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Restoring the hearts of the fathers to the children

Get It? The Soul Is Like an Umpire.

1. And now the subject of human temptations must not, in my opinion, be passed over in silence, which take their rise sometimes from flesh and blood, or from the wisdom of flesh and blood, which is said to be hostile to God. And whether the statement be true which certain allege, viz., that each individual has as it were two souls, we shall determine after we have explained the nature of those temptations, which are said to be more powerful than any of human origin, i.e., which we sustain from principalities and powers, and from the rulers of the darkness of this world, and from spiritual wickedness in high places, or to which we are subjected from wicked spirits and unclean demons.

Now, in the investigation of this subject, we must, I think, inquire according to a logical method whether there be in us human beings, who are composed of soul and body and vital spirit, some other element, possessing an incitement of its own, and evoking a movement towards evil. For a question of this kind is wont to be discussed by some in this way: whether, viz., as two souls are said to co-exist within us, the one is more divine and heavenly and the other inferior; or whether, from the very fact that we inhere in bodily structures which according to their own proper nature are dead, and altogether devoid of life (seeing it is from us, i.e., from our souls, that the material body derives its life, it being contrary and hostile to the spirit), we are drawn on and enticed to the practice of those evils which are agreeable to the body; or whether, thirdly (which was the opinion of some of the Greek philosophers), although our soul is one in substance, it nevertheless consists of several elements, and one portion of it is called rational and another irrational, and that which is termed the irrational part is again separated into two affections—those of covetousness and passion.

These three opinions, then, regarding the soul, which we have stated above, we have found to be entertained by some, but that one of them, which we have mentioned as being adopted by certain Grecian philosophers, viz., that the soul is tripartite, I do not observe to be greatly confirmed by the authority of holy

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A Note From the Editor

Harper's Standardized Study Bible: First Printing

I am more than happy to announce that Harper's Standardized Study Bible—New Testament is now available in print! This First Printing edition is listed on the Order Form that accompanies this issue and is also available through the online store (under "Bibles") at voiceofelijah.org. Before I get into the details about this and future editions of HSSB, I feel it is important to shed some light on what led to Larry Harper's lifelong commitment to providing a "standardized" Bible translation for True Believers. I'll start here:

I believe the one thing that goes to the very heart of what God has called me to do is produce a "standardized" translation of the Scriptures that will provide True Believers a translation in which every word in the original text carries a "standardized" meaning.

The Voice of Elijah®, July 2013, p. 27

For those who want to verify the academic credentials that would "qualify" Larry to tackle such a feat (in addition to the calling God placed on his life in 1966), they can be found in various issues of *The Voice of Elijah®* through the years (*The Voice of Elijah®*, January 1998, pp. 18–20 is but one). His academic degrees are also included in his autobiography *God Called; I Answered*, on pages 259–261. I found this quick run-through in a 2012 issue:

Everything that anybody needs to know about me can be found in the things I have written and recorded over the past two decades. If those things do not convince them that God called me to do what I am doing, the puffery inherent in attaching a long string of letters to my name is not going to make any difference. But I do find it strange that the visitors to your website are the ones asking the question. That's the only place where folks can readily learn more about my "qualifications" to do what I am doing.

For those who prefer the Cliff Notes version of my "qualifications," here it is: I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Classical Greek from Bryan College, a Master of Arts degree in Old Testament Studies from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and a Ph.D. Candidate degree in Near Eastern Studies from the University of California, Berkeley. I taught Hebrew to graduate students at Trinity, and to undergraduates at the University of California and at a small Christian college in San Francisco.

The Voice of Elijah®, April 2012, pp. 26–27

The Back Story

Here is Larry's account of what led up to his "standardized" translation of the Scriptures:

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In the spring of 1974, when I started doing research for my Master's thesis at Trinity, I realized several different translators had produced the English translation I was using. It was obvious. As I went back and forth in the Scriptures, I could see the quality of the translation varied from book to book. In some cases, it even varied within the same book. In those instances where both Ezekiel and Jeremiah had quoted the same phrase from a passage in the Pentateuch, the phrase had been translated one way in the Pentateuch, another way in Ezekiel, and yet a third and fourth way in Jeremiah.

As time went on, I did more and more research, more and more thumbing through the Scriptures, more and more checking all the passages where a word occurred. Each and every time, when I compared a translation to the original text, I could see English readers would never be able to use any existing translation to confirm the things I had been called to teach.

The most disconcerting thing to me, when I saw what translators were doing, was the fact that they were not only using several different English words to translate the same Hebrew term, they were using the same English word to translate several different Hebrew terms. The result was, their translations retained no correspondence to the original text; and their variant translations of the same Hebrew or Greek word or phrase were preventing the English reader from seeing where the same word or phrase occurred in the biblical text. It was just as easy to see that information was absolutely essential to any reader of the English text who wanted to gain an accurate understanding of the Scriptures.

That's when it began to dawn on me that, before I could teach others what I saw in the Scriptures, I would have to produce a "standardized" translation of the Bible that would allow the English reader to see the original text. That is, I needed a translation in which each and every Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek word was translated consistently. Lacking that, I could never accomplish what God had called me to do. So that is precisely what I set out to do, way back in 1979. (God Called; I Answered, Larry Dee Harper, pp. 224–225)

Restoration of "The Way" is the task to which God has called me in these "Last Days." To fulfill my calling, I must not only record The Teaching that God has called me to restore, I must also prepare and publish a "standardized" translation of the Scriptures. (God Called; I Answered, Larry Dee Harper, pp. 248–249)

Here we are 42 years later, with a "standardized" translation of the New Testament in print!

First Printing and Future Editions

I detailed the particulars regarding Harper's Standardized Study Bible—New Testament, First Printing in the January 2021 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*®: spiral bound, two columns of Scripture on each page with a center column provided for your personal notes. This edition does not include the square brackets [] you sometimes see in this publication and in the HSSB translation included in the HSSB app.

The Red Letter edition, with Jesus' words printed in red, is already in the works. The master file is slated to be shipped off to the printer this next week. Look for this new edition in the online store in the next month or so at voiceofelijah.org (under "Bibles").

An additional edition is in the pipeline as well. It will include cross references as footnotes. At this point, there is no scheduled publication date; but it is a front-burner project for The Elijah Project right now, so we're hoping to announce its publication in the next few months or so.

And for those who prefer digital, the completely revised HSSB App is getting closer and closer to being shipped out to the programmers for development. I will continue to give you progress reports on this project and available dates when we get to that point. I am fully confident that it will be worth the long wait.

In Him,

Marcia Harper

Take a Test; Give the Wrong Response; Fail the Test

Over the past forty years, I have *talked about* a parable in the Bible that I call the “Passover Parable.” I have even explained it in bits and pieces, here and there, to ensure the entire parable would not be available until right before the End of the Age. I have also, over that same span of time, explained how the Scriptures speak in terms of the *parabolic imagery* and Hebrew idioms of that parable to explain what God has accomplished, and is going to accomplish, in history. Now that everyone but an absolute idiot—and there are plenty of those in our generation—should be able to see the End of the Age is rapidly closing in on us, I am going to explain that parable a bit more openly. But first, let’s review.

October 2020

In this issue of *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter, I told you that if you ever intend to understand the Truth about our situation here on Earth—all the whys and wherefores regarding what this life is all about—you must first accept the fact that the Bible cryptically reveals things that God would have us understand about it. I said the Bible is not all that easy to understand simply because God does not think “*The Way*” we think. And I pointed out Isaiah 55, where the Prophet Isaiah issues God’s invitation to anyone who is willing to give up his own thoughts and ideas and think “*The Way*” God thinks.

I told you Isaiah 55:11 is explaining the fact that the *Living Word* of God—the *promise* that left the Garden with Adam and Eve—came down to Earth LIKE the snow and the rain, and that *Living Word* is going to achieve the precise purpose for which God sent it. That

Living Word was, and still is, *the promise* that whoever believes it can return to the Garden from which Adam and Eve were banned. Moses and the other Prophets of Israel inscribed that *Living Word* on the scrolls that ultimately became the Hebrew Scriptures, and it is still achieving the amazing results that God intended in the minds of those who believe it. I said you may or may not yet be one of those; but if you aren’t, you can be. I told you to just keep reading, listening, and striving to learn more about what God has done, is doing, and plans to do to *fulfill the promise* He made so long ago.

I told you the Scriptures speak *parabolically*. That is, they speak *parabolically* in terms of comparisons. I explained that is what a parable is: a comparison. It is a story that compares one thing to some other thing. But I told you that you can’t understand the *meaning* of a parable if you don’t know what two things are being compared. So I explained that the Scriptures speak in terms of a comparison between the physical reality in which we dwell and the metaphysical/spiritual reality in which God dwells. I told you that metaphysical/spiritual reality is not readily apparent to us just because we think myopically in terms of the physical reality we see all around us. So Moses and the other Prophets of Israel used events in our physical reality to speak *parabolically*, comparing those physical events to metaphysical events in the reality in which God dwells.

I explained that most of us are not aware of the metaphysical reality in which God dwells because we cannot see it. The Truth is, we were born metaphysically blind—that is, spiritually blind. And I told you that is the blindness Jesus had in mind when He spoke to the Pharisees in John 9:35–41 after they refused to believe He had healed a blind man. I told you there are several things you need to know about the spiritual blindness

Jesus had in mind: The New Testament tells us we have a body, a soul, and a spirit. We all know what the body is, and the spirit is generally understood as the part that keeps our body alive, but there is an ongoing debate about the identification of the soul. It turns out to be a nebulous concept with no certain definition.

The Truth is, the soul is the part of the body that allows us to relate to the metaphysical/spiritual reality in which we live. The problem is, our soul is dead; it died when Adam and Eve decided to believe Satan's lie. And its sole source of life is knowledge of, and belief in, the Truth about our circumstances here on Earth. That is, it cannot come to life within us until we *choose* to believe the essential elements of the Truth that God has revealed in the Scriptures.

I told you we know we exist in this physical realm because we can see it, hear it, taste it, touch it, and smell it. Since we have a semblance of life in our physical body, we think we are alive. But the Truth is, the minute you took your first breath as a newborn baby, your physical body was already dying. We mistakenly call that process "growing up" and "aging," but that is not what it is. It is dying. The cells of your body were dying the minute you were born, and even though you do have a semblance of physical life that you will eventually lose, your soul was dead right from the start. The only thing that can reverse that miserable situation is the Truth that God has revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures.

Then I gave you my translation of John 6:35–58 and told you Jesus is saying much the same thing that Isaiah said when he invited us to think "*The Way*" God thinks. I said Isaiah was speaking *parabolically* in terms of the Truth of *The Teaching of Moses* as the food the soul needs to "eat" in order to come back to life. And Jesus is saying the same thing, but He is *talking about* Himself as "*The Word*" of God. He is telling the crowd that the Truth He is teaching is the only thing that will give life to their soul.

I told you Jesus says essentially the same thing in a different way in John 14:1–7. But I told you the key to understanding what He says lies in knowing one simple fact: The person we are is determined by what we believe, not by what we are physically. That is, we are the metaphysical person we *choose* to be by deciding what we want to believe. Unfortunately for those who reject the Truth that God has revealed in the Scriptures, that Truth is the only thing that can ever revive their

soul. That is because the soul is nothing more than a metaphysical "container." It was made to contain the Truth that the *Living* God is, but it can just as easily contain the lies that Satan would have us all believe. Your belief in those lies will ensure that your soul remains dead forever. I told you that is what the Apostle Paul had in mind in 2 Corinthians 4:3–7, where he *talks about* the Truth of *The Apostolic Teaching* that he understood and preached.

I said Paul's mention of "*The Light*" in that passage is a *parabolic image* of the Truth of *The Apostolic Teaching*. The Truth is, *The Apostolic Teaching* illuminates. Paul calls it a "treasure," which is exactly what it is. The awesome power of the *Living* God resides in the Truth, and the only limitation on that power is a lack of belief on the part of the person who hears it. I told you Paul mentions the "container" of the soul on several other occasions as well. In each case, he appears to be referring to the physical body simply because the soul resides within the body.

Then I showed you 1 Thessalonians 4:1–4, Romans 9:19–21, 2 Timothy 19–21a, Acts 9:1–18, and Mark 3:20–27. I told you Satan's purpose in lying to you about anything and everything is to steal the "container" your soul is, so that you never gain real life and live forever. Satan does that by convincing you a lie is the Truth. I told you that you may not know it, but your eternal life depends on whether or not you believe what I am telling you is true. But I said I doubt that all that many will believe me, so I went on to explain how we all got into the miserable situation we are in today.

I told you that when God created Adam, He gave him a living soul. Moses plainly states that fact in Genesis 2:7. But Adam died, just as God said he would, when he believed Satan's lie. That is, his metaphysical soul died and his physical body began to die—slowly. His soul died because the life of the soul is Truth. I reminded you that your soul is *parabolically*—comparatively—LIKE a container that resides within your physical body. It contains the things you have decided to believe, the beliefs that control the decisions you make, the person that you are. I said it not only decides *what you believe*, it also decides how firmly you believe it. And your soul can just as easily decide to believe the Truth that God has revealed in the Scriptures as it can decide to believe the lies of Satan.

I stated again that the soul of a person is alive or dead depending on whether its contents are true. That

is why the souls of Adam and Eve died when they decided to believe Satan's lie. But I told you that your soul can come back to life if you decide to believe the Truth of the Old Testament Gospel that God has revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. And it will come to life, provided you *choose* to believe the simple Truth of the Gospel and honestly apologize to God. On the other hand, if your soul *chooses* not to believe the Truth of the Gospel, it will remain dead and be lost forever when your physical body dies. I told you the sole purpose of *the promise* that accompanied Adam and Eve out of the Garden is to ensure your soul survives your trek through the realm of the dead. I also told you that is what Jesus is *talking about* in Luke 19:8–10.

Then I went on to explain "*The Way*" your soul interacts with your spirit. I explained that the Scriptures describe your spirit as a "wind" because that is what the Hebrew term for "spirit" actually *means*. I told you Bible translators even translate the Greek term for "spirit" as "wind" in some instances because they know the Greek and Hebrew terms for what we call "spirit" were also used to refer to the physical winds that blow here on Planet Earth. The Truth is, the ancients believed the spirits mentioned in the Scriptures were metaphysical (spiritual) "winds" that our spirit interacts with in the spiritual realm rather than the physical winds we deal with in the physical realm.

I told you the problem you face in understanding the Truth is this: Your spirit perceives the spiritual realm as an ephemeral thing—as nothing more than a fleeting thought, image, or emotion—that passes through your mind. Therefore, you are not always aware of the profound influence the metaphysical "winds" can have on you. Since you can't see those "winds," you tend to ignore them. But they have an impact on you each and every day. If you stop to think about it, your thoughts, feelings, and emotions are every bit as real as the winds that blow in the physical realm. So maybe you should think about it: If you can feel their effects, how can you say they are not every bit as real as the winds that blow in the physical realm?

The Hebrew-speaking Prophets who wrote the Old Testament, as well as the Greek-speaking Apostles who wrote the New Testament, believed their spirit was a "wind" that could interact with any metaphysical "wind"—that is, with any spirit—that came into the body through the five senses. But they also believed evil "winds" could enter their minds via the metaphysical

realm in which our spirit exists. I told you that is what Jesus is describing in Luke 11:14–26. I told you the Apostle Peter alludes to that passage in 2 Peter 2:1–22, where he reveals he knew Jesus was *talking about* the lies that people have *chosen* to believe.

