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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I've included an article from "The Creation Experience Museum" discussing an issue that seems to be prevailing within the Church. That is, is the Earth Flat or a Globe?

I trust it will help anyone who is troubled by this. Please don't send me emails stating this is wrong, rather let's just put our focus on the Lord as it's easy to be caught away on side issues.

Stay strong and trust in the Lord. Mark Johnson 30th June 2022

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The ancient Hebrews believed that every Hebrew letter, word, and paragraph had at least 70 levels of revelation to be discovered

t" is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter."

Proverbs 25:2 (NKJV)

"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."

Deut. 29:29 (NKJV)

The ancient Hebrews believed that every Hebrew letter, word, and paragraph had at least 70 levels of revelation to be discovered for the one willing to spend the time to invest themselves in 'searching out a matter.'

The vast majority of the Christian community however is content with the most effortless approach of reading the word only. While this is valuable and necessary it is really only an entry level endeavor into a life of commitment to the Lord.

Over the years as I grew in my hunger and passion to know Himmore, I began to see the value of a progressive study of scripture to better grasp the intent of the original authors as well as what the Lord was trying to communicate.

One of my favorite ways of study was to look up the meaning of every person or place mentioned in scripture. What a treasure trove of insight and revelation I began to glean! And with each study my hunger and joy only increased as I began to see a depth of insight if I would but spend a little bit of time digging deeper rather than settle for the nuggets on the surface.

From there I was challenged by the Holy Spirit to begin to do more 'digging' and research into the original languages and various cultural influences at the time of the writing of each book to discover what the words penned in that generation and culture meant to them.

One such study was a word found in Genesis 30:26,

"Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served you and let me go; for you know my service which I have done for you."

Genesis 30:26



The word 'served' is the Hebrew word Avad. It contains the meaning of 'to work for someone, to do what they ask'.

If we recall the story of Jacob, we know that he worked or served Laban for 14 years for his wives and now he wanted to return to his family. He had done what was asked of him.

Another and perhaps deeper meaning of the word avad is 'worship.'

"And the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me."

Exodus 8:1 (NKJV)

"Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, and tell him, 'This is what the LORD says: Let my people go to worship me."

Exodus 8:1 (Gods Word Translation)

Here the word avad is translated as both 'serve' and 'worship.' In the Hebrew mindset serving the Lord and worshipping Him are the same thing!

In our western mindset worshipping the Lord is a passive act in a room singing songs and listening to a sermon. But to the Hebrew, worship involved action and service.

This single word avad (and there are many more we could list) may completely change the way you see Sundays because for most Christians we were brought up believing

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Sundays were a day of worship. We would work the rest of the week and worship Sunday.

Butlookatwhatthe4thcommandment actually says:

"Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. 11 For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it."

Exodus 20:9-11 (NKJV)

In other words, six days out of our week should be avad; serving and worshipping our God, and on the 7th day we should rest!

We've had the whole concept backwards! Everything we set our hand to throughout the week so be with a heart of service and worship toward our Lord.

We've allowed the construct called "the church" to become a formal setapart portion of our lives on a certain day not realizing we are to avad our Heavenly Father throughout the week.

This small study alone should spark in you a host of other scriptures that can paint an even fuller picture of what is being communicated in this one word alone.

The study of the Word of God is not only a privilege but in this hour it is a must for those who desire to stand in these last days. If we've failed to avail ourselves of the time, we have to more fully know Him through the word and prayer then the days ahead will be difficult at best.



his mid-May I had what I deemed as a very prophetic dream that I want to share for you, and for you to pray over and see if it corelates with what the Lord is showing you in this incredible time and season we are currently in. I won't go into too much detail here but when I told my wife we both came to the same conclusion.

The Dream (The Short Version)

I was sat at a table having a meal with some friends and to the left of me was a very good friend of mine who was the best man at my wedding 24 years ago. It was great seeing him, and we just had a good conversation. His first name is Robert, Rob for short, and his surname is Summers.

You're probably saying "that's not much of a dream so how on earth have you come up with any interpretation?" Well let's apply some dream interpretation principles, and we can build a bigger picture.

It was in full colour, and I was both in the dream and I was also observing it at times, watching on from above. Here are a few pointers that I always bear in mind when interpreting a dream:

Colour - If it's black and white then the Lord is revealing to you the schemes of the enemy. This is useful for prayer and to be prepared. If the dream is in bright and light colours, then it is typically from the Lord. If the dream has muted colours then it can be a 'soul dream', where the dream is revealing to you how you feel about situations, but from my experience dreams with muted colours are not typically a clear prophetic dream from the Lord. There are many different dream categories and I tend to recommend the teaching of John Paul Jackson for more detail on this subject.

Where are you? If you're in the dream then the dream is about you. If you're observing it, as if on a platform looking on, then the Lord may be showing you something about a situation. You can have both aspects, as I did in this dream.

He will speak in a language you understand. I love dogs so if a dog is in the dream, it represents friendship, companionship, faithfulness... something good. But if you have been bitten by a dog in the past then a dog may represent danger or something to fear. I have had a few dreams where I'm playing rugby, so I understand the game, the rules and the tactics. Whereas someone who has never played the game would have a hard time trying to understand what on earth is happening.

So here goes.

The first thing that struck me is my friend's name: Robert Summers. Robert is taken from the old German name 'Hrodebent'. The name is made up of two elements: 'Hrod' and 'Berant'.

'Hrod' – Means Fame or Shining 'Berant' – Means 'Bright' Which can be translated into "Bright Fame' or 'Shining Glory or Shining with Glory'.

Robert is also a royal name given to Kings especially in the medieval times like 'Robert the Bruce of Scotland'. Robert I of Scotland

Summers. Simple one this one. It's a season. Winter, Spring, Summer and Autumn. Signifies a period of time or season. 'Times and Seasons'.

Second thing that struck me is the number twenty-four. He was my best man at my wedding twenty-four years ago. Very significant. Remember the Lord will speak to you in a language you understand. Numbers to me are significant and I pay careful attention when there is a number, or numbers, in my dreams.

According to E.W. Bullinger in 'Numbers in Scripture' the number twenty-four is associated with heavenly government and worship,

of which the earthly form, especially for Israel, was only an earthly copy of heavenly things. For example, both Moses and David where shown the order of things connected with the Temple and Tabernacle and how Temple worship was to be, by direct revelation from God, as a copy of things already in Heaven. It was all done through divine order.

and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, of all the chambers all around, of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries for the dedicated things;

1 Chronicles 28:12

"All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans." 1 Chronicles 28:19

who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."

Hebrews 8:5

There were twenty-four courses of priests in the earthly Temple as in Revelation 4 we read of twenty-four elders, the leaders of heavenly worship in the throne room.

Twenty-four is also a multiple of 12, which expresses a perfect number. It signifies 'perfect government' or of 'government perfection'. 12 and 24 are also a product of 3, 4 and 8.

3x4=12

3x8=24

Interesting how 3 and 8 relate: 3-solid, real, substantial, complete and entire. Simply put 'Divine Perfection'. 8 is associated with 'resurrection and regeneration' and the beginning of a new era or order. Simply put 'New



Beginnings'.

I had this dream in the third week of May again the number of 3.

Having a meal speaks of friendship and intimacy and being there for each other. A significant bond. He was my best man both for my wedding and my best friend in life.

Interpretation of the Dream

I am sitting with Jesus, the Bright Morning Star who is shining with His Kingly brightness. With Divine Order and with perfect governmental perfection, ushering in a new beginning, a new era that will bring resurrection and regeneration to a Company 42 generation.

This company of people will not just be friends but will be friends with the Bridegroom. They will have an intimate friendship of and relationship with Him that has weathered the test of time. He, the Lord, will usher in a 'new beginning' or a new order. This will start to happen this 'Summer' – June to September.

Something new, of immense significance is coming to those who are discerning the 'Times and Seasons' that we are living in. They have ears to hear, eyes to see and heart to understand what is coming.

This is coming to areas throughout the earth. This Company 42 people will be small in number but will have the backing of heaven and start to operate from a heavenly perspective. "On earth as it is in Heaven".

At the time of writing this article (early June 2022) we were celebrating our beautiful Queen Elizabeth II 70th year as our monarch. This is a significant event both physically and spiritually. Our Queen loves the Lord and has a deep personal relationship. She will not be long with us I am sad to say. However, seventy is made up of two

perfect numbers – 7 and 10.
7–Completion with spiritual perfection.
Also, in the 'Gematria' 7x153 =1071
which means 'Sons or Heirs of God'.

Remember in John 21:11 when the catch of large fish numbered 153, this was at the end of Jesus' earthly ministry? This is very significant to us. Their first catch, at the beginning of Jesus earthly ministry, their nets almost broke. They almost lost the harvest of fish. However, at the last harvest of fish they did not lose one, signifying to us that in these last days, at the end of this age, we will not lose one of those destined to be harvested. But it will be done through those who are called to rule and reign with Him as His sons and heirs, through covenant, especially through a marriage covenant.

Let's not forget about Daniels 70th Week of 7x70. We are about to come to the 70th week as mentioned by Daniel 9:24 where we will see the completion of all transgressions of the world, to usher in an everlasting righteousness with the return of the King of Kings where "the kingdoms of this world will become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever.' Rev 11:15

Ten- the perfection of divine order.

- Ten Commandments
- Ten clauses in the Lord's Prayer
- Tithes = a tenth
- Ten virgins denoting a remnant in the end days
- Ten plagues denoting the Judgements of God.
- Ten Toes of Nebuchadnezzar's statue symbolising the 10 kingdoms, and 10 horns of the 4th beast in Daniel, that the Devil will usher in through his puppet, the Antichrist.

So, 70x10 = 70 signifies perfect spiritual order carried out with a specific spiritual power bringing in a sequence of events, of incredible significance, both in heaven and on the earth,



where both the 'spirit' and the physical order, of things, will be greatly emphasised. This will not only happen here in the UK but also around the globe. It will start off small and then pick up into a Tsunami type wave. Nothing can stop this happening. This group of people will move in such power and authority. They will have the 'Keys of David'.

I preached a message on this Company 42 people coming forward on the 3rd of April 2022. If you are wanting to listen to it you can download the App, 'Company 42', from all major App stores, to enhance this message. The title of the talk is "A Broken and Contrite Spirit". It tells us how we can obtain this. Out of Isaiah 66:2.

For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist," Says the LORD.

"But on this one will I look:

On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit.

And who trembles at My word.

Isaiah 66:2

Without a deep and personal relationship with the Lord, we can do nothing. It can only come with deep love and intimacy with the Lord. An Isaiah 58 fast to get to an Isaiah 60 anointing.

An Isaiah 58 chosen fast that pleases the Lord will

- Loose the bonds of wickedness
- Undo heavy burdens
- Set the opposed free
- Feed the hungry
- Look after the homeless
- Clothe the poor

Resulting in Isaiah 60 where this Company 42 people will

- Shine in the brilliance of His Light
- Healing will come forth
- Righteousness will go before us
- The Glory of the Lord will be our

rear guard

We need it. The Earth is getting darker and the people even darker. Look at what is happening in Ukraine with Putin's insane attack. This has not happened on this scale for over seventy-seven years. (Note the two sevens.) 1945 was the end of the 2nd World War till 2022 – 77 years of relative peace in Europe. At the time of writing this, we are into day 100 of the fighting in Ukraine. I believe this is what Jesus spoke about in:

And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

Matthew 24:6-7

Things will escalate. Are we about to see some Seals broken....? We know what is coming. However there has been a marking of this group of people for the past 2-3 years.

...and the LORD said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it."

Ezekiel 9:4

I've seen this man, I describe as the Scribe, come into some of the meetings with a quill and ink carrying a book and writing names in a book.

The Lamb and the 144,000

Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.

Revelation 14:1

This company will be first fruits.



These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

Revelation 14:4

And their cry will be heard as they cry over the spilt blood of the unborn. They cry over the truth of the Word being trampled and trashed in the mud of the earth. They cry over the compromise in the church over sexual sin. They cry in such anguish where now evil is now good and good evil. They cry for our young men and women where an ideology is now in our schools, not based out of sound Biology of our Creator, but out of the evil sowing into our children and grandchildren where they are changing the ordinances of God.

The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, Because they have transgressed the laws, Changed the ordinance, Broken the everlasting covenant.

Isaiah 24:5

However, another cry will come from this group, a battle cry of "Come Lord Jesus Come". A Maranatha battle cry. They will operate out of a John 15:15 anointing. They will help prepare the Bride of Revelation 21:9. The last 42 months will help prepare this Bride who will endure and wait for the Bridegroom's soon return.

As I often say to folk..... "You were never called to sleep in camp! You are called to arise for the battle."

Just as when the Lord spoke to Gideon.

It happened on the same night that the LORD said to him, "Arise, go down against the camp, for I have delivered it into your hand.

Judges 7:9

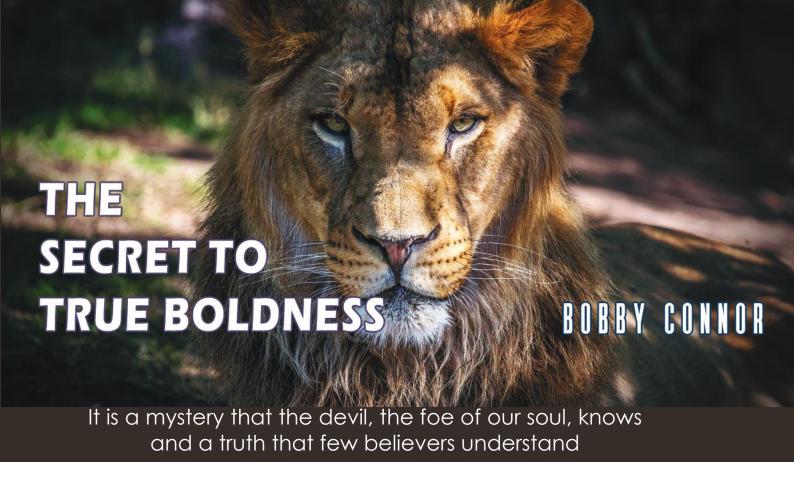
So, let's not fall asleep in camp, but be watchful, awake and ready for battle that will soon be upon us. As spoken to Esther "You were born for such a time as this." This Company 42 people will have an Isaiah 11:2 anointing out of a Daniel 11:32b relationship. Knowing Him, our First love.

I believe we are about to see huge political change in the three world superpowers. China, USA and Russia. I feel Biden will not finish his four-year term. Putin will be removed or die. Xi Jinping again something maybe a health issue is going on and he will either die or must step down. It will create a vacuum for a world leader to step in. Very interesting days ahead. We will see.

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n extremely wise man penned these thought-provoking words:

The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Proverbs 28:1

This is a very convicting word! As you ponder this promise of the righteous being as bold and confident as a lion, we suddenly discover that our timidity is a brazen testimony to our carnality. Within this short Scripture, we discover an exceptionally significant truth: the righteous are bold as a lion.

This truth helps to unlock the mystery of our chronic spiritual weakness and daily struggles to become Christlike. What is that mystery? It is a mystery that the devil, the foe of our soul, knows—and a truth that few believers understand. If the righteous are bold as a lion, then it follows that purity produces power! What else follows? The corollary truth: if purity produces power, then sin produces weakness.

In light of this truth, what is the devil's strategy? He seeks to sidetrack us into

as much contamination as he possibly can to render us weak and timid and powerless in the Kingdom of God.

By this sobering truth we may judge our true spiritual maturity: if we lack power, we lack holiness. We may have received Christ's righteousness imputed to us at our salvation, but we are still walking in the flesh as carnal Christians. Take this to heart, brothers, and sisters in Christ: a lack of demonstrated power and Christcentered confidence is a testimony to our carnality.

King David experienced this understanding notice his words:

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, persevering, and steadfast spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then will I teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners shall be converted and return to You. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness and death, O God, the God of my

salvation, and my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness (Your rightness and Your justice). O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

Psalm 51:10-15 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

Join me in David's prayer and ask God to create within us a pure, clean hearts (Psalms 51:6), knowing that God is faithful and just to cleanse us from all unrighteousness and sin (1 John 1:9). He freely gives us the clean heart we desire (Psalms 51:10).

We must walk in purity if we are to walk in real power!

Once we discover the foremost reason for our lack of genuine power—a lack of genuine holiness—we can move forward with a repentant heart. We can ask the Lord to deliver us from everything that separates us from Him, be it carnal thoughts, bitter root judgments, toxic emotions or disobedient, ungodly habits and attitudes. Without question, our sin is the principal reason for our continual failure to walk like Christ. The Word tells us, "As He is, so are we in this world" (1 John 4:17). If we are not Christlike loving like Christ, behaving like Christ and thinking like Christ—then we have a sin problem, plain and simple.

God's warning is exceedingly clear: "Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness, no one will see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14, NIV).

Therefore, since these [great] promises are ours, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates and defiles body and spirit, and bring [our] consecration to completeness in the [reverential] fear of God.

2 Corinthians 7:1 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

We must live lives of radical holiness, no matter the consequences—but don't confuse holiness with manmade legalism. True holiness is born of the law of the Spirit and produces overflowing life and peace, while religious legalism is born of the letter of the law and produces only barrenness and death. Remember, where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (2 Corinthians 3:17).

Lift up your head and rejoice! Reject sin and shame, knowing you have been forgiven. You have been given a fresh start in Christ our righteousness.

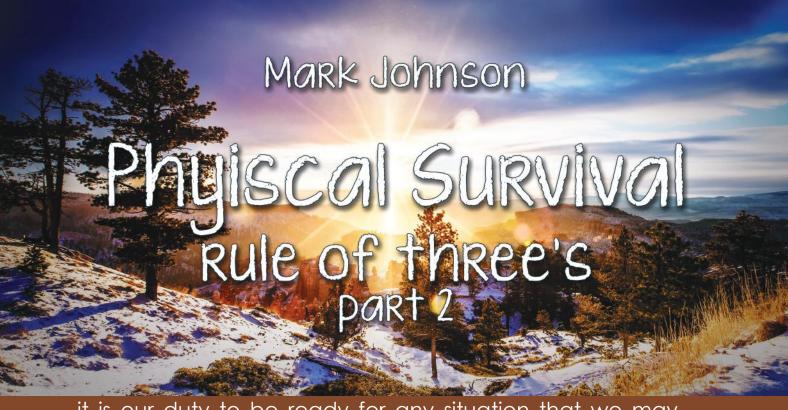
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ontinuing from my last article, I want to address the rules of three for physical survival. Why? Because it is our duty to be ready for any situation that we may encounter. Whether that be spiritual or physical.

I get asked "where do I start, it's too much". Start with the rule of 3's first. Let's get started.

3 Minutes - Air

Our physical body can survive around 3 minutes without air.

