

Notes of Floyd E. Taylor for Feb. 13, 2011 Teleconference Bible Study

### Enabling Good Works - Elisha, Elijah, Disciples, etc..

Tonight I would like to consider works of Elisha, as well as the Disciples in the Upper Room at Pentecost. We looked at some of this in November but the Lord is continually pouring out the knowledge of Truth and giving further clarity, so let us look at it again. For most of us this will likely be completely new to their hearing, for some of this may have been reviewed prior to our start of keeping nightly recordings.

Let us start with the iron ax head.

- **2 Kings 6:1-7** <sup>1</sup>And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. <sup>2</sup>Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell." So he answered, "Go." <sup>3</sup>Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go." <sup>4</sup>So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. <sup>5</sup>But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed." <sup>6</sup>So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. <sup>7</sup>Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it.
- **John 15:7** "If you abide in Me, and My Words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." (*To "abide in his Words" effectively means to be a doer of His Words. That enables Him to "do"*).
- **1 John 5:14-15** <sup>14</sup>Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.
- **Job 22:27,28** "You will pray to Him, and He will hear you.... You will also decree a thing, and it will be established for you; and light will shine on your ways."
- **James 1:22-25** <sup>22</sup>But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup>For if anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. <sup>25</sup>But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.
- **John 9:4** "I must work the works of Him who sent ME while it is day: the Night is coming when no one can work."
- **Psalms 119:130** "The Entrance of His Words Gives Light, and Gives Understanding to the Simple."
- **Proverbs 1:23** Turn at My reproof: Surely I will pour out My Spirit on you. **I WILL MAKE MY WORDS KNOWN TO YOU.**
- **Ephesians 1:13-14** <sup>13</sup>In Him you also trusted, after you heard the Word of Truth, the Good News of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise, <sup>14</sup>who is the GUARANTEE of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His Glory.
- **James 5:19-20** <sup>19</sup>Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the Truth, and someone turns him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.
- **1 Timothy 2:3-4** <sup>3</sup>For this is Good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the Truth. (*Get Power!!*)

- **2 Timothy 2:15** <sup>15</sup>Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. (*Are you able to discern His Words from other words in the Bible?*)
- **Psalms 33:4** For the Word of the Lord is right, and all His Work is in Truth.
- **Psalms 119:142** Your law is Truth. (*God's Word is Law and His Word is the sum of all the Laws.*)
- **Psalms 119:160** The entirety of Your Word is Truth. (*All His Words having His Pre-Ordained Promises within Them are Truth and they are Holy.*)
- **Psalms 119:130** "The Entrance of His Words Gives Light, and Gives Understanding to the Simple." (*We will have no Light in the coming Night of His Day unless we come and eat at His Table and allow His Wisdom to give us the food of His Instruction of His Words.*)
- **Hosea 6:5-6** <sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have slain them by the Words of My mouth; and your Judgments are like Light that goes forth.
- **Acts 2:1-11** <sup>1</sup>When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. <sup>5</sup>And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—**we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.**"
- **Isaiah 54:9** "For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; For as I have sworn That the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, So have I sworn That I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you.
- **Ezekiel 14:14** "Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord GOD.
- **Ezekiel 14:20** "even though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness."
- **Matthew 24:37** "But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.
- **Matthew 24:38** "For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,
- **Luke 3:36** the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,
- **Luke 17:26** "And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man:
- **Luke 17:27** "They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

- **Hebrews 11:7** By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.
- **1 Peter 3:20** who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.
- **2 Peter 2:5** and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly;

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**Breaking Christian News: The Deacon - God said, "Linger Here and Begin to Pray in the Spirit"**

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Our nation has been in awe over the speedy recovery of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who was shot in the head on Saturday, January 8, 2011, in Tucson, Arizona. During a community event outside a shopping market on the corners of Ina and Oracle a man opened fire into a crowd of people. The first reports were sketchy; one news agency presumed her dead, with six others, while many painted a gloomy end to her critical condition. The doctors began to give hopeful reports and downgraded her condition quickly. Within two-and-a-half weeks she was transferred from one care facility to a place where she could begin rehabilitation from her brain injuries.

The nation's prayers after the shooting of Congresswoman Giffords have proven to be effective. But, what about prayers that took place before the event? I know one man who was called to stand and pray one week before the shooting took place.



*Photo: Deacon Dickie*

Dick Tesi, affectionately called *Deacon Dickie* from Restoration International, was riding his motorcycle through Tucson on Saturday, January 1, 2011. He pulled into a gas station at the intersection of Ina and Oracle, next to a Safeway store. He felt prompted to turnoff his motorcycle before entering his next destination into the GPS. As he turned off the bike he heard the Holy Spirit call him to prayer: "**Linger here and begin to pray in the Spirit.**" Always willing to co-operate with the Father, Dickie stood and prayed while his eyes scanned the area. He was unsure why he needed to pray right then and there. Still, he remained until he felt released. Back on the road; his work was

completed.

