WHO IS GOD

&

WHY DO THE EVIL CONTINUE PRACTICING EVIL?

Proverbs 9:10 KJVS

[10] The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

Proverbs 1:7 KJVS

[7] *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge*: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

1 John 4:8 KJVS

[8] He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

May the peace of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior be with us all who believe in Him, who was, who is, who came, and who is seated at the right hand of the Father, waiting patiently and with great love until every living being chooses to save his life. Our Savior doesn't want anyone to be lost, but instead wants all creation to have eternal life and abundance. (*John 10:10*)

We all know God as:

The invisible God

The creator of all that is created

The Almighty

The one who reigns and lives for all ages, in heaven as in earth and under the earth.

He is presented in the Bible as:

To Adam and Eve: as The Creator
To Noah: as the God of the covenant
To Abraham: as the word and shield

To Moses: I am who I am

To Israel: as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob **To King David**: as the Rock of my salvation

To us:

As The only begotten Son

As The Word of God

As The image of God manifested to heaven, earth and all creation for the first time

As The Alfa and the Omega

As The First and The Last

As The King of kings and Lord of lords

As The Bread of Life (Colossians 1:15-16)

As The Light of the world

As The Way The Truth and The Light

As Living Waters of eternal life

As Justice

As The original true vine
As The faithful witness
As The one who has the double edged sword
As Hope, faith, peace and joy
As The bright and morning star
As The Amen

1 John 4:9 KJVS

[9] In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

God came and manifested himself for the first time in heaven and on earth in the image of Jesus, His only begotten Son.

As we all know <u>there is no physical image that exactly identifies God</u>, because this was God's will. In this way, no one can adore and prostrate himself before a lifeless image, made by man, made of wood or stone or any other dead, lifeless material.

God wants us to worship the one who came, lived, died, resurrected and is seated at the right side of the Father and will come again. The one whom every eye will see, and with whom we will reign with for all eternity.

We must know Him through the Spirit:

John 4:24 KJVS

[24] God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Let us read so that we may understand and acknowledge Him as our creator:

John 1:1-5 KJVS

- [1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- [2] The same was in the beginning with God.
- [3] <u>All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made</u>.
- [4] In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- [5] And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

Genesis 1:1-2 KJVS

- [1] In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
- [2] And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 2:1-3 KJVS

- [1] Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.
- [2] And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.
- [3] And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Let us now read so that we may understand Him as the beginning and the end, the Almighty:

Revelation 1:8 KJVS

[8] I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 22:13 KJVS

[13] I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Let us now read so that we may understand Him as he presents Himself:

Genesis 15:1 KJVS

[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.

Exodus 3:14 KJVS

[14] And God said unto Moses, <u>I AM THAT I AM</u>: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, <u>I AM</u> hath sent me unto you.

Exodus 3:6KJVS

[6] Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

Let us now read so that we may understand Him as the one who came:

John 10:11 KJVS

[11] I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 6:48 KJVS

[48] I am that bread of life.

John 6:35 KJVS

[35] And Jesus said unto them, <u>I am the bread of life</u>: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

John 14:6 KJVS

[6] Jesus saith unto him, <u>I am the way, the truth, and the life</u>: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 8:12 KJVS

[12] Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, <u>I am the light of the world</u>: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 11:25-26 KJVS

[25] Jesus said unto her, <u>I am the resurrection</u>, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: [26] And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Revelation 21:6 KJVS

[6] And he said unto me, It is done. <u>I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end</u>. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

John 4:13-14 KJVS

- [13] Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:
- [14] But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; <u>but</u> the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Revelation 19:13 KJVS

[13] And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called <u>The</u> Word of God.

Revelation 19:16 KJVS

[16] And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING of kings, AND LORD of lords**.

Dear brothers, through His Holy Word, we can clearly understand the immensity of His power, the Almighty creator, Beginning and the End, Alfa and Omega, King of kings and Lord of lords.

