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Watching for Offense



Offended at the word?

Whenever the word of God goes forth the adversary is on the move to stop it from producing. All the teachings contained in this newsletter have to potential to offend if the reader allows himself/herself to be offended. Offense steals the word from our hearts and we must guard against it. Whether true offense comes when one is harmed by another's actions or whether offense comes from hearing hard but true words, it should be resisted.

It appears the Body of Christ is in sad shape these days, but one doesn't get in shape without exercise. I can attest to that. Not only that, but you can't just exercise until you lose weight. You must exercise for life, everyday of your life. Sitting too long and too much is deadly to your physical and spiritual health. You can't study and study and never walk out what you're learning. You **HAVE** to get up and exercise what you're learning or else you will become a forgetful hearer.

Conviction may come from hearing something new or something you've let slip and that's a good thing. God will show you how to make *teshuvah* (repentance) so don't allow conviction to be turned to condemnation by the adversary. Give yourself space to begin to walk what you're learning. Don't try to **DO IT ALL** either. God wants us to learn baby steps before we try to walk like giants. Allow Him to work in you both to will and

TO DO of His good pleasure, it's the better path.

In Love with the Pavement?

1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.



Deut 8:18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.

As believers we should be so well versed with Deuteronomy 8 (the entire chapter) that we have it committed to memory. Why should we be intimate with this chapter? This chapter illustrates the entire lifespan of a human and is a great chapter to meditate upon for personal growth. We should also be acquainted with this important chapter because Yeshua/Jesus quoted this to the adversary when he was tempted to feed himself with stones. If you understand how the words of Yeshua worked and still work you know that everything he spoke was in parable form; **EVERYTHING**. This chapter is full of hidden meaning and truth for the spiritual person who digs deep.

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Love the Pavement?



Matt 13:34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

Mark 4:34 But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

A simple definition for the word parable is a story taken from everyday life with hidden spiritual meaning. The world thinks that a parable is a simple story with a moral lesson and nothing more. With prayer, meditation and revelation from the Holy Spirit we can learn and see much more.

Ps 78:2-3 I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old: Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

Yeshua spoke in parables for a reason:

Matt 13:13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. Also read Mark 4:12 and Luke 8:10.

Once again I will remind you that God's plan for all of mankind was in 1 John 3:8; to destroy the works of the devil. His entire plan was do deal with lust, sin and death and put them away forever. He used Adam and his seed to do so. He divided light from dark and then removed the darkness! He is doing this even now. If we fall in line with His plan we shall live with Him eternally. If we refuse His plan we are rebellious and must go with the darkness.

God never intended for us to fall in love with pavement. You may think that that sounds crazy, but I will share with you a parable of heaven.

Rev 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

Men haven't always used money as the exchange for goods. Men used to trade goods for goods or work for goods. Men would labor and create a product and that product or the work involved to produce goods was bartered. Then men discovered the gold God had put in the

ground. Its whole purpose was for one thing. Deuteronomy 8:18 tells us what the purpose for wealth was/it; it was/it to be used to establish God's covenant. Instead men began to love the gold rather than the God who gave it to them. Today is no different. Sadly, falling in love with your money/wealth is a short lived practice. Everything we see is natural and has an end; all things natural will be burned when God purges and cleans heaven and earth for the last time.

Lot's wife fell in love with the stuff, with the world and the things in it. What happened to her? When God was willing to deliver her from the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah, she turned back in rebellion to see what she was leaving and turned to salt.

Many people who call themselves Christian love the stuff so much that they hold onto it like *the stuff* is their very life. They are slow to share it and even refuse to admit that it isn't theirs to begin with. If we are truly in the Body of Christ we are to have ALL THINGS IN COMMON (Acts 2:44). God gives us the power to obtain wealth to establish HIS covenant. The greedy and short sighted will bury it so no one can steal it or they consume it on their own personal lusts.

James 5:1-3 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.

God sees everything we say and do. We may believe we've hidden things from Him, but that is totally self deceptive thinking. You may hide things from your fellow men, but you never hide a single thing from God; NEVER.

You can't take the stuff with you to heaven. You won't see a U-haul behind a hearse and if you do see one just know that the Pharaohs thought they would take their stuff with them to the after life, but their tombs were robbed and their wealth is now in museums.

If you're poor as a church mouse, don't think that you are free from the love of money. If you're constantly wishing for the lottery and promising God you'll tithe and give offerings when that day comes you need to wake up. If you aren't faithful now with what you have; you won't be faithful when and if you ever do have money. God gives to those who have proved themselves faithful over little. God gives seed to sowers.