When the news reports aired, telling the horror that took place, Deacon Dickie stopped to remember his call to prayer the week prior. He realized the prayer was strategic for the tragic event. Dickie expressed his concern regarding his "ineffective" prayer in light of the six lives lost that day. My premature response said, "It could have been worse, we don't know."

As the reports of Congresswoman Giffords' remarkable progress begun to flow to the nation, I gained insight connecting these two events. Over seven years ago Deacon Dickie experienced a miraculous recovery from a brain injury due to a motorcycle accident. Dickie was on full life support, bringing him to the threshold of eternity. Then the healing power of Jesus intervened. His brain was so swollen, part of it had to be removed. The miracle continued by making him whole and restoring his memory. **I believe this made him the perfect candidate to stand and pray with authority over the events to come.** Dickie had faced a similar frontal lobe injury as the Congresswoman, and had victory, making him a conqueror. Dickie had the right resume'; God called the right man to stand in the parking lot and pray over the brain injury to come.

Follow those promptings and calls to prayer. Pray from the spirit and partner with Father's plans. You may not have understanding or think the prayer is ineffective. But, a time may come, like it did for my friend Deacon Dickie, where you will look back and be struck with the awe and mystery of God.

No one's ever seen or heard anything like this, never so much as imagined anything quite like it—What God has arranged for those who love Him. But you've seen and heard it because God by His Spirit has brought it all out into the open before you.

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The Spirit, not content to flit around on the surface, dives into the depths of God, and brings out what God planned all along. Whoever knows what you're thinking and planning except you yourself? The same with God—except that He not only knows what He's thinking, but He lets us in on it. 1 Corinthians 2:10-13 (*The Message*)

Perhaps you noticed the unusual aspects of this story. Things like it had been seven years since Dickie's accident where he [was on the brink of death], and he prayed seven days before the accident—demonstrating God's completion. Even the names of key players are relevant; the street corners of Oracle—means "speaker" or "word" and Ina—is translated "pure", the store named Safe-way, and Gabrielle—means "Hero of God." There is a story within the story. This adds to the mysteries of God.

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## The Death of Ahaziah

↪ **2 Kings 1:1-18** <sup>1</sup>Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab (*This name means "uncle", or "father's brother"*). <sup>2</sup>Now Ahaziah (*This name means "seizure", or "vision of the Lord"*) fell through the lattice of his upper room in Samaria (*This name means "watch-mountain"*), and was injured; so he sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub (*This name means "god of the fly"*), the god of Ekron (*This name means "barrenness", or "torn away"*), whether I shall recover from this injury." <sup>3</sup>But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah (*This name means "God the Lord", or "the strong Lord"*) the Tishbite (*This name means "that makes captive"*), "Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are going to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron?' <sup>4</sup>Now therefore, thus says the LORD: 'You shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.' " So Elijah departed. <sup>5</sup>And when the messengers returned to him, he said to them, "Why have you come back?" <sup>6</sup>So they said to him, "A man came up to meet us, and said to us, 'Go, return to the king who sent you, and say to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Is it because there is no God in Israel that you are sending to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'"" <sup>7</sup>Then he said to them, "What kind of man was it who came up to meet you and told you these words?" <sup>8</sup>So they answered him, "**A hairy man wearing a leather belt around his waist.**" And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite." <sup>9</sup>Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty men. So he went up to him; and there he was, sitting on the top of a hill. And he spoke to him: "Man of God, the king has said, 'Come down!'" <sup>10</sup>So Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "**If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men.**" And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. <sup>11</sup>Then he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty men. And he answered and said to him: "Man of God, thus has the king said, 'Come down quickly!'" <sup>12</sup>So Elijah answered and said to them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. <sup>13</sup>Again, he sent a third captain of fifty with his fifty men. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and pleaded with him, and said to him: "Man of God, please let my life and the life of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight. <sup>14</sup>Look, fire has come down from heaven and burned up the first two captains of fifties with their fifties. But let my life now be precious in your sight." <sup>15</sup>And the angel of the LORD said to Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So he arose and went down with him to the king. <sup>16</sup>Then he said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word? Therefore you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up, but you shall surely die.'" <sup>17</sup>So Ahaziah died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. **Because he had no son**, Jehoram (*This name means "exaltation of the Lord"*) became king in his place, in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat (*This name means "the Lord is judge"*), king of Judah. <sup>18</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