We all are incapable of ascertaining His great majesty, and it is for this reason why the wicked continue practicing evil in our present time, because they cannot fathom and they cannot possibly understand His great majesty, let us read:

Ezra 3:11 KJVS

[11] And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the Lord; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid.

Amos 5:14 KJVS

[14] <u>Seek good</u>, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.

Micah 6:8 KJVS

[8] <u>He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good</u>; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

3 John 1:11 KJVS

[11] Beloved, follow not that which is evil, <u>but that which is good. He that doeth good is</u> of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

Dear ones, we are all unaware of the simplicity and humbleness of God Almighty. **WITH HIS OWN WORD**, He declared Himself **GOOD**, **MERCIFUL AND KIND**. It is necessary that we recognize this and understand Him as good, merciful and kind, since that is how we knew Him before we rebelled against Him in heaven, before we were reduced to dust.

Romans 1:18-19 KJVS

- [18] For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;
- [19] <u>Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath</u> shewed it unto them.

As we all know, even among the laws of the kings of the Earth, the word that a King decrees and dictates is an irreversible edict. A clear biblical example exists **in the story of Herod.** (Matthew 14:1-12) When Herod swore to give Herodias anything she asked for if she danced for him, he could not go back on his word, despite not wanting to give her what she asked for (the head of John the Baptist).

Matthew 14:6-11 K.IVS

- [6] But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.
- [7] Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask.
- [8] And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.
- [9] And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her.
- [10] And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.
- [11] And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother.

Thus:

It is important to understand that our God Almighty has always declared himself as just and merciful. His verbal decree of goodness is in itself a word of action and power and will always be accomplished exactly as stated! Amen.

He Himself made **the great sacrifice of honoring** <u>His Word</u> by offering Himself as a living sacrifice and proof of His good word, to prove His decree as true. With great, immeasurable love He offered Himself as a sacrifice of forgiveness of sin. (*Romans 3:23-*

28) to save the life of anyone who holds onto His Word and Justice. He is the Word of Justice, now proven and tested with the coming, life, death and resurrection of the Living Word, Christ Jesus.

If you understand this then the guilt of the sins you committed against our wonderful God would bring tears to your eyes. You would fall down on your knees begging for forgiveness and forever honoring His Majesty. Just the mere fact that we exist and are here on Earth made of flesh means we originally rebelled against Him. It was because of Our rebellion that we caused Him to come to Earth to sacrifice Himself and prove to us that His Word was, is and it will be and is established for all eternity.

Due to our rebellion, He came to Earth. Due to our rebellion, He came to die. Due to our rebellion He was humiliated, tortured, beaten and crucified in an excruciating manner. To prove to all creation that His Word would prevail, not with power of strength and battle, not with force and weapons, but with His humble life and His death. He did not respond to His accusers, instead, he humbly died for all our sin. Not by putting up a fight but by being good and softly dying without a forceful display of power, but with benign humility and kindness, therefore proving Himself (the living Word, the original decree) as good.

His Word was fulfilled, manifested in love, and with humbleness, tenderness and forbearance, he overcame evil. With this goodness as evidence, truth and firmness of His Word, He also extended eternal light so that we may have everlasting life, Amen.

God is good and wants you and I to recognize Him as Just and True as He has always been since before the creation of the world, when we rebelled in heaven. Thus if He is good, then, in His Kingdom there is, and there will never be a place for evil. Accordingly, if you identify with Him, then it naturally follows that you must be good and practice good. To the contrary, those who practice evil identify with satan, the first offender who took advantage of God Almighty's decree to be good, and rebelled against His Word. satan, unfortunately, entangled / instigated us, who are prisoners of the flesh, with the idea that he could take advantage of God's goodness, claiming that if God is good then no evil would come from Him, for all of those who raise themselves against God's statutes. The devil sold us all to the idea that good could not punish evil- no harm could come from good and since punishment is harm, then no punishment would come from rebellion.

God Almighty humbly allowed satan to become the representation of evil, transforming into the horrible creature that satan now is, so that we could understand that God overcomes evil with good.

