to be?

(b) What things? A Scorched Earth!

C. Time to Make a Choice! ONLY ONE QUESTION TODAY!

(1) The following declaration is included in this study in lieu of the section on questions and discussion.

(2) This declaration is your assignment.

(3) Contemplate all you just studied and make a choice.

(4) If you are ALL IN with God, then sign it.

(5) If you are not willing to sign it, that says all you need to know! **(See the declaration on the last page of this document.)**

[Cont.] I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things...

C. Back to 63 pages...

(1) The summary of the five previous sermons...

(a) Each set of notes that are created consists of a number of main sections that include the scriptures and commentary. I then extract the commentary only and create a summary at the end of each section. I do this so

as you study the notes you have built-in repetition. My plan was to just use those summaries as a review of the last five sermons in this “Moral Imperatives” reminder section of this sermon. When I extracted all the summary sections of those five sermons and placed them in a single document, the document was 63 pages long. Remember, those four previous sermons with 63 pages each led me back to June 3 (6/3) and the main teaching on that day being the role of the priest to protect the people, which in fact could be said to be the overarching message of all 4 of those sermons combined!

1. “but the **Levites shall camp around the tabernacle of the Testimony, that there may be no wrath on the congregation of the children of Israel;** and the Levites shall keep charge of the tabernacle of the Testimony.”” Numbers 1:53 NKJV
- (b) I smiled to myself and laughed at yet another document with 63 pages. Again, I don’t want to over-spiritualize things, but also, with God there are no coincidences, more like God-incidences. I could not resist. I called Larry and told him what happened. He immediately just blurted out of his mouth, “Ephesians 6:3”, so I quickly

turned my Bible to that passage and this is what it says: *“that it may be well with you **and you may live long on the earth.**”* That brought me right back to what inspired this message in the first place! No, with God, there are no coincidences. Let’s just call them testimonies!

1. “So Moses came with Joshua the son of Nun and **spoke all the words of this song** in the hearing of the people. **Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel**, and he said to them: **“Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today**, which you shall command your children to **be careful to observe**—all the words of this law. **For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days** in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess.””

Deuteronomy 32:44-47 NKJV

- (c) My Job as your pastor... *“I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.”* (II Peter 1:15) ...and keep reminding you before I die (Post Mortem Imperative). Your Job is to hear Yahweh, learn to fear Yahweh, and to radically obey Yahweh! This is your moral imperative. This is your live!

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

1. The priests have a role to protect the people from God's anger:

A. What did they do specifically? (see Numbers 1:53)

2. Both Peter and Moses were adamant about reminding the people of God's word...

A. Describe Peter's approach in II Peter 1:10-15.

B. Describe Moses' approach in Deuteronomy 31:9-30.

C. What was common to both of them in regards to when in their lives they delivered this message? (Hint: II Peter 1:12-15; Deuteronomy 31:14; 32:48-52)

3. Moses had a specific plan and goal for his reminders...

A. Use Deuteronomy 31:9-13 to describe his approach and desired outcome.

B. What did he do specifically to ensure the people would not have ignorance of the Law as an excuse? (See Deuteronomy 31:19-30 and list as many things as possible.)

4. A thoroughly satisfied people is a forgetful people. People in need, however, seldom forget their provider.

A. Use Deuteronomy 31:20; II Corinthians 12:7-10; and Philippians 4:11-13 to craft a narrative about such behaviors.

5. What is ultimate outcome of hearing, fearing and carefully obeying Yahweh? (See Deuteronomy 32:44-47)

A. Relate this to Numbers 1:53 and Ephesians 6:3.

Scorched Earth Declaration and Seal

You raised me up Yahweh, from the ashes. And for that I owe you my complete and uncompromising gratitude.

Today I declare I am available to You, to be Your mouth, Your hands, Your feet, Your every resource, even Your blood, if that's what it takes.

Even if I spend the rest of my days suffering to bring You glory, it could not touch the magnitude of my appreciation.

I can't even imagine what it will be like to enter into Your glorious presence and worship you forever, to dance before You, and to stand in awe of You.

I will spend every day of my life, from this day forward, pursuing what it takes to live a life worthy of such honor.

Initial & Sign if you agree...

No more compromise! _____

No more holding back! _____

No more regrets! _____

No more comparison! _____

No more options! _____

A seal of Affirmation in His Blood, this Date _____.

Name Printed: _____

Signed: _____ Seal:

