

Chapter 3

The Teachings of Jesus Christ

Teaching by his Actions

The Leper

*When he (Jesus) was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. **Matthew 8:1***

Corner Stone of Faith

*And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, "I will; be thou clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. **Matthew 8:2-3***

Take note of the words spoken by the leper. *"If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean."*

The leper is not asking that Jesus heal him, he is stating a belief, a statement of faith, that if Jesus chooses to do so, Jesus can cleans the leper of his illness, and of this the leper is certain.

In these words the leper is showing that he believes Jesus to be God in the flesh of a Man. You too must know and understand this: belief is the cornerstone to faith. Jesus recognizing this faith, immediately and because of it Jesus heals the leper, which gives evidence to all that are witness that the leper's faith is justified.

In this example, the leper is justified in believing that Jesus is God in the flesh of a man because, Jesus immediately cleanses the leper of his illness, not because the leper asks Jesus to cure him, but because the leper believes that Jesus can if it is his pleasure to do so.

You and I have never seen with our own eyes Jesus or God cure anyone of such a debilitating disease, so we must rely on our belief that God is real and that God can and will cause miracles, when and where God chooses to do so. This is Faith.

As I have shown before, however, God does not want us to have Blind Faith, but faith from our knowledge. Knowledge is obtained through education, which is why God calls us to seek for him diligently.

In the Bible, there are several stories where such miracles are performed by God-Jesus. In our reading of these events, we are given a choice. Either we believe that the stories written of in the Bible are given to the Prophets by the lips of God, and are therefore the Word of God, or we can believe that the words in the Bible are simply the writings of old gray bearded men, who are simply attempting to encourage us to behave in a moralistic manor, for their own purposes or agenda.

Before beginning this journey in my pursuit to find God's Truth, I considered the Bible nothing more than a collection of stories about the people and nation of Israel. In this I saw nothing more than a dysfunctional family, giving lip service to an Almighty God, but then going through their lives in direct opposition to the very moral teachings that they swore was given to them by God.

If God spoke to me, or if I believed that God was behind such teachings, then I would have no choice but to give obedience to that which he was teaching me. In that the Jews, never seemed to obey what they saw as the word of God, told me that it was all a fraud, and that there was no God.

With my continued study and research of the Bible and the history given in the Bible, I have come to realize that God is real, that all the stories written in the Bible are true, and that it was because of Satan's influence upon the people and nation of Israel, that they failed to believe. I see this all around me in the world that I live in today. Christians give lip service to being followers of Christ, yet they give worship in ways that are in direct opposition to that which God and Jesus teaches us in the pages of the Bible.

The leper in the above story believed, even though he did not have the benefit of the education that I have given myself. Like the leper, Abram, believed, even though the promises made to him by God, were for the most part impossible and illogical to believe in the first place. Even so, Abram believed, and for his belief, God fulfilled those promises that he made to Abram, and in so doing renamed Abram to Abraham.

And Jesus saith unto him, " See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. " **Matthew 8:4**

Jesus is teaching us a couple of lessons here; do you know what they are?

Lessons Learned

First Lesson is that Jesus has with but a word spoken from his lips or the touch of his hand cured this person of a toxic and debilitating disease. What mortal Man can do this? In his actions he is therefore saying, "I am sent by God, for no man could cure as I have done, but that he is given to do so by God."

Second Lesson is that Jesus is telling us that he is only able to cure this man if the man has faith that Jesus can in fact cure him. Jesus is therefore telling us that it isn't just that he has been sent by God, but that we must also believe that he is sent by God, to have faith that Jesus is the long awaited prophesized Messiah. Think of this in the terms given by God in the following.

And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. **Exodus 20:6**

Do you understand what God is telling us? He is merciful to all who love him, and how does he say we are to manifest our love for him, by keeping his Ten Commandments? In the example of the Leper, Jesus is giving mercy because this person has shown faith that he believes Jesus to be the Son of God, the Messiah.

Keeping the Law of God alone will not guarantee your entry into heaven, (you are not saved by your works alone), but when you couple living your life within the moral imperatives of God and also have belief that Jesus is the Son of God then you will be justified in the expectation of salvation.

Justified is not the same thing as guaranteed, for the path to salvation is a narrow path full of obstacles put there by Satan, and you must travel this path to its end, which means to the end of your life, which then will show God your true faith.

Third Lesson is that Jesus is testifying is that he is more than a man that he is the long awaited prophesied Messiah, God in the flesh of a man. Jesus then gives proof of this, for who other than God can cure a man of such a disease, simply by speaking words?

The Messiah has Arrived

Jesus then tells this man not to shew himself to anyone but to go directly to the priest of the Temple, and give a gift to the temple that signifies that he has been cleansed. This is more than that however. Jesus wants this man to give testimony to the temple with his person and the fact that he has been cleansed of his leprosy as proof that the Messiah has come. In this way Jesus is giving announcement to the Temple elders that he who was prophecies in the ancient scriptures, has arrived.

It is expected by God, that those of the Temple, who have spent their lives in symbolic reverence that pointed to the coming of the Messiah, would come out and welcome him with open arms. Unfortunately as we all know, the Temple Elders were not happy to hear this news.

These lessons were learned by us, without Jesus verbally telling us the lesson, but by his actions we have learned these lessons.

The Centurion

*And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, "Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented." And Jesus saith unto him, "I will come and heal him." **Matthew 8:5-7***

A centurion is a low level officer in the hated Roman Army. At the time of Jesus, the nation of Israel is nothing more than a conquered province of the greater Roman Empire. A centurion is about equal to that of a Captain in the American Army.

For Jesus to agree to go into this man's home to heal his servant, is of itself enough to provoke those in Israel, who advocate a war of liberation from Rome, to hate Jesus and consider him a traitor.

The Lesson Taught

*Ye have heard that it hath been said, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy, but I say unto you, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you...." **Matthew 5:44***

You see, Jesus is not just telling us to love our neighbors, but he lives by his own teachings. Jesus is thus an example to us all. He has taught us a lesson by his actions, not so much by his words. Jesus is showing us that though this centurion is a hated enemy of Israel, he still deserves the love of God, and if God can give his love to him, then so too must we.

It could be argued that the greatest gift that God has to offer Man is eternal life, but I am convinced that God's gift of forgiveness of those who in the past have shown their hatred of him, as I once was, is far and away the most awesome of the gifts that God has given me. If in time he also gives me eternal life, I will be honored, but that he has forgiven me, is still more important to me.