(Ezekiel 28 1-19)

And to the rest of us who originally rebelled, He allowed us to be like gods, to reign in our own lives and have the choice between good and evil. Due to the great love, He has for us, out of His will; he brought us forth to be born in this world and of the flesh:

James 1:17-18 KJVS

- [17] Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
- [18] Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

And now through His grace and mercy to all:

Ephesians 2:1-22 KJVS

- [1] And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;
- [2] Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
- [3] Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.
- [4] But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
- [5] Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
- [6] And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
- [7] That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.
- [8] For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
- [9] Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- [10] For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
- [11] Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;
- [12] That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:
- [13] But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
- [14] For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;
- [15] Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;
- [16] And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:
- [17] And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.
- [18] For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.
- [19] Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

- [20] And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;
- [21] In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
- [22] In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Let us understand that we are here on this planet as prodigal children, far from our heavenly home due to the multitude of our bad decisions and transgressions, which occurred prior to the creation of the Earth. Let us recognize our faults and, as I mentioned before, fall on our knees humbled at the mercy of the Word of our Lord and let us ask for forgiveness from our hearts. Let us recognize that He is True and Just and that He respects and honors His word through our Lord Jesus Christ who proved it true and now put it as the founding stone of all creation (that mercy and justice will reign forever and ever, that is the founding rock of grace).

The Word who subjected Himself to all manner of humiliation, even being tempted by satan himself, whom He defeated with good. To the world, to satan and to all that is evil, this was impossible. For them, evil can only be overcome with evil, hatred with hatred, resistance with force, and rebellion with oppression. They never imagined that they could be defeated with good, with humbleness, with kindness, forgiveness and forbearance. Blessed be His Holy Word and His Holy Majesty, Amen.

Colossians 2:15 KJVS

[15] And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

I had never understood this wonderful passage. I had never understood why God Almighty had subjected himself to be humiliated and to the shadow of death and ultimately to death. If we truly manage to understand, it touches our soul, it shakes our core, due to the guilt and it brings tears to our eyes on account of the vastness of His great mercy.

There is no place in our heart and mind to retain the great immeasurable love that God has for us, the rebellious sinners. Even the principalities and authorities of evil were defeated with good and with the firm foundation of His Word, His Word of honor from which Justice and Mercy abound forever, Amen. He did not crush evil, or satan, with an atomic bomb, with armies, with arrows or with bows. Instead, He crushed evil with coming to earth, subjecting Himself to our flesh and temptation and with resisting all manner of evil, with being brutalized without retaliation, without retort, without anger but instead by having mercy, love and dying humbly.

Matthew 21:42-45 KJVS

- [42] Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, <u>The stone which the builders rejected</u>, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?
- [43] Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

- [44] And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.
- [45] And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.

Those of whom the Psalm speaks (Psalms 83:1-5), the builders (Genesis 11: 1-9), of babel, the current and actual Babylon, the place where once again all the languages have merged into one and all united with the same old ideology, one world order, under one leader, the new tower of Babel.

Galatians 5:16-26 KJVS

- [16] This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
- [17] For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.
- [18] But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

[Matthew 21:44 RJVS [44] And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken:]

- [19] Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
- [20] Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
- [21] Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

[Matthew 21:43 RJVS [43] and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.] [22] But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

- [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
- [24] And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.
- [25] If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
- [26] Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

When He comes we will understand further:

Zechariah 12:10-14 KJVS

- [10] And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.
- [11] In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.
- [12] And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;
- [13] The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;
- [14] All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

Beforehand, "we were/are children of wrath" meaning we were/are constantly angry with God and complaining against Him who truly has given us all and has given

everything for us, including His honor and His own blood, humbling himself before all **so that we would truly understand that He is good and just.**

His innocent Word came to us and we crucified Him, and we continue crucifying Him when we reject Him. Still, and still He wants to save our souls for eternity. In order for you to better understand the great love and mercy that God has for us, let me ask you: *Would you crucify an innocent child*? If your answer is **yes**, then you are no different than satan. If your answer is **no**, by sinning and not believing in Him you continually crucify Him.