When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood,

Revelation 6:12

And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

Matthew 24:6-8

Earthquakes, volcanoes, fires, pestilences (viruses?), radiation fallout from wars are some of the things we can expect in the coming future. When the atmosphere is contaminated from smoke, ash, Alpha & Beta radiation particles; this is going to affect our breathing. We just need to remember what happed when the twin towers fell. People where covered in ash and debris. They covered their faces so they could breath.

Our only option in this situation if we are caught out, is to wet a cloth and cover our nose and mouth. Ideally we should make sure we have on hand the following:

Full face mask

Different filters to suit for smoke, chemical and radiation pollution.

3 Hours - Shelter

To survive in a hostile environment (winter or desert) our bodies can only last about 3 hours without protection.

Think of shelter as clothing, the means to create fires for warmth and cooking and shelter from the environment.

Think about the following:

Clothing for all seasons
Tents/ tarps, with the knowledge to
use them.
Wilderness shelter construction
Fire lighting

Other tools to aid you include:
Axe - for chopping wood
Knife
Cordage
Knots - you'll need to learn these

3 Days - Water

Our bodies can only survive around 3 days without water.

Then the third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star burning like a torch fell from heaven and landed on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter like wormwood oil, and many people died from the bitter waters

Revelation 8:10-11

And the second angel poured out his bowl into the sea, and it turned to blood like that of the dead, and every living thing in the sea died. And the third angel poured out his bowl into the rivers and springs of water, and they turned to blood.

Revelation 16:3-4

Clean drinking water is vital. Being able to procure, filter and purify is what we should be thinking about. The following things will help you:

Metal container for boiling water Procurement - Millbank bag, hand pump/filter, life straw Water containers for storage both short and long term

3 Weeks - Food

We can last around 3 weeks without food. But you will need more than that on hand.

And when the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" Then I looked and saw a black horse, and its rider held in his

hand a pair of scales. And I heard what sounded like a voice from among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine.

Revelation 6:5-6

Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, 17so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark,

Revelation 13:16-17

Things are becoming desperate right now. Food, fuel and general supplies are ether in short demand or overly priced. You should stock up on the following things:

First Aid - Personal & group Food - Cans, freeze dried, MRE Non perishables - personal hygiene Power - batteries, generator, fuel

Going beyond 3 weeks

Take everything you have done listed here and expand it out as much as you personally can. You can only do so much and this is where the Lord comes in. Being faithful with what you have, let the Lord carry you the rest of the way.

To help you further, we have videos called "End Time Preparedness". You can watch for free and they're available on the "Company 42" App. See the last page in this publication for further details on the Company 42 App.



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WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

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h, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.

Psalm 96:9

By those who come near Me (the Lord) I must be regarded as holy; and before all the people I must be glorified.

Leviticus 10:3

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him

Psalm 89:7

Today some erroneously think that holiness is primarily an Old Testament concept; not applicable to us in the New Testament. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In the New Testament, the apostle Peter admonishes us to be holy.

butasHewhocalledyouisholy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

1 Peter 1:15-16

WithoutholinessnoonewillseetheLord.

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord
Hebrews 12:14

Holiness is not only a timeless quality of the Lord Himself, it is also a requirement for those who would draw near Him. Lacking this understanding of holiness has resulted in believers and churches having "meetings" but not really encountering the Lord. We are left with weekly traditions of singing and the Word; with habits, patterns and formulas, but very little, if any, of the manifested glory of God.

If we want God to walk among us and dwell in our midst in His manifested glory, holiness is required.

And what agreement has the temple

of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

Therefore "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you."

"I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty."

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

If we want God to receive us as His dwelling place; if we want Him to walk among us, then we must pursue holiness. We must choose sanctification. It is not an option.

The Glory in the Old Testament

When we read the account of the dedication of Solomon's temple in 2 Chronicles chapter 5, we see that all the priests "sanctified themselves" to be holy unto the Lord before they came together in corporate worship. Then, when they worshipped they were all in unity because they had all sanctified themselves. The end result of worshipping the Lord "in the beauty of holiness" is that the manifested glory of God in a visible cloud filled the temple "so that the priests could not [e]continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God."

This is what it means to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. We must recover the Biblical understanding of sanctification and holiness. We must know, in a very practical way, how to sanctify ourselves before the Lord so that we may worship Him in the beauty of

holiness. When we do, we will begin to regularly encounter Him.

The manifested glory of God in the book of Acts church is why the saints wanted to meet together daily. Whenever they got together, the Lord manifested in their midst.

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

Acts 2:42-43

The apostles' doctrine produced the "fear of the Lord" in the saints. This kept the church pure and holy, for "by the fear of the Lord one departs from evil." Proverbs 16:6

As long as the church was pure and holy, the manifested presence and glory/power of God was manifesting among them.

So <u>continuing daily with one accord</u> in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart Acts 2:46

They did not meet "daily, steadfastly and continuously" because leaders told them they must go to church every day. No leaders can be persuasive enough to make everyone come to church every day. No, the believers met daily because they wanted to! The glory of the LORD was in their midst and they wanted to be with Him.

