



The Good Tidings (News)

Peace and Blessing from our holy Father and his blessed Son Jesus Christ upon those who are of the faithful remnant of Israel. Remember that the blessings of God do not come upon them that disregard his covenant (the law). Please read, **1st Peter 3:12** and **Psalms 11:5-7**. Therefore, as fellow-servants of Christ we remind you to follow the feast days as commanded and the laws that the Lord has prescribed to his holy people. For if you do these things, you will have strength even in the time of adversity. **Nehemiah 8:10** “...neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

Do not be soon to forget the blessing that have come upon you by the wisdom that the Father has given you. This wisdom brings you glory, strength and an abundance of riches. Consider your inheritance as it was Abraham's. **Genesis 15:1** “After these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.” What can be greater than God being our shield and reward? Hence we hope that you remember this to be true by celebrating the feast of the day of Simon. For he was blessed with wisdom and as a result, God helped him in giving the people deliverance from their enemies. Today the same shall be accomplished in Christ. **Luke 1:69** “And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;” **Verse 70:** “As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began;” **Verse 71:** “That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;” **Verse 72:** “To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;” This shall be accomplished upon those who have dedicated themselves in becoming first fruits unto God. Do not forget to praise him in his holy days and thank him all the days of your life. For he has prepared great things for those who have endured trials and tribulation to serve him. Although we have not seen a lot of you face to face we pray for you that your faith, strength and knowledge be increased unto salvation. Also the Lord beholds our communication in righteousness and writes it before him in a book (**Malachi 3:16**). In conclusion we should continue spreading the gospel, keeping his holy laws, and that the communication of God be increase unto learning and faith.

Q&A

In your search to learn the scriptures; we hope to help you in all your questions concerning the scriptures. We are creating a Question & Answer section, providing that all the brothers and sisters in Christ send their inquiries. We thank you in advance for your participation in edifying the body of Christ. **Ephesians 4:12** “For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:” **Verse 13:** “Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:” **Verse 14:** “That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;”

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The Hebrew Calendar uses the New Moon as the start of a new month. The word month itself bear witness that it should be done by the moon since the word month comes from moon. The third month was known to the Hebrews as Sivan which is a name adopted during the Babylonian slavery. See, **Baruch 1:1, 8**.

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The Hebrews did not name many of the months in the year. Instead they were numbered. The fourth month in the Babylonian calendar was named after a pagan god. Like the calendars of today which use pagan names. Tammuz is the name that many claim to be the fourth Hebrew month but no where in scripture is it mentioned as a month but a false god that the wicked worshipped. See, **Ezekiel 8:13-15**.

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MOTHER AND FATHER'S DAY

The concept of celebrating motherhood & fatherhood has been around since ancient times. The Bible instructs us to honor our parents at all times. **Exodus 20:12** *“Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.”* The world created a day to supposedly honor mothers and fathers by giving gifts, while forgetting to keep the commandment in a day to day basis. **Proverbs 30:11** *“There is a generation that curseth their father, and doth not bless their mother.”* Therefore we must educate our loved ones to depart from following pagan days and steer them back to the keeping of the commandments of God. **Mark 7:9** *“And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your OWN tradition.”*

The earliest Mother's day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece, honoring Rhea, the Mother of the Gods [Rhea is the mother of Zeus. She is also sister of Cronus, who has been identified as the Baal of the Bible]. The Romans called their version of the event the Hilaria and celebrated by making offerings in the temple of Cybele, the mother of gods. Soon after, falsely called Christians celebrated the festival by attending church services in honor of “**Virgin Mary**”, children returned home from the cities with gifts, flowers, and special Mothering Day cakes that were important parts of the celebration.

Father's day has a similar history, that we must give account. It was celebrated from a custom that derived of the worshipping of the sun. The week celebrations led to the summer solstice, thanking the false god for providing his human children with rich gifts of sun and rain. Today our people justify themselves in regarding these days by stating that the meaning of it has changed from idolatry to loving our parents. Soon they forget that God never commanded us to commemorate these days. The Heavenly Father has called us to reflect the righteous and lawful ways in our daily lives not customs created by heathens. **2nd Corinthians 6:14** *“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?”* **Verse 15:** *“And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?”* **Verse 16:** *“And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”* The Bible is teaching us not to be in one accord with the ways of this world.

2nd Corinthians 6:17 *“Wherefore come out from among them, and BE YE SEPARATE, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,”* **Verse 18:** *“And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”* Instead of learning the ways of the heathen we should be separating, and learning to love the feast days the Lord has appointed for our people to keep. During Paul's lifetime they held many of these same banquets. New babes of the church of Corinth were instructed by the apostle in regards of these observances.