We, as others, blame Him, in whom no fault was found, although He took on our guilt and faults onto death.

<u>Isaiah</u> 53:3,5-12 KJVS

- [3] He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- [5] But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
- [6] All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; <u>and the</u> Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- [7] He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
- [8] He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.
- [9] And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.
- [10] Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.
- [11] He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.
- [12] Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

All of us continue to be engulfed and involved, possessed and blind by the schemes of evil, "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." The vast majority of people do not read, do not understand the Holy Scriptures and even if they read they do not ask God for wisdom and knowledge.

He is at the door waiting:

Revelation 3:20 KJVS

[20] <u>Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the</u> door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

And good will be our portion, and the water water of life, and the true understanding of His Word will be eternal wisdom:

Isaiah 55:1-13 KJVS

- [1] Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- [2] Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? <u>hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness</u>.
- [3] Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.
- [4] Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.
- [5] Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee <u>because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel;</u> for he hath glorified thee.
- [6] Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:
- [7] Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- [8] For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.
- [9] For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- [10] For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:
- [11] So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.
- [12] For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
- [13] Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Brothers: it is not difficult to ascertain the difference between good deeds and bad deed, thus the question for you is: After truly understanding are you ready to reject the desires of the flesh, and withstand the temptations that will increase when you, like God, with your own words declare yourself to be good, a good Christian and lover of justice? Are you ready for temptation? Because from this point forward you will no longer repay evil with evil but good will be your treasure and you will spread it with joy.

Romans 13:1-14 KJVS

- [1] Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.
- [2] Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.
- [3] For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:
- [4] For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.
- [5] Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.
- [6] For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.
- [7] Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.
- [8] Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.
- [9] For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- [10] Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.
- [11] And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.
- [12] The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.
- [13] **Let us walk honestly**, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.
- [14] But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

1 John 4:6 KJVS

[6] We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Job 32:8 KJVS

[8] But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

Job 33:4,12-33 KJVS

- [4] The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.
- [12] Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.
- [13] Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters.
- [14] For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.

- [15] In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;
- [16] Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,
- [17] That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.
- [18] He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.
- [19] He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain:
- [20] So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat.
- [21] His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.
- [22] Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.
- [23] If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness:
- [24] Then he is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit: I have found a ransom.
- [25] His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth:
- [26] He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.
- [27] He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;
- [28] He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.
- [29] Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man,
- [30] To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.
- [31] Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I will speak.
- [32] If thou hast any thing to say, answer me: speak, for I desire to justify thee.
- [33] *If not, hearken unto me: hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wisdom.*

Job 34:2-37 KJVS

- [2] Hear my words, O ye wise men; and give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge. [3] For the ear trieth words, as the mouth tasteth meat.
- [4] Let us choose to us judgment: let us know among ourselves what is good.
- [5] For Job hath said, I am righteous: and God hath taken away my judgment.
- [6] Should I lie against my right? my wound is incurable without transgression.
- [7] What man is like Job, who drinketh up scorning like water?
- [8] Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, and walketh with wicked men.
- [9] For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing that he should delight himself with God.
- [10] Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.
- [11] For the work of a man shall he render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways.
- [12] Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.
- [13] Who hath given him a charge over the earth? or who hath disposed the whole world?
- [14] If he set his heart upon man, if he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;
- [15] All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.
- [16] If now thou hast understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words.