So, why were the priests in the Old Testament (who were under an inferior covenant, covered only by the blood of bulls and goats) able to have more of the glory of God in their midst then almost all churches today, even though we are under a "better



covenant which was established on better promises"? (Heb. 8:6)

The answer is that the OT priests understood that they must sanctify themselves and be holy if they were to draw near to the Lord.

Most New Testament believers and churches have not yet discovered this reality. We attend church with a "consumer" mindset. We don't do much to prepare, we mostly come just to "receive". This is the opposite mindset of the Old Testament priests. They knew that they must prepare and sanctify themselves. They could not just "show up" at church.

We must be holy. Yes, our legal standing in Christ, having been declared "justified" by faith, will get us into heaven. If we are going to walk with the Lord in this life, however, we must "pursue holiness" (Heb. 12:14). This is a "fulfilled" righteousness that God calls each of us to walk in. In fact, as believers who have been "justified" we are now to pursue a "fulfilled righteousness" that we walk in day to day.

But you, O man of God, flee these things and <u>pursue righteousness</u>, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

1 Timothy 6:11

Flee also youthful lusts; but <u>pursue righteousness</u>, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2 Timothy 2:22

We are called not only to "legal" righteousness but to pursue walking in a "fulfilled" righteousness

that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:4

Love is the fulfillment of righteousness.

Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

And do this (love), knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Romans 13:8-12

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:12

God promises to sanctify us and make us holy. (1 Thes. 5:23-24, Hebrews 13:20-21), but for Him to work in us, we must obey His command to pursue holiness (Heb. 5:9). As we do, He will work in us "both to will and to do of His good pleasure (Philippians 2:12-13). When every motive of our heart springs from unselfish love we are established blameless in holiness.

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

To pursue holiness is to pursue loving God with all of our heart and to love



our neighbor as ourself. Our neighbor is the person next to us. Pursuing holiness involves allowing the Holy Spirit to remove from our hearts all offense, judgments, criticism, unforgiveness, or anything else that is contrary to love. Most of the time, it is not what we consider the "big sins" that hinder Christians from encountering the Lord. It is the "little foxes that spoil the vines".

This is where we must allow the Lord to deal with our attitudes. Impatience, complaining and faultfinding must be put away. Love must reign. This is true holiness.

Holiness means to be "set apart" from all that is not purity and love and then be given entirely to the Lord Himself. We give ourself first to Him, to love, thank, praise and to worship Him. Then we give ourself to serve Him with our whole life. Sanctification (and holiness) means to be set apart "from" whatever is unclean and "unto" the Lord Himself.

We are His purchased possession (Ephesians 1:14). He made us for Himself (Romans 11:36; Revelation 4:11). He gave Himself for us so that He could sanctify us and present us to Himself glorious and holy.

"Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish."

Ephesians 5:25b-27

We must give ourselves over to His Word and let His Word wash and sanctify us. "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." John 17:17. To neglect time reading and feeding on His Word is to stifle and hinder the sanctification process. We are washed by the water of His Word.

Three Parts Of Sanctification

Titus 2:14 tells us that Christ "gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for aood works.

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-to be zealous for good works; the Lord wholeheartedly servina

The Lord wants us to put away every lawless and unclean thina; deeds, thoughts, words and imaginations that are unrighteous must be put away.

We are admonished in the book of Ephesians and also in Colossians to "put off" the old man with his lusts, impurity, anger, strife and selfishness. We are then told to "put on" the new man who is fashioned after Christ.

But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised uncircumcised, barbarian, nor Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond



of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:8-17

The Second Part of Sanctification – giving ourselves to Him

Putting off the "old man" and putting on "the new man" is the first part of sanctification. We are to do more than live a clean life. Titus 2:14 says that Christ gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed so that He would "purify for Himself His own special people".

This is bridal language similar to Ephesians 5:25-27. The Lord gave Himself for us so that He could present us "to Himself". Yes, the Lord wants us to live a clean life. He wants us to put away every unclean thing. More than that, he wants us to give Him our heart and our entire life. He desires that we would be volunteer lovers of God. That we would "be His own special people" freely given to Him.

The Lord, who loved us unto death, desires that we would love Him back; that we would freely give ourselves to be His own special (dedicated to Him) people. The Father is looking for those who will love Himback and worship Him.

When Jesus ministered to the woman at the well He told her that the Father is looking for worshippers.

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

John 4:23-24

Part of the meaning of the word worship means "to ascribe worth". The Father has placed infinite value on each of us by giving us His Son for our redemption. He is looking for those who will realize the goodness of God and love and appreciate Him back. He is looking for worshippers who will worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

We must put away all lawless deeds and put on the "new man" fashioned after Christ, but let's not neglect spending time thanking and worshipping the Lord. We were made for Him. Take time daily to sit at His feet and worship Him. Love Him. This is a crucial part of being "sanctified" or "set apart" holy unto the Lord.