## A Promise of Everlasting Kindness

↪ **Isaiah 54:1-17** <sup>1</sup>"Sing, O barren, you who have not borne! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you who have not labored with child! For more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married woman," (*The bride of Christ is the Married Woman He is speaking of*) says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>"Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. <sup>3</sup>For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited. <sup>4</sup>"Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; neither be disgraced, for you will not be

put to shame; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore. <sup>5</sup>For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is His name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth. <sup>6</sup>For the LORD has called you like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, like a youthful wife when you were refused," says your God. <sup>7</sup>"For a mere moment I have forsaken you, but with great mercies I will gather you. <sup>8</sup>With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; but with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer. <sup>9</sup>"For this is like the waters of Noah to Me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah would no longer cover the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. <sup>10</sup>For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has mercy on you. <sup>11</sup>"O you afflicted one, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay your stones with colorful gems, and lay your foundations with sapphires. <sup>12</sup>I will make your pinnacles of rubies, your gates of crystal, and all your walls of precious stones. <sup>13</sup>All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. <sup>14</sup>IN RIGHTEOUSNESS YOU SHALL BE ESTABLISHED; YOU SHALL BE FAR FROM OPPRESSION, FOR YOU SHALL NOT FEAR; AND FROM TERROR, FOR IT SHALL NOT COME NEAR YOU. <sup>15</sup>INDEED THEY SHALL SURELY ASSEMBLE, BUT NOT BECAUSE OF ME. WHOEVER ASSEMBLES AGAINST YOU SHALL FALL FOR YOUR SAKE. <sup>16</sup>Behold, I have created the blacksmith who blows the coals in the fire, who brings forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the spoiler to destroy. <sup>17</sup>NO WEAPON FORMED AGAINST YOU SHALL PROSPER, AND EVERY TONGUE WHICH RISES AGAINST YOU IN JUDGMENT YOU SHALL CONDEMN. THIS IS THE HERITAGE OF THE SERVANTS OF THE LORD, AND THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS FROM ME," SAYS THE LORD.

#### Elisha Predicts Victory over Moab

- 2 **Kings 3:1-27** <sup>1</sup>Now Jehoram the son of Ahab became king over Israel at Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. <sup>2</sup>And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, but not like his father and mother; for he put away the sacred pillar of Baal that his father had made. <sup>3</sup>Nevertheless he persisted in the sins of Jeroboam (*This name means "he that possesses the people"*) the son of Nebat (*This name means "that beholds"*), who had made Israel sin; he did not depart from them. <sup>4</sup>Now Mesha (*This name means "burden" or "salvation"*) king of Moab (*This name means "of his father"*) was a sheep breeder, and he regularly paid the king of Israel one hundred thousand lambs and the wool of one hundred thousand rams. <sup>5</sup>But it happened, when Ahab died, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. <sup>6</sup>So King Jehoram went out of Samaria at that time and mustered all Israel. <sup>7</sup>Then he went and sent to Jehoshaphat king of Judah, saying, "The king of Moab has rebelled against me. Will you go with me to fight against Moab?" And he said, "I will go up; I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses." <sup>8</sup>Then he said, "Which way shall we go up?" And he answered, "By way of the Wilderness of Edom." <sup>9</sup>So the king of Israel went with the king of Judah and the king of Edom, and they marched on that roundabout route seven days; and there was no water for the army, nor for the animals that followed them. <sup>10</sup>And the king of Israel said, "Alas! For the LORD has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab." <sup>11</sup>But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there no prophet of the LORD here, that we may inquire of the LORD by him?" So one of the servants of the king of Israel answered and said, "Elisha the son of Shaphat (*This name means "judge"*) is here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah." <sup>12</sup>And Jehoshaphat said, "The word of the LORD is with him." So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom (*This name means "red", "earthy", or "of blood"*) went down to him. <sup>13</sup>Then Elisha said to the king of Israel, "What have I to

do with you? Go to the prophets of your father and the prophets of your mother." But the king of Israel said to him, "No, for the LORD has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab."<sup>14</sup> And Elisha said, "As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not look at you, nor see you."<sup>15</sup> **BUT NOW BRING ME A MUSICIAN.** **THEN IT HAPPENED, WHEN THE MUSICIAN PLAYED, THAT THE HAND OF THE LORD CAME UPON HIM.**<sup>16</sup> And he said, "Thus says the LORD: 'Make this valley full of ditches.'<sup>17</sup> For thus says the LORD: 'You shall not see wind, nor shall you see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, so that you, your cattle, and your animals may drink.'<sup>18</sup> And this is a simple matter in the sight of the LORD; He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand."<sup>19</sup> Also you shall attack every fortified city and every choice city, and shall cut down every good tree, and stop up every spring of water, and ruin every good piece of land with stones."<sup>20</sup> Now it happened in the morning, when the grain offering was offered, that suddenly water came by way of Edom, and the land was filled with water.<sup>21</sup> And when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, all who were able to bear arms and older were gathered; and they stood at the border.<sup>22</sup> Then they rose up early in the morning, and the sun was shining on the water; and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood.<sup>23</sup> And they said, "This is blood; the kings have surely struck swords and have killed one another; now therefore, Moab, to the spoil!"<sup>24</sup> So when they came to the camp of Israel, Israel rose up and attacked the Moabites, so that they fled before them; and they entered their land, killing the Moabites.<sup>25</sup> Then they destroyed the cities, and each man threw a stone on every good piece of land and filled it; and they stopped up all the springs of water and cut down all the good trees. But they left the stones of Kir Haraseth intact. However the slingers surrounded and attacked it.<sup>26</sup> And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too fierce for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew swords, to break through to the king of Edom, but they could not.<sup>27</sup> Then he took his eldest son who would have reigned in his place, and offered him as a burnt offering upon the wall; and there was great indignation against Israel. So they departed from him and returned to their own land.