If you sow and still never seem to have enough your attitude is wrong. You are walking in fear and not in faith.

Pavement.....continued

God doesn't withhold from the faithful, but He is careful not to bless someone with a wrong attitude or with hidden sin. He will never put the mark of His approval on iniquity.

How do you know if you love the world? Find your favorite thing and give it away quickly. If you can't do it, you need help from God. It's better to be up front with yourself now and judge yourself now than to have God judge you later.

We are living in perilous times. Men and women are possessed by lust, sin and death. We hear stories in the news that would have caused men to faint a hundred years ago. Homosexuality is rampant, as is adultery, lasciviousness, wickedness and every unclean and evil thing. The churches are full of deceived men and women who sadly believe that an hour or two each week in a building full of other deceived people is all that is required of them. They believe that a few mission projects and entertainment sessions they call "praise and worship" are enough to keep them in God's good graces. Wrong! The church of today looks no different than the world around it. Because the anointing of God is absent in these buildings, the leadership is reduced to carnival barkers and used car sales tactics. If Yeshua were to return today he would once again take a whip and clean the sellers from the "house of prayer".

Love not the world, neither the things in it! If you are in bondage to this sort of lust, you need God's help to get free. He wants to be able to trust you with real wealth, but if you can't let go without fear of lack you need His help. We're told that with every temptation God makes a way of escape and the love of other things is no different than any other sin. There is a way of escape from it. You don't have to remain poor in mind or steeped in greed and poverty. Godly prosperity is within your reach, but only as you cry out for His help. Do it now.



True Nuggets of Gold

A servant waits on the master; the master doesn't wait on the servant.

A servant has no voice but that of who he serves.

Faith works by love and love must be exercised by faith!

Love is risky but the dividends for true love are priceless.

Covenant: What we do for God; God will do for us. What God did for us; we must do for Him.

Peace isn't the absence of war, but nothing missing and nothing broken. You *can* have perfect peace in the midst of a battle.

There will be no obedience in heaven, only flowing with the perfect will of God.

What's Missing?

Same Lesson from another Perspective

The Lord was led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit to be tempted. He had fasted 40 days and nights when the adversary came to him with the line, "Make these stones into bread". There is a deep secret hidden in these words. The adversary was speaking of natural stones, but those stones represent something else; the tablets of stones with the law engraved upon them. Men throughout eternity have attempted to live by the Ten Commandments without much success. Only the Lord himself was able to keep these commandments. How did he keep them? He had a pure soft heart open to the voice of God. He had a heart sensitive to the voice of the Precious Holy Spirit.



Deut 8:2-3 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

What proceeds from the mouth of the Lord? For Adam it was God's Holy Spirit. God breathed the breath of life into him. For Yeshua/Jesus it was the Holy Spirit as well. In Matthew 4 and Luke 4 we have the recounting of the Lord's journey into the wilderness. He was led there by the Holy Spirit. His entire life was led by the Holy Spirit, but here is where a *moed* or an appointed time was fulfilled.

What's Missing.....continued

If you look at verse two above you will see that the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. The Lord wandered (led of the Spirit as were the children of Israel) for 40 days; one day for each year. He lived a microcosm of their lives. He lived a picture of their lives. He was to be the last Adam and to take the consequences of the first Adam's sin. How would he do this successfully? He would do so by being led of the Spirit. It doesn't get more complicated than that. Why do men complicate this, men don't but the adversary is always willing to get into God's business and cause corruption and chaos.

I'm going to be bolder than I've ever been before and say, "IF you don't have the baptism of the Holy Spirit you aren't going to make it in the days ahead". I don't mean you won't make it to heaven, in fact without the baptism you'll probably make it way sooner than you ever thought. Why? You'll be killed by the adversary because you have no weaponry. He's smarter than you and will use his smarts to kill you dead. Sure you're sealed by the Holy Spirit until the day your body will be redeemed, but sealing isn't enough.

NT:4972 sphragizo to stamp (with a signet or private mark) for security or preservation (literally or figuratively); by implication, to keep secret, to attest.

The Apostle Paul wrote much of what we call the New Covenant. The New Covenant is actually written on the hearts of men and Paul merely shared what he had pulled from the Spirit of God while studying and praying in the Holy Spirit. We shall cover this truth in a later newsletter, but we need to begin to think along these lines to understand that revelation is coming even today. It is actually coming at a much faster rate! Anyway, Paul writes in 1 Cor. 14, Ephesians 6 and Hebrews 4 about praying in the Spirit.