I said the Prophets and Apostles knew the Truth with regard to the "winds." The "winds" that buffet us every day do their best to persuade us to believe a lie; and the Truth is, we can feel the effects of the metaphysical "winds" that "blow" through our mind. We can not only feel the effects of the nasty, negative thoughts, feelings, and emotions they "blow," we can also "see" them with what the Apostle Paul calls "the eyes of the heart." Therefore, those who have been born again can easily learn to recognize, and reject, the evil "winds" that are trying to control them. So here is the connection between your soul and the metaphysical/spiritual realm where all of those "winds"—that is, all those spirits—interact with your spirit.

I have already told you the soul is where you decide to accept as valid, or reject as invalid, all of the information—that is, the thoughts, feelings, and emotions—that flood your spirit when those metaphysical "winds" "blow" through your mind. But here is something you may not know: The Apostle Paul and every other Greek-speaking person at that time believed the heart was the mind. What that *means* is this: When Paul mentions the "eyes of the heart" in Ephesians 1:18, he knows True Believers can mentally "see" the thoughts, feelings, and emotions that pass through their minds if they just pay attention; and I told you God expects them to do just that.

I told you Paul's point in Ephesians 1:15–20 is this: If you are a True Believer, you were born again by believing the Truth of the Gospel and apologizing to God. That experience granted you the ability to understand the "Spirit" that resides in the message that Moses and the other Prophets of Israel hid in the Hebrew Scriptures. Those who have not been born again are not even able to see the fact that the Prophets hid the Truth, much less understand it. I showed you Paul says that in 1 Corinthians 2:1–16.

I told you that, knowing that True Believers have been given an ability to "see"—that is, to understand—the Truth in the Scriptures that unbelievers cannot "see," puts a different perspective on Luke 24:27–47, where Luke tells us what happened after Jesus arose from the dead. I also told you that, if you are able to

understand even the bare essence of the Truth, you can plainly see Luke is describing a supernatural experience that allows True Believers to understand the Scriptures while unbelievers are left out. He tells us in a sort of off-handed way that it is necessary to have our mind “opened” before we can understand the Truth. I said that agrees perfectly with what Paul told us.

Then I told you that, if you are a True Believer, you have already come to an incipient knowledge of the Truth. I said that happened when you believed the Gospel and were born again. You knew the Gospel was true when you believed it, and as a result of your belief, the *Living Word of God* resides within you. That *Living Word* is holy; therefore, God expects you to guard your mind so that Satan’s lies do not triumph over the Truth of the Scriptures that you believed when you were born again.

I stated the Truth forthrightly and told you that, if you have been born again by believing the Gospel and apologizing, God expects you to keep the evil “winds”—that is, the lies of Satan—out of your mind. I told you that God called me to provide you the tools you need to make sure you do what God demands. It is your *choice* as to whether or not you want to do it. I have been doing what God called me to do for more than fifty years now—building a base of knowledge you can “stand” on—by just explaining what I understand regarding the message of the Hebrew Scriptures. Now I am going to explain how you can use the things I teach to keep the evil “winds” out of your mind. So here we go.

January 2021

In this issue of *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter, I reminded you that, as I have explained over and over again, *you are what you have chosen to believe*. That is where the “winds” have an advantage over you. They have known the Truth all along, and you haven’t, up to this point. That is about to change dramatically for those who have been born again and have held on to the constant feeling that there had to be something more, that there had to be someone who knew the Truth. Then I explained a bit more of the Truth that can make a huge difference—if you believe it.

I told you God is the *Living Word* of the Truth, and for the past two thousand years He has been working as the Truth that lives within His Children to

shape them into His image and likeness. All the while, the “winds” have been working overtime to entice God’s Children to go back to being crafted into the image and likeness of the lies that they are. What that *means* is this: The only difference between God’s Child and Satan’s child is what they *choose* to believe. I told you that you had best keep that in mind.

I told you bluntly that, if you have been born again, the “winds” are trying to kill you, to make sure your soul does not continue to believe *the promise* that gave it life. They are working to ensure that, when the time comes for *the fulfillment of the promise*, you do not *inherit what was promised*. If the “winds” are successful in convincing you to give up the Truth by believing a lie, you will become just another one of those who have denied the Truth that Jesus Christ is, was, and always has been. I told you the Apostle Peter describes those unfortunate people in 2 Peter 2:1–22.

I explained that, in the *parabolic imagery* that Peter had in mind, *The Teaching of Moses* is the “water” that came down as the “Early Rain” after the Resurrection of Christ. But to understand the mind-set of Moses, you need to know how he and the other Prophets of Israel mocked the Canaanite mythology related to the resurrection of Baal. And I told you Moses became the source of the *parabolic image* when he equated his *Teaching* with “rain” in Deuteronomy 32:1–2.

I pointed out that knowing Moses was ridiculing the Canaanite belief in the resurrection of Baal in that text makes it a bit easier to understand Peter’s comment. Peter is saying those who have been born again but have gone back on their commitment to the Lord have little to no Truth at all. And I showed you Jude 1:1–16, where Jude is even more pugnacious in describing those who have been born again but have *chosen* to deny the Truth they had the opportunity to hear.

I told you I am under no illusion as to the reaction of those who have been born again but are tenaciously holding on to the “easy-believism” lie that tells them “once saved, always saved.” The Truth is, God’s Children will be saved by belief, just as the Protestant Reformers claimed. But that is not *belief in the sense of that you believe*; it is *belief in the sense of what you believe*. Nobody has ever, or will ever, be saved by believing a lie. The “winds” lie to kill your soul and make you one of those who are sarcastically described in Jude 1:10–13.

Then I explained that, to counter the nonsense spouted by those who have *chosen* to believe the lie

that one cannot go back to believing the lies of the “winds” after believing the Truth, I quoted what Jesus says in Matthew 7:13–23 about those who *choose* not to believe the Truth regarding “*The Way*” that Moses taught. I told you that, if you *choose* to believe what Jesus says in that passage, you already know a lot of folks are going to wake up on Resurrection Morning to discover they have been hoodwinked.

I told you Satan’s objective is to make sure you remain completely complacent and unconcerned about your eternal destination. God called me to wake you up and prepare you for what lies ahead. There is a vicious spiritual battle going on all around you, and whether you like it or not, you are expected to fight. The “winds” will either triumph over you and you will lose your soul, or you will triumph over them and save it; there is no middle ground. But I said it’s your *choice* as to whether or not you *choose* to believe me.

I told you Paul is referring to the spiritual battle against the “winds” in Ephesians 6:10–20. And I said my point in showing you these things is to remind you that God expects you to do but one thing: Make sure that *what you believe* is the Truth. I said that, in so doing, you will “bring about your own salvation,” as Paul mentions in Philippians 2:12–13. I warned you that only a fool would play nice with killers, but I conceded that you can certainly continue to entertain the stupid notions they blow at you, if you *choose* to. It is, after all, your *choice*. So I also warned you that, if you continue to allow those killers access to your mind, they will eventually gain control over you. It is just a matter of time—time that you no longer have.

I said the “winds” are terrific salesmen, constantly insisting that something is worthwhile when it isn’t, trying to convince you that you want something so that you give in to wanting it. The Truth is, they sell imaginary things, things that don’t exist—a complete fabrication. Their best lie is the one that gets you to want something you can never have, either because it doesn’t exist or because your circumstances prevent you from having it. I told you I call that predicament “chasing the dragon” just because fire-breathing dragons are a myth; but even if they did exist, only a fool would be dumb enough to chase one.

I said the “winds” are working to craft us all into their own image and likeness. They began when we were youngsters, and they are continually trying to train us to think “*The Way*” they do our entire lives. But

they always lie. And they will do their best to convince you a lie is the absolute Truth. The Truth is, the “winds” are deathly afraid of the Truth. They are cowards, and they will turn tail and run if you just stand up to them as Peter says in 1 Peter 5:5–9.

I told you that you can’t withstand the “winds” on your own, but the Truth can. That *means* you have to do it “*The Way*” Paul explains in Ephesians 6:10–20; you have to use the Truth you are absolutely convinced is true. It doesn’t matter what Truth you use, the “winds” are cowards; they are afraid of anything that is true. They do their best to hide from the Truth, and they will do everything they can to get you to hide from it as well. One way they do that is by “blowing” the lie that they are not real—that they don’t exist, that your every thought is your own. I told you that is a monstrous lie.

The Truth is, not every thought you have originates with you. Many, if not most, of those thoughts are a “wind” talking to you, suggesting you think this, that, or the other. So you have to learn to recognize them when they “blow” some stupid notion into your mind. If you can recognize them, it is a simple matter to simply say, “That’s not me,” and they will leave immediately—provided you are firmly convinced the thought is not your own. If you doubt, they will have won the battle for your mind; and the thought becomes your thought. You claimed it. For that reason the “winds” will suggest that you can only think about the things that they suggest. But you are the one who *chooses* to think about what you think about. And the time has come for you to put the “winds” out and think about only the things you know you should.

I told you the problem is, if you believe one lie that the “winds” tell, they will suggest yet another, one that is even more ridiculous than the first. They do that because they are trying to make sure your soul does not retain the life it attained when you were born again. So they do their best to convince you that what they say is true. If they can convince you to believe a lie is the Truth, you won’t believe anyone who comes along later, telling you the Truth. That’s because the “winds” have already convinced you that *you know better*. And if you begin to doubt that their lie is true, they will step in immediately to make sure you continue to believe that *you know better*. Don’t believe that stupidity; the Truth is, you don’t always *know better*.

Some “winds” are much stronger than others. But every last one of them will tell you that you want to do

what they say. They know what bothers you; so they will blow the same enticement at you for hours, days, and even weeks, months, and years on end—whatever it takes to get you to respond. They are constantly setting you up for failure. They sell fantasy, and they make you eagerly anticipate things so they can change direction and blow negative when reality arrives.

I told you that, if you listen to me long enough, you will eventually hear me say you have to know, and fight to remain in, your “center.” I am referring to a mental state where you are completely at peace with God. If you have never been there, you have not been born again by going to the Lord and asking. I explained that your “center” is the place where you have to stay or you will never triumph over the “winds.” I told you it is, in fact, the place John describes in 1 John 1:5–10; and I concluded the January 2021 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter with the admonition of Paul found in Ephesians 4:1–24. In this issue, I am going to pick up where I left off in the January issue.

Give God What God Requires

I have already explained “*The Way*” God views our desperate situation here on Planet Earth: We are “living” (actually just existing) in the realm of the dead. When we showed up here at birth, our soul was dead and our body was in the process of dying. For most people, that is still the circumstance in which they exist. But for a certain select few—those who have been born again and still believe the things they believed when they were born again—their current circumstances are far different. Their body is dying, but their soul is alive and yearning to know yet more Truth. That’s why God called me to tell you the Truth, so let me get about the task to which I was called.

God’s purpose for those who have been born again is nothing less than creation in the very image and likeness of God Himself. That’s why we have been given the right to be called God’s “Children”:

¹[In] [The Beginning], [there was] [The] [Word]; [and] [The] [Word] [was] [with] [The] [Living] God, [and] [The] [Word] [was] [God]. ²[This Individual] [was] [with] [The] [Living] God [in] [The Beginning]. ³[Everything] [has come into being] [via] [Him], [and] [not even] [One Thing] [that] [has come into being] [has

come into being] [apart from] [Him]. ⁴[Life] [was] [in] [Him], [and] [His] [Life] [was] [The] [Light] [of] [Men]. ⁵[So] [The] [Light] [appears] [in] [The] [Darkness], [yet] [The] [Darkness] [has never] grasped [it].

⁶[A Man] [who had been sent] [from] [God] [came]; [his] [Name] {was} [John]. ⁷[This Individual] [came] [for] [a Testimony],

(1) [so that] [he could provide testimony] [about] [The] [Light],

(2) [so that] [everyone] [could believe God’s promise] [via] [Him].

⁸[That Individual] [was] [not] [The] [Light], [but] {he came} [so that] [he could provide testimony] [about] [The] [Light]. ⁹[The] [Light] [was] [the] [real {Light}], [the One Who] [provides light for] [every] [Man] [who comes] [into] [The] [World]. ¹⁰[He was] [in] [The] [World], [and] [The] [World] [came into being] [via] [Him], [yet] [The] [World] [did not] know [Him]. ¹¹[He came] [to] [His] [Own], [and] [His] [Own] [did not] take [Him] to themselves. ¹²[So then], [to as many as] [accepted] [Him], [to them]—[to those who] [believe God’s promise] [about] [His] [Name]—[He gave] [Authority] [to become] [God’s] [Children]: ¹³[those who] [were not] engendered]

(1) [by] [Blood] [or]

(2) [by] [{the} Will] [of Flesh] [or]

(3) [by] [{the} Will] [of Man],

[but {were} only] {engendered} [by {the will}] [of God].
(John 1:1–13) —HSSB

Our generation firmly believes Adam and Eve were created in the image and likeness of God; therefore, everyone is a Child of God. That is clearly not the case; if it were, there would be no reason for the New Testament to *make a distinction between* the “Children” of God and everyone else, as the Apostle Paul does on several occasions. Take a look at this one:

¹²(1) [So then], [my] [Beloved Brothers], [just as] [you have always] attentively listened]—

(a) [not] [as] [only] [at] [my] [Arrival],

(b) [but] [now] [a lot] [more] [in] [my] [Absence*]—[bring about] [your] [own] [Salvation] [with] [Fear]

[and] [Trembling]; ¹³[for] [God] [is] [the One Who] [is working] [in] [you],

- (i) [both] [to] [want to],
- (ii) [and] [to] [work] [for], [The] [Thing That Is Delightful to {Him}].

¹⁴(2) [Do] [everything] [without] [Grumbling] [and] [Speculations], ¹⁵[so that] [you become]

- (a) [faultless] [and] [harmless]—
- (b) [God's] [unblemished] [Children]—
[in The Midst] [OF A [CROOKED] [AND] [DISTORTED] GENERATION], [among] [whom] [you appear] [as] [Sources of Light] [in] [The World]; ¹⁶[focusing {your} attention on] [{the} Word] [of Life], [resulting in] [What [I have] to Boast About] [on] [{the} Day] [of The Anointed One]—[that] [I have [not] run] [in] [vain] [nor] [labored] [in] [vain].

(Philippians 2:12–16) —HSSB

The Apostle states the same Truth just as plainly in Romans 9:

⁶(2) [But] [it is [not] possible]:

- (a) [that] [The] [Word] [of The] [{Living} God] [has run aground], [for] [These Individuals]—[everyone] [who is] [from] [{the man} Israel]—{are} [not] [Israel]; ⁷[nor]
- (b) [that] [Abraham's] "[Seed]" [are] [all] [{his} Children], [but]: "[A SEED] [WILL BE SUMMONED] [FOR YOU] [THROUGH] [ISAAC]." ⁸[That] [is],

- (i) [These] [Children] [of The] [Flesh] {are} [not] [Children] [of The] [{Living} God];
- (ii) [but only] [The] [Children] [of The] [Promise] [are reckoned] [as] [{His} Seed].