- **Genesis 4:21** And his brother's name [was] Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.
- **Genesis 31:27** Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp?
- **1 Samuel 10:5** After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where [is] the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:
- **1 Samuel 16:16** Let our lord now command thy servants, [which are] before thee, to seek out a man, [who is] a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.
- **1 Samuel 16:23** And it came to pass, when the [evil] spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.
- **1 Chronicles 25:3** Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the LORD.
- **Job 21:12** They take the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of the organ.
- **Job 30:31** My harp also is [turned] to mourning, and my organ into the voice of them that weep.

- **Psalm 33:2** Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery [and] an instrument of ten strings.
- **Psalm 43:4** Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.
- **Psalm 49:4** I will incline mine ear to a parable: I will open my dark saying upon the harp.
- **Psalm 57:8** Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I [myself] will awake early.
- **Psalm 71:22** I will also praise thee with the psaltery, [even] thy truth, O my God: unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.
- **Psalm 81:2** Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.
- **Psalm 92:3** Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery; upon the harp with a solemn sound.
- **Psalm 98:5** Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm.
- **Psalm 108:2** Awake, psaltery and harp: I [myself] will awake early.
- **Psalm 147:7** Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:
- **Psalm 149:3** Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.
- **Psalm 150:3** Praise him with the sound of the trumpet: praise him with the psaltery and harp.
- **Isaiah 5:12** And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands.
- **Isaiah 16:11** Wherefore my bowels shall sound like an harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kirharesh.
- **Isaiah 23:16** Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou may be remembered.
- **Isaiah 24:8** The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth.
- **Daniel 3:5** [That] at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:
- **Daniel 3:7** Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down [and] worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.
- **Daniel 3:10** Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, shall fall down and worship the golden image:
- **Daniel 3:15** Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of musick, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made; [well]: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who [is] that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?
- **1 Corinthians 14:7** And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?

Elijah Divides the Jordan

→ **2 Kings 2:1-18** <sup>1</sup>And it came to pass, when the LORD was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>Now the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" <sup>4</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>Now the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" So he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground. <sup>9</sup>And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." <sup>10</sup>So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." <sup>11</sup>Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces. <sup>13</sup>He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup>Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, "Where is the LORD God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over. <sup>15</sup>Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him. <sup>16</sup>Then they said to him, "Look now, there are fifty strong men with your servants. Please let them go and search for your master, lest perhaps the Spirit of the LORD has taken him up and cast him upon some mountain or into some valley." And he said, "You shall not send anyone." <sup>17</sup>But when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, "Send them!" Therefore they sent fifty men, and they searched for three days but did not find him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came back to him, for he had stayed in Jericho, he said to them, "Did I not say to you, 'Do not go'?"

#### Elisha Performs Miracles

→ **2 Kings 2:19-25** <sup>19</sup>Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "Please notice, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the ground barren." <sup>20</sup>And he said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it." So they brought it to him. <sup>21</sup>Then he went out to the source of the water, and cast in the salt there, and said, "Thus says the LORD: 'I have healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.'" <sup>22</sup>So the water remains healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke. <sup>23</sup>Then he went up from there to Bethel; and as he was going up the road, some youths came from the city and mocked him, and said to him, "Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!" <sup>24</sup>So he turned around and looked at them, and pronounced a curse on them in the name of the LORD. And two female bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths. <sup>25</sup>Then he went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

### Elisha and the Syrians

→ **2 Kings 6:1-7** <sup>1</sup>And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us. <sup>2</sup>Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell." So he answered, "Go." <sup>3</sup>Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go." <sup>4</sup>So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. <sup>5</sup>But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed." <sup>6</sup>So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. <sup>7</sup>Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it.