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it." **Matthew 8:8-9**

Though this centurion does not consider himself worthy of having the living God enter into his home, Jesus by his actions shows that he the Son of God, who is God in the flesh of a man, does not place himself above his children, but will without hesitation come into your home and commune with you, all you need do is to ask. Jesus is knocking on your door; all you need is to **open it for him and he will come in and sup with you and you with him.**

When Jesus heard it, he marveled, and said to them that followed, "Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." **Matthew 8:10**

Jesus Marvels

Do you understand why Jesus marvels at the depth of this Roman's faith? As a Roman, he has not been taught since childhood of the laws of God, or even of the true God of Creation, but instead, his lessons would have been concerned with the Pagan Gods. For this Pagan, and hated Roman, to not only come to Jesus and ask him to heal his sick servant, is a powerful lesson in faith, but then for this Roman to attest to his unworthiness that God should enter his home. This Roman is also saying that he believes Jesus to be God in the flesh of a man, in that he knows that Jesus only need speak the words and his servant will be healed, and this Roman knows this and has faith that his servant will be healed. This is far more a showing of worshiping the true God, than Jesus had thus far found in God's chosen people, the people of the nation of Israel.

And I say unto you, "That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." **Matthew 8:11-12**

This is directed at the Jews who give lip service to worshipping God, but who have turned their backs on his true worship and his Ten Commandments, but this can also be a lesson for those who call themselves Christian and Muslim, but do not worship God as he commands.

Many shall come from the east and west: When Jesus gives this reference he is referring to non-Jews, or the Gentiles that having been converted to the true worship of God, and that they will be given entrance into heaven, whereas those Jews that think that they are of God, will be rejected and not allowed entry into heaven. Again, this can be a warning to all who call themselves Christian, but reject the Ten Commandments, and who keep the Sunday Sabbath.

The Word of God is supreme above all others, in the Fourth Commandment God is precise as to which day of the Week is his Holy Day, for a Christian to observe any other day of the week as the Sabbath is a direct insult to God, and it is this that Jesus tells us is the Mark of the Beast.

But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: This lesson is again something that those who think themselves Jews who do not accept Jesus as the Messiah or Christians who give lip service to the Christ Jesus, but do not obey his laws, or live by his teachings. It is not enough to talk the talk, but you have to walk the walk as well.

There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth: Many who I have spoken to believe this to mean that this refers to those who are not of God, and finding themselves reject by Jesus, will lament their lives of sin. The truth of this is that it is directed at those who think themselves saved, only to discover that they are not the Saints of God. It is to those who are blinded by Satan's Lies and think that they give worship to God, but are deceived and therefore do not give worship as God commands. It is they who when they are left behind after others around them are lifted up into the clouds with Jesus upon his return, (the Rapture), that will be crying and gnashing their teeth.

And Jesus said unto the centurion, "Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee." *And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.* **Matthew 8:13**

Every time that Jesus performs a miracle, he is announcing to the world, that God is with you, I have arrived. By those miracles, which no man is capable of doing save by the will of God, Jesus is

showing that he is God in the Flesh of a man, the Messiah. Only those who accept and believe this to be true, have any chance of salvation, all others will know only eternal death.

Jesus Raises the Dead

All my life, I have been told that Jesus is the Son of God, and that he raised the dead back to life. In my youth I believed this without question, (Blind Faith), but as I got older and came to doubt the existence of God, do to my seeing the disobedience given by the Jews throughout the Bible, I also doubted that Jesus had raised the dead.

Since my intense and protracted study and research of the stories and prophecies of the Bible, I have come to accept that the words written in the Bible by the Prophets of God were not written because the men were inspired through faith to write them, but because God spoke to them and gave them that they should publish all that they were told by God. In other words, I have come to know because of my educating myself, that God spoke to these men, and the men then wrote down what they were told by God, so that all those who came after them would be able to read the Word of God for themselves.

The spoken word of God is the Living Word of God, and as such the living Word of God is the Holy Ghost spoken of in the Bible. With this knowledge, not belief, but knowledge, I know that Jesus did in fact raise the dead as this following shows us.

And it came to pass the day after, that he (Jesus) went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, "Weep not."

Luke 7:11-13

*And he came and touched the bier, (coffin), and they that bare him stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise." And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he, (Jesus), delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, that a great prophet is risen up among us; and, that God hath visited his people. **Luke 7:14-16***

I feel it necessary that I give an explanation of the word "Fear" as it is used in these verses. The dictionary defines the word "Fear" as: terror, dread, fright or alarm. When I went to the Greek definition of the original word used to write the Book of Luke, "Phobos," it gave the same basic definition, but as I have written before, God does not want that we fear him as to be afraid of him, he

wants that we love him, as to have respect and reverence for him. I therefore suggest that it is not so much a fear or that these people became afraid of Jesus, but that they gained a profound respect for him, and seeing that Jesus was able to raise the dead, they then knew that Jesus must therefore be of God. It is this that they felt and what the word fear means, not that they became afraid of Jesus.

As is his Custom

Another way that Jesus teaches through his actions and not so much from the words that he spoke is revealed in the following.

*And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read. **Luke 4:16***

The lesson that you should learn here is that Jesus, though he is the Son of God, or God in the flesh of a man, still gives observance of the Sabbath on the day that God has commanded to be the Sabbath Day. At the time of Jesus and in the Nation of Israel, the Sabbath Day translated to the Seventh Day of the week, and no other. It wasn't for another 200 or so years before the lies of Satan when the false ideas arose that the first day of the week was the day given by God.

By Jesus' actions, and it is told to us that this is his "Custom" every Sabbath Day, that Jesus is demonstrating the importance and the requirement that the Sabbath Day is a holy day, and it is the one correct day of the week when you are to give worship to God. Not just give worship however, but to enter into communion with God. This can be accomplished by reading and studying, the Word of God as written down by his prophets in the books of the Bible.

This day being called the Sabbath, is a reference to God's Holy Seventh Day. This is known because at the time of Jesus, there was no other day as far as the people of Israel were concerned. In that Jesus observed the Sabbath on the Seventh Day, should show through his actions that we too must observe the Sabbath on the Seventh Day which is the only day of the week that God made Holy.

How can you keep something holy when you observe it on a day that God never made holy? The first day of the week is an un-holy day in that God never made it holy, so for you to observe the Sabbath on the first day, you fail to keep the Sabbath holy by not observing the Sabbath on God's Holy Seventh Day and for that you are in sin.

Remember: you must give worship to God exactly as God commands; else you do not worship him at all.

Remember too: it is not the observance of the Sabbath that is holy, it is the day that God made holy, and that day is the seventh day of the week.

The Sabbath Defined

In the Book of Genesis, God gives description of the process that he used in the creation of the universe. Man is established on the Sixth Day of Creation, and has walked the Earth in the form of Homo-Sapiens for the last 7,000 years, give or take, along with all the other animals and plants that have been around for those few thousand years.

God reveals the process that he used in his creation of the universe and of the Earth, in terms understandable by Man, by using the term Day to indicate each phase of the process. In this God tells us that it took 6 days to complete the process of manipulating his initial spark of creation to evolve into that which we see around us today. Then God reveals something else to us.

*Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the “Seventh Day,” God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. **Genesis 2:1-2***

*And God blessed the “Seventh Day”, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. **Genesis 2:3***

Take note that God does not use the word Sabbath, but calls the seventh day the **“Seventh Day.”** Look what God says next. And God **blessed** the **“Seventh Day.”** I have given definition to this earlier in this study, but I want that you understand God is not giving blessing to the **“Sabbath,”** but to the **“DAY,”** the **“Seventh Day.”** It is not the observation of the Sabbath that God has blessed, but the day itself.