(Romans 9:6–8) —HSSB

If that is not enough to convince even the blindest of the blind that the "conventional wisdom" you hear bandied about today came straight up out of the Pits of Hell, maybe this will:

¹(1) [So then], {there is} [not any] [Verdict of Guilty] [now] [on those who are] [in] [The Anointed One], [Jesus]:

²(a) [For] [The] [Law] [of The] [Spirit] [of The] [Life] [in] [The Anointed One], [Jesus], [has freed] [You] [from] [The] [Law] [of The] [Sin] [and] [The] [Death];
³(b) [for] [The] [Inability] [of The] [Law] {was} [because] [it was weakened] [by] [The] [Flesh]. [The] [{Living} God], [after sending] [His] [Own] [Son] [in] [a Likeness] [of sinful] [Flesh] [and] [for] [Sin], [condemned] [The] [Sin] [in] [The] [Flesh], ⁴[so that] [The] [Legal Requirement] [of The] [Law] [could be fulfilled] [by] [us]—[those who] [are [not] walking] [in agreement with] [Flesh], [but] [in agreement with] [Spirit];

- ⁵(i) [for] [those who] [are] [in agreement with] [Flesh] [have their mind set on] [the things] [of The] [Flesh], [but] [those who are] [in agreement with] [Spirit], [The Things] [of The] [Spirit];
- ⁶(ii) [for] [The] [Mind-set] [of The] [Flesh] {is} [Death], [but] [The] [Mind-set] [of The] [Spirit] {is} [Life] [and] [Peace], ⁷[because] [The] [Mind-set] [of The] [Flesh] {is} [Hostility] [toward] [God]; [for] [it is [not] submitted] [to The] [Law] [of The] [{Living} God], [for] [it can [not even] be {submitted}].

⁸(2) [So then], [those who] [are] [in] [Flesh] [can] [not] [please] [God].

- ⁹(a) [But] [you] [are] [not] [in] [Flesh] [but] [in] [Spirit]—[if indeed] [God's] [Spirit] [is residing] [in] [you];
- (b) [But] [if] [anyone] [does [not] have] [The Anointed One's] [Spirit], [This Individual] [is] [not] [His];

¹⁰(c) [but] [if] [The Anointed One] {is} [in] [you],

- (i) [on the one hand], [The] [Body] {is} [a Dead Man] [because of] [Sin]; [but]
- (ii) [on the other hand], [The] [Spirit] {is} [Life] [because of] [a Declaration of Not Guilty].

¹¹(d) [So] [if] [The] [Spirit] [of the One Who] [raised] [Jesus] [from] [Those Who Are Dead] [is residing] [in] [you], [the One Who] [raised] [The Anointed One] [from] [Those Who Are Dead] [will [also] give life to] [your] [mortal] [Bodies] [via] [His] [Spirit] [residing] [in] [you].

¹²(1) [So then], [therefore], [Brothers], [we are] [not] [obligated] [to The] [Flesh]—[to] [live] [in agreement with] [Flesh]:

¹³(a) [For]

(i) [if] [you live] [in agreement with] [Flesh], [you are going] [to die]; [but]
(ii) [if] [you are putting] [The] [Activities] [of your] [Body] to death [by {the} Spirit], [you will live];

¹⁴(b) [for] [as many as] [are being led] [by] [God's] [Spirit], [These Individuals] [are] [God's] [Sons];

¹⁵(c) [for]

(i) [you have [not] received] [a Spirit] [of Slavery] [again], [resulting in] [Fear]; [but]
(ii) [you have received] [a Spirit] [of Adoption], [by] [which] [we shout], "[Abba]! [Father]!"
¹⁶[The] [Spirit] [Himself] [is testifying with] [our] [Spirit] [that] [we are] [God's] [Children].

¹⁷(2) [So then], [if] {we are} [Children], {we are} [also] [Heirs],

(a) [on the one hand], [Heirs] [of God]; [but]
(b) [on the other hand], [Joint Heirs with] [The Anointed One], [if indeed] [we suffer with {Him}] [so that] [we may [also] be glorified together with* {Him}]:

¹⁸(i) [For] [I reckon] [that] [our] [Suffering] [during The] [present] [Time] {is} [not] [worthy] [of] [The] [Glory] [that is going] [to be revealed] [to] [us];

¹⁹(ii) [for] [The] [Ardent Longing] [of His] [Creation] [is eagerly looking forward to] [The] [Revelation] [of The] [Sons] [of The] [{Living} God].

(Romans 8:1–19) —HSSB

The fools in control of God's Church adamantly insist we are all God's Children. But they have been reading the mail the Prophets and Apostles sent to those who actually are God's Children. No need to tell them, they will realize their error soon enough. In the meantime, your only obligation is to give God what

God requires of all His Children: unwavering belief in His *promise*. If you do not know *what was promised*, you are more than a little bit behind the curve simply because He not only requires that you know *what was promised*, He also requires that you understand and believe the content of *the promise*. Then and only then will you be able to triumph over the "winds."

Respond Appropriately

The only appropriate response anyone should have upon learning about *the promise* of God and *what God requires* is "Thank You!" For True Believers, that has already happened; it happened when they heard the Gospel, believed, apologized, and were born again. But believing the Gospel is but the beginning of a True Believer's walk with the Lord. The Truth is, every last one of God's Children is going to face one difficult test after another in this life. That is because the Lord disciplines every Child He has engendered in an effort to teach them how they should behave. That is what James is *talking about* when he says this:

²(1) [Deem {it}] [all] [Joy], [my] [Brothers], [when] [you encounter] [various] [Tests], ³[knowing] [that] [The] [Proving] [of] [your] [Belief in God's **Promise**] [brings about] [Perseverance]; ⁴[and then],
(2) [let [your] [Perseverance] have] [a [complete] Work], [so that] [you are]

(a) [complete] [and]
(b) [perfectly healthy]—
(c) [not [lacking] [in] any way]; ⁵[and then],

(3) [if] [any] [of you] [lacks] [Wisdom],

(a) [he must request {it}] [from] [The] [{Living} God]—[Who]

(i) gives] [to everyone] [generously*] [and]
(ii) [does [not] ridicule]—[and] [it will be given] [to him]. ⁶[But]

(b) [he must request {wisdom}] [with] [Belief in God's **Promise**], [not [doubting] at all].

(i) [For] [the one who] [doubts] [is analogous] [to a [Sea] Billow] [that is]

{(a)} being driven by the wind*] [and]
{(b)} [tossed about*].

⁷(ii) [For] [That] [Man] [must [not] suppose]
[that] [he will **receive**] [anything] [from] [His
Majesty].

⁸(1) [A [double-minded] Man] {is} [fickle] [in] [all] [his]
[Ways]. ⁹[But] [let

(a) [The] [Brother] [who is] [humble] boast] [about]
[what] [he has] [on high]; ¹⁰[and then]
(b) [the one who is] [wealthy], [about] [his] [Humble
State], [because] [he will pass away] [like] [a Flower]
[of Grass]. ¹¹[For] [The] [Sun]

(i) [has risen] [along with] [The] [Oppressive
Heat] [and]
(ii) [has shriveled up] [The] [Grass], [and]

{(a)} [its] [Flower] [has fallen away from
{it}], [and]
{(b)} [The] [Beauty*] [of] [its] [Presence] [has
been done away with]. [So] [also] [the one who
is] [wealthy] [will fade away*] [while] [on]
[his] [Journeys].

¹²(2) [A Man] [who] [continues on under harsh] [Testing]
[is fortunate], [because] [one who has come to be]
[approved] [will **receive**] [The] [Crown] [of The] [Life]
[that] [was **promised**] [to those who] [love] [Him].

¹³(1) [Let [no one] [who is being tested] say] [that] "[I am
being tested] [by] [God]."

(a) [For] [The] [{Living} God] [is] [not tested*] [by
Awful Things], [so] [He] [does [not] test {anybody}].
¹⁴(b) [But] [anyone] [who is being drawn out*] [and]
[enticed] [is being tested] [by] [his] [own] [Selfish
Desire].

¹⁵(i) [Then], [after [The] [Selfish Desire] takes hold
of {him}], [it gives birth to] [Sin];
(ii) [then], [when [The] [Sin] has been
accomplished], [it brings forth] [Death].

¹⁶(2) [Do [not] be led astray], [my] [beloved] [Brothers].

¹⁷(a) [Every] [good] [Thing Given] [and] [every]
[complete] [Thing That Is Given] [is] [from up above],
[coming down] [from] [The] [Father] [of] [Lights], [with]
[Whom] [there is] [no]

(i) [Variation*] [or]
(ii) [Casting of a Shadow*] [by Turning*].

¹⁸(b) [Having decided {what He was going to do}], [He
brought [us] forth] [by a Word] [of Truth], [so] [that]
[we] [would be] [one of] [{the} First Fruits] [of] [His]
[Creatures].

¹⁹(3) [You are aware of {this}], [my] [beloved] [Brothers].
[But] [every] [Man] [must be]:

(a) [quick] [to] [hear],
(b) [slow] [to] [speak],
(c) [slow] [to] [Anger]; ²⁰[for] [a Man's] [Anger] [does
[not] work for] [God's] [Declaration of Not Guilty].

²¹(1) [Wherefore], [after setting aside]

(a) [all] [Filthiness*] [and]
(b) [an Abundance] [of Awfulness],

(i) [with] [Gentleness], [accept] [The]
[implanted*] [Word], [the {Word} that]
[is able] [to save] [your] [Souls].

²²(ii) [And then] [be] [Doers] [of {the} Word],
[and] [not] [only] [Hearers] [who are duping]
[themselves].

²³(2) [Because], [if] [anyone] [is]

(a) [a Hearer] [of {the} Word] [and]
(b) [not] [a Doer], [This Individual] [is analogous]
[to a Man] [who takes a close look] [at The] [Face]
[of] [his] [Origin] [in] [a Mirror]; ²⁴[for] [he has]

(i) taken a close look] [at himself] [and]
(ii) [gone away] [and]
(iii) [straight off] [forgotten] [what kind of
{person}] [he was].

²⁵(3) [But] [the one who] [has]

(a) peered] [into] [The] [complete] [Law] [of our]
[Freedom] [and]

(b) [continued on with {the memory of what he saw}],
[having become]

- (i) [not] [a Hearer] [with Forgetfulness*] [but]
- (ii) [a Doer] [of Work], [This Individual] [will become] [fortunate] [through] [What [he] Does*].

²⁶(4) [If] [anyone] [who is [not] reining in] [his] [Tongue], [but] [is deceiving] [his] [Heart], [assumes] [that {he} is] [religious*], [The] [Religion] [of This Individual] {is} [futile].

²⁷(5) [This] [is] [a [clean] [and] [undefiled] Religion] [before] [The] [{Living} God] [and] [Father]:

(a) [To go to see about] [Orphans] [and] [Widows] [during] [their] [Turmoil],

(b) [To keep] [oneself] [unstained] [by] [The] [World].

(James 1:2–27) —HSSB

The Protestant Reformer Martin Luther called the Book of James an “epistle of straw”—meaning it had no value—simply because he did not understand what James is *talking about* in regard to the “works” of a True Believer; so let me explain. First of all, James is using the term that is commonly translated as *works* with the sense of *actions*. That is, the “works” of a True Believer are the totality of everything he does or says; but James also knows something you may not know—or even want to believe. That is, he knows *we are what we believe*, and we all *act in accordance with what we believe*. So when he *talks about* the importance of “works,” he is saying, “Talk is cheap; you will reveal what you actually believe by what you do.” But that is just an aside, I am currently focused on how you should respond when you are tested. James says this:

²(1) [Deem {it}] [all] [Joy], [my] [Brothers], [when] [you encounter] [various] [Tests], ³[knowing] [that] [The] [Proving] [of] [your] [Belief in God’s **Promise**] [brings about] [Perseverance]; ⁴[and then],

(2) [let [your] [Perseverance] have] [a [complete] Work], [so that] [you are]

(a) [complete] [and]

(b) [perfectly healthy]—

(c) [not [lacking] [in] any way].

(James 1:2–4) —HSSB

Pay attention now! James has just told you why the Lord allows us to be tested. He says it is to prove that we actually believe *the promise*. But he has also told us how we should respond to testing. He says we should respond with joy. The Apostle Peter says exactly the same thing, in a slightly different “Way,” to those who have been “engendered again.” And in the process, he tells us why we should be joyful:

³(1) [Blessed be] [The] [{Living} God] [and] [Father] [of] [our] [Master], [Jesus], [The Anointed One], [Who] [engendered [us] again]

(a) [in accordance with] [His] [copious] [Mercy]:

(b) [into] [a [living] Hope] [via] [{the} Resurrection] [of Jesus], [The Anointed One], [from] [Those Who Are Dead];

⁴(c) [into] [an [imperishable] [and] [undefiled] [and] [unfading*] Inheritance] [that has been kept] [in] [{the} Heavens] [for] [you]—⁵[those who] [are being watched over]

(i) [by] [God’s] [Supernatural Power]

(ii) [via] [{their} Belief in God’s Promise]

(iii) [for] [a Salvation] [ready] [to be revealed] [in] [the last] [Time].

⁶(2) [About] [which {salvation}] [you are extremely joyful]

(a) [at this time]

(b) [for just a little while],

(c) [{even} if] [it is] [while having to be] [in anguish] [during] [various] [Tests],

⁷(d) [so that] [The] [Proving] [of] [your] [Belief in God’s Promise]—[which is] [more highly valued than] [Gold] ([which is] [going to be done away with]), [but] [is being proved] [by] [Fire]—[may be found to be {something}] [for]

(i) [Commendation] [and]

(ii) [Glory] [and]

(iii) [Honor] [at] [{the} Revelation] [of Jesus], [The Anointed One]:

⁸{(a)} [Whom], [having [not] seen], [you love];
{(b)} [about] [Whom] {you} [believe God’s promise] [at this time]—[while [not] seeing].

[But] [you are going to be extremely joyful]
[with an [unspeakable*] [and] [glorified] Joy],
⁹[when {you} get back for yourselves] [The]
[Consummation] [of] [your] [Belief in God's
Promise—[{the} Salvation] [of {your}
Souls].

(1 Peter 1:3–9) —HSSB

If you are a True Believer, you most likely already know someone who claims to be a Christian but is a whiner and complainer, constantly playing the victim card—that is, blaming their difficult circumstances on something other than themselves. The Truth is, God uses the tests we face to prove whether or not we actually believe *the promise* He made to Adam and Eve, and those folks are failing every test. In case some who are reading this may not know, let me be the first to tell you: You could be encountering circumstances that are difficult to face because you did something wrong, but they could just as easily be because you are doing everything right. Either “Way,” the Lord expects you to rejoice. So let me tell you why.

Let’s start with those exceptional few who are doing everything right. The Lord has *blessed* them, and they know it. But suddenly things change; their good fortune takes a one-eighty and a whole host of bad things end up on their front step. Why did this happen? Did they do something wrong? Maybe. But maybe not. Remember Job? He didn’t do anything wrong. As a matter of fact, he did everything right; and he still got slammed into the dirt. I know that because, as the childrens’ song goes, “the Bible tells me so”:

¹[There was] [a Man] [in {the} Land] [of Uz]
[whose Name] {was} [Job], [and [That] [Man] was]
[complete] [and upright] [and fearing] [God] [and turn-
ing away] [from What Is Bad]. ²[And [seven] [Sons] [and
three] [Daughters] had been engendered] [for him]. ³[Now
[his Tangible Assets] were] [a Flock of] [7000] [and 3000]
[Camels] [and 500] [Pairs] [of Cattle] [and 500] [Female
Donkeys] [and [very] [many] Slaves]. [So [That] [Man]
was] [greater] [than all] [{the} Sons of] [**Qedem**].

⁴[And [his Sons] would go] [and make] [a
Celebratory Feast] [in {the} House] [of Each One] [{on}
his Day], [and they would send] [and invite] [their [three]
Sisters] [to eat] [and to drink] [with them]. ⁵[So it was],
[when] [{the} Days of] [The Celebratory Feast] [had
made a complete circle], [Job] [would send] [and make

them holy]; [then he would get up early] [in {the}
Morning] [and offer up] [a Number of] [Burnt Offerings]
[for all of them], [because] [Job] [said], “[Perhaps] [my
Sons] [have sinned] [but **blessed**] [God] [in their
Hearts].” [Job] [always] [acted] [like this].