- [17] Shall even he that hateth right govern? and wilt thou condemn him that is most just?
- [18] Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked? and to princes, Ye are ungodly?
- [19] How much less to him that accepteth not the persons of princes, nor regardeth the rich more than the poor? for they all are the work of his hands.
- [20] In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.
- [21] For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.
- [22] There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
- [23] For he will not lay upon man more than right; that he should enter into judgment with God.
- [24] He shall break in pieces mighty men without number, and set others in their stead.
- [25] Therefore he knoweth their works, and he overturneth them in the night, so that they are destroyed.
- [26] He striketh them as wicked men in the open sight of others;
- [27] Because they turned back from him, and would not consider any of his ways:
- [28] So that they cause the cry of the poor to come unto him, and he heareth the cry of the afflicted.
- [29] When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? and when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? whether it be done against a nation, or against a man only:
- [30] That the hypocrite reign not, lest the people be ensnared.
- [31] Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more:
- [32] That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.
- [33] Should it be according to thy mind? he will recompense it, whether thou refuse, or whether thou choose; and not I: therefore speak what thou knowest.
- [34] Let men of understanding tell me, and let a wise man hearken unto me.
- [35] *Job hath spoken without knowledge, and his words were without wisdom.*
- [36] My desire is that Job may be tried unto the end because of his answers for wicked men.
- [37] For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth his hands among us, and multiplieth his words against God.

The mere fact that we live in the flesh is because we originally transgressed against God and in our flesh of sin we are accomplices of the conspiracy of the original sin of satan. He (satan) has dominion over the desires of the flesh. We must understand that if we lend our body, mind and spirit for any evil, we are offending God and offending others who were also made in the image and semblance of God. If this is what you do and how you operate, that means that you do not yet know God and His great love for all and that you have not identified yourself with the decrees of His Holy Word when he declared (and publicly manifested) Himself good and just. (Matthew 22:37,38,39)

In this we will know those, which are of God, and those, which are of the world. Let us not lie to ourselves, for this same reason many are called and few are chosen. (Matthew 20:15-16)

Matthew 7:16-23 KJVS

- [16] Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
- [17] Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
- [18] A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
- [19] Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
- [20] Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.
- [21] Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
- [22] Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
 [23] And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

It is imperative to understand that God is good, and if we have accepted Him and known Him truly from our hearts, then we practice and will only practice (as much as we can) good. Many claim to be good and do good but they do it and say it only to wash their hands and to have the appearance of good. If someone declares himself a Christian goes to church, reads the Bible, but you see no significant change in his life, his life is not transformed so that he desires to do good, these are the ones of whom the Lord will say on the great day of judgment:

Matthew 7:22-23 K.IVS

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Let us examine our own lives and hearts so that we are not among these: If envy and jealousy still attack us, if anger, ambition and love of money, unnecessary celebrations, worldly possessions and materialism, occult practices and witchcraft attract us and we let ourselves be wrapped up in this type of provocations then that means that we are weak. If we really want to grow spiritually, then we must confess both to God and to our church elders our situation and our state of being with an open heart.

I ask God to deliver us from temptation, because, while we live in the flesh we will constantly be exposed to the many tricks of evil. We must instead focus on and walk in the Spirit.

Psalm 19:12-14 KJVS

- [12] Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.
- [13] Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. [14] Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy
- sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

The majority of people in this world walk the path that takes them to conquer something (positions or possession) or someone (persons). We focus so much on the material things that we forget to conquer the salvation of our own soul and instead we let ourselves be conquered by evil. We who know the truth should look at all others with compassion. What would you do, for example, if you knew that ahead on the road there is a collapsed bridge and there are many cars headed directly to that fatal bridge? Would you risk you own life by standing in the middle of the road trying to get the cars to stop? I am sure you would. As the Holy Scripture says "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

Matthew 24:12 KJVS

[12] And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

I am sure many would think: who is this crazy person in the middle of the road trying to stop traffic? We have come to such a point where merely talking about God and His Word almost classifies us as crazy. The simple fact is that we know that they who do not understand, who do not want to hear or read or know about the plan of salvation are on the road to certain death.

Let us focus our path on Christ Jesus:

Romans 8:1-39 KJVS

- [1] There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- [2] For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus <u>hath made me free from the law of</u> sin and death.
- [3] For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:
- [4] That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- [5] For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
- [6] For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
- [7] <u>Because the carnal mind is enmity against God</u>: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.
- [8] So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

They live to satiate themselves only.