1st Corinthians 10:14 *“Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.”* **Verse 15:** *“I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.”* **Verse 16:** *“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?”* **Verse 17:** *“For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.”* **Verse 18:** *“Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices partakers of the altar?”* The Apostle Paul is instructing the church to flee from all idolatry. He is also giving them an example of what it is to partake in the ways of the idol. The same way we partake in the sacrifice of the altar according to the laws, and when we break bread and drink wine in the name of Christ to become one with him. In like manner those who partake in these days have fellowship with devils.

1st Corinthians 10:19 *“What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing?”* **Verse 20:** *“But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.”* **Verse 21:** *“Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.”* **Verse 22:** *“Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?”*

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James 4:4 “*Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.*” Therefore brothers and sisters we admonish you not partake in any way with these vain traditions of men. Remember that the bible says in **1st John 5:19**, “*And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.*” Do not be ashamed when people in the world might look at you as if you are an evil doer, because they do not understand that we should obey God rather than men. **1st Peter 4:3** “*For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:*” **Verse 4:** “*Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you.*”

In the end we must use the opportunity to remind our people that they must adhere to the commandments through out their life towards their parents. **Apocrypha Ecclesiasticus 3:1** “*Hear me your father, O children, and do thereafter, that ye may be safe.*” **Verse 2:** “*For the Lord hath given the father honour over the children, and hath confirmed the authority of the mother over the sons.*” **Verse 3:** “*Whoso honoureth his father maketh an atonement for his sins:*” **Verse 12:** “*My son, help thy father in his age, and grieve him not as long as he liveth.*”

Matthew 15:3 “*But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?*” **Verse 4:** “*For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.*” **Verse 5:** “*But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;*” **Verse 6:** “*And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.*” At that time the Pharisees had a tradition that contradicted the word of God. Our Lord Jesus Christ was instructing them to return to the commandment or suffer the punishment of death which is according to the law. Today we must give heed to the same word and not let them escape from us.

Apocrypha Ecclesiasticus 3:7 “*He that feareth the Lord will honour his father, and will do service unto his parents, as to his masters.*” **Verse 8:** “*Honour thy father and mother both in word and deed, that a blessing may come upon thee from them.*” **Verse 16:** “*He that forsaketh his father is as a blasphemer; and he that angereth his mother is cursed: of God.*”

We pray that this report edify the body of Christ into keeping the commandments as it is written. Please read, **Ephesians 6:1-3**. Peace (Shalam)!

Bible Knowledge Test

INSTRUCTIONS:

A. Using the King James Version Bible, answer the following questions.

B. Find the scripture outside of the Apocrypha that relates to the quote. Let's see how knowledgeable you are!

Answered using the King James Bible _____. Save your answers to compare with the results of the next issue.