There are those that tell me, that so long as you keep at least one day a week as a day of prayer to God, that you fulfill this commandment, but I say that is in error, God has told us that it is the seventh day that he made holy and it is this day that he tells us to remember so as to keep it holy. Either you accept and obey the Word of God as given by God or you do not give true and correct worship to God.

God then goes a step further, “and ‘Sanctified’ it.” Again, I have given definition earlier of the word “Sanctified,” and again it is not the observance that God is sanctifying, but the “Day.” For you to observe the Sabbath on any day of the week other than the “Seventh Day,” is to fail to keep the day holy, and it is the keeping of the “Seventh Day” Holy that God has commanded that we must do.

Either you accept the Word of God as supreme and obey, and know salvation, or you disobey and know only eternal death. You must keep all of the Commandments of God; this Jesus gives support to in the following verses.

*Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. **Matthew 5:17***

*For verily I say unto you, “Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. **Matthew 5:18***

If Jesus is revealing the importance of keeping the Ten Commandments, then why would you as a Christian, think that the Ten Commandments were directed only at the Jews?

Scripture Fulfilled

*And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he opened the book, he found the place where it was written: **Luke 4:17***

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath send me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. **Luke 4:18-19***

*And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, “This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.” **Luke 4:20-21***

To put these verses in context Jesus has already accomplished all these things that were prophesized by Esaias, so what Jesus is telling all who are present and we who read these words, that Jesus is admitting to being the Messiah and that the prophecy of Esaias is therefore fulfilled by him Jesus.

They Have Eyes but do not see

And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" **Luke 4:22**

These people Jesus grew up around; they knew him as a child, which is why they ask the question **"Is not this Joseph's son?"**

And he (Jesus) said unto them, "Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, "Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country." And he (Jesus) said, "Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias; when the heaven was shut up three years and six month, when great famine was throughout all the land; but unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow." Luke 4:23-26

And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus, the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian. **Luke 4:27**

In this Jesus is explaining that none of the ancient prophets were able to perform the miracles that he Jesus had already performed.

And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. But he passing through the midst of them and went his way. **Luke 4:28-30**

The reason the people became so angry at Jesus' words, was because he was professing to be greater than the ancient prophets. To a first century Jew, this amounted to blasphemy, even though his words were backed up by actions. These people who Jesus had grown up around could not see in Jesus what so many others had seen.

Jesus is knocking at your door

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. **Revelation 3:20**

Do not be as these people were, blind to the works, and holding fast to traditions. Jesus was knocking at the door of his childhood acquiesces, but they could not hear his knocking.

Being Saved in Christ

Satan Lied when he said

All you have to do to be saved is to declare Jesus as your savior.

As you can see from what you have already learned, this is not all that God requires of you and therefore when someone from your church tells you this, you will remember what you have read in these pages and know that what they tell you is a lie. They are deceived by Satan, but you now knowing the truth are not deceived but have the light of God's Truth in you, it is therefore your responsibility to share your knowledge and your light with those whom you encounter in your life.

*When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: **Matthew 8:16***

*That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. **Matthew 8:17***

In this lesson, Jesus is being direct and straight to the point, ***"I am the Messiah, I have just fulfilled this ancient prophesy to prove that I am the Messiah."***

In Service to God

*Now when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave commandment to depart unto the other side. **Matthew 8:18***

*And a certain scribe come, and said unto him, Master, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. **Matthew 8:19***

*And Jesus saith unto him, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." **Matthew 8:20***

There is a powerful lesson to be learned in these three verses. To follow Jesus is not to follow the man but for you to place yourself in the service of God. All that you are, all that you espier to be, all that you do and achieve are to the glory not of you but to God. It is God who gave you the talents that will allow you to attain these goals. Give Glory to the Lord, but for him you would be as nothing.

Choosing God over Family

And another of his disciples said unto him, “Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.” But Jesus said unto him, “Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.” **Matthew 8:21-22**

Jesus is not being insensitive to this man, he is teaching us a lesson however. If you love God, and keep his laws, then that love must take precedence over the love you have for your family. Your love for God must be paramount to your whole being. This is manifest in the following.

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **Matthew 10:37**

Allow me to share a personal event that gives understanding to this lesson given by Jesus. Not long ago my Aunt died, and she being a Christian it was arranged that the funeral was to be held on a Saturday, which as you now know is the Lords Holy Sabbath Day. I could not attend this funeral, because to do so would have put me in disobedience to God. Just as Jesus is telling the above person to let the dead bury the dead, I had to choose between my love of my Aunt and my love of God. If you do not see how my going to my Aunts funeral on the Sabbath would put me in disobedience to God, just give consideration to the burial of Jesus.

The Example of Jesus

Jesus died on the cross on the Sixth Day of the week what we currently call Friday. The women were unable to complete his burial preparations because of the onset of the Sabbath. If burying Jesus was a violation of the Sabbath, then don't you think that the burial of my Aunt would also be a violation?

The dead that Jesus is speaking of here are those who do not follow God's Commandments, therefore they are dead in spirit if not in body. Even though they yet live, they will know eternal death

as well as mortal death, therefore to be engaged in earthly pursuits can only lead to eternal death, whereas to engage in the will of God offers eternal life.

If this man that Jesus is speaking to, does not understand this, and ignored Jesus, and did not follow him but went to bury his father, then he has shown by his actions that God is not the center of his universe, and that he places his family above his love for God. This is a tough lesson, and few will be able to accept it. I have placed God first, but I have yet to be tested. I love my wife with all my heart, but if I had to choose between her and God, I choose God, but will I if I am truly tested? I only hope that God does not feel the need to test me like that, after all it was God who gave my wife to me.

Paul, the Prophet of Christ to the Gentiles

*That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. **I Thessalonians 2:12-13***

Only God can forgive your sins

*And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; "Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee." **Matthew 9:2***

*And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, "This man blasphemeth." **Matthew 9:3***

Only Those of Faith

Please Take Note of these words:

"And Jesus seeing their faith," if you take the time to check this out, you will find that the only time that Jesus is able to heal someone or expel demons, or raise the dead, someone close to the person being healed or that same person, has to first reveal faith that Jesus is able to do this miracle. If you do not believe that Jesus is the Son of God, he cannot help you, for we are only saved in that belief.

“Thy sins be forgiven thee,” is spoken by Jesus but to do so is considered blasphemy to the Jews of his day, for only God can give forgiveness of sin, and with Jesus doing so, he is telling those present and we who read these words, the he Jesus, is God.

“This man blasphemeth.” I would like to bring something to your attention. The reason the scribes considered Jesus as blaspheming, is because they perceived Jesus as nothing more than a man, and only God can forgive sins. So when a man (Jesus) professes to be able to forgive sins, this was to the scribe’s blasphemy.

That the scribes would talk amongst themselves that this man blasphemeth, has to do with the fact that only God can forgive sins, and for Jesus to tell this man that his sins are forgiven, is blasphemy for a flesh and blood man to do. Only that you accept that Jesus is God in the flesh of a man, the messiah, is it understood that Jesus has the power to forgive sin.

It is this that Jesus is pointing out to us that read his words. Jesus is giving testimony that he is the messiah, God in the flesh of a man. At the same time, however, he is reaffirming that only God can forgive sins, no mortal man can do so but that he blasphemes. Jesus never gave to his apostles that they could forgive the sins of those they healed; they being only men had no such power, Jesus only extended to them the ability to heal and raise from the dead, not to give forgiveness.

If the priests of your church tell you that you are forgiven of your sins, just because you have given confession to them, then they are lying to you. Only God can forgive your sins, because when you sin you are being disrespectful of God, and disobedient to his word, it is this that makes it a sin; therefore it is only God who can forgive you. It is this that Jesus is attempting to teach us in the above verses.

Priests of the Catholic Church

Consider this where the Church of Rome is involved. The Church insists that its Priests have the authority to give absolution of your sins, yet with this verse, God is establishing that only God can give forgiveness. This is yet another identifier that gives support to the Church of Rome as being the anti-Christ. Jesus however is God in the flesh of a man; therefore it is in his authority to give forgiveness.

And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, “Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier, to say, ‘Thy sins be forgiven thee;’ or to say, ‘arise, and walk?’” **Matthew 9:4-5**

But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) “Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.” **Matthew 9:6**

And he arose, and departed to his house. **Matthew 9:7**

But when the multitudes saw it, they marveled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men. **Matthew 9:8**

Once more Jesus is showing himself to be the Son of God, the prophesized messiah, and once more the people believe, but the scribes of the Temple not only do not believe, they are offended by Jesus.

Scribes Defined

Scribes are those who have education and are able to read and write. If you could not read and write and you wished to send a letter to someone, you needed to hire a scribe to write it for you, and then the one that you send the letter to would have to hire a scribe to read it to them.

Scribes were also a major factor in the hierarchy of the Temple leaders, because of their education, and the need to continuously copy old documents. Everything was hand written, there not having been invented the printing press yet.

The Apostles

To make this point even clearer, consider this. The Apostles were given the power by Jesus and the Holy Ghost to cure diseases, as well as raise people from the dead, and to cast out demons. The Apostles however were not given the authority to forgive sins. They taught the people, as did Jesus, how to worship God as he commanded, thus explaining how to not do sinful things, but they did not forgive anyone of their sins.

And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, “Follow me.” And he (Matthew) arose, and followed him. **Matthew 9:9**

The *sitting at the receipt of custom* is another way of saying that Matthew was a tax collector, who when Jesus saw him, Matthew was sitting at a table actively conducting the business of his occupation.

Jesus then calls to this man, Matthew, to come follow him, and Matthew straight away, puts aside his job and the upper class income that it gives him, to follow Jesus. This is like you who are a high government official, well paid for your work, suddenly and without notice, quitting your job and your place in society, to follow a man that claims to be God. Would you, could you show such faith to set all that you have aside for such as this? This is once again a lesson of the strength of your worship of God. You must place God and his wants and glory above your wants and glory, and above your family as well.

Redeeming the Sinners

*And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. **Matthew 9:10***

The words, *“Sat at Meat,”* means: to sit down to a meal.

A *“Publican”* is an employee of the government, (Roman Empire), a Jew but one who works for the hated Romans, otherwise known by the Jews as sinners; today we might call them collaborators. Before going to follow Jesus, Matthew was a Publican.

The reference to *“Sinners,”* does not necessarily mean that they were sinners against the laws of God, but that they betrayed God and their nation by working for the Romans.

The word *“Sinner”* is also used towards people that had some kind of infirmity. At that time, if you were disabled, or born with some kind of a disability, you or your parents were considered to have sinned in some way, and as punishment for those sins, God caused you to have this infirmity. Which was and is completely false, but that is as was believed. I think that this belief arose mostly because the people of Israel had turned away from the true worship of God, and had accepted much of the superstitions of the pagan religions all around them.

Because of this belief, it was not proper for good people to sit to meet with sinners. For Jesus to do so, gave the Temple Elders even more reason to reject Jesus, and made it easier for them to convince the people that Jesus was not the Messiah, but a sinner himself. This is revealed in the following verse.

And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, “Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?” **Matthew 9:11**

But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, “They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.” **Matthew 9:12**

If you are sick of the body, you go to a physician so that he can heal you. If you are sick of the spirit you turn to God. This is why Jesus, God in the Flesh of a man, sat at meals with such people, that he might heal their souls, just as he healed the bodies of others.

But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. **Matthew 9:13**

Jesus is telling the Pharisees in these words that he is of God, sent by God, to heal those who are sinners, not those who are without sin. If you are sick of the soul, then you turn to God to heal you. He is telling these Pharisees to go and give his words thought that they might understand that which he is saying. I see this as a veiled warning by Jesus against the Pharisees that they were the true sinners.

Fasting

Then came to him the disciples of John (The Baptist) saying, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not?” **Matthew 9:14**

And Jesus said unto them, “Can the children of the bride chamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them?” **Matthew 9:15**

If you may recall, earlier I voiced my uncertainty concerning the need to fast as being part of the correct way of worshiping God. In these verses, it suggests to me, that Jesus is saying that it is not necessary. Again, I may be wrong concerning this, but that is as I see it to mean. If Jesus being God considers it unimportant that his disciples do not fast, then I see that as collaboration that I am right that to fast is not a requirement of giving true and correct worship to God.

No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. **Matthew 9:16**

In this the 21 Century, with disposable clothes, it may not be obvious to you what is being spoken of here. In those days, even a tattered and worn garment was valuable, because to go out and

buy a new one was beyond the financial means of all but the upper classes. Therefore, when a garment developed a worn spot or was ripped, you would place a piece of cloth in the rent area, but this being new cloth or cloth not of the same shade or texture of the original, would show out to all who saw it, thus making the garment look worse, then if you did not repair it.

*Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved. **Matthew 9:17***

In those times, bottles were made from clay and kiln dried into pottery. This allowed for them to be leak proof, but only for a time. This pottery did not last long before it wore out, which is why you would not put *new wine into old bottles*.

So that you will know, Jesus' reference to new wine is not to fermented grapes, that we call wine. New wine is grape juice. Though many Jews drank fermented grapes, whenever you see a reference in the Bible to **new wine**, it is to unfermented grapes that they are speaking of. When Jesus took water and turned it into wine, it was not fermented wine that he made but "New Wine."

The lesson Jesus is teaching in both of these examples here is that the old ways of the Jews were in error and rather than attempt to patch those errors with new teachings, Jesus was building upon what was correct, with a greater and fuller meaning so that it would be easier to understand. Just as in the earlier verses of the Book of Matthew, Jesus expands upon the meaning of much of the six moral imperatives given in the Ten Commandments. He is taking something that is correct, and by giving greater meaning to them, making them easier for you and me to understand.

This is again further indication to me that fasting is not part of the true worship of God, but the idea that it was required was in error, because of the turning away of the true worship of God, and accepting false pagan practices and traditions. However, because Jesus acknowledges the practice without condemning it, also tells me that the practice is not so much in error as it is an acceptable addition to the correct worship of God. I see this as having originated during the Sabbath hours, when there was no prepared foods, and rather than do work on the Sabbath, they fasted. Of course this concerning fasting, is all conjecture on my part, not based upon any knowledge that I have read in the Bible, or shown to me by God. However, I have yet to find anywhere in scripture where God has commanded that we fast, so until I do, I will continue to look at fasting only as an acceptable personal act of worship and not as a required commandment of God.

Jesus the Healer

*And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, and besought him greatly, saying, "My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live. **Mark 5:22-23***

This man's faith that Jesus is the Son of God, the messiah, was such that he knew if Jesus would but touch his dying daughter, that she would not die but be healed.

Jesus Heals the sick

*And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. **Mark 5:24***

The word "Thronged" means: to surround and push against somebody.

*And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, **Mark 5:25-26***

I suggest that this woman suffered from Leukemia.

*When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. **Mark 5:27***

*For she said, "If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole." **Mark 5:28***

This woman's faith was such that she believed she need only touch the garment worn by Jesus and her disease would be cured.

*And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. **Mark 5:29***

*And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, "Who touched my clothes?" **Mark 5:30***

*And his disciple said unto him, "Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?" **Mark 5:31***

*And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. **Mark 5:32***

*But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. **Mark 5:33***

*And he said unto her, “Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.” **Mark 5:34***

This is yet another showing of what God can do for those who love him, and put their faith and their lives into his hands. Jesus is telling this woman and us who read his words, that the act of touching his garment is not what cured this woman, but her faith that he Jesus is God in the flesh of a man. It was God the Father who seeing her faith healed her, without the need of Jesus to do the task first.

There is another lesson to be learned from this. This woman, considering herself unworthy to address Jesus face to face, and felt that even though she were unworthy, that if she could but touch his garment that she would be healed. It was by Jesus turning around and speaking directly to this woman, that he was showing her and us, that no child of God is unworthy to reach out to God. When we show through our actions and not just our words that we love God, then he will answer our call to him.

Jesus Raises the Dead

*While yet he spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue’s house certain which said, “Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further?” **Mark 5:35***

*As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, “Be not afraid, only believe. **Mark 5:36***

Hearing that his daughter had died, I am sure that this ruler of the synagogue began to cry, but Jesus comforted him, and told him all was not lost, if he would but believe.

*And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. **Mark 5:37***

*And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. **Mark 5:38***

*And when he was come in, he saith unto them, “Why make ye this ado, and weep? The damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.” **Mark 5:39***

*And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, "Talithacumi; which is, being interpreted, "Damsel, I say unto thee, arises." **Mark 5:40-41***

*And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment, and he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat. **Mark 5:42-43***

Jesus showed this ruler, and all those that were present, that putting their faith in God, would be repaid, with what were miracles to men, but as nothing to the God of Creation. This Ruler believed that Jesus was the Son of God, sent by God, is manifest in his belief that Jesus was capable of that which he asked of him.

Jesus Gives Sight to the Blind

*And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, "Thou Son of David, have mercy on us." **Matthew 9:27***

*And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, "Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord," Then touched he their eyes, saying, "According to your Faith be it unto you." **Matthew 9:28-29***

*And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, "See that no man know it." **Matthew 9:30***

*But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country. **Matthew 9:31***

There are many who have prayed to God and asked for him to do this or do that for them, that did not have their prayers answered, or not in the way that they had asked that he answer them. What Jesus is demonstrating here, is that it is not enough to ask God, but to believe in faith that God can accomplish that which we ask of him. This is why Jesus tells them, "According to your Faith be it unto you." If their faith is not as they say that it is, they would not have been healed and would not have been given their sight. In that their sight was given to them, proofs that they had the faith that Jesus was of God, sent by God, the Son of God.

Jesus Casts out Demons

*As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. **Matthew 9:32***

*And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marveled, saying, "It was never so seen in Israel." **Matthew 9:33***

In the witness of a multitude of people, Jesus gave voice to one who was dumb. This he did by casting out a demon that possessed this man.

*But the Pharisees said, "He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils." **Matthew 9:34***

The people who saw this with their own eyes no doubt knew this to be an act of God. But the Pharisees, who for their own reasons refused to see God in Jesus, declared him to be casting out devils by the power of the devil, and not of God. This the Pharisees did so as to give uncertainty to those people who did not see with their own eyes, so as to cast doubt as to Jesus being the messiah. To see with your own eyes and to believe is one thing, but to have not seen for yourself and yet believe, takes much more in the way of a personal faith in God.

Instructing the Apostles

*And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. **Matthew 9:35***

*But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. **Matthew 9:36***

*Then saith he unto his disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." **Matthew 9:37-38***

This is the first time that I am aware of that Jesus refers to the conversion of the people to the true worship of God, as being likened to that of being a harvest as is the grains in the field. This helps to set the understanding of the latter parables that he will tell.

What Jesus is saying here is, that the number of those, who follow him and are asking for him to heal their infirmities and or just want to be near to and give worship of him whom they have come to believe is the Son of God, the Messiah, has grown so great, that he by himself cannot attend to all, and that he needs others to assist him. By asking his twelve disciples to pray to God to send labourers, he is through their prayers determining if those disciples are fully committed to the works that Jesus has for them to do.

For you to fulfill the Second Commandment of Jesus, you must continue in the works of Jesus, which is to teach the Gospel of God to those who have need of hearing it. As Jesus showed his love for us who follow his teaching, we in turn show our love for our neighbors by showing them the teachings of Jesus and the law of God, the Ten Commandments, which as I have shown, are the foundation to all that Jesus teaches.

The Twelve Apostles

*And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease. **Matthew 10:1***

Now the names of the twelve apostles are these;

The first Simon, who is called Peter, and

Andrew his brother;

James the son of Zebedee,

And John his brother;

Philip;

Bartholomew;

Thomas;

And Matthew, the publican;

James the son of Alpheus

And Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddeus;

Simon the Canaanite,

*And Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. **Matthew 10:2-4***

*These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **Matthew 10:5-6***

Jesus is giving command to his twelve apostles not to preach to those who are not blood decedents of Jacob. God came to us in the flesh of a man, not to give salvation to all mankind, but to reclaim his lost people, the Jews. Only after the children of Jacob rejected Jesus, was the Gentiles offered salvation as well.

*And as ye go, preach, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. **Matthew 10:7-8***

In this way the apostles continue the works started by Jesus, thus putting into practice the Second Commandment given to us by Jesus.

Kingdom of Heaven

Another thing that Jesus is telling his apostles is that the *kingdom of heaven is at hand*. If the people of Israel had embraced Jesus as the long awaited messiah, God would have established his kingdom on earth right then. In the prophesies of the End of Times and End of Days given in the Book of Daniel, and again in the Book of Revelation, God would have removed and voided the End of Times and End of Day prophecies.

*Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. **Daniel 9:24***

So that you will understand fully, we will need to break down this verse.

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city." This is what I call a time prophecy. In this prophecy God is giving a specific time, "**Seventy weeks**." Only in understanding how much time "**Seventy weeks**," represents will you know the truth of this prophecy. God is telling Daniel, that because of its sins, he (God) is giving the people of Israel one last chance to redeem themselves. God is giving them "**Seventy weeks**" to **finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness.** Think about this, God is telling Daniel that the people of Israel, who at the time of Daniel are spread out to the

four corners of the Babylonian Empire, have “Seventy weeks” to end their sinful ways, and keep his laws, the Ten Commandments.

Remember: from our discussion of the Book of Daniel in the Lessons, “Seventy weeks” is prophetic weeks, and that they calculate out to 490 literal years.

At the time of Jesus the 490 years are almost at an end, Daniel having lived at around 600 B.C. and Jesus having lived during the first year of A.D.

If the Jews accomplish this, return to the true and correct worship of God, then they will “seal up the vision and prophecy.” This is to say that the prophecies of doom and gloom of the End of Times and the End of Days will be sealed up and not realized.

If only the children of Jacob fulfill this requirement within the 490 year time, Jesus would have established his Kingdom on Earth, and not have had to endure crucifixion. That is where the last of this verse enters in, “and to anoint the most Holy.” This means that not only are the children of Jacob to fully come to the obedience of God in the keeping of his Commandments, but they must also accept Jesus as the prophesized Messiah, and thereby give worship to him and make him King of Israel.

One Day for One Year Revisited

All of this has to be accomplished in “Seventy Weeks,” or does it? It is with this time period as given in this verse where a misunderstanding arises. It is explained in the Book of Ezekiel that which gives meaning to the prophecy of Seventy Weeks.

*Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity. For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty day: I have appointed thee each day for a year. **Ezekiel 4:4-6***

In these verses of the Book of Ezekiel, God is establishing that one day is equal to one year. God is giving to Ezekiel to do penance 390 days for the sins of the people of Israel, which in fact did sin for 390 years. God is thus establishing the rule of “One Day for One Year.” This is carried on into all of the time prophecies given in the Books of Daniel and Revelation.

It is therefore established that the Seventy Weeks do not mean weeks but must be calculated as follows. Seven days in a week, times seventy weeks equals 490 days. In that one day equals one year, the 490 prophetic days becomes 490 literal years.

If you think about it, the people of Israel have been in violation of the Laws and Commandments of God for 390 years, as of the time of Ezekiel, (600 BC) do you really think that God considers it possible for them to repent their sinful ways, and embrace the true worship of God in only 70 literal weeks, or one and a third literal years? Don't you find it more reasonable a time that the people are given 490 years?

When you read the Book of Daniel, and make use of this one day for one year rule, you will find that the Book of Daniel makes sense, when you realize that the 1260 days that the anti-Christ has to make war on the saints of God, is in fact 1260 years.

So as to recap **Daniel 9:24**, God is giving the decedents of Jacob 490 years to repent their sins, and begin the correct and true worship of God, or else. If they do so, then Jesus will establish his kingdom and not be crucified.

God has given a prophecy that the children of Jacob will not repent and that Jesus will have to be sacrificed, but if they do repent, then God will wipe away those prophecies, and establish a whole different time line with Jesus setting up his kingdom on Earth, 2100 years earlier than it will take him otherwise. At the baptism of Jesus, the 490 years are all but over. There are only seven literal years left. For a more in-depth discussion of this, go to the lessons from the Book of Daniel.

Such is the power of God, that even the passage of time does God's bidding. All Glory to the Lord, for who other has such power, who else but the Almighty God deserves our worship? Amen.

Instructions to the Apostles

Give Free what is Given Free

*Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat. **Matthew 10:9-10***

In this Jesus is telling his apostles and we who follow after them, that when we preach to others, it is to be done without compensation, freely we have received the knowledge and truth of God's Holy Word, and freely we are to give it to others. It is for that reason why I have not asked for any donations from those who frequent this Web Page. I have taken it upon myself the cost of maintaining this Web Page over these last 6 years.

Preach to those who will listen

*And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. **Matthew 10:11***

*And when ye come into an house, salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. **Matthew 10:12-14***

*Verily I say unto you, "It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city." **Matthew 10:15***

In essence what these verses are saying is that if you attempt to show others the truth that you have found but they reject you and what you are attempting to teach them, then it is not for you to force yourself or your understanding upon them. God will give understanding to those whom he will, so if they reject you it is because God has rejected them first. Therefore, do not press your gospel, but retire from those people, and accept that God will deal with them in his own way.

Harmless as Doves

*Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. **Matthew 10:16***

In this Jesus is telling us, "**Do Not force your teachings upon anyone,**" God will open the hearts of those he chooses, and harden those whom he does not choose. Do not think yourself so righteous that you have authority to force your faith upon others. With the new covenant, only those who come to God willingly, out of love and respect, are invited. If your heart is not in the worship or obedience to God, then he will not force you to love him, nor will you be invited to join him in heaven.

Persecuted and Abused

*But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; and ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. **Matthew 10:17-18***

This relates primarily to those who lived during the 1260 years that the anti-Christ had to make war upon the Saints of God, from the time of the Apostles until the power of the anti-Christ is taken away from the anti-Christ in 1798 by Napoleon.

The Lord Speaks Through Us

*But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak, for it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. **Matthew 10:19-20***

The above four verses are a prophecy of times and apostles yet to come from when Jesus walked the Earth. It is true of those to whom he is speaking, but it is also true of those who gave testimony of God's True Word during the time that the anti-Christ had to make war upon the Saints of God, the 1260 years as spoken of in the Book of Daniel. I am convinced that once the 1260 years have ended, which they do in 1798 AD, when the anti-Christ receives its mortal wound, such as is prophesied in Matthew 10:17-25, the ability to make war on the Saints of God will also come to an end.

Though End of Days prophecies tell us when the wound that the anti-Christ receives heals, it will attempt to regain back its power with the help of its new champion the False Prophet. It is my understanding from my study that Jesus returns before it can fully accomplish this however.

I have read nothing in scripture that suggests to me that the anti-Christ will ever again obtain such power as it had during the Dark Ages. I do read however that it will attempt to regain its power, but Jesus will return before it can.

You may question where I come up with the year 1798 A.D. as being the year that the anti-Christ receives its wound, and you may say there is nothing in scripture that tells us this date, but be assured that scripture does give us the ability to determine this date, along with some knowledge of history. In the discussion of the Book of Daniel, you will find how I come up with 1798 AD. This I have revealed

in great detail in the published book Titled, “Satan, the anti-Christ and the False Prophet,” available through Barnes and Nobles and Amazon in March of 2014, ISBN 978-1-4931-6788-3.

The Children shall rise up against their parents

*And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. **Matthew 10:21-22***

Again during the Dark Ages especially, such things occurred, as a result of the Trials of Inquisition engaged in by the Church of Rome and those European Kings that gave support to the Church.

Making War upon the Saints of God

Do **not** think that this prophetic warning is given to those who call themselves Christian, for it is directed at those who worship God as he commands, the Saints of God, not necessarily the same thing. Jesus defines who the Saints of God are as follows.

*And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. **Revelation 12:17***

The Dragon is a symbolism of Satan, **Revelation 12:3**.

The Woman is the Church of Christ which is founded on the gospel of God as revealed in **Revelation 12:1**.

The Remnant of her Seed is the people and congregations that worship God as he commands, **Revelation 12:2**, and as defined by Jesus, **which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.** It is to these Saints of God that the woman is giving birth.

The Commandments of God are the Ten Commandments, all Ten, as spelled out by the words and meaning given in those commandments.

The Testimony of Jesus consists of two aspects of his ministry on Earth.

The first thing that Jesus testified about was that he was the Messiah or God in the flesh of a man.

The second thing that Jesus testified about is his teachings of morality, which are founded on and expand on the morality given in the six moral imperatives in the Ten Commandments. In other words, Jesus taught the Ten Commandments and expanded upon their meaning. In this Jesus is teaching us that God is a moral being, and desires that his children should also be moral. If we take the morality of God and through a rebirth of the soul make them our own morals, then we shall be one with God, or as the Apostle Paul put it, **“In the Spirit of the Lord.”**

If you accept and embrace these testimonies of Jesus, and keep the Commandments of God, then you are a Saint of God. If you do not fit this definition, then you are not one of God’s Saints, but are lost in the lies and deceptions of Satan.

Disciple not above Master

*But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man become. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord. **Matthew 10:23-24***

It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?

Matthew 10:25

Jesus kept the Commandments of God, including the seventh day Sabbath, it is therefore correct that those who follow their master, (Jesus), should also live their lives as he lived his, just as Jesus is cursed and loathed, so too will the disciples be abused.

Beelzebub is another name for Satan the fallen foe.

*Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. **Matthew 10:26***

I have always interpreted this verse as meaning that in the End of Days, all of the lies of Satan that are hidden under the guise of truth will be brought to light and shown to be the lies that they are, nothing I have been shown by God has changed my mind of the correctness of this interpretation.

Preach Openly and with Surety

*What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. **Matthew 10:27***

Even though the anti-Christ does not currently, since 1798, have the power to destroy you or cause you to be tortured or imprisoned for your believes, the False Prophet by way of its false and godless religion which is called Liberalism, is gaining that power, and does have the ability to persecute you and destroy your reputation and your ability to have good employment.

This Web page is for the most part off the radar of those governments that have made it a crime to read anything to do with God's Holy Scripture. Therefore, think of this web page as speaking to you in darkness. In the above verse, Jesus and so too do I, encourage you to take that which you learn from reading these pages, and for you to shout it out to all who will listen. Refer all who take an interest in what you preach to this Web Page, but those who reject what you tell them, do not refer to this web page for they are agents of Satan and will attempt to shut this Web Page down.

The Body may die but not the Soul

*And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. **Matthew 10:28***

*Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. **Matthew 10:29-31***

When you take the True Word of God as I have presented it in this Web Page, and become an Apostle of Jesus, going out and preaching to others what you learn here, then you put yourself at risk of condemnation from your family and others, including those who will attempt to silence you. What the above verses are saying is fear not to become an active apostle of Jesus, for though others may kill you,

you will know eternal life because of your testimony of the Teachings of Jesus. Your mortal death is but a stepping stone to Eternal Life.

Confess to the Lord

*Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. **Matthew 10:32***

For you to die in the promotion of the Teachings of Jesus ensures your entry into Heaven and Eternal Life.

Woo to those who deny God

*But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. **Matthew 10:33***

What Jesus is saying here is that those who persecute you will have the power to kill you and destroy your body, but they have no power over your soul. Therefore do not fear being killed in your testimony of the teachings of Jesus or of God's holy gospel, for giving your mortal life in the name of God, will earn you Eternal Life. Whereas, if you fear those who persecute you and you falter in your testimony of God, then you may temporarily save your mortal life and body, but you will forfeit your Eternal Life in the end.

Place God above Family

*Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword, for I am come to set a man at variance against his father and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. **Matthew 10:34-36***

The truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the same gospel as our Father in Heaven, is in direct contrast to Satan's False Gospel. For this reason, those who refuse to see God's True Words, but continue in acceptance of Satan's Lies, will put son in opposition to Father, and daughter in opposition to mother.

A Personal Sorrow

This has proven prophetic for me personally. None of my brothers or sisters accepts or even wants to hear anything that I speak about from what God has shown me. I have two sons and several grandchildren, and not one of them have accepted or even want to hear what I have to say. In short I have become an outcast in my own family. I accept this as the price I must pay in return for my Faith in the Teachings of Jesus, and all that God has revealed to me.

This I have known personally. No sooner than God had touched me, and thus gave me to ability to not only see his truth, but to have understanding of what he showed me, I attempted to show my wife, and sisters and brothers. I tried to reveal to them that which God revealed to me, as he revealed it to me, in the order he revealed it to me. Of these only my wife has embraced as truth that which God has given me to write down. My sisters and brothers have rejected what I have shown them. Even though I show them the words of God, spoken from his own lips, as are available to all who study, (not read), but study the Bible, they rejected God's truth, because it contradicts with what they have accepted all their lives, and so they continue to embrace Satan's lies, which agrees with what they already believe to be true.

My cousin, who I have loved as a brother all my life, has for the most part severed contact with me. He is a minister of a Protestant church, and rather than continue to hear God's True Word from me, he has prevented me from contacting him. Like those of the Sanhedrin who put cloth in their ears so as to prevent hearing, when Steven preached Jesus as being the Messiah, so too has my cousin stopped up his ears, so he cannot hear God's true words.

Jesus teaches that we must put our love for God above that of family, a lesson I have been forced to learn, with pain and heavy heart.

*He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **Matthew 10:37***

To give your worship to God, you must put God above all else, even your love for your mother and father, and above your love for spouse and children. To worship God is to place your love of him and all that he stands for before even your concern for your own life.

Worthy of God

*And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me is not worthy of me. **Matthew 10:38***

*He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. **Matthew 10:39***

If you falter in your testimony of the Gospel of God, you may save your mortal life, but you will lose your Immortal Life. Whereas those who stand fast in their testimony of God, even though they may lose their mortal life they will earn Eternal Life, as reward for your steadfast faith.

*He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. **Matthew 10:40-41***

In these verses Jesus is telling us to be worthy of him, which is to say to be worthy of the true and correct worship of God, you need to **take up your cross**, which means to **walk the walk and not just talk the talk**. If your worship of God is not with your whole heart, soul and mind, then you do not truly love God. As you may recall, the words, **“with your whole heart, soul and mind,”** is a quote from Deuteronomy where Moses gave definition as that of keeping the Ten Commandments, and from them Jesus gave us his first Commandment, which he called the greatest of all the commandments. In that Jesus tells us that the keeping of the Ten Commandments is the greatest commandment of all the Commandments, then I suggest that you take heed, and begin your journey of rebirth from one who lives under the lies of Satan, to one who is reborn into the truth of God-Jesus.

Is Jesus the Messiah?

*And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities. **Matthew 11:1***

*Now when John (the Baptist) had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, and said unto him, “Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?” **Matthew 11:2-***

*Jesus answered and said unto them, "Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me. **Matthew 11:4-6***

*And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, "What went ye out into the wilderness to see, a reed shaken with the wind? **Matthew 11:7***

Jesus is asking those present around him a question, "Why did you go into the wilderness to John the Baptist? Did you go to see a reed shaken with the wind?"

*But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. **Matthew 11:8***

Jesus is asking the question, "Did you go into the wilderness to find John, a man clothed in fine clothing? You will not find those who wear fine clothing in the wilderness but in the houses of kings and people of wealth."

*But what went ye out for to see, A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee." **Matthew 11:9-10***

*Verily I say unto you, "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."
Matthew 11:11*

Jesus answers his own question, "No, you went to hear the testimony of God as spoken through his prophet, John."

*And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. **Matthew 11:12-13***

*And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come, "He that hath ears to hear let him hear."
Matthew 11:14-15*

This is Jesus' way of saying, "**Wisdom is justified of her children.**"

It had been prophesized that the Messiah would not come until after the prophet Elias returned. Elias was only one of two men who never knew death of the mortal body, in that they were lifted up into the clouds by God, still alive, when their work on Earth was complete.

What Jesus is telling these people around him as well as us who are reading his words, that John the Baptist was Elias, and therefore the prophecy was fulfilled concerning Elias, and that this therefore gave proof that he Jesus was the Messiah.

Come to Scripture as a Child

Jesus then gives a prayer to our Father in Heaven.

I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. **Matthew 11:25-26**

Jesus tells us that only those who accept God's truth as little children have any chance of entry into heaven. In this prayer, Jesus is giving thanks to God the Father, that by his wisdom this is so.

Do you the reader know what Jesus is telling you in this verse? Do you understand what Jesus means when he refers to only those who were as little children could understand what he was teaching but those who were wise and prudent, did not understand, and therefore rejected that which Jesus preaches?

As an adult we have all of our life's experiences that give us our understanding and interpretations, as to how to worship God, but as a child, before we had those experiences, we would accept that which was told to us, and having nothing in us to give comparison, we would accept as true when told to us by someone we trusted.

As adults we already have set and understood beliefs as to how to worship God, so when someone tells us something that contradicts that which we believe after a life time of experiences, it is difficult if not impossible for us to accept anything that contradicts that what we already consider true.

It is for this reason that Jesus tells us, **"Only those to come to God as children have a chance of entering in to heaven,"** which simply put means, accept that which has its foundation in God's Holy Gospel, do not compare what you think you know with scripture, but always accept that which is spoken by God as a child would accept that which he is told by those he trusts.

Trust the Word of God

If what you believe cannot be found in scripture, then it is not spoken by God, and therefore is not of God. Believe then what is spoken of God, and reject or give no thought to that which cannot be supported by scripture.

Remember: that which is spoken by God, is of God, and is therefore the truth, and that which cannot be supported by the word of God, is Satan's lies. Compare what you believe from your life experiences to what is spoken of God and written in scripture. If you cannot find in scripture that which gives support to what you believe, then what you believe is Satan's lie.

Remember what God tells us:

*I love them that love me; and those that seek me diligently shall find me. **Proverbs 8:17***

This is to say, that those who take the time and effort to diligently seek for the truth by studying the Bible, will find the truth. In this way you will know from education the truth, in fact and in substance, no longer in Blind Faith. It is those who believe from Blind Faith, and not by education, that Satan's most loves, for to accept blindly is to not know for yourself, so when Satan tells you his lies, you accept them as truth.

Tradition verses Law of God

*At that time Jesus went on the Sabbath Day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungered, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. **Matthew 12:1***

For the Jews it had become tradition, through the laws written by the hand of Man, and by the leadership of both the Kings and the Temple elders that made the Sabbath Day a day of dread rather than a day to look forward to. In the following verses, Jesus attempts to give the Sabbath back as a day of Joy in the worship of God, by showing that the Sabbath was created for man, not that man was created for the Sabbath.

Written in the Fourth Commandment are the words, "Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor

thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates.”

The key words here in relationship to Matthew 12:1 above, **“thou shalt not do any work,”** are ambiguous at best. Defining what God meant by the word **“Work”** gave rise to Satan’s lies and error by the Temple Elders over the generations, as to God’s intent. In their attempt to stay true to God’s Commandments, the Temple Elders over the generations caused penalties for things that were not conducive to the reason for the Sabbath in the first place.

One such offense was that it was illegal to engage in the harvest of crops, that being work, or the engaging in ones lively hood. As you can see, Jesus and his followers were not harvesting crops, but were simply picking the corn for their immediate consumption, however the temple elders and the people as a whole, as understood by their errors over the generations, considered the fact that they had to pick the corn to amounted to a sin against the Fourth Commandment, and was therefore subject to punishment, even stoning to death.

But when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto him, “Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the Sabbath Day.” **Matthew 12:2**

But he (Jesus) said unto them, “Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungered, and they that were with him; how he entered into the house of God, and did eat the showbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?”

Matthew 12:3-4

Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the Sabbath Days the priest in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? **Matthew 12:5**

What Jesus is doing is correcting that which was in error, by giving this vivid example. Jesus is also equating his disciples to that of the priests.

But I say unto you, “That in this place is one greater than the temple.” **Matthew 12:6**

Jesus then tells all present, that there **“in this place,”** is one greater than the temple. The temple was built as a symbol of the arrival of the Messiah, so that when he arrived he would already have his throne in place. That the temples purpose was to point to the arrival of the Messiah, meant that the Messiah is greater than the temple, for the temple was but the Messiah’s throne, but that he Jesus was the Messiah.

*But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath Day. **Matthew 12:7-8***

In the above verses Jesus is telling us that he is in fact the Messiah, and that therefore those prophecies have been fulfilled. In the above examples Jesus is also showing that the traditions and laws that have evolved out of an attempt to give definition to the word **“Work”** had grown to things that are not as God intended. In the last verse Jesus is saying that he as the Messiah, son of God; has the authority to correct the error back to the definition to what God intended.

Doing Good

*And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue: And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath Days?” that they might accuse him. **Matthew 12:10***

Remember: these people are the Pharisees that Jesus was talking to. They saw Jesus and his teachings as a threat to their source of income and to their status in the community. So when they asked him if healing on the Sabbath Day was