### The Blinded Syrians Captured

→ **2 Kings 6:8-23** <sup>8</sup>Now the king of Syria was making war against Israel; and he consulted with his servants, saying, "My camp will be in such and such a place." <sup>9</sup>And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there." <sup>10</sup>Then the king of Israel sent someone to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice. <sup>11</sup>Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?" <sup>12</sup>And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." <sup>13</sup>So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him." And it was told him, saying, "Surely he is in Dothan." <sup>14</sup>Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. <sup>15</sup>And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" <sup>16</sup>So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." <sup>17</sup>And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. <sup>18</sup>So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. <sup>19</sup>Now Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, nor is this the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." But he led them to Samaria. <sup>20</sup>So it was, when they had come to Samaria, that Elisha said, "LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and there they were, inside Samaria! <sup>21</sup>Now when the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?" <sup>22</sup>But he answered, "You shall not kill them. Would you kill those whom you have taken captive with your sword and your bow? Set food and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master." <sup>23</sup>Then he prepared a great feast for them; and after they ate and drank, he sent them away and they went to their master. So the bands of Syrian raiders came no more into the land of Israel.

### Syria Besieges Samaria in Famine

→ **2 Kings 6:24-32** <sup>24</sup>And it happened after this that Ben-Hadad king of Syria gathered all his army, and went up and besieged Samaria. <sup>25</sup>And there was a great famine in Samaria; and indeed they besieged it until a donkey's head was sold for eighty shekels of silver, and

one-fourth of a kab of dove droppings for five shekels of silver. <sup>26</sup>Then, as the king of Israel was passing by on the wall, a woman cried out to him, saying, "Help, my lord, O king!" <sup>27</sup>And he said, "If the LORD does not help you, where can I find help for you? From the threshing floor or from the winepress?" <sup>28</sup>Then the king said to her, "What is troubling you?" And she answered, "This woman said to me, 'Give your son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.' <sup>29</sup>So we boiled my son, and ate him. And I said to her on the next day, 'Give your son, that we may eat him'; but she has hidden her son." <sup>30</sup>Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he tore his clothes; and as he passed by on the wall, the people looked, and there underneath he had sackcloth on his body. <sup>31</sup>Then he said, "God do so to me and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat remains on him today!" <sup>32</sup>But Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him. And the king sent a man ahead of him, but before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, "Do you see how this son of a murderer has sent someone to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door. Is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?" <sup>33</sup>And while he was still talking with them, there was the messenger, coming down to him; and then the king said, "Surely this calamity is from the LORD; why should I wait for the LORD any longer?"

→ **Exodus 30:14** "EVERYONE INCLUDED AMONG THOSE WHO ARE NUMBERED, FROM TWENTY YEARS OLD AND ABOVE, SHALL GIVE AN OFFERING TO THE LORD.

→ **Genesis 6:3** And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; **YET HIS DAYS SHALL BE ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY YEARS.**"

The four punishments of the Night that are now upon us and are coming more. Judgment on Persistent Unfaithfulness. The Lord is saying that as it is right now only the few who keep His Plan of His Words and do Righteousness would be delivered.

→ **Ezekiel 14:12-23** <sup>12</sup>The Word of the LORD came again to me, saying: <sup>13</sup>"Son of man, when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it. <sup>14</sup>Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord GOD. <sup>15</sup>"If I cause wild beasts to pass through the land, and they empty it, and make it so desolate that no man may pass through because of the beasts, <sup>16</sup>even though these three men were in it, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "they would deliver neither sons nor daughters; only they would be delivered, and the land would be desolate. <sup>17</sup>"Or if I bring a sword on that land, and say, 'Sword, go through the land,' and I cut off man and beast from it, (The Second Seal Judgment.) <sup>18</sup>even though these three men were in it, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, but only they themselves would be delivered. <sup>19</sup>"Or if I send a pestilence into that land and pour out My fury on it in blood, and cut off from it man and beast, <sup>20</sup>even though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness." <sup>21</sup>For thus says the Lord GOD: "How much more it shall be when I send My four severe judgments on Jerusalem—the sword and famine and wild beasts and pestilence—to cut off man and beast from it? <sup>22</sup>Yet behold, there shall be left in it a remnant who will be brought out, both sons and daughters; surely they will come out to you, and you will see their ways and their doings. Then you will be comforted concerning the disaster that I have brought upon Jerusalem, all that I have brought upon it. <sup>23</sup>And they will comfort

you, when you see their ways and their doings; and you shall know that I have done nothing without cause that I have done in it," says the Lord GOD.