⁶[Then [The Day] came] [when [{the} Sons of]
[God] came in] [to take up a position] [in front of] [His
Majesty], [and [The Adversary] [also] came in] [to their
Midst]. ⁷[So [His Majesty] said] [to] [The Adversary],
“[Where [have you come] from?]”

[So [The Adversary] responded to] [His Majesty]
[and said], “[From going out looking around] [on {the}
Earth] [and from walking back and forth] [on it].”

⁸[Then [His Majesty] said] [to] [The Adversary],
“[Have you taken it] [to Heart] [regarding] [my Slave]
[Job], [that] [there is not anyone] [on Earth] [like him], [a
Man] [who is complete] [and upright] [fearing] [God]
[and turning away] [from What Is Bad]?”

⁹[So [The Adversary] responded to] [His Majesty]
[and said]: “[Does [Job] [fear] [God] for nothing? ¹⁰[Have
You [not] put a hedge] [round about {him}]—[on behalf of
him] [and on behalf of] [his House] [and on behalf of] [all]
[that] [he has]? [You have **blessed**] [{the} Things That
[his Hands] Have Done] [so that his Tangible Assets] [are
spread out] [throughout the Earth]? ¹¹[But], [please],
[stretch out] [Your Hand] [and touch] [all] [that] [he has];
[He will [never] **bless** You] [to] [Your Face].”

¹²[Then [His Majesty] said] [to] [The Adversary],
“[Guess what!] [All] [that] [he has] [is] [in Your Hand],
[only] [You can [not] stretch out] [Your Hand] [on him].”
[So [The Adversary] went out] [away from] [{the} Face
of] [His Majesty].

¹³[Then [The Day] came] [when his Sons] [and his
Daughters] [were eating] [and drinking] [Wine] [in {the}
House] [of their [Firstborn] Brother], ¹⁴[and a Messenger]
[came] [to Job] [and said]: “[The Cattle] [were] [plowing]
[and The Female Donkeys] [were grazing] [alongside
them], ¹⁵[and Sheba] [fell on {them}] [and took them].
[And] [they struck] [The Young Lads] [with {the} Edge
of] [a Sword], [and [nobody but] [I] [alone] escaped] [to
tell] [You].”

¹⁶[This One] [was [still] speaking] [when Another
One] [came in] [and said], “[{The} Fire] [of God] [fell]
[from] [The Sea of Waters] [and burned] [up The Flock]
[and {the} Young Lads] [and consumed them], [and
[nobody but] [I] [alone] escaped] [to tell] [You].”

¹⁷[This One] [was [still] speaking] [when Another
One] [came in] [and said], “[Chaldeans] [assigned]

[three] [Leaders], [and they stripped] [off] [The Camels]
[and took them], [and] [they struck] [The Young Lads]
[with {the} Edge of] [a Sword], [and [nobody but] [I]
[alone] escaped] [to tell] [You]."

¹⁸[This One] [was [still] speaking] [when Another
One] [came in] [and said], "[Your Sons] [and Your
Daughters] [were eating] [and drinking] [Wine] [in {the}
House] [of their [Firstborn] Brother], ¹⁹[and guess what!]
[A [tremendous] Wind] [came] [out of {the} Area
Beyond] [The Wilderness], [and it struck] [{the} four]
[Corners of] [The House] [so that it fell] [on] [The
Youngsters] [and they died], [and [nobody but] [I] [alone]
escaped] [to tell] [You]."

²⁰[Then [Job] got up], [tore] [his Robe], [sheared]
[{the hair on} his Head], [fell] [to {the} Earth], [wor-
shipped], ²¹[and said]:

"[I came out] [of [my Mother's] Belly] [naked],
[And [I will return] [there] naked].
[His Majesty] [gave {it}],
[And His Majesty] [took {it all} away].
[May [{the} Name] [of His Majesty] be **blessed**]."

²²[Through all] [this], [Job] [did [not] sin]; [and he
did [not] attribute] [Anything Terrible] [to God].
(Job 1:1–22) —my interim translation

The point of the Book of Job could not be more clearly expressed than that, yet folks continue to ignore what is clearly stated. As James says, God does not test anyone; we do it to ourselves when we want something we cannot have. But the Book of Job tells us God does allow Satan to create circumstances for us to be tested when it suits His purpose. And anyone who has read the entirety of the Book of Job should already know God allowed Satan to push a completely sinless man to the very limits of his ability to endure. So maybe you should wake up and smell the roses.

If you are facing difficult circumstances, be joyful. You may not be as sinless as Job, but you do have an opportunity to prove to the Lord that you believe *the promise*. And the good news is, you will never be tested above what you are able to stand, simply because God won't allow it. I didn't say that, Paul did:

¹(2) [For] [I do [not] want] [you] [to not understand],
[Brothers], [that]

(a) [all] [our] [Fathers] [were] [under] [The] [Cloud],
[and]

(b) [all] [passed] [through] [The] [Sea]; ²[and]

(c) [all] [were baptized] [into] [Moses]

(i) [in] [The] [Cloud] [and]

(ii) [in] [The] [Sea]. ³[And]

(d) [all] [ate] [The] [same] [spiritual] [Food]; ⁴[and]

(e) [all] [drank] [The] [same] [spiritual] [Beverage],
[for] [they were drinking] [from] [a [spiritual] Rock]
[that followed {them}]. [Yet] [The] [Rock] [was] [The]
[Anointed One]. ⁵[But] [The] [{Living} God] [was]
[not] delighted [with] [The] [Majority] [of them], [for]
(f) [they were strewn about*] [in] [The] [Desert].

⁶(3) [So] [These Things] {are} [our] [Patterns]. [They
occurred] [so] [that] [we] [would [not] be] [Those Who
Desire*] [Awful Things] [just as] [Those Individuals also]
[desired {awful things}].

⁷(a) [You must [not] be] [Idolaters] {either}, [just as]
[some] [of them] {were}; [indeed, just as] [it has been
written], "[THE] [PEOPLE] [SAT DOWN] [TO EAT] [AND]
[DRINK], [AND] [GOT UP] [TO PLAY*]."

⁸(b) [We should [not] be sexually promiscuous
{either}], [just as] [some] [of them] [were sexually
promiscuous]; [and] [twenty]-[three] [Thousand] [fell]
[on one] [Day].

⁹(c) [We should [not] put [The] [Anointed One] to the
test {either}], [just as] [some] [of them] [tested
{Him}] [and] [were done away with] [by] [The]
[Snakes].

¹⁰(d) [You must [not] grumble], [even as] [some] [of
them] [grumbled] [and] [were done away with] [by]
[The] [Destroyer*].

¹¹(4) [But] [These Things] [happened] [to Those
Individuals] [as a pattern*] {for us}, [and then] [it
was written down] [for] [our] [Admonition], [those
[on] whom] [The] [Consummation] [of The] [Past
Ages] [has come down].

¹²(a) [So then] [the one who] [assumes]
[that {he} stands] [must watch out, so that]
[he does [not] fall].

¹³(b) [No] [Test] [has overtaken] [you] [except]
[a human {one}]. [But]

(i) [The] [{Living} God]—[Who] [will [not] allow] [you] [to be tested] [more than] [what] [you can {stand}]]—{is} [trustworthy]. [On the contrary],
 (ii) [along with] [The] [Test] [He will [also] act in accordance with] [The] [{desired} Result], [so that] [{you} can] [bear up under {the test}].

(1 Corinthians 10:1–13) —HSSB

Every test is an opportunity; it is entirely up to you whether you take it that way. You can either accept it with joy, or you can slip into a funk and throw a pity party. If I were to give advice, which I don't, I would seriously advise against the latter. But that's your choice. We True Believers are all expected to respond to every test in the same way: "Thank You, Lord, for giving me yet another opportunity to prove myself."

When you wake up and find yourself right in the middle of a serious test, you should be thankful you have been chosen to suffer for Christ. Every test that comes your way is one more opportunity for you to prove yourself worthy of His Kingdom. So now that you have heard the Truth, you had better be grateful for that opportunity; otherwise, you might lose everything *you thought you had*. Be thankful you have been chosen to suffer rather than taking the pity-party route of whining and complaining about the things you have to endure. We all have to prove ourselves worthy of the Lord's Kingdom, and every time we prove ourselves, we store up one more bit of treasure in Heaven.

Here's a thought: When your life gets totally turned upside down by some difficult circumstance, you can be absolutely certain the "winds" are going to step in and start testing you by suggesting you think this "Way" or respond that "Way" to the test. It's up to you to decide how you respond at that point, and if you hesitate for even a second, the "winds" have already achieved their objective—you have failed the test. That's what James had in mind when he wrote this:

²(1) [Deem {it}] [all] [Joy], [my] [Brothers], [when] [you encounter] [various] [Tests], ³[knowing] [that] [The] [Proving] [of] [your] [Belief in God's **Promise**] [brings about] [Perseverance]; ⁴[and then],
 (2) [let [your] [Perseverance] have] [a [complete] Work], [so that] [you are]

(a) [complete] [and]

(b) [perfectly healthy]—
 (c) [not [lacking] [in] any way]; ⁵[and then],

(3) [if] [any] [of you] [lacks] [Wisdom],

(a) [he must request {it}] [from] [The] [{Living} God]—[Who]

(i) gives] [to everyone] [generously*] [and]
 (ii) [does [not] ridicule]—[and] [it will be given] [to him]. ⁶[But]

(b) [he must request {wisdom}] [with] [Belief in God's Promise], [not [doubting] at all].

(i) [For] [the one who] [doubts] [is analogous] [to a [Sea] Billow] [that is
 {(a)} being driven by the wind*] [and]
 {(b)} [tossed about*].

⁷(ii) [For] [That] [Man] [must [not] suppose] [that] [he will receive] [anything] [from] [His Majesty].

⁸(1) [A [double-minded] Man] {is} [fickle] [in] [all] [his] [Ways].

(James 1:2–8) —HSSB

Here's another thought: Every time the "winds" "blow" some thought your way, they are testing you. It is up to you to figure out what that "something" is. James makes it clear God does not test us, and Job tells us He allows Satan to do the dirty work. The Lord does that so we can demonstrate our belief in *the promise* and prove ourselves—show that we believe the Truth.

In your relationship with the Lord, He demands but three things of you:

Openness
 Honesty
 Commitment

By contrast, the "winds" want you to hide from the Lord, lie to yourself, and go back on the commitment you made to the Lord. So, they "blow" at you to do the opposite of what you should do when you fail a test: APOLOGIZE! But those who are stupid will go with the "winds," just like the "chaff" they are. ■



The Voice of Elijah® publishes articles based on the findings of The Elijah Project, a private research group headed by Larry D. Harper. In this column we seek answers to general-interest questions concerning the findings, purpose, and philosophy of this project.

Editor: We received the following inquiry from someone who visited our website voiceofelijah.com:

"Have you written a book on Revelation for purchase or otherwise, starting from Chapter 1 to the end of Chapter 22? I am not finding many books or newsletters since 2005; does Mr. Harper write anymore since then? Does he have others that help him in his ministry?"

Elijah: When I read the second part of the question, I immediately thought there must be something wrong with the website. I may be old and forgetful, but I am fairly certain I have written articles for at least 180 newsletters and *Updates* since 2005, and I finally got around to publishing my autobiography *God Called; I Answered* in 2015. So I tend to believe I have not yet passed on to my eternal reward; however, others may have a different opinion.

The Truth is, over the course of the last ten years, I have been so myopically focused on completing the translation of the New Testament that I began nearly forty years ago that a few things have been neglected, the website being but one. Now that my translation of the New Testament—which I have titled Harper's Standardized Study Bible, New Testament—is finally out in hardcopy form, I am just as myopically focused on developing a desktop application that will allow anyone who is interested to access that translation and

search everything I have written and recorded over the past thirty years. Once that software application is available for distribution, I intend to get back to wrapping up all the other projects I have to complete before my demise, one of which is showing how the Book of Revelation fits together with everything the Prophets wrote and included in the *Book of the Dead*. Until then, I intend to keep on explaining the absolutely astounding things I "see" in the *parabolic Book of the Dead* that Moses wrote and placed in the coffin of the Lord that resided behind the veil in the Tabernacle. But those who want to understand are going to have to prove it:

[Because]:

"[A Command] {refers} [to a Command];

[A Command] {refers} [to a Command].

[A Line] {refers} [to a Line];

[A Line] {refers} [to a Line].

[A Little Bit] {is} [here];

[A Little Bit] {is} [there]."

(Isaiah 28:10) —my interim translation

You can ignorantly scoff at the thought that I might actually know what I'm *talking about*, or you can take it to the bank. Your *choice*. Time will tell who's right and who's wrong on that issue. I'm all in on the hand I'm holding because I know precisely what hand you are holding, and it is nothing more than the junk that Satan has been dealing off the bottom of the deck for thousands of years. I also know you have no outs, so I would seriously advise against you calling; but again, that's your *choice*.

Enough allegorical comparison. I am aware that *The Voice of Elijah*® website is not all that it should be, or what it will be when I finally have the time to finish editing the articles I have written for the newsletter since 2008. Currently, all the issues up to that time are available for reading on the website, and I plan to edit the rest and allow them to be posted there as well. In addition to that, I am going to release all of the articles I have written for *The Voice of Elijah*® *Update* since I began in 1992. Everything I am involved in takes a whole lot longer than planned just because the "winds" are "blowing" a veritable "tornado" around me. Some of their shenanigans do nothing more than reveal just how stupid they are, others are incredibly effective at slowing things down. When that happens, I take solace in the fact that I am not the first to be forced to deal

with their obstruction; others have faced the same ridiculous malfeasance:

¹[In {the} {third} Year] [of Cyrus] [King] [of Persia], [a Word] [was revealed] [to Daniel], [whose] [Name] [was called] [Belteshazzar]. [Now [The Word] was true] [and a [huge] Army], [so he understood] [The Word], [but [he gained] Understanding] [by a Vivid Vision].

²[In [Those] Days], [I]—[Daniel]—[had been] [in mourning] [{for} three {periods}] [of seven] [Days]. ³[I did [not] eat] [highly preferred] [Bread], [and Meat] [and Wine] [did [not] come in] [to] [my Mouth], [and I did [not] apply any oil [at all] to my body] [until] [{the} three {periods}] [of seven] [Days] [were fulfilled]. ⁴[Then on {the} [twenty]-[fourth] Day] [of {the} [first] New Moon], [while I] [was] [beside] [The [great] River]—[that is], [The Tigris]—⁵[I raised] [my Eyes] [and saw]—[guess what!]—[one] [Man], [who was clothed] [in Linen]; [and his Loins] [were girded] [with {the} Fine Gold] [of Uphaz]. ⁶[And his Body] {was} [like Beryl], [and his Face] [like {the} Appearance] [of Flashing of Lightning], [and his Eyes] [like Torches of] [Fire], [and his Arms] [and Feet] [like {the} Sight] [of burnished] [Bronze], [and {the} Sound] [of his Words] [like {the} Sound] [of a Multitude].

⁷[Now I], [Daniel], [alone] [saw] [The Vivid Vision]; [and The Men] [who] [were] [with me] [did [not] see] [The Vivid Vision]. [Sadly], [a [great] Trembling] [fell] [on them], [and they fled] [to hide out]. ⁸[So I] [alone] [remained] [and saw] [This] [intensely] [Vivid Vision], [and no] [Energy] [remained] [in me], [but my Majestic Splendor] [had been turned] [against me] [by a Destroyer], [and I could [not] hold on to {any}] [Energy]. ⁹[Then I heard] [{the} Sound] [of his Words]; [and as soon as I heard] [{the} Sound] [of his Words], [I] [was] [falling fast asleep] [on] [my Face]; [and my Face] {was} [toward {the} Earth]. ¹⁰[Then guess what!] [a Hand] [touched] [me] [and made me move to and fro] [on] [my Knees] [and {the} Palms of] [my Hands].