In 1 Cor. 14 we see the following verses. Please take the time to read and reread the words Paul shared therein:

1 Cor 14:2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

1 Cor 14:14-15 For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

The adversary simply doesn't want the Body to walk with God in any kind of victory. Whether you're praying in the spirit or speaking in tongues, God is speaking by His spirit mysteries and strategies to destroy the works of the adversary. Guess why the devil is so against tongues?

God uses the release of His Spirit to create life. He breathed His Spirit into Adam and He wants His Holy and Precious Spirit in everyman. Is it to control and captivate them? No, He wants this to comfort, direct and protect them. God is Love, remember that always. He does everything through Love. Read 1 Cor. 13 and you'll see just how Love or the Spirit of Compassion aka the Holy Spirit works.

In Ephesians 6 we're told that the Sword of the **Spirit** is the word of God. The word of God today is expelled as we release the Spirit of God and is demonstrated either by preaching, prophesying or praying in the spirit. This sword is sharper than a two-edged sword. It is for one purpose, to destroy the works of the adversary.

If you ask someone who is NOT baptized in the Holy Spirit to pray in the Spirit they look at you blankly. They can NOT do it. If you ask someone who IS baptized in the Holy Spirit to do so they can demonstrate it, however most are apprehensive to do so as it is a private thing.

There are folks in every arena of life who think they know it all, but they are deceived. If it weren't for the Spirit of God and the fact that God has released His Spirit unto all men, we'd know nothing. The adversary has had almost 6000 years to learn all about our weaknesses and lusts. He has schemes, plots, strategies, traps, tricks and illusions set like booby traps all over the planet. He has 1/3 of the angels working 24/7 to trap us in his devices. Which human on this planet can defeat this sort of kingdom? Only one who has the baptism in the Holy Spirit and is a submitted part of the Body of Christ (the anointing of the Holy Spirit.) A single human just can't do it. We need each other and we need each other to be full of the Holy Spirit every single day of our lives.

If you don't have the baptism, call us. If you haven't received your prayer language, holler. You need the sword of the Spirit which is the ability to pray in the Spirit. You may have all the armor on, but once again I remind you a soldier without weapons is a sitting duck. QUACK! Your brains and smarts just don't measure up to the devil's years of experience and expertise in illusion and trickery.

Faith for the Tithe



Our hope is that every person that receives this newsletter is a tither. A tither isn't someone who plunks ten percent of his/her income into a bucket in a church. Not everyone who receives the tithe is called of God to do so. Every person who touches God's tithe will have to give account for touching that tithe. We shall leave that judgment in God's capable hands. BUT if you should want to know whether you are tithing or merely giving up a tenth of your income for useless purposes, we'd love to teach and explain the difference.

God has a system set up that provides for the entire Body of Christ. (See Acts 4:35) When it was set in order by the Lord through his Holy Apostles, the entire Body was without lack. There weren't priests or pastors who had all their needs met while the little widows and orphans went hungry and naked. This should be a sure sign that it was done according to God's plan. When God's ways are in order, there is great abundance. Signs and wonders were seen on the planet when the tithe was set in order.

Please contact Jeff if you'd like a CD of this teaching or would like to sit down and discuss this in depth with him. The tithe is part of the first things that must be in order for godly prosperity to abound. If you aren't seeing godly prosperity, something is wrong and we can assure you it isn't God. The entire Body needs God's order to be restored and God is doing so even now. We are excited to see Him restore us to perfect kingdom order so that Yeshua/Jesus can return.

If you are a true tither and want to refresh your faith for your tithe, the CDs on this subject are available to you as well. We don't live off the memory of the last steak we ate, but we eat afresh everyday. Keep your faith high for your tithe, knowing you are doing exactly what God wants for you. We must hold fast to that which we have.

Heb 2:1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Remember; all of our teaching are available on CD and those CDs are free to whosoever. You are also free to copy and distribute anything we share as well. We have received from God freely so we NEVER charge for anything we do. The tithe should maintain the man of God as well as the Body therefore charging for the word is not necessary.

THE GLORY OF GOD



Mark 10:36-38 And he said unto them, what would ye that I should do for you? They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory. But Jesus said unto them,

you know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? And be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? And they said unto him, we can. And Jesus said unto them, you shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:

1 Cor. 11:4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonors his head... For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God...