THE CHRONOLOGY OF THE KINGS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH											
THE KINGS AND PROPHETS THE UNITED KINGDOM OF ISRAEL (JUDAH AND ISRAEL)											
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Saul - 1050-1010-1 Samuel 8-31; 1 Chronicles 10</li> <li>David - 1010-970- 2Samuel 1:1-1 Kings 2:11; 1 Chronicles 11-22 (From 1000 -993 Ishbaal ruled all Israel except Judah where David ruled).</li> <li>Solomon - 970-931-2 Kings 12-11:43; 1 Chronicles 29-2 Chronicles 11</li> </ul>											
THE KINGS AND PROPHETS OF THE DIVIDED KINGDOM OF ISRAEL											
ISRAEL / NORTHERN	Reign BC	Years	Type of King	Years from Solomon	PROPHET	JUDAH / SOUTHERN	Reign BC	Years	Type of King	Years from Solomon	PROPHET
Jeroboam - 1 Kings 12:16; 2 Chronicles 2:12-19; 11:1-4	931-910	22	Bad	0	Ahijah	Rehoboam 1 Kings 12; 2 Chronicles 12	931-910	17	Bad Mostly	0	
Nadab 1 Kings 14:19	910-909	2	Bad	21		Abijah 1 Kings 15:1; 2 Chronicles 13:1	913-911	3	Bad mostly	18	
Baasha 1 Kings 15:27	909-886	24	Bad	22	Jehu 1 Kings 16:1	Asa 1 Kings 15:7; 2 Chronicles 14:1; 15:1	911-870	41	Good	20	
Elah 1 Kings 16:8	886-885	2	Bad	45							
Zimri - 7 days 1 Kings 16:15	885 - 7 days	7 days	Bad	46							
Omri 1 Kings 16:23	885-874	12	Extra Bad	46	Elijah						
Ahab 1 Kings 16:28	874-853	22	Worst	57	Micaiah Elijah	Jehoshaphat 1 Kings 22:41; 2 Chronicles 17:19	872-848	25	Good	61	
Ahaziah 1 Kings 22:51	853-852	2	Bad	78	Elijah, Elisha, 2 Kings 2:12						

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Jehoram (Joram) 2 Kings 1:17	852-841	2	Bad mostly	83	Obadiah Elisha	Jehoram 2 Kings 8:16; 2 Chronicles 21:1	853-841		Bad		
						Ahaziah 2 Kings 8:25; 2 Chronicles 21:18	841	1	Bad	90	
Jehu - 841-814 2 Kings 9:1; 2 Chronicles 22:7		28	Bad mostly	90	Elisha	Athaliah - ( <i>Queen Mother</i> ) 2 Kings 11:1; 2 Chronicles 22:9	841-835	6	Devilish	90	
						Joash (Jehoash) 2 Kings 11:4; 2 Chronicles 23:1	835-796	40	Good mostly	96	Joel (?)
Jehoahaz 2 Kings 13:1	814-798		Bad	1117							
Jehoash (Joash) 2 Kings 13:8	798-782	16	Bad	133		Amaziah 2 Kings 14:1; 2 Chronicles 24:25	796-767	29	Good mostly	135	Jonah (?) ( <i>To Nineveh</i> )
Jeroboam II 2 Kings 14:15	782-753	29 (?)	Bad	149	Amos Hosea (until Hezekiah)	Azariah (Uzziah) 2 Kings 14:17; 2 Chronicles 25:26	767-739 (?)	27 (?)	Good	164	Isaiah (until Hezekiah)
Zechariah	753-752	6 mo.	Bad	178							
Shallum 2 Kings 15:13	752	1 mo.	Bad	179							
Menahem 2 Kings 15:16	752-742	10	Bad	179		Jotham 2 Kings 15:32; 2 Chronicles 27:1	740-731		Good		

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Pekahiah 2 Kings 15:21	742-740	2	Bad	189							
Pekah 2 Kings 15:25	740-732	8	Bad	191							
Hoshea 2 Kings 15:29; 17:1	732-722	9	Bad	199		Ahaz 2 Kings 16:1; 2 Chronicles 28:1	732-715	16	Wicked	191	Micah (until Hezekiah)
<p><b>Captivity of the Northern tribes - 722/721-539</b>  <b>2 Kings 17:6-23</b>  <b>SAMARIA FALLS in 723 BC.</b> Samaria falls to Assyrian King Shalmaneser V. The Ten Tribes of Israel (also known as the Northern Kingdom) are taken captive to Assyria.</p>											
<p><b>Samaritans repopulate the north - 2 Kings 17:24-41</b></p>						Hezekiah 2 Kings 18:1; 2 Chronicles 29:1	715-686 (716?)	29	Best	215	
						Manasseh 2 Kings 21:1; 2 Chronicles 33:1	686-642	54	Worst	245	
						Amon 2 Kings 21:19; 2 Chronicles 33:20	642-640	2	Worst	289	Nahum
						Josiah 2 Kings 21:23; 2 Chronicles 33:24	640-609		Best	291	Zephaniah Jeremiah (into exile)
						Jehoahaz	609	3 months	Bad	322	Habakkuk
						Jehoiakim 2 Kings 23:34; 2 Chronicles 36:4	609-598	11	Wicked	322	
						1st group of captives taken to Babylon - 605 B.C.					