¹¹[Then he said] [to me], “[Daniel], [a Man] [who is highly esteemed] [will provide understanding of] [{the} Words] [that] [I] [am going to speak] [to You]; [so stand] [right] [up] [because] [I have been sent] [to You] [at this time].” [So when he spoke] [This] [Word] [with me], [I stood up] [{with} a Shudder].

¹²[Then he said] [to me]: “[You must [not] be afraid], [Daniel], [because] [from] [The [first] Day] [that] [You set] [Your Heart] [on understanding] [and

on humbling Yourself] [before] [Your God], [Your Words] [have been heard]; [so I] [have come] [because of Your Words]. ¹³[But a Commanding Officer] [of {the} Kingdom of] [Persia] [has been standing] [right out in front of me] [{for} twenty]-[one] [Days]; [then guess what!] [Michael], [one] [of The [first] Commanding Officers], [came] [to help me]. [But I] [had been left behind] [there], [next to] [{the} Kings of] [Persia]. ¹⁴[So I have come] [to provide You an understanding of] [what] [will happen] [to Your People] [in the last] [Days], [because] [one more] [Vision] {is} [for {those} Days].”

¹⁵[But when he spoke] [with me] [in accordance with [These] Words], [I put] [my Face] [on {the} Earth] [and was mute]. ¹⁶[Then guess what!] {Someone with} [the same Likeness as] [{the} Sons of] [Adam] [was touching] [my Lips], [so I opened] [my Mouth] [and spoke]. [And I said] [to] [the one who was standing] [right out in front of me]: “[My Master], [as a result of {the} Vivid Vision], [things that hem me in] [have been turned back] [against me], [so I can [not] take hold of {any}] [Energy]. ¹⁷[So how] [is [this one]—[a Slave] [of My Master]—able] [to speak] [with] [that one]—[My Master]—[when I], [from then on], [no] [Strength] [will stay] [in me]—[so a **Nishmah**] [must [not] remain] [in me]?”

¹⁸[So {the one with the} same Appearance as] [Adam] [touched] [me] [again] [and strengthened me]. ¹⁹[And he said]: “[You, [highly esteemed] [Man], must [not] be afraid!] [Peace] {be} [with You!] [Be strong] [and resolute]!”

[And when he spoke] [with me], [I gathered my strength] [and said], “[Since You have strengthened me], [would [My Master] speak]?”

²⁰[So he said]: “[Do You know] [why] [I came] [to You]? [But now] [I must return] [to fight] [with] [{the} Commanding Officer] [of Persia], [so I] [am going to go out], [and guess what!] [{The} Commanding Officer] [of Greece] [is going to come in]! ²¹[Sadly], [I must tell] [You] [what has been inscribed] [in {the} Writing] [of Truth]; [but there is no] [one] [who stands resolute] [with me] [against] [these] [except] [Michael], [your Commanding Officer].”

(Daniel 10:1–21) —my interim translation

I love that chapter because it explains why I have been forced to overcome one hurdle after another over the past five decades. The “winds” that have “blown” against me over all those years have reached hurricane force at times; but so far, I am still standing upright, so

all is well to this point. But I have good reason to believe, and do believe, that things are only going to get worse for the lost from here on simply because recent events have convinced me Michael has finally “stood up” to shut down the “winds” that have been buffeting me. That’s good news for those who love the Truth; bad news for folks who love the semblance of “life” we have down here:

¹“[At [that] Time], [Michael], [The [great] Commanding Officer] [who stands] [over] [{the} Sons of] [Your People], [will stand up]; [and there will be] [a Time] [of Distress] [that] [has [not] been] [since there was] [a Nation] [until] [that] [Time]. [And at [that] Time], [Your People]—[everyone] [who is found] [written] [in {the} Scroll]—[will escape].²[Then many] [of those who are sleeping] [{in the} [dusty] Ground] [will wake up]. [These]? [To an [eternally burning] Life]! [But these]? [To {the} Disgrace] [of an [eternally burning] Repulsion].³[And those who have insight] [will]—[like {the} Brightness] [of The Expanse]—enlighten {others}; [and those who declare [The Many] not guilty]—[like {the} Stars]—[for a Burning Eternity] [and Forever].⁴[But You], [Daniel], [must plug up] [The Words] [and seal up] [The Scroll] [until] [an [End] Time]. [Many] [will go out looking {for the Truth}], [so [The Knowledge {of the Truth}] will increase].”

⁵[Then I], [Daniel], looked; [and guess what!] [Two] [others] [were standing]: [One] [here] [on {this} Bank] [of The Nile], [and another] [there], [on {that} Bank] [of The Nile].

⁶[And He said] [to {the} Man] [clothed with] [The Linen] ([who] {was} [above] [{the} Waters of] [The Nile]), “[How [long] until] [{the} End] [of The Incomprehensible Things]?”

⁷[Then I heard] [The Man] [clothed with] [The Linen {garment}] ([who] {was} [above] [{the} Waters of] [The Nile]). [And he raised] [his Right Hand] [and his Left Hand] [to] [The Sea of Waters], [and He swore [by {the} Life of] [the eternally burning {One}] that] {it would be} “[for an Appointed Time], [{two} Appointed Times], [and Half {an Appointed Time}]. [And when he has finished] [pulverizing] [{the} Hand] [{of the} holy] [People], [all of] [These Things] [will be finished].”

⁸[Now I] [had heard], [but I could [not] understand]. [So I said], “[My Master]! [What {will be}] [{the} Outcome of] [These Things]?”

⁹[But he said]: “[Go on], [Daniel]! [Because] [The Words] [have been plugged up] [and sealed up] [until] [an [End] Time].¹⁰[Many] [will be purified] [and made white] [and refined]. [They will declare [Those Who Are Guilty], guilty], [and [all] [Who Are Guilty] will [not] understand]. [But Those Who Gain Insight] [will understand].¹¹[And from {the} Time] [The Continuous Ritual] [has been removed] [even to {the time of} letting] [a Disgusting Person] [devastate {the Earth}] {there will be} [a Thousand] [{two} Hundred] [and ninety] [Days].¹²[The One Who Attains the Resurrection] {will be} [the one who waits for], [and reaches], [a Thousand] [three] [Hundred] [thirty] [and five] [Days]!¹³[But You] [must go on] [to {the} End] [and rest]; [then You will stand up] [{at} The Right Hand {of God}] [for Your Allotment] [at {the} End].”
(Daniel 12:1–13) —my interim translation

Most “scholars” focus on the “eschatological events” described in Daniel 11 and overlook the fact that Daniel 10–12 is describing an encounter Daniel had with a “messenger” who had been assigned to deliver a message but faced the opposition of a very powerful “wind.” Chapter 10 tells us no one but Michael had been assigned to help that “messenger” accomplish his task, but Daniel 12 goes on to describe what is going to happen when Michael finally intervenes. Wanna guess what happens when he gets involved? Nothing good, as far as Satan is concerned:

¹(1) [Then] [a [tremendous] Sign] [was seen] [in] [Heaven]:

- (a) {there is} [a Woman] [who had been wrapped in] [The] [Sun] [and]
- (b) [The] [Moon] {is} [underneath] [Her] [Feet] [and]
- (c) [a Crown] [of twelve] [Stars] {is} [on] [Her] [Head],²[and]
- (d) {she is} [one who has] [a Baby [in] her Tummy]; [and]
- (e) [she is shouting] [while in labor] [and] [in torment] [to give birth].

³(2) [Then] [another] [Sign] [was seen] [in] [Heaven], [and] [guess what!]

- (a) It was] [a [large], [fiery red] Sea Serpent] [that has]

- (i) [seven] [Heads] [and]
- (ii) [ten] [Horns] [and]
- (iii) [seven] [Diadems] [on] [his] [Heads]. ⁴[And]

(b) [his] [Tail] [hauled in] [the [third] {part}] [of The] [Stars] [of] [Heaven], [and]
 (c) [he threw [them] down] [to] [The] [Earth].
 (d) [And] [The] [Sea Serpent] [was standing] [before] [The] [Woman] [who] [was about] [to give birth], [so that] [when] [she gave birth] [he could devour] [Her] [Child].

⁵(3) [Then] [{the woman} gave birth to] [a Son], [a Male] [Who] [is going] [to shepherd] [all] [The] [Gentiles] [with] [an [iron] Staff]; [and]

(a) [Her] [Child] [was snatched up]

- (i) [to] [The] [{Living} God] [and]
- (ii) [to] [His] [Throne]. ⁶[And]

(b) [The] [Woman] [fled] [into] [the] [Desert] [where] [She has] [a Place] [that has been prepared] [there] [by] [The] [{Living} God], [so that] [He may provide [Her] food] [there] [one thousand] [two hundred] [sixty] [Days].

⁷(4) [Then] [there was] [War] [in] [Heaven]—[Michael] [and] [his] [Messengers] [waging war] [with] [The] [Sea Serpent]. [And]

(a) [The] [Sea Serpent] [and] [his] [Messengers] [waged war], ⁸[and]

- (i) [they did [not] have the ability {to win}];
- (ii) [neither] [was [a Place] found] [for them] [in] [Heaven] [any longer].

⁹(b) [So] [The] [Sea Serpent]—

- (i) [The] [Great One],
- (ii) [The] [Snake],
- (iii) [The] [Ancient One],
- (iv) [the one that] [is called]

- {(a)} “[False Accuser]” [and]
- {(b)} “[Satan],”

(v) [the one who] [is going to lead [The] [entire] [Civilized World] astray]—[was thrown down].

(c) [He was thrown down] [to] [The] [Earth], [and]
 (d) [his] [Messengers] [were thrown down] [with] [him].

¹⁰(5) [Then] [I heard] [a [loud] Voice] [in] [Heaven], [saying]: “[At this time],

(a) [The] [Salvation] [and]
 (b) [The] [Supernatural Power] [and]
 (c) [The] [Kingdom] [of] [our] [God]—[and]
 (d) [The] [Authority] [of] [His] [Anointed One]—[have come], [because] [The] [Accuser*] [of] [our] [Brothers]—[the one who] [makes accusations against] [them] [Day] [and] [Night] [before] [our] [God]—[has been thrown down]. ¹¹[And] [they] [have triumphed over] [him]

- (i) [because of] [The] [Blood] [of The] [Little Lamb] [and]
- (ii) [because of] [The] [Word] [of] [their] [Testimony], [and]
- (iii) {because} [they did [not] love] [their] [Soul] [up to the time] [of Death].

¹²(e) [For] [This Reason] [The] [Heavens] [and] [you] [who] [are camping out] [in] [them] must celebrate].
 (f) [Woe to] [The] [Earth] [and] [The] [Sea] [because] [The] [False Accuser]—[who has] [tremendous] [Rage], [aware] [that] [he has] [just a little] [Time]—[has come down] [to] [you].”

¹³(6) [Then] [when] [The] [Sea Serpent] [saw] [that] [he had been thrown down] [to] [The] [Earth], [he persecuted] [The] [Woman] [Who] [gave birth to] [The] [Male].

¹⁴(a) [So] [The] [two] [Wings] [of The] [Vulture]—[The] [Great One]—[were given] [to The] [Woman], [so that] [she could fly] [into] [The] [Desert], [to] [Her] [Place], [where] [She is going to be provided food] [there] [for a Time] [and] [Times] [and] [half] [a Time], [away from] [The] [Snake's] [Presence].

¹⁵(b) [So] [The] [Snake] [cast] [Water] [out] [of] [his] [Mouth] [like] [a River] [behind] [The] [Woman], [so that] [he might cause [her] to be] [carried away by the river*].

¹⁶(c) [So] [The] [Earth] [helped] [The] [Woman],
[and] [The] [Earth] [opened] [her] [Mouth] [and]
[swallowed up] [The] [River] [that] [The] [Sea
Serpent] [cast] [out] [of] [his] [Mouth].

¹⁷(d) [So] [The] [Sea Serpent] [became angry]
[with] [The] [Woman] [and] [went away]
[to make] [War] [with] [The] [Rest of] [Her] [Seed]—
[those who]

(i) [keep] [The] [Commandments] [of The]
[Living} God] [and]

(ii) [hold on to] [The] [Testimony] [of Jesus]—
[and] [he stood] [on] [The] [Sand] [of The] [Sea].

(Revelation 12:1–17) —HSSB

If you think people in this generation have already lost all reason and common sense, let me give you a clue as to what is coming. In days to come, folks are going to get as squirrely as a rabid raccoon. So you might want to hunker down, mind your manners, and stay as far away from confrontation as you possibly can. After all, all those malevolent beings who are scheduled to be evicted from their pleasant abode up there are going to end up down here, in someone's brain, wreaking havoc and raising Hell. Take it from me, you don't want to have an encounter of any kind with someone who has suddenly gone as looney as two tunes. Been there; done that; don't care to revisit the lack of logic in someone who feeds on contention:

²⁷[Quit], [My Son], [to listen to] [Admonishment],
[To become intoxicated]

[with Statements of] [Knowledge].

²⁸[Belial's] [Witness] [will scoff at]

[a Decision Based on the Truth],

[And {the} Mouth of] [Those Who Are Guilty]

[will swallow] [Contention].

²⁹[Decisions Based on the Truth] [have been prepared]
[for those who scoff],

[And a Pounding] [for {the} Back] [{of} Imbeciles].

(Proverbs 19:27–29) —my interim translation

It is going to happen; ignorant folks who have no knowledge at all of what I have been explaining for going on forty years now will nonetheless take it upon themselves to deny it has any validity at all. Too bad for them; the logic is irrefutable. All I have to do over the next few years is accomplish what the Lord called me

to do, and He will take it from there. But if you intend to be a part of it, you had better get started. Time is running out.

Editor: *Another man who has been visiting our website sent in a question for your consideration. He wrote:*

"I am very interested in your site and information you have presented here. One issue that I would like to know your view on, before I make a commitment to buying any literature from your site, is what do you think the view of the Church Fathers was on the fate of the unsaved? I believe that much of the organized church has taught a misinterpretation of the fate of the unsaved, especially as a regards to the parable, the Rich Man and Lazarus."

Elijah: This question is a perfect example of those who have no interest in the Truth; that is, they are only concerned with defending the things they already believe. The Truth is, it is impossible for anyone to understand the horrific things God has prepared for those who have *chosen to believe* whatever ridiculous notion they *decide to believe* rather than using logic and reason to determine what is true. I have no idea what God has prepared for those who *choose* not to be salvaged, but I imagine they are scheduled to experience precisely the opposite of the things God has prepared for those who love the Truth that He is. This what Paul says about that:

¹(1) [When {I} came] [to] [you], [Brothers],

(a) [I also] [did [not] come] [proclaiming] [The]
[Mystery] [of The] [{Living} God] [to you]
[with] [Superiority] [of Word] [or] [Wisdom].

²[For] [I decided] [not] [to know] [anything] [among]
[you] [except] [Jesus], [The Anointed One]—[and]
[This Individual] [crucified].

³(b) [I also] [came] [to] [you]

(i) [with] [an Infirmary] [and]

(ii) [with] [Fear] [and]

(iii) [with] [a lot of] [Trembling].

⁴(2) [So] [my] [Word] [and] [my] [Preaching] {were}

(a) [not] [with] [persuasive*] [Words] [of Wisdom],

(b) [but] [with] [a Demonstration*] [of {the} Spirit]

[and] [Supernatural Power], ⁵[so that] [your] [Belief in God's **Promise**] [would [not] be] [{based}]

- (i) on] [Men's] [Wisdom],
- (ii) [but only] [on] [God's] [Supernatural Power].