Does it Sound Familiar

1. Tobit 13:15 *"Let my soul bless God the great King."* Verse 16: *"For Jerusalem shall be built up with sapphires and emeralds, and precious stone: thy walls and towers and battlements with pure gold."* Verse 17: *"And the streets of Jerusalem shall be paved with beryl and carbuncle and stones of Ophir."* Verse 18: *"And all her streets shall say, Alleluia; and they shall praise him, saying, Blessed be God, which hath extolled it for ever."*
2. 1st Maccabees 4:59 *"Moreover Judas and his brethren with the whole congregation of Israel ordained, that the days of the dedication of the altar should be kept in their season from year to year by the space of eight days, from the five and twentieth day of the month Casleu, with mirth and gladness."*
3. Ecclesiasticus 13:15 *"Every beast loveth his like, and every man loveth his neighbor."* Verse 16: *"All flesh consorteth according to kind, and a man will cleave to his like."* Verse 17: *"What fellowship hath the wolf with the lamb? so the sinner with the godly."* Verse 18: *"What agreement is there between the hyena and a dog? and what peace between the rich and the poor?"*
4. 2nd Esdras 2:16 *"And those that be dead will I raise up again from their places, and bring them out of the graves: for I have known my name in Israel."*
5. Baruch 1:1 *"And these are the words of the book, which Baruch the son of Nerias, the son of Maasias, the son of Sedecias, the son of Asadias, the son of Chelcias, wrote in Babylon,"* Verse 2: *"In the fifth year, and in the seventh day of the month, what time as the Chaldeans took Jerusalem, and burnt it with fire."* Verse 3: *"And Baruch did read the words of this book in the hearing of Jechonias the son of Joachim king of Juda, and in the ears of all the people that came to hear the book,"*
6. Wisdom of Solomon 9:15 *"For the corruptible body presseth down the soul, and the earthy tabernacle weigheth down the mind that museth upon many things. "*
7. 1st Maccabees 1:1 *"And it happened, after that Alexander son of Philip, the Macedonian, who came out of the land of Chettiim, had smitten Darius king of the Persians and Medes, that he reigned in his stead, the first over Greece,"*
8. Ecclesiasticus 11:28 *"Judge none blessed before his death: for a man shall be known in his children."*
9. Ecclesiasticus 15:11 *"Say not thou, It is through the Lord that I fell away: for thou oughtest not to do the things that he hateth."* Verse 12: *"Say not thou, He hath caused me to err: for he hath no need of the sinful man."*
10. Tobit 2:6 *"Remembering that prophecy of Amos, as he said, Your feasts shall be turned into mourning, and all your mirth into lamentation."*
11. 2nd Esdras 2:42 *"I Esdras saw upon the mount Sion a great people, whom I could not number, and they all praised the Lord with songs."* Verse 43: *"And in the midst of them there was a young man of a high stature, taller than all the rest, and upon every one of their heads he set crowns, and was more exalted; which I marvelled at greatly."* Verse 44: *"So I asked the angel, and said, Sir, what are these?"* Verse 45: *"He answered and said unto me, These be they that have put off the mortal clothing, and put on the immortal, and have confessed the name of God: now are they crowned, and receive palms."* Verse 46: *"Then said I unto the angel, What young person is it that crowneth them, and giveth them palms in their hands?"* Verse 47: *"So he answered and said unto me, It is the Son of God, whom they have confessed in the world. Then began I greatly to commend them that stood so stiffly for the name of the Lord."* Verse 48: *"Then the angel said unto me, Go thy way, and tell my people what manner of things, and how great wonders of the Lord thy God, thou hast seen."*
12. 2nd Esdras 7:27: *"And whosoever is delivered from the foresaid evils shall see my wonders."* Verse 28: *"For my son Jesus shall be revealed with those that be with him, and they that remain shall rejoice within four hundred years."* Verse 29: *"After these years shall my son Christ die, and all men that have life."*

The true meaning of Baptism

Baptism is the counsel of God given to the children of Israel. **Luke 7:29** “*And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John.*” **Verse 30:** “*But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.*” As in the time of Christ, the counsel of God is rejected because Baptism is misunderstood. Instead of rejecting let us learn first the principles of the oracles of God that an entrance may be ministered unto us abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In our day Baptism is believed to be started by John the Baptist. In fact, John introduced to Israel again a principle that was taught to Israel since the time of Moses. **1st Corinthians 10:1** “*Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the (Red) sea;*” **Verse 2:** “*And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;*” The baptism of both, John and Moses taught Israel to wash themselves of their impurities/sins and to become obedient to the laws of the Heavenly Father. Baptism could be defined as one word repentance. **Acts 13:24** “*When John had first preached before his (Jesus Christ’s) coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.*”

John used water as a symbol of us being cleansed of our sins through the hearing of the word of Christ. **John 15:3** “*Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.*” The meaning of baptism is lost and our people believe that their sins are washed by the water and forgot the message of John. **Matthew 3:1** “*In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,*” **Verse 2:** “*And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*” Repentance was the focus of John’s doctrine, not the water.

Remember that Baptism is the counsel of God and it was spoken of in the prophets. **Isaiah 40:3** “*The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*” The voice that was in the wilderness was John and his purpose was to prepare the way for our Lord Jesus Christ. **Isaiah 40:4** “*Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:*” The valley is those individuals who are lowly/humble that shall be exalted. The mountain and hill are those exalted in this world like the Pharisees who reject the counsel of God, they shall be made low. Through the teachings of John those who were “*crooked*” they were going to be made straight by the hearing of the laws to repent. When these things were to be fulfilled; **Isaiah 40:5** says “*And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.*” The glory of the Heavenly Father that was revealed was Christ for all Israel to see and follow. Please read, **Malachi 3:1-2 & 4:4-6.**

Now the baptism of John was that of water, cleaning only our outward appearance but our inward part’s is that needed the cleaning. **1st Peter 3:21** “*The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:*” The Apostle Peter is giving us the proper understanding of Baptism. We are taught that baptism “*doth also now save us*” but “*not the putting away of the filth of the flesh*”; meaning not water baptism which only cleans the filth of your body. What saves us is “*the answer of a good conscience toward God*”; meaning repenting and renewing our minds to fashion ourselves according to the laws given to us by God.