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						Jehoiachin 2 Kings 24:8; 2 Chronicles 36:8	598- 597	3 months	Bad	334	
						2nd group of captives taken to Babylon - 597 B.C. Jerusalem falls at the hands of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar captures Judah's King Jehoiachin, who, as prisoner, is taken to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar sets up Zedekiah as new King of Judah.					
						Zedekiah 2 Kings 24:17; 2 Chronicles 36:10	597- 586	11 months	Bad	334	Ezekiel, Daniel
						Southern kingdom to final captivity - 586-539 B.C. 2 Kings 25:1; 2 Chronicles 39:8 <b>586 BC JERUSALEM AND TEMPLE DESTROYED</b> Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar lays siege to Jerusalem. He destroys the city and burns Jerusalem's temple. The destruction of the temple was started on the 9th of Ab ( <i>Hebrew month comes in ~July or Aug.</i> ) and completed on the 10th. The 9th of Ab is also the day Jerusalem's second temple ( <i>Herod's temple</i> ) is also completely destroyed. That occurred in 70 A.D.					
							587			335	Obadiah (To Edom)
							520			411	Haggai Zechariah
						(Queen Esther)	478			453	

Notes: Northern Kingdom, all kings described as evil, as they established many dynasties. Even Elijah and Elisha could not turn them.

King Tibni became King of Israel 885 BC replacing King Zimri sharing with King Omri (1 Kings 16). However, Tibni and Omri served in different portions of the Northern Kingdom for some joint time period. Some scholars date this period to be as long as ten years. There is no way clear way in the Scriptures to calculate the times of the reign of Tibni. Tibni was the son of Ginath (*This name means a "Garden"*). Tibni tried unsuccessfully to wrest the Israelite throne from King Omri. It seems in 1 Kings 6:22 that Tibni was killed in his effort to wrest the throne away from Omri.

Remember from past two nights that Jesus is coming suddenly - like Lightning. Lightning is wisdom being revealed.

→ **Matthew 24:27** "For as the lightning comes from the East and flashes to the West, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."

Jesus Rejoices in the Spirit (*Matt. 11:25-27*)

→ **Luke 10:21-24** <sup>21</sup>In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. <sup>22</sup>All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal Him." <sup>23</sup>Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes which see the things you see; <sup>24</sup>for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and have not seen it, and to hear what you hear, and have not heard it."

The Parable of the Good Samaritan (*Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34*)

→ **Luke 10:25-37** <sup>25</sup>And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" <sup>27</sup>So he answered and said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." (No options and ifs were given in this by the Lord.) <sup>28</sup>And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." (This is important in this Time of the Great Tribulation if we want to live through and fulfill what the Lord has called us to do. We cannot say that we serve Him and then disobey Him in this that He says is what is required of us in order to obtain Eternal Life. The Lord says that we are required to show Mercy even on all those who have fallen under the curse of the thieves of Babylon, as we will see in verses 29-37, for they were only taught wrongly, just like us.) <sup>29</sup>But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. <sup>34</sup>So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' <sup>36</sup>So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" <sup>37</sup>And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Mary and Martha Worship and Serve

→ **Luke 10:38-42** <sup>38</sup>Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His Word. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." <sup>41</sup>And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. <sup>42</sup>But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

### The Parable of the Rich Fool

→ **Luke 12:13-21** <sup>13</sup>Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." <sup>16</sup>Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. <sup>17</sup>And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry." <sup>20</sup>BUT GOD SAID TO HIM, 'FOOL! THIS NIGHT YOUR SOUL WILL BE REQUIRED OF YOU; THEN WHOSE WILL THOSE THINGS BE WHICH YOU HAVE PROVIDED?' <sup>21</sup>"SO IS HE WHO LAYS UP TREASURE FOR HIMSELF, AND IS NOT RICH TOWARD GOD."

### Do Not Worry

→ **Luke 12:22-34** <sup>22</sup>Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor barn; and God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds? <sup>25</sup>And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? <sup>26</sup>If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>29</sup>"And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, NOR HAVE AN ANXIOUS MIND. <sup>30</sup>For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. <sup>31</sup>But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. <sup>32</sup>"DO NOT FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK, FOR IT IS YOUR FATHER'S GOOD PLEASURE TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM. <sup>33</sup>Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

The Light, the hate, and the basket Scriptures and Parables of hidden revelation are interesting. We must be careful, for He sees and reveals.

- **Mark 4:21-25** <sup>21</sup>Also He said to them, "Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand? <sup>22</sup>For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. <sup>23</sup>If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." <sup>24</sup>Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. <sup>25</sup>For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."
- **Luke 8:16-21** <sup>16</sup>"No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. <sup>17</sup>For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. <sup>18</sup>Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems

to have will be taken from him." <sup>19</sup>Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd. <sup>20</sup>And it was told Him by some, who said, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You." <sup>21</sup>But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

- **Luke 12:1-3** <sup>1</sup>In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. <sup>2</sup>For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known. <sup>3</sup>Therefore whatever you have spoken in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms will be proclaimed on the housetops.