⁶(3) [Now]

(a) [we do speak] [a Wisdom] [among] [those who are] [complete], [yet] [not] [{the} Wisdom]

- (i) [of] [This] [Current Age] [nor]
- (ii) [of The] [Rulers] [of] [This] [Current Age], [who] [are going to be abrogated]; ⁷[but]

(b) [we speak] [God's] [Wisdom], [which] [had been tucked away] [in]

- (i) [a Mystery] [that] [The] [{Living} God] [decided on beforehand]—[before] [The] [Past Ages]—[as] [our] [Glory];
- ⁸(ii) [{a mystery} that] [none] [of The] [Rulers] [of] [This] [Current Age] [has known]; [for] [they] [would] [not] have crucified] [The] [Master] [of our] [Glory] [if] [they had known {it}]. ⁹[But]
- (iii) {a mystery} [just as] [it has been written]:

"[WHAT] [EYE] [HAS [NEVER] SEEN]
[AND] [EAR] [HAS [NEVER] HEARD]
[AND] [WHAT HAS [NEVER] COME UP]
[ON] [A MAN'S] [HEART]
{Is} [WHAT] [THE] [{Living} GOD] [HAS
PREPARED] [FOR THOSE WHO] [LOVE] [HIM]."

¹⁰(4) [Yet] [The] [{Living} God] [has revealed {those things}] [to us] [via] [The] [Spirit];

- (a) [for] [The] [Spirit] [searches] [everything], [even] [The] [Depths] [of The] [{Living} God].
- ¹¹(b) [For] [who] [among Men] [is aware of] [the {thoughts}] [of The] [Man] [except] [The] [Spirit] [of The] [Man] [that is] [in] [him]? [So] [also] [nobody] [knows] [the {thoughts}] [of The] [{Living} God] [except] [The] [Spirit] [of The] [{Living} God].

- ¹²(i) [So] [we] [did [not] **receive**] [The] [Spirit] [of The] [World], [but] [The] [Spirit] [that is] [from] [The] [{Living} God], [so that] [we would

be aware of] [the things that] [have been granted to [us] as a favor] [by] [The] [{Living} God], ¹³[which things] [we [also] talk about]—[not] [in] [Words] [taught] [by human] [Wisdom], [but only] [in {words}] [taught] [by {the} Spirit], [{words} that compare [Spiritual Things] to] [Spiritual Things].

¹⁴(ii) [But] [a [soulish] Man] [does [not] accept] [the things] [of The] [Spirit] [of The] [{Living} God], [for] [it is] [Stupidity] [to him], [so] [he is [not] able] [to know] [that] [he is being interrogated] [spiritually].

¹⁵(iii) [But] [the] [spiritual {Man}] [examines] [Every Last Thing], [yet] [He] [is [not] going to be interrogated] [by {anybody}].

¹⁶(c) [FOR] [WHO] [HAS KNOWN] [HIS MAJESTY'S] [MIND]? {Who is} [THE ONE WHO] [WILL PUT IT ALL TOGETHER FOR] [HIM]? [But then] [we] [have] [{the} Mind] [of The Anointed One].

(1 Corinthians 2:1–16) —HSSB

The "winds" have been working overtime for thousands of years to ensure that unsuspecting fools have no hope of redemption. The lies they have spread have convinced the susceptible that absolute Truth regarding the Scriptures is impossible to achieve, so a focus on minutiae will do just fine. For that reason I venture to say the fellow who submitted the question is going to have a rude awakening on Judgment Day:

¹³"[Come in] [through] [The] [narrow] [Gate], [because] [The] [Gate] [that] [leads {men} away] [to] [Eternal Damnation] {is} [a Thoroughfare]; [and] [The] [Way] {is} [spacious*], [and] [those who] [come in] [through] [it] [are] [many]. ¹⁴[How] [narrow] {is} [The] [Gate] [and] [constricted] [The] [Way] [that] [leads {men} away] [into] [His] [Life]? [And] [those who] [find] [it] [are] [just a few].

¹⁵[Beware] [of] [The] [False Prophets], [who] [come] [to] [you] [in] [Sheep's] [Clothing], [but] [are] [avaricious] [Wolves] [on the inside]. ¹⁶[You can recognize] [them] [by] [their] [Fruits]. [They do [not, by any means], cull] [Bunches of Grapes] [from] [Thorns] [or] [Figs] [from] [Thistles]! ¹⁷[So also], [every] [good] [Tree] [produces] [exceptionally good] [Fruit]; [but] [The] [rotten] [Tree] [produces] [nasty] [Fruit]. ¹⁸[A [good] Tree] [can] [not] [produce] [nasty] [Fruit]; [neither] [does] [a [rotten]

Tree] produce] [exceptionally good] [Fruit]. ¹⁹[Every] [Tree] [that is [not] producing] [exceptionally good] [Fruit] [is going to be cut off] [and] [thrown] [into] [a Fire]. ²⁰[So then] [you can, [indeed], recognize] [them] [by] [their] [Fruits].

²¹[Not] [everyone] [who] [says], ‘[Your Majesty]! [Your Majesty]!’ [to Me] [will come in] [to] [The] [Kingdom] [of The] [Heavens], [but only] [the one who] [acts in accordance with] [The] [Will] [of] [My] [Father], [Who is] [in] [The] [Heavens]. ²²[Many] [will say] [to Me] [on] [That] [Day], ‘[Your Majesty]! [Your Majesty]! [Did we [not] prophesy] [in] [Your] [Name] [and] [cast out] [Demons] [in] [Your] [Name] [and] [do] [a lot of] [Supernaturally Powerful Things] [in] [Your] [Name]?’ ²³[And] [then] [I will acknowledge the truth about] [them], [that] ‘[I [never] knew] [you]! [You [WHO] [ARE COMMITTING] [THE] [LAWLESS DEED], DEPART] [FROM] [ME]!’

²⁴[Therefore], [anyone] [who] [hears] [These], [My] [Words], [and] [acts in accordance with] [them] [will be like] [a [sensible] Man] [who] [built] [his] [House] [on] [The] [Rock]. ²⁵[And] [The] [Rain] [came down], [and] [The] [Rivers] [came up], [and] [The] [Winds] [blew]. [Then] [they prostrated themselves] [in] [That] [House], [and] [it did [not] fall], [for] [it had been founded] [on] [The] [Rock]. ²⁶[And] [anyone] [who] [hears] [These], [My] [Words], [and] [does [not] act in accordance with] [them], [will be like] [a [stupid] Man] [who] [built] [his] [House] [on] [The] [Sand]. ²⁷[And] [The] [Rain] [came down], [and] [The] [Rivers] [came up], [and] [The] [Winds] [blew]. [Then] [they stumbled] [in] [That] [House], [and] [it fell], [and] [its] [Fall] [was] [tremendous].”

(Matthew 7:13–27) —HSSB

Let me show you how totally ridiculous it is for someone to focus on the fate of the lost—which is impossible for anyone to accurately understand—when there is absolute Truth about the two “houses” that Jesus mentions in that parable; and that absolute Truth can be easily understood by anyone, provided one is willing to consider, accept, and believe it. And “The Way” back from confusion to certainty begins with the simple Hebrew idiom “build a house.”

I can easily show from the Hebrew Scriptures—which I have done at least once in the more than thirty years I have been writing—that the Hebrew idiom “build a house” means “engender a son.” If you couple that with the fact the Prophet Nathan *promised* David

that God would be his “Redeemer” and “build a house” for him if he ever needed it (2 Sam. 7), and then fast-forward to the birth of Jesus and consider the fact that, through the Incarnation, God “gave a *Seed*” (which Hebrew idiom means “engender a son for” someone) to David at that point in time, you have the foundation (pun intended) on which the message of the Scriptures is based.

The Truth is, as I have long since explained in the booklet titled *In the Image and Likeness of God*, our most infamous forefather Adam is not the “Adam” Whose creation in the image and likeness of God is described in Genesis 1:26–27; Jesus Christ is—as Paul casually mentions in 1 Corinthians 15. That creation event happened when Christ was resurrected in the image and likeness of God. And just as Nathan told David He would, Jesus Christ “built a House” for God when He arose from the dead. That “House” already included every descendant of Jacob who had managed to maintain his position in *Corporate* Israel until he died—that is, everyone who had not been “cut off from” *Corporate* Israel.

But get this: A whole lot of new members have been added to “The House” of God since the Day of Pentecost. The reason for that is, God never intended to have a “House” (family) that consisted of just the One Son (Jesus Christ); He fully intended to have a “House” filled with millions of members. That is the *parabolic imagery* the Apostle Peter had in mind when he wrote the following:

¹(1) [Therefore], [after setting aside]:

- (a) [all] [Awfulness] [and]
- (b) [all] [Chicanery] [and]
- (c) [Hypocrisy] [and]
- (d) [Envy] [and]
- (e) [all] [Disparaging Statements], ²[yearn for] [The] [logical], [unadulterated*] [Milk] {of the Truth}

- (i) [like] [newborn*] [Babies],
- (ii) [so that] [you may be made to grow] [into] [Salvation] [by] [it]—
- ³(iii) [if] [you have tasted] [that] [His Majesty] {is} [really good].

⁴(2) [To] [Whom], [after approaching] [as to a [living] Stone]—[a Stone} Who,

(a) [on the one hand], has been completely rejected]
[by] [Men], [but
(b) on the other hand], {is} [a Chosen One] [held in
honor] [by] [God]—⁵[you [yourselves] are [also],

(i) [like] [living] [Stones],
(ii) being built]

{(a)} [by] [Jesus], [The Anointed One],
{(b)} [as a [spiritual] House],
{(c)} [into] [a [holy] Cadre of Priests],
{(d)} [to take up] [spiritual] [Sacrifices]
[very acceptable] [to The] [{Living} God].
⁶[Because] [He has encompassed {this truth}]
[in] [a Scripture]:

“[GUESS WHAT!] [I AM GOING TO PUT
[A [CHOSEN] STONE] DOWN] [IN] [ZION]—
[A CORNERSTONE] {that is}
[HELD IN HONOR]—
[AND] [THE ONE WHO] [BELIEVES
GOD’S **PROMISE**] [REGARDING] [HIM]
[WILL [DEFINITELY NOT]
BE EMBARRASSED].”

⁷(3) [Therefore], [The] [Honor] {is} [for you] [who]
[believe God’s **promise**]; [but] [for those who refuse to
believe {it}]:

“[A STONE] [THAT] [THOSE WHO] [ARE BUILDING]
[COMPLETELY REJECTED]?
[THIS {Stone}] [HAS BEEN TURNED] [INTO]
[{the} HEAD] [OF A CORNER],”

⁸[even],

“[A STONE] [OF SOMETHING
THAT CAUSES STUMBLING]
[AND] [{the} ROCK] [OF A DEADFALL TRAP].”

(4) [Those who] [stumble over] [The] [Word] {are} [those
who are not persuaded by God’s **promise**—[for] [which]
[they have [also] been put down]. ⁹[But] [you] {are}:

(a) [A [CHOSEN] KINDRED],
(b) [A [royal*] CADRE OF PRIESTS],
(c) [A [HOLY] NATION],
(d) [A PEOPLE] [FOR] [ACQUISITION], [so that] [you

may forthrightly proclaim*] [The] [Virtuous
Characteristics] [of the One Who] [invited] [you]
[out] [of Nether Darkness] [into] [His] [amazing]
[Light]—

¹⁰(e) [those who were] [at one time] [NOT] [A PEOPLE],
[but] {are} [now] [GOD’S] [PEOPLE];

(f) [those who] [HAD [NOT] BEEN SHOWN MERCY], [but]
{are} [now] [THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SHOWN MERCY].

(1 Peter 2:1–10) —HSSB

The scriptural phrases that Peter quotes in verse 9 should tell anyone with even a smattering of logic that Peter is saying Christian Believers have now become the members of Corporate Israel—“The House” of God—but they don’t. Satan has blinded the eyes of everyone to the point where they cannot see or understand the Truth. But that is not the point of why I showed you what Peter said about “The House” of God that is currently being “built” with Gentile “stones.” In verse 6, Peter also quotes Isaiah 28:

⁹[To [whom] would He teach] [Knowledge]?
[And to [whom] would He provide
an understanding of] [a Message]?
[Those who have been weaned] [from Milk]!
[{Those} too mature] [for Breasts]!

¹⁰[Because]:

“[A Command] {refers} [to a Command];
[A Command] {refers} [to a Command].
[A Line] {refers} [to a Line];
[A Line] {refers} [to a Line].
[A Little Bit] {is} [here];
[A Little Bit] {is} [there].”

¹¹[Because]:

[He will speak] [to] [This] [People]
[With a [sneering] Lip] [and in [another] Tongue],

¹²[What] [He said] [to them]:

“[This] {is} [The Resting Place]!
[You must give rest] [to {the} weary].
[And this] {is} [The Tranquility*]!”
[But he was [not] willing] [to listen].

¹³[So [The Word] [of His Majesty] [to them] will be]:

“[A Command] {refers} [to a Command];
[A Command] {refers} [to a Command].
[A Line] {refers} [to a Line];
[A Line] {refers} [to a Line].
[A Little Bit] {is} [here];
[A Little Bit] {is} [there].”

[In order that] [they walk] [and stumble] [backwards]
 [And are broken] [and trapped] [and captured].
¹⁴[Therefore], [listen to] [The Word] [of His Majesty],
 [You [Scoffing] Mortal Men]
 [Who have control over] [This] [People]
 [Who] {is} [in Jerusalem]:
¹⁵[Because] [you have said]:
 "[We have cut] [a Legal Agreement] [with] [Death].
 [And [we have acted in accordance with] [a Vision]
 with] [The Sea of El].
 [When] [an [overflowing] Breaker] [passes over],
 [it will [not] come to us],
 [Because] [we have turned [a Lie] into] [our Shelter]
 [And [we have hidden ourselves] in a Falsehood]!"
¹⁶[Therefore], [this is what] [My Master], [His Majesty],
 [has said]:
 "Look! I am] [going to lay] [a Stone] [in Zion]—
 [a [tested*] Stone]!
 [A [precious] Corner] [of a [solidly founded]
 Foundation]!
 [The one who believes]
 [will [not] make {it} move quickly].
¹⁷[I will turn] [a Decision Based on the Truth]
 [into a Line],
 [And a Declaration of Not Guilty] [into a Level].
 [Then Hail] [will sweep away*]
 [{the} Shelter] [of a Lie],
 [And Waters] [will overflow] [a Hiding Place].
¹⁸[Then [Your Legal Agreement] [with] [Death]
 will be covered up].
 [And Your Vision] [with] [The Sea of El]
 [will [not] stand].
 [When] [an [overflowing] Breaker] [passes over],
 [Then you will become] [What Is Trampled]
 [by Him].
¹⁹[Whenever] [He passes over], [He will take] [you].
 [He will pass over] [each and every Morning],
 [During {the} Day] [and during {the} Night],
 [To provide an understanding of] [a Message]
 {that is} [nothing but] [Sheer Terror]!"
²⁰(1) [Because] [The Sleeping Mat]
 [is too short] [to stretch oneself out],
 [And [He bound up] The Weaving]
 [when He wrapped it up]!
²¹(2) [Because] [His Majesty]
 [will arise] [like Mount] [Perazim];
 [He will be disturbed] [like a Valley] [in Gibeon]!
 [To make] [What He Is Making]!