This is why John the Baptist warned the Pharisees and told them to bring forth fruits (doings/works) meet for repentance. **Matthew 3:5** “*Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,*” **Verse 6:** “*And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.*” **Verse 7:** “*But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?*” **Verse 8:** “*Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:*” The fruits that John was teaching were the keeping of the laws. **Luke 3:10** “*And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?*” **Verse 11:** “*He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.*” **Verse 12:** “*Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?*” **Verse 13:** “*And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.*” **Verse 14:** “*And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.*” Charity, to love thy neighbor as thyself is being taught by John. To love thy neighbor is the keeping of all the laws. **Romans 13:8** “*Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.*”

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In the end of the matter, John understood that his water baptism was only symbolic of the doctrine that we are to follow. **Matthew 3:11** *“I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.”* John was instructing us to follow Christ and his teachings for he is mightier than John. Jesus Christ was to baptize his followers with the Holy Spirit/Word; by giving them the understanding of the Bible (read, **Isaiah 11:2**). But those who reject the counsel of God were to be baptized with fire/destruction. **Isaiah 4:4** *“When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment (understanding), and by the spirit of burning (destruction).”*

Again John addresses the issue of whether we should follow water baptism or not. **John 3:25** *“Then there arose a question between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purifying (baptism).”* **Verse 26:** *“And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.”* At this moment John is being questioned about Christ. The men are asking why Christ's disciples baptize and all men follow him. We should note that Christ himself never baptized but his disciples did. **John 4:1** *“When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John,”* **Verse 2:** *“(Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)”* Now back to **John 3:27** *“John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.”* John is explaining that the position that is given to Christ came from above. **John 3:28** *“Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.”* **Verse 29:** *“He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's (Christ) voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.”* John witnessed that he was not the Messiah but the friend of the bridegroom which rejoice at the voice. **John 3:30** *“He (Christ) must increase, but I must decrease.”* The doctrine of John; water baptism was to decrease and in his stead Christ was to increase with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire.

The **water** baptism of John was discontinued after Israel repented of their ways in the name of Christ. **Acts 19:1** *“And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,”* **Verse 2:** *“He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.”* **Verse 3:** *“And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.”* **Verse 4:** *“Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.”* **Verse 5:** *“When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.”* **Verse 6:** *“And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”* In the history of Acts we read how Disciples of Christ baptized with water in the name of our Lord (read, **Acts 8:27-40**). Eventually the disciples grasped the true meaning of water baptism and implemented the baptism that Christ came to establish. As you can see the baptism of Christ had nothing to do with water, but with the Holy Spirit/word.

Ephesians 5:26 *“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,”* Clearly here we could see that the water was an example of the word that was going to be used to cleanse/baptize of our sins. **John 17:17** *“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”* Paul addressed the church of Corinthians in few words concerning water baptism. **1st Corinthians 1:17** *“For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.”* The baptism that Christ did not send Paul to do was water baptism. Instead we are baptized daily in hearing the word/gospel of Christ.

Therefore brothers and sisters if you still are practicing the water baptism you have forgotten its true meaning and have need of repentance. **Jeremiah 2:22** *“For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord GOD.”* **Hebrews 6:1** *“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,”* **Verse 2:** *“Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.”* **Verse 3:** *“And this will we do, if God permit.”* Shalom (Peace)!

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Ezekiel 37:3 “And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest.”



Wolves in Sheep's Clothing

This saying is often said through out the Bible but always ignored. We ask you, do you want to be devoured by wolves? **Matthews 7:15** “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.” How do we know who is a false prophet? **Ezekiel 22:25** “There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.” **Verse 26:** “Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.” **Verse 27:** “Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.” The Lord is teaching us that there

is a conspiracy among our people, which is that the laws are not being taught by their preachers. Therefore they devour souls as ravening wolves. Remember our Lord said in **Matthews 7:16** “Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?” **Verse 17:** “Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.” **Verse 18:** “A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.” The way we know whether a teacher is true or false is by the laws and testimonies of the bible. If they do not keep or teach the laws they are false prophets. Please read, **Matthew 5:19-20 and Isaiah 8:16,20**. Yet many of our people that have knowledge continue to follow false leaders. The Bible warns them in saying NO corrupt tree bring forth good Fruit. Therefore the outcome of this tree is proclaimed by our Lord. **Matthew 7:19** “Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and

cast into the fire.” **Verse 20:** “Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.” Not only the law is slacked but judgment is ignored by false teachers. **Habakkuk 1:4** “Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.” Also read, **Matthew 23:23**. As in the past, leaders caused our people to err and receive destruction. **Isaiah 9:16** “For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.” Examine the scriptures and avoid getting destroyed for following men. Remember the word said in **Jeremiah 17:5** “Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.” **Verse 7:** “Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.” In the end follow the advice of **1st John 4:1**.