All of us receive ads and flyers in the mail on a daily basis from ministries all over the U.S. saying: "Now is the time the glory of God is here!", "2006 is the year of the glory of God!", "Get ready for the glory of God to manifest this year!" and so on. I am not going to argue with a man that says, "Thus says the Lord, "the glory of God is going to manifest this year." However, I am going to put before you something that is paramount to God manifesting His glory in us. I will be so bold as to say 100% of these men are saying it or preaching it with their heads covered so many times God could not manifest His glory through them no matter what "time" it is or how badly God desires to do just that.

By willful choice ministries in this country have bowed their heads to the United States government, to their respective state governments, and to the I.R.S authority and therefore must do what those powers tell them to do. These ministries must by the law of this land do what they are told and uphold the policies of those authorities. Just a few of those policies are as follows; uphold abortion rights as OK, uphold gay (homosexual) rights as OK, uphold pornography publication rights as OK to name a few. These ministries may not know it but when they signed on the dotted line to be recognized as a not-for-profit 501c3 corporation they agreed to uphold ALL the policies of the state level government and the federal level government and agreed not to speak out against any of them. Yes I know some of these ministries

The Glory of God...continued



do speak out against these things but you will not here them cry out from the roof tops against men or women running for office that are for keeping existing laws on the books and passing new laws that are even

worse. Why? Because they know they are not allowed to because they have their head, Christ, covered. Ministries in this country cannot by law tell the people they serve who to vote for or who not to vote for it is against the law and they know it.

How can our Christ be heard if we bow our head to any government that is against Him and His righteousness? We are told directly from Christ to seek His kingdom and His righteousness first and all these things will be added to us. His glory manifesting is one of those things we desire, right? Well it can't as long as leaders in the body of Christ stay under the umbrella covered by federal government and state government laws. We have two laws in the body of Christ:

To love God with all our spirit, soul, and body,

To love our neighbor as ourselves.

God does expect us to obey laws of a government that upholds His Kingdom and His righteousness, but to obey and bow to a government that does not is like the three Hebrew children bowing to the king of Babylon to stay out of the fire. They would not do it no matter what the penalty and guess what? The glory of God manifested in the sight of the king and all present that day and the King of our government was bowed to by all those people that day.

Yes I want the glory of God to manifest in 2006! Do you? Then get ready to obey your God and stand up, speak out, shout from the roof tops that your God is what this country needs not just a good man in office. When the righteous are ruling the people rejoice, when the wicked rule the people mourn. In this country at this time, 2006, this is not the case. When a righteous man or woman is ruling in office the majority of the people ruled by them hate it and do everything they can to bring an evil light upon them. They cry separation of God (church) from our (state) voted in rulers.

If in this country to separate God from the rulers is correct then the body of Christ cannot bow to the rulers in any area. Yet without any thought, and there cannot be any prayer involved, ministries by the hundreds bow their

heads to this government so they can be recognized by this government at the state and federal level as an approved "legal" ministry. In case you have forgotten your history that is precisely the reason men left England and came to this land in the first place, to begin a government that would not try and control the body of Christ and the establishment thereof. They wanted no part of a government that insisted on "legalizing" or "licensing" ministers because that is what the king of England did. Look at this country now; almost all ministries run to get licensed by the government so they can have their stamp of approval. BUNK! No minister, no person in the body of Christ needs the approval of men or government to do what they are called to do by God. If indeed these ministries desire the approval of men and governments to do the work of the ministry then we need to question what their motives are in starting these tax exempt corporate businesses they call "*ministries*".

Am I after the approval of men? No. Am I going to bow my head and allow the government to cover it to be a legally recognized ministry? No. Can I do this without repercussion? Probably not, but that is one of the great things about being "of" the Kingdom of God "in" the world. If more folks really understood that, there would not be multi-million dollar buildings all over every city called churches. There would be an unstoppable force of people "in" this world that lack nothing and not "of" this world doing great exploits for their God and His Christ without fear of any kind. Jesus asked God to keep us safe while we were "in" this world, He did not ask God to keep us safe while we became "of" or like the world. The body of Christ is not a corporate organization. We are a living breathing organism that the whole earth cries out for. If we the body of Christ are going to manifest the glory of God this year there needs to be a lot of "reckoning the tabernacle" as Moses was asked to do, before God manifests His presence.