([What He Is Making] {is} [strange]!)
 [To do] [His Transportation Work]!
 ([His Transportation Work] {is} [foreign]!)
²²[But now], [you must [not] scoff],
 [Lest] [your Shackles] [be made stronger];
 [Because] [I have heard] [from] [My Master],
 [His [Supreme] Majesty].
 [A Complete End] [has also been decreed]
 [over] [The [entire] Earth]!
 (Isaiah 28:9–22) —my interim translation

Did you "see" what Isaiah said? He said the Lord had already made plans to "build a house." That's the point of his mentioning the "Stone" God is going to "lay" as the "Corner" of a "Foundation," using a "line" and a "level." But did you "see" what he said would happen after that "Stone" had been "laid"? He said those folks who thought they had the keys to the kingdom were suddenly going to realize they had been taken in by a lie:

"[Then Hail] [will sweep away*]
 [{the} Shelter] [of a Lie],
 [And Waters] [will overflow] [a Hiding Place].
¹⁸[Then [Your Legal Agreement] [with] [Death]
 will be covered up].
 [And Your Vision] [with] [The Sea of El]
 [will [not] stand].
 [When] [an [overflowing] Breaker] [passes over],
 [Then you will become] [What Is Trampled]
 [by Him].
¹⁹[Whenever] [He passes over], [He will take] [you].
 [He will pass over] [each and every Morning],
 [During {the} Day] [and during {the} Night],
 [To provide an understanding of] [a Message]
 {that is} [nothing but] [Sheer Terror]!"
 (Isaiah 28:17b–19) —HSSB

That passage reminds me of the parable Jesus told about the fate of two individuals who "built a house" for themselves. Something tells me Jesus had in mind what Isaiah said when He told it:

²¹"[Not] [everyone] [who] [says], '[Your Majesty]!
 [Your Majesty]!' [to Me] [will come in] [to] [The]
 [Kingdom] [of The] [Heavens], [but only] [the one who]
 [acts in accordance with] [The] [Will] [of] [My] [Father],
 [Who is] [in] [The] [Heavens]. ²²[Many] [will say] [to Me]

[on] [That] [Day], [‘Your Majesty!’] [Your Majesty!] [Did we [not] prophesy] [in] [Your] [Name] [and] [cast out] [Demons] [in] [Your] [Name] [and] [do] [a lot of] [Supernaturally Powerful Things] [in] [Your] [Name]?’
²³[And] [then] [I will acknowledge the truth about] [them], [that] [‘I [never] knew] [you]! [YOU [WHO] [ARE COMMITTING] [THE] [LAWLESS DEED], DEPART] [FROM] [ME]!’

²⁴[Therefore], [anyone] [who] [hears] [These], [My] [Words], [and] [acts in accordance with] [them] [will be like] [a [sensible] Man] [who] [built] [his] [House] [on] [The] [Rock]. ²⁵[And] [The] [Rain] [came down], [and] [The] [Rivers] [came up], [and] [The] [Winds] [blew]. [Then] [they prostrated themselves] [in] [That] [House], [and] [it did [not] fall], [for] [it had been founded] [on] [The] [Rock]. ²⁶[And] [anyone] [who] [hears] [These], [My] [Words], [and] [does [not] act in accordance with] [them], [will be like] [a [stupid] Man] [who] [built] [his] [House] [on] [The] [Sand]. ²⁷[And] [The] [Rain] [came down], [and] [The] [Rivers] [came up], [and] [The] [Winds] [blew]. [Then] [they stumbled] [in] [That] [House], [and] [it fell], [and] [its] [Fall] [was] [tremendous].”

(Matthew 7:21–27) —HSSB

I say again, a lot of folks are going to wake up on the other side of death to find they did not make it into the Resurrection of the Righteous. That’s because they did not choose to think “The Way” God thinks. Instead, they chose to go on thinking God would find their thoughts acceptable. Too bad for them; that is not the case. Isaiah states it plainly:

¹“[Woe!] [Everyone] [who is thirsty],
 [come] [for {the} Water];
 [And whoever] [has] [no] [Silver],
 [come {for the water}].
 [Buy grain] [and eat],
 [and come {for the water}].
 [Buy grain] [with no] [Silver],
 [And [Wine] [and Milk] with nothing] [of Market Value].
²[Why] [would you weigh out] [Silver]
 [for {what is} not] [Bread]—
 [Your Production] [for {what has} no] [Satisfaction]?
 [Listen] [carefully] [to Me] [and eat] [a Good Thing],
 [So that your Soul] [may take delight] [in {the} Grease].
³[Cup] [your Ear] [and come] [to Me];
 [Listen], [so that [your Soul] may live].
 [Then I will cut] [an [eternally burning]

Legal Agreement] [for you]—
[Those who believe]
[{the} Loving-kindnesses of] [David].
⁴[Guess what!] [Kinfolk have] [a Witness].
 [I will make Him] [a Leader]
 [and one who gives commands to] [Kinfolk].
⁵[Guess what!] [You will call] [a Nation]
 [You do [not] know],
 [And a Nation]—[they will [not] know You]—
 [will run] [to You]
 [For the sake of] [His Majesty], [Your God],
 [And to [Israel’s] Holy One],
 [When] [He has made You beautiful].
⁶[Diligently seek] [His Majesty] [while He can be found];
 [Call out to Him] [while He is] [near].
⁷[Let [a guilty {man}] abandon] [his Way];
 [And a [contentious] Man], [his Thoughts],
 [So that he may return] [to] [His Majesty],
 [So that He may have compassion on him],
 [And to] [our God]:

(1) [Because] [He will [forgive] much].

⁸(2) [Because] [My Thoughts] {are} [not]
 [your Thoughts],
 [And your Ways] {are} [not]
 [My Ways],” [declares] [His Majesty].

⁹“(3) [Because] [{the} Sea of Waters]
 [are higher] [than {the} Earth],
 [So also] [My Ways] [are higher] [than your Ways];
 [And My Thoughts], [than your Thoughts].

¹⁰(4) [Because], [just as] [The Rainfall]
 [and The Snow]
 [Comes down] [from] [The Sea of Waters],
 [And [he does [not] return] there]
 [Unless]:

- (a) [He satisfies the thirst of] [The] [Earth],
- (b) [And causes her to engender]
- (c) [And causes her to sprout],
- (d) [And gives] [Seed]
 [for {the} one who is sowing]
 [And Bread] [for {the} one who is eating].

¹¹[So also] [My Word] [will be]
 [One Who] [goes out] [of My Mouth];
 [He will [not] return] [to Me]
 [without {doing} anything]
 [Unless]:

- (i) [He does] [what] [I want],
 (ii) [And makes [what] [I sent Him {for}]
 successful]."

(Isaiah 55:1–11) —my interim translation

Let me explain what Isaiah is *talking about*; maybe then you will understand what is at stake in thinking your own thoughts and going your own "Way." When God booted Adam and Eve out of the Garden, after they called Him a liar and believed a fool, He gave them a **promise** that they could come back to the Garden if they believed **the promise** and held on to their belief in **the promise** until death. To put what I just told you in more accurate terms, God gave them His *Word* and told them everything depended on them believing that *Word*. But **the promise** God gave Adam and Eve is not **the only promise** God made. Not by a long shot. He made a whole long list of **promises**, and those **promises** are all recorded in the Hebrew Scriptures. Just keep in mind the fact that every time God made a **promise**, He "gave His *Word*" so that what He **promised** would eventually come to pass.

To me, the most astounding **promise** of all **the promises** God made when He "gave His *Word*" to someone is **the promise** He made to David in 2 Samuel 7. If you know the Hebrew idioms "build a house," "raise up a seed," and "make a name" all mean "engender a son," the meaning of **the promise** God gave David is perfectly clear and absolutely astounding. He used all three of those Hebrew idioms to tell David He would "engender a Son" for David if David ever came to the point where he had no son who was qualified to be king.

The Truth is, God "gave His *Word*" to David twice—once through the Prophet Nathan, once through the Virgin Mary. And the only thing you need to know to "see" how that is: The Hebrew idiom "give a seed" means "engender a son for" someone. So when God "gave a seed" to David through the Virgin Mary, the reality is He "gave His *Word*" to David a second time; but *literally*, not *idiomatically*. That is why John begins his Gospel this "Way":

¹[In] [The Beginning], [there was] [The] [Word]; [and] [The] [Word] [was] [with] [The] [{Living} God], [and] [The] [Word] [was] [God]. ²[This Individual] [was] [with] [The] [{Living} God] [in] [The Beginning]. ³[Everything] [has come into being] [via] [Him], [and] [not even] [One Thing] [that] [has come

into being] [has come into being] [apart from] [Him]. ⁴[Life] [was] [in] [Him], [and] [His] [Life] [was] [The] [Light] [of] [Men]. ⁵[So] [The] [Light] [appears] [in] [The] [Darkness], [yet] [The] [Darkness] [has] [never] [grasped] [it].

(John 1:1–5) —HSSB

At various times, the Prophets refer to the "good word" that God gave to David just because of the non-chalant way that David referred to God's **promise** as a "good thing" (2 Sam. 7:28) and then promptly twisted it to fit his own ends. But it is blatantly obvious that David understood the incredible nature of what God had **promised** because he restates it plainly when he says this:

²⁵[But now], [Your Majesty], [God], [confirm] [The Word] [that] [You have spoken] [concerning] [Your Slave] [and concerning] [His House] [as long as] [a Burning Eternity] [and do] [just as] [You have spoken]; ²⁶[and

- (1) [Your Name] will grow] [as long as] [a Burning Eternity], [saying], 'His [Supreme] Majesty] {is} [God] [over] [Israel]'; [and
 (2) {the} House] [of Your Slave], [David], [will be] [prepared] [because of You].

²⁷[Because] [You], [Your [Supreme] Majesty], [God] [of Israel], [have uncovered] [{the} Ear] [of Your Slave], [by saying], '[I will build] [a House] [for You].' [Therefore], [Your Slave] [has found] [his] [Heart] [to pray] [This] [Prayer] [to You]. ²⁸[So now], [My Master], [Your Majesty], [You] [are] [The {Living} God]; [and Your Words] [are] [true], [and You have spoken] [This] [Good One] [to] [Your Slave]. ²⁹[So now] [be pleased] [and **bless**] [{the} House] [of Your Slave], [so that it may be] [before You] [for a Burning Eternity]; [because] [You], [My Master], [Your Majesty], [have spoken], [and Your **Blessing**] [will **bless**] [{the} House] [of Your Slave] [for a Burning Eternity]."

(2 Samuel 7:25–29) —my interim translation

If you have insight into the fact that—nearly 1000 years before Jesus Christ was born of a Virgin—God **promised** David He would do exactly what He did in the Incarnation of Christ, you can see why I get a bit emotional when I read a passage where, several hundred years after David passed on, God reminded one

of the Prophets He was still planning to do exactly what He did. That is, Jeremiah alludes to the “good word” God “gave” to David several times, but the following is one of my favorites simply because Jeremiah alludes to the idiom “raise up a seed” when he calls the Lord a “Sprout” instead of a “Seed”:

¹“[Woe!] [Shepherds] [are dispersing and] [sending] [{the} Flock] [of My Pasture] to Hell!” [declares] [His Majesty]. ²“[Therefore], [this is what] [His Majesty] [{the} God of] [Israel] [has said], [concerning] [The Shepherds] [who are shepherding] [My People]: ‘[You] [dispersed] [My Flock] [and banished them] [and did [not] levy] [them]. [Guess what! I] [am going to levy] [{the} Badness] [of your Practices] [against you],’” [declares] [His Majesty]. ³“[Then I] [will gather] [{the} Remnant] [of My Flock] [from all] [The Lands] [where] [I banished] [them], [and I will bring [them] back] [to] [their Habitat]. [Then they will bear fruit] [and become many]. ⁴[And I will raise up] [Shepherds] [over them], [and they will shepherd them] [so that they are [no] [longer] afraid] [nor] [intimidated] [nor] [levied],” [declares] [His Majesty].

⁵“[Guess what!] [Days] [are coming],” [declares] [His Majesty],
“[When I will raise up] [a Sprout] [for David]—
[One Who is Impartial]—
[And He will reign] [as King], [and have insight];
[And He will act in accordance with]
[a Decision Based on the Truth] [and]
[a Declaration of Not Guilty] [on {the} Earth].
⁶[In His Days], [Judah] [will be saved]
[And Israel] [will reside] [securely];
[And this] {is} [His Name]—
[what] [He will be called]—
‘[His Majesty], [Our Declaration of Not Guilty].’

⁷[Therefore], [guess what!] [Days] [are coming],” [declares] [His Majesty], “[when they will [no] [longer] say], ‘[I swear by] [His Majesty], [Who] [brought up] [{the} Sons of] [Israel] [out of {the} Land] [of Egypt]’; ⁸[but] ‘[I swear by] [His Majesty], [Who] [brought up] [{the} Seed of] [{the} House] [of Israel] [out of a Land] [toward **Zaphon**] [and out of all] [The Lands] [where] [I banished them].’ [Then they will dwell] [on] [their Ground].”
(Jeremiah 23:1–8) —my interim translation

As if that passage were not sufficient to convince you the Prophets understood the meaning of *the promise* God gave David regarding the Incarnation of Christ, here’s another one. Pay attention to where the two passages use exactly the same wording:

¹⁴“[Look!] [Days] [are coming],” [declares] [His Majesty], “[when I will raise up] [The [good] Word] [that] [I spoke] [to] [{the} House] [of Israel] [and concerning] [{the} House] [of Judah]. ¹⁵[In [Those] Days] [and at [That] Time], [I will cause [a Sprout]—[a Declaration of Not Guilty]—to sprout] [for David]; [and He will make] [a Decision Based on the Truth] [and a Declaration of Not Guilty] [on {the} Earth].

¹⁶[In [Those] Days], [Judah] [will be saved], [and Jerusalem] [will reside] [securely]; [and this] {is} [what] [She will be called]: ‘[His Majesty], [our Declaration of Not Guilty].’ ¹⁷[Because] [this is what] [His Majesty] [has said], ‘[A Man] [David has] [Who sits down] [on] [{the} Throne] [of {the} House] [of Israel] [will [not] be cut off]; ¹⁸[and [a Man] {the} Priests, [The Levites], have]—[One Who offers up] [a Burnt Offering] [and burns [a Cereal Offering] as incense] [and [always] makes] [a Communal Sacrifice]—[will [not] be cut off] [from before Me].’”

¹⁹[Then [{the} Word] [of His Majesty] came] [to] [Jeremiah], [saying], ²⁰“[This is what] [His Majesty] [has said]: ‘[If] [you can make [My Legal Agreement] [{regarding} The Day] [and] [My Legal Agreement] [{regarding} The Night] null and void], [so that [Daytime] [and Night] [are] not] [at their Time], ²¹{then} [My Legal Agreement] [with] [My Slave] [David] [and with] [The Levites], [The Priests] [who minister to Me], [can [also] be made null and void] [so that [he] does not have] [a Son] [Who reigns as king] [on] [his Throne]. ²²[As] [{the} Army] [of The Sea of Waters] [can [not] be counted] [and [{the} Sand] [of The Sea] can [not] be measured], [likewise] [I will increase] [{the} Seed] [of My Slave] [David] [and] [The Levites] [who minister to] [Me].’”