#### The Faithful Servant and the Evil Servant

- **Luke 12:35-48** <sup>35</sup>Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; <sup>36</sup>and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." <sup>41</sup>Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable only to us, or to all people?" <sup>42</sup>And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? <sup>43</sup>Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. <sup>44</sup>Truly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. <sup>45</sup>But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk, <sup>46</sup>the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. <sup>47</sup>And that servant who knew his master's will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. <sup>48</sup>But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

#### Christ Brings Division

- **Luke 12:49-53** <sup>49</sup>I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished! <sup>51</sup>Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division. <sup>52</sup>For from now on five in one house will be divided: three against two, and two against three. <sup>53</sup>Father will be divided against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."
- **Matthew 10:34-38** <sup>34</sup>Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; <sup>36</sup>and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.' <sup>37</sup>He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son

or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup>And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>39</sup>He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

#### Discern the Time

- **Luke 12:54-56** <sup>54</sup>Then He also said to the multitudes, "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming'; and so it is. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather'; and there is. <sup>56</sup>Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but **HOW IS IT YOU DO NOT DISCERN THIS TIME?**

Make Peace with Your Adversary - consider that the Lord has now come to render the Judgment upon us.

- **Luke 12:57-59** <sup>57</sup>"Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right? <sup>58</sup>When you go with your adversary to the magistrate, make every effort along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison. <sup>59</sup>I tell you, you shall not depart from there till you have paid the very last mite."

The Salt verses are interesting for they reveal some intriguing things. Also remember Lot's wife.

- **Matthew 5:13-16** <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. <sup>14</sup>"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup>Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
- **Luke 14:34-35** <sup>34</sup>"Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? <sup>35</sup>It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"
- **Mark 9:38-50** <sup>38</sup>Now John answered Him, saying, "Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me. <sup>40</sup>For he who is not against us is on our side. <sup>41</sup>For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward. <sup>42</sup>"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— <sup>44</sup>where 'Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— <sup>46</sup>where 'Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire— <sup>48</sup>where 'Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."

Another law that is an abomination to God and tramples upon the Spirit of Grace.

### Gay and lesbian couples will get right to marry in church

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Gays and lesbians will be able to 'marry' in church under new laws to be unveiled this week.

The historic decision by Liberal Democrat Equalities Minister Lynne Featherstone will end the legal definition of marriage as a relationship between a man and a woman.

A gay couple will be able to refer to one of the partners as a 'husband', and a lesbian couple will be able to refer to one of the partners as a 'wife'.

A key part of the reform will bring an end to the ban that prevents civil partnerships being conducted in places of worship.



Proposal: Sir Elton John and David Furnish at their civil partnership at the Guildhall in Windsor in 2005. Under proposed changes, they could hold the ceremony in a church

In a major concession to Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg's Lib Dems, the Government will announce that for the first time, such ceremonies will be allowed to have a religious element, including hymns and Bible readings. They could be carried out by priests or other religious officials.

The measure received a warm welcome last night from equalities groups but it could face opposition



from Right-wing Tories and some Christian groups.

Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu today warned against allowing one set of rights to 'trump' another.

He told the BBC: 'I, who believes in a liberal democracy, and actually wants equality with everybody, cannot say 'the Quakers should not do it' nor do I want somebody to tell me 'but the church of England must do it, but the Roman Catholic church must do it' because actually that's not what equality is about. You mustn't have rights that trump other rights.'

Amendment: Equalities Minister Lynne Featherstone proposes to lift the ban on civil partnerships in religious venues

Civil partnerships were made legal in 2004 and confer almost identical legal rights as marriage, covering inheritance and pensions.

But many gay people regard them as a second-class option and have campaigned to be granted the same legal and symbolic status as other marriages.

Ms Featherstone will also say gays should be able to hold traditional weddings in register offices and other civil settings such as country houses and even football grounds.

The move could lead to a clash between the State and the church.

The Church of England has already said it will not let its buildings be used for civil partnership ceremonies.

The Roman Catholic Church takes an even tougher line - Pope Benedict last year described same-sex marriage as being among 'the most insidious and dangerous challenges that today confront the common good'.

Both the Catholic Church and Islam say marriage can consist only of a union between a man and a woman.

But some faiths are in favour of a change in the law. The Quakers, Unitarians and Liberal Jews are expected to apply for permission to use their buildings to host same-sex marriages.

The change could also lead to legal action by gay couples denied the right to marry in church.

Gay marriages are already legal in Canada, South Africa, Sweden, Spain, the Netherlands and some American states.