- [9] But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.
- [10] And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

- [11] But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.
- [12] Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.
- [13] For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.
- [14] For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
- [15] For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
- [16] The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
- [17] And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.
- [18] For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.
- [19] For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.
- [20] For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,
- [21] Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
- [22] For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
- [23] And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.
- [24] For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?
- [25] But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.
- [26] <u>Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.</u>
- [27] And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
- [28] And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.
- [29] <u>For whom he did foreknow</u>, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
- [30] Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.
- [31] What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?
- [32] He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?
- [33] Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.
- [34] Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
- [35] Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? <u>shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?</u>

- [36] As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- [37] Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
- [38] For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
- [39] Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 John 4:6 KJVS

[6] We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Psalm 15:1-5 KJVS

- [1] Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?
- [2] He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.
- [3] He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.
- [4] In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord . He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.
- [5] He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

Psalm 23:1-6 KJVS

- [1] The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- [2] He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- [3] He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- [4] Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- [5] Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- [6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Even if we live in the valley of the shadow of death:

Joshua 1:9 KJVS

[9] Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua 24:15 KJVS

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

When we chose to live for and serve the Father of lights then our home, our paths, our business, our body, our pets and everything around us fills with light. There is no longer a place for darkness. The flaming arrows, curses, evil webs, tricks and any evil that are thrown at us do not prevail because we are children of light not darkness and darkness cannot overcome us.

Instead of being under the shadow of death, we are now:

Psalm 91:1-16 KJVS

- [1] He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High <u>shall abide under the shadow of</u> <u>the Almighty</u>.
- [2] I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
- [3] Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.
- [4] He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
- [5] Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
- [6] Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.
- [7] A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.
- [8] Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.
- [9] Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation;
- [10] There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nighthy dwelling.
- [11] For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.
- [12] They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- [13] Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
- [14] Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
- [15] He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him.
- [16] With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Dear brothers, it has been a great privilege to understand who God Almighty truly is. The most wonderful part is to understand that He is good and that through His Word (as publicly manifested) He has declared and proven Himself true and just to all of us. This affirms and fills any void because we know that the hope of perfection is near and there will no longer be a place for evil when the light of Christ shines brightly on all of us! Amen.

In what is left of our lives, let us confidently declare:

"but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," Amen

Psalm 100:5 KJVS

[5] For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

To Him be the glory, and honor and power and praise for eternity, Amen.

May God Almighty greatly bless you.

In the Spirit: Me, for the glory of God

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John 10:10 KJVS

[10] The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Colossians 1:15 KJVS

[15] Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Matthew 14:1-12 K.IVS

- [1] At that time Herod the tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus,
- [2] And said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.
- [3] For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife.
- [4] For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her.
- [5] And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.
- [6] But when Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod.
- [7] Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. [8] And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger.
- [9] And the king was sorry: nevertheless for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given her .
- [10] And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison.
- [11] And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother
- [12] And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

Romans 3:23-28 KJVS

- [23] For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
- [24] Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
- [25] Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;
- [26] To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.
- [27] Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.
- [28] Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Psalm 83:1-5 KJVS

- [1] Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.
- [2] For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.
- [3] They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.
- [4] They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.
- [5] For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:

Ezekiel 28:1-19 K.JVS

- [1] The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying,
- [2] Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord God; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:
- [3] Behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from thee:
- [4] With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures:
- [5] By thy great wisdom and by thy traffick hast thou increased thy riches, and thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches:
- [6] Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God;
- [7] Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness.
- [8] They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas.
- [9] Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee.
- [10] Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.
- [11] Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,
- [12] Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.
- [13] Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.
- [14] Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.
- [15] Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.
- [16] By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
- [17] Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.
- [18] Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.
- [19] All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

Genesis 11:1-9 KJVS

[1] And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

- [2] And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.
- [3] And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for morter.
- [4] And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.
- [5] And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.
- [6] And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.
- [7] Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.
- [8] So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.
- [9] Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

Matthew 22:37-39 KJVS

[37] Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. [38] This is the first and great commandment. [39] And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Matthew 20:15-16 KJVS

- [15] Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?
- [16] So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.