²³[Then [{the} Word] [of His Majesty] came] [to] [Jeremiah], [saying]: ²⁴“[Have You [not] seen] [what] [This] [People] [spoke], [saying], ‘[Two of] [The Families] [whom] [His Majesty] [chose], [and He has rejected them]’? [And] [they treat [My People] with contempt] [because {they} are no] [longer] [a Nation] [before them]. ²⁵[This is what] [His Majesty] [has said], ‘[If] [I [most definitely] did [not] put in place] [My Legal Agreement] [{regarding} [Daytime] [and Night] [{as} Statutes for]

[{the} Sea of Waters] [and {the} Earth], ²⁶{then} [I will reject] [{the} Seed] [of Jacob] [and [My Slave] David] [{by} not taking] [some of] his Seed] [{as} Controllers] [over] [{the} Seed] [of Abraham], [Isaac], [and Jacob] [when] [I bring [their Captives] back from captivity] [and have compassion on them].”

(Jeremiah 33:14–26) —my interim translation

What did you think of my choice of the term *Sprout* for my translation? Keep it mind, you are going to see it again. But first, you need to know what Isaiah says to those folks who stupidly think rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem holds any significance at all in God’s plan regarding “The House” He wants “built”:

¹[This is what] [His Majesty] [said]:
“[The Sea of Waters] {is} [My Throne],
[And The Earth] {is} [a Footstool] {for} [My Feet]!
[Where] {is} [this] [House]

[that] [you would build] [for Me]?

[And where] {is} [this] [Place] [of My Resting Place]?

²[But] [My Hand] [will make] [all] [These Things],

[And [all] [These Things] will come into being]!”

[declares] [His Majesty].

“[But [I will look] to] [this one]:

[To] [one who is humble] [and wounded] [of Spirit],

[And trembling] [because of] [My Word].”

(Isaiah 66:1–2) —my interim translation

Isaiah’s point is, the members of “The House” of God that the Son of David was appointed to “build” are going to be those who meet the three qualifications he mentions. So you can count on it; if they don’t describe you, beware. Pretense will get you nowhere you want to go. Listen to what Isaiah says about the “Sprout” Jeremiah describes:

³³[Guess what!] [The Master], [His [Supreme] Majesty],

[Is going to [ruthlessly*] lop off] [Leafy Branches*]!

[The haughty ones] [{on} The Rise]

[are going to be severed],

[And the tall {ones}] [will be brought down]!

³⁴[Then [{the} Thickets of] [The Forest]

will be stripped away] [with {the} Iron]!

[And The Lebanon] [will fall] [by a Majestic One]!

¹[Then [a Sapling] will come out]

[of {the} Stump] [of Jesse].

[A Scion] [will bear fruit] [out of his Roots].

²[And [{the} Spirit] [of His Majesty]

will rest] [upon Him]!

[A Spirit] [of Wisdom] [and Understanding]!

[A Spirit] [of a Plan] [and Valor]!

[A Spirit] [of Knowledge] [and Fear of] [His Majesty].

³[So He will smell a fragrance]

[in {the} Fear] [of His Majesty]!

[And He will [not] judge] [by What [His Eyes] See],

[And He will [not] correct] [by What [His Ears] Hear*]!

⁴[But He will judge] [Those Who Are Destitute]

[with a Declaration of Not Guilty]!

[And He will provide direction] [in Uprightness]

[for Those [{on} Earth] Who Are Humble]!

[Then He will viciously attack] [{the} Earth]

[with {the} Staff] [of His Mouth]!

[And [He will put [The Guilty] to death]

with {the} Spirit] [of His Lips]!

⁵[And [a Declaration of Not Guilty]

will be] [{the} Binding] [{around} His Loins];

[And The Truth], [The Binding] [{around} His Hips].

⁶[Then [Wolf] will reside temporarily] [with] [Sheep],

[And Leopard] [will lie down] [with] [Baby Kid Goat],

[Even Calf] [and Alpha Lion] [and Fatling] [together];

[And a [small] Boy] [will drive] [them].

⁷[Even Cow] [and Bear] [will be friends];

[Their Children] [will lie down] [together].

[Even a Lioness] [will eat] [Straw] [like Cattle].

⁸[Then [a Nursling] will play around]

[on] [a Cobra’s] [Hole],

[And [one who has been weaned] [will place] [his Hand]

on] [a Viper’s] [Den*].

⁹[They will [not] do a bad thing],

[and they will [not] destroy]

[In all] [My holy] [Mountain],

[Because] [The Earth] [will be filled with]

[{The} Knowledge] [of His Majesty]

[Like Waters] [completely covering] [{the} Sea].

¹⁰[And [on [that] Day],

There will be] [a Root] [of Jesse],

[Who] [stands] [as an Ensign] [of Peoples];

[Gentiles] [will diligently seek] [Him out],

[And [His Resting Place] will be] [glorious].

(Isaiah 10:33–11:10) —my interim translation

Isaiah uses a slightly different *parabolic image* than Jeremiah, calling Christ a “Sapling” rather than a “Sprout,” but what he says in Isaiah 4:2 reveals he knows all about God’s plan:

¹[And [on [That] Day], [seven] [Women] will take hold of] [one] [Man], [saying]: “[We will eat] [our own Bread] [and we will clothe ourselves with] [our own Cloak], [only] [let [Your Name] be called] [over us]. [Round up] [our Disgrace].”

²[On [That] Day], [The Sprout] [of His Majesty] [will become] [supremely beautiful] [and glorious]; [and {the} Fruit of] [The Earth], [Pride] [and Beauty] [for {the} Member [of Israel] Who Tries to Escape]. ³[And it will be that] [What Is Holy] [will be told] [to him] [Who remains as a Remnant] [in Zion] [and {to} the one who is left as a remnant] [in Jerusalem]—[all] [of the One Who is written down] [for Life] [in Jerusalem]. ⁴[When] [My Master] [has washed away] [{the} Filthiness of] [{the} Daughters of] [Zion] [and] [rinsed] [{the} Shed Blood of] [Jerusalem] [out of Her midst] [by a Spirit] [of a Decision Based on the Truth] [and by a [burning] Spirit], ⁵[then [His Majesty] will create] [a Cloud] [and Smoke] [by day], [and {the} Illumination] [of a [flaming] Fire] [by night] [over] [The [whole] Place He has Prepared] [{on} Mount] [Zion] [and over] [Her Convocation], [because] {there will be} [a Bridal Tent Canopy] [over] [all] [{His} Glory]. ⁶[But a Temporary Shelter] [will become] [a Shadow] [from {the} Dry Heat] [by day]—[both a Shelter] [and a Hiding Place*] [from {the} Rainstorm] [and from {the} Rain]. (Isaiah 4:1–6) —my interim translation

Pay close attention to what Isaiah says about the nuclear cloud and pillar of fire that protects God’s People “on that day.” It’s coming a whole lot quicker than you think. You can count on it; the stupid Communists and their incessant efforts to dominate the world will see to that. There is no “Way” in this Hell-hole in which we live that numbskulls who still believe a Utopia on Earth is even a slight possibility will ever achieve it. When God says, “No!” He *means* it; and He has long since said it ain’t gonna happen. So it would be best to prepare for the inevitable. The “fall” of Satan’s “house” will be here shortly—along with all the “glory.” In the meantime, consider what Zechariah said about the “Sprout” of David Who “builds The House” of God:

⁹[Then [{the} Word] [{of} His Majesty] came] [to me], [saying]: ¹⁰“[Take {some things}] [from] [The Exiles]—[from Heldai] [and from Tobijah] [and from Jedaiah]—[and [You] go in] [on [That] Day] [and go into] [{the} House] [{of} Josiah], [{the} Son of] [Zephaniah], [where] [they have come] [from Babylon].

¹¹[And You must take] [Silver] [and Gold] [and make] [a Crown], [and place {it}] [on {the} Head] [{of} Joshua], [{the} Son] [{of} Jehozadak], [The [high] Priest]. ¹²[Then You must speak] [to him], [saying], ‘[This is what] [His [Supreme] Majesty] [has said], [saying]: “[Guess what!] [A Man]! [His Name] {is} [Sprout], [so [He will sprout] from beneath Himself]; [then He will build] [His Majesty’s] [Temple]. ¹³[When He] [builds] [His Majesty’s] [Temple], [then He] [will bear] [a Majestic Nature] [and sit] [and have authority] [on] [His Throne]. [But He will be] [a Priest] [on] [His Throne], [and a Plan] [for Peace] [will be] [between] [{the} two of them].”’ ¹⁴[But The Crown] [will become]—[for Helem*] [and for Tobijah] [and for Jedaiah] [and for Hen*], [Son] [{of} Zephaniah]—[a Reminder] [in [His Majesty’s] Temple] ¹⁵[that {those} far away] [will come in] [and build] [His Majesty’s] [Temple].” [Then you will know] [that] [His [Supreme] Majesty] [sent me] [to you]. [And it will happen]—[if] [you [carefully] listen] [to the Voice] [{of} His Majesty] [your God]. (Zechariah 6:9–15) —my interim translation

Now that you know God planned to give David a “Sprout” Who would “build God’s House,” perhaps you can see why John relates the following episode:

¹⁸[Therefore], [The] [Jews] [responded] [and] [said] [to Him], “[What] [Sign] [are You going to show] [us] {as the reason} [that] [You are doing] [These Things]?”

¹⁹[Jesus] [responded] [and] [told] [them], “[Undo] [This] [Sanctuary], [and] [I will raise [it] up] [in] [three] [Days].”

²⁰[Therefore], [The] [Jews] [said], “[This] [Sanctuary] [was being built] [{for} forty]-[six] [Years], [and] [You] [will raise [it] up] [in] [three] [Days]?” ²¹[But] [That Individual] [was talking] [about] [The] [Sanctuary] [of] [His] [Body].

²²[Therefore], [when] [He arose] [from] [Those Who Are Dead], [His] [Disciples] [recalled] [that] [this is what] [He had been saying]; [and] [they believed] [The] [Scripture] [and] [The] [Word] [that] [Jesus] [had spoken].

(John 2:18–22) —HSSB

That’s just one of the many reminders from the Scriptures that you need to keep in mind when folks start telling you how well-pleased God is with the new Temple of stone they have somehow managed to construct in Jerusalem. Here’s another:

¹{The} Song] [of those who ascend];
 [{dedicated} to the Peaceful One]:
[If] [His Majesty] [does [not] build
[{the} House],
[Those [in Him] who build Him]
[will have labored for] [a Deception].
[If] [His Majesty] [does [not] stand watch over]
[{the} City],
[{The} one who stood watch]
[will have kept watch over] [a Deception].
²[A Deception] {is} [for you] [who are early] [to rise],
 [Who delay] [sitting down],
 [Who eat] [{the} Bread] [of The Shaped Effigies];
 [So] [He will give] [Sleep] [to His Beloved].
³[Guess what!] [Sons] {are}
 [{the} **Inheritance** of] [His Majesty];
 [{The} Fruit of] [The Belly] {is} [What Is Due].
⁴[Like Arrows] [in {the} Hand] [of a **Gibbor**],
 [So] {are} [{the} Sons of] [The Youths].
⁵[Those who attain the resurrection] {are} **[The Gibbor]**
 [Whose] [Quiver] [is full] [of them].
 [They will [not] be ashamed] [when] [they speak]
 [With] [their Enemies] [in {the} Gate].
 (Psalm 127:1–5) —my interim translation

In 2 Thessalonians 2:9–10, Paul mentions the “deception” the psalmist had in mind when he wrote that psalm. The point of his psalm is, when the *Living Word of God* “builds His House,” He has no need of anyone contributing his own thoughts and ideas to the mix; but I suppose there will always be those who consider that to be their calling. If only they had not been so quick to focus on minutiae like the fate of the damned, maybe they would have had eyes to “see” and ears to hear—the Truth. No matter; God’s “House” will be perfect and complete, with or without them:

³(2) [Do [not] let [anyone] dupe] [you] [in] [any [Way] at all], [that] [it may [not] be that]:

(a) [The] [Apostasy] [must come] [first] [and]
 (b) [The] [Man] [of The] [Lawless One]—[The] [Son]
 [of] [Eternal Damnation]—[must be revealed],

⁴(i) [the one who] [is opposed to], [and] [exalts himself] [over], [everything] [that is called]
 “[God]” [or] [an Object of Worship], [with the result that] [he] [sits down] [in] [The] [Sanctuary]

[of The] [{Living} God], [presenting [himself] as convincing evidence] [that] [he is] [God]. ⁵([Do you [not] remember] [that] [I was telling] [you] [These Things] [while {I} was] [still] [with] [you]? ⁶[So] [you are aware of] [what] [is holding {them} fast] [now] [so] [that] [he] [can be revealed] [in] [his] [own] [Time]. ⁷[For] [The] [Mystery] [of The] [Lawless One] [is] [already] working in {them}]—[the one who] [is] [only] holding {them} fast] [at this time] [until] [he comes] [out] [of {their} Midst].) ⁸[So] [then] [The] [One Who Is Lawless] [will be revealed].
 (ii) [The one whom] [His Majesty], [Jesus],

{(a)} [will put away] [by The] [Spirit] [of]
 [His] [Mouth] [and]
 {(b)} [abrogate] [by The] [Appearance] [of]
 [His] [Coming];

⁹(iii) [the one whose] [Arrival] [is] [in accordance with] [Satan’s] [Energy]: [with] [all]

{(a)} [Supernatural Power] [and]
 {(b)} [Signs] [and]
 {(c)} [Wonders]—[Lies]—¹⁰[and] [with] [all]
 {(d)} [{the} Deceitfulness] [of Injustice]

{(i)} [for those who] [are going to be done away with]
 {(ii)} [because] [they did [not] accept]
 [The] [Love] [of The] [Truth] [so] [that]
 [they] [could be saved].

¹¹(1) [So] [for] [This Reason] [The] [{Living} God] [will send] [them] [a [deceptive] Energy]

(a) [so] [that] [they] [believe] [the] [Lie],
¹²(b) [so that] [all] [who] [did [not] believe] [The]
 [Truth] [but] [were delighted with] [his] [Injustice]
 [can be judged].
 (2 Thessalonians 2:3–12) —HSSB

Now that you have “seen” some of what I “see” in the *parabolic imagery* and Hebrew idioms of the Scriptures, maybe you can understand why I find it ridiculous for anyone to make the fate of the damned a litmus test that can somehow determine whether the rest of what one believes is true. No logic there. ■

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Scripture; while with respect to the remaining two there is found a considerable number of passages in the holy Scriptures which seem capable of application to them.

2. Now, of these opinions, let us first discuss that which is maintained by some, that there is in us a good and heavenly soul, and another earthly and inferior; and that the better soul is implanted within us from heaven, such as was that which, while Jacob was still in the womb, gave him the prize of victory in supplanting his brother Esau, and which in the case of Jeremiah was sanctified from his birth, and in that of John was filled by the Holy Spirit from the womb. Now, that which they term the inferior soul is produced, they allege, along with the body itself out of the seed of the body, whence they say it cannot live or subsist beyond the body, on which account also they say it is frequently termed flesh. For the expression, "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit," they take to be applicable not to the flesh, but to this soul, which is properly the soul of the flesh. From these words, moreover, they endeavour notwithstanding to make good the declaration in Leviticus: "The life of all flesh is the blood thereof."

For, from the circumstance that it is the diffusion of the blood throughout the whole flesh which produces life in the flesh, they assert that this soul, which is said to be the life of all flesh, is contained in the blood. This statement, moreover, that the flesh struggles against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh; and the further statement, that "the life of all flesh is the blood thereof," is, according to these writers, simply calling the wisdom of the flesh by another name, because it is a kind of material spirit, which is not subject to the law of God, nor can be so, because it has earthly wishes and bodily desires. And it is with respect to this that they think the apostle uttered the words: "I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members."

Origen, "De Principiis," Book iii, Chap. iv, in Roberts and Donaldson (Eds.), *The Ante-Nicene Fathers* (1885), Vol. 4, pp. 337-338.

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