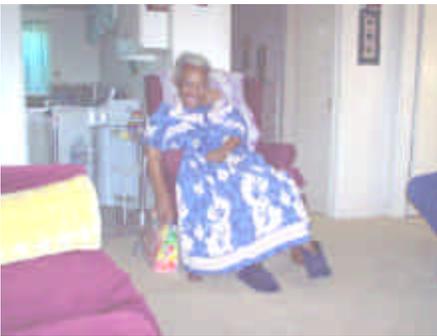
Pray according to the word of God, listen for the voice of God, do what the voice of God says even when the possibility of being thrown into a fire is what the rulers of this world say will happen if you don't do what they say. If you are following a ministry that has bowed his head and covered it it's time you asked your Father what to do. Are you in partnership with a ministry that preaches or prophecies damnation to itself? If it is covered with state corporate status and has been granted federal 501c3 exemption you are and the glory cannot manifest in that atmosphere.

Glory.....continued

Find out what the voice of God is saying to you and do it. Quickly!

Praise Reports

We've had five folks receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of a prayer language! Five more soldiers are carrying the sword of the Spirit! Come on in the rest of you unarmed, beaten soldiers and receive the most important piece of your weaponry. We won't be satisfied until all of you have your swords in perfect working order!



Alice B. Jackson wore out the last bible that we gave her just a year and a half ago! We brought her a new KJV Bible and she's working on wearing it out as well. We continue to minister healing to her as her

ultimate desire is to work as a nurse's aid in the hospital. After telling her "works without corresponding action is dead", she proceeded to walk outside without aid of her cane! She's just steps away from running. Please stand in agreement with her for this last miracle.

For those of you who don't know or don't remember Alice's story, Alice was shot in the head in 1974 with a shotgun. She was told she'd be a vegetable and bedridden. She refused to believe this after receiving the Lord as her personal savior. She was told that she would be stuck in bed and she believed herself out of bed. She was also told that she would be confined to her wheelchair and she believed herself out of the chair. She was told she was stuck with a walker and she believed herself to use a cane. Now she's believing herself free of the cane and back to work. She delights herself in the Lord and He will give her the desires of her heart! There are those who tell her she's going to go insane because all she does is study and pray, but we know differently. She is a mighty woman of valor and she will do great exploits!

Prayer Needs

We covet your prayers for several very important issues: First we remind you that Pastor Pavel is coming from Minsk, Belarus this month. We ask you to pray and ask what God would have you do in the way of an offering. We want to bless him and the other ministers that he is bringing from Belarus.

We also desire to send an offering to "With Love For Kids", the Belarusian ministry to the orphans in Minsk. They are reaching out to the most important people in God's eyes and we want to sow into such good ground. We in America have great wealth. When you consider that the dollar converts to 2150 rubles in Belarus, you can see how much they can do with one of our dollars. If you want to send an additional offering for either Pastor Pavel or for With Love Four Kids, please send a check designated for them. We will see that your offering is sown into this absolutely wonderful ground.

During the week of March 13-17th we will have a houseful of kids teaching them the word. We visited the homes of the children here in our trailer park Sunday and invited them to come. This week is spring break for kids in Ector county and we wanted to take advantage of this free time to reach out to these children. We will have a five day club with games, crafts, songs and bible lessons for the full week. We ask that you all would pray for open hearts and that we would also reach the parents as well. We see much neglect and abuse in our neighborhood and want to minister the love of God to these people. We also see much poverty here and want to share the Lord's prosperity with these hurting people.

A Word to Each of You

Dear Family,

We want to exhort you that no matter how dark it looks God has not forgotten where you are or what you need. He saw your end from the beginning of time and as Jeremiah 1:5 says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you!" He has a real plan for you life and HE will walk you through if you will "Fear not" and "Believe only". If we can pray for you let us know. REALLY!

Blessings,

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Sun Mon Tue Prayer Day Thu Fri Sabbath

Crawford 432-337-6081	Hebison/Dean 505-390-9630	Godwin/Bailey 432-367-0873 432-367-8567	1 7-9PM Crawford's 2654 E. 11th Odessa, TX	2	3 7-9PM Hebison's 2227 E. Waters Lov- ington, NM	4
5	6	7	8 7-9PM Godwin's 18 Antebellum Odessa, TX	9	10 7-9PM Doc Dean's of- fice Hobbs, NM	11 2-4PM Castrillo's 1804 Plains Park Roswell, NM
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