The Third Part of Sanctification – Zealous For Good Works

We were created for good works that God fore-ordained for each of us to walk in.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

<u>Serve the Lord with gladness: Come</u> <u>before His presence with singing.</u> Psalm 100:2

and He died for all, that those who love should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

2 Corinthians 5:15

I beseech[a] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1

The entire chapter of 1 Corinthians 15 is dedicated to the "resurrection"



from the dead". Paul reminds us that we will live for eternity. How we live now determines in many ways our eternal destiny. Not all Christians will be resurrected with the same glory. Some will be resurrected with glory shining like the sun in its full strength. Others will be resurrected with a lesser glory, like the moon. Some will be resurrected with even less glory, like a twinkling star. In conclusion to the chapter we are admonished to be faithful in serving God.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:58

We are to follow the example of the Lord Jesus Christ.

For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

John 6:38

And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.

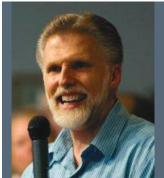
John 8:29

Some Christians will suffer eternal loss

because they did not understand sanctification. We are not only to be set apart from every unclean thing, we are also to give ourselves to the Lord in worship and then give ourselves over to do His will; zealous for good works. Some erroneously think that if they live a clean life, they are sanctified. But then they live mostly for themselves. This is not sanctification. Sanctification is giving ourselves to the Lord and to His work and doing it with gladness of heart (Psalm 100:2).

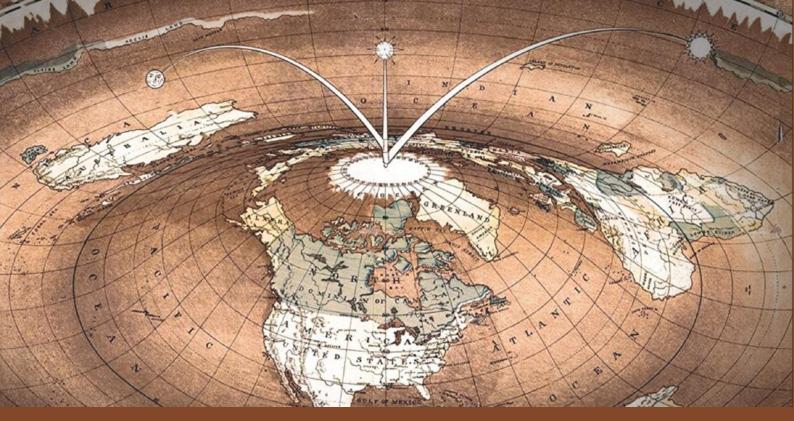
Sanctification unto holiness is the major factor missing in most churches today. This is why we are not encountering the manifested glory of the Lord like God intends for us. Now that we know, let us give ourselves to Him, allowing Him to redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

He will come and dwell among us. We will never be the same. We won't be able to stay away from church gatherings where the Lord is manifesting in our midst. Our churches and communities will never be the same. When it is soon discovered that "Jesus is in the house" the whole city will come and gather at the door (Mark 1:33). The end-time harvest will come in.



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flat Earth ideas have actually seen a resurgence in the last couple of years

or decades now, biblical creationists have had to contend with mockery and derision from those with differing world views, and it's not uncommon for a belief in creation to be compared to the belief in a flat Earth. Evolutionists use this comparison as a way of showing just how ludicrous they consider biblical creation to be.

But, as unbelievable as it may seem, flat Earth ideas have actually seen a resurgence in the last couple of years, and many people seem to be quite sincere in their acceptance of it. Not only is this resulting in a lot of confusion, since some flat-Earth arguments can sound very compelling at face value, but it's also creating uncomfortable situations for people encountering this idea for the first time. Many people simply take the spherical shape Earth for granted and so are unprepared to defend that belief or answer Flat-Earthers' questions.

Here at the Creation Experience Museum, we are now encountering flat-Earth ideas on a regular basis, among both Christians and non-Christians alike, and several of our guests have asked for advice on how to answer the questions and challenges of those who believe in a flat-Earth.

Now, while there are indeed numerous scientific experiments and evidences supporting a spherical Earth, those evidences are not the focus of this article, for two primary reasons:

1. First, there are already many articles, papers, and books on the topic available, written by many highly-qualified scientists.

These resources are easily discoverable with a quick internet search, and have addressed the issue very thoroughly, so there is no need to repeat their findings here. Suffice it to say that Earth is demonstrably spherical, and the experiments saying otherwise have either been improperly conducted, thus producing incorrect results; are inconclusive, not actually proving a flat Earth; or are based upon conspiracy theory and false accusations (e.g. suggesting astronauts have lied or been deluded about seeing Earth's shape from space).



2. Second, in conversing with people who espouse the flat-Earth theory, we have discovered that logical arguments seem to have next to no impact on their beliefs.

No amount of scientific evidence, no matter how well-researched or grounded in observable facts, seems to make a difference. Perhaps the flimsy arguments of the flat-Earth movement have actually convinced some people of their truth. Or, perhaps the appeal of a conspiracy or of being in the "rebel minority" is just too strong to resist. Regardless, this means that countering flat-Earth ideas with scientific evidence rarely produces the desired effect.

So how, then, do we respond when confronted with flat-Earth theory, if actual scientific evidence makes no difference to its proponents?

While there is, unfortunately, no onesize-fits-all solution, we believe that the best option is to try to get to the heart of the issue, and to stay focused on what really matters.

In Genesis chapter 3, we see Satan luring Eve away from the truth with the lure of hidden, secret knowledge and wisdom (Genesis 3:5-6).

Even the very first humans were not immune to the appeal of a conspiracy!

This should serve as a very serious warning to all of us, and a reminder not to be led astray by the desire for hidden, secret wisdom or conspiracies (of any kind, not just flat-Earth). Furthermore, the Bible clearly and repeatedly states that true wisdom comes from the fear of the Lord (Proverbs 1:7, 9:10; James 1:5-6), and that hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge are found in Christ (1 Corinthians 1:30, 2 Corinthians 4:6, Colossians 2:3). If we truly desire wisdom and understanding, should seek them by growing deeper in our relationship with Christ, by seeking His will in our lives, by obeying His commands, and by storing His word in our hearts—not by seeking

out conspiracy theories.

Another (and even more alarming) trend we have noticed among Christians who subscribe to flat-Earth theory is that many of them seem determined to pull every conversation back to a discussion of their flat-Earth ideas, even when there is no relevant connection to the topic. It is as though it has become an all-consuming fixation, distracting them from more important issues and making it very difficult to communicate truth to them.

Some good questions to ask such people are:

Why does it matter so much?
Does the shape of our planet effect whether or not the Bible is true?
Does the Bible's relevance increase or decrease based on the shape of Earth?

Does the shape of Earth change the fact that we have sinned, and that Jesus died to redeem us?

Of course, the answer to these questions is "No".

The Bible shows us that Satan is very busy trying to deceive, confuse, and distract people from focusing on the truth of God (2 Corinthians 4:4, 11:3; Ephesians 6:11; 1 Peter 5:8). This is how he managed to lead humanity to rebel against God in the Garden of Eden at the very beginning (Genesis 3:1-5). Later, in the New Testament, we see the case of Martha, who let her focus become fastened upon the inconsequential and distract her from sitting at the feet of Jesus to learn from Him (Luke 10:38-42). The more fixated we become upon an inconsequential hot topic or conspiracy theory, the more at-risk we are of being led astray like Adam and Eve, or distracted from spending time with Jesus, like Martha.

Lastly, the Apostle Paul refers to the importance of Christ being our primary focus in 2 Corinthians 4:5, when he says "You see, we don't go



around preaching about ourselves. We preach that Jesus Christ is Lord, and we ourselves are your servants for Jesus' sake." This is a beautifully clear reminder that our mission is not about us, but about Christ. It's not about our own ideas, but about the gospel.

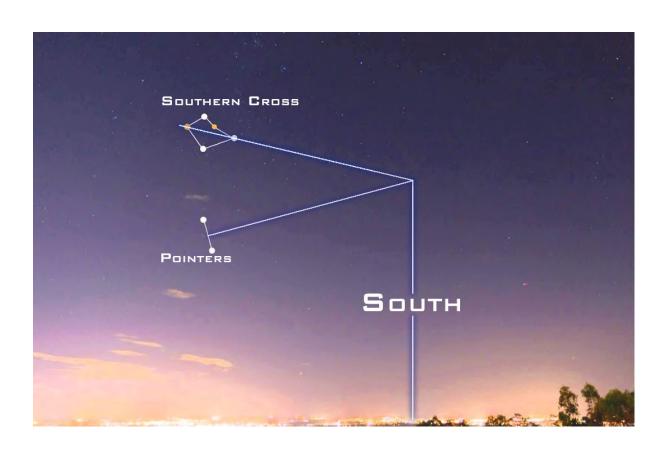
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else, we are neglecting the Great Commission that Christ has given us to preach the gospel to every nation. As Christians, our desire should be just the opposite: to keep Christ at the center of our focus, and to declare His gospel above everything else.

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From the editor

As someone who lives in the Southern Hemisphere, one only needs to look up at the night sky and track the stars. Specifically the Southern Cross constellation. It will always point you South, as such it's used as a navigation constellation. The Southern Cross rotates around the South Pole in the night sky, meaning the earth is a globe. Following the instructions below, you too can use the Southern Cross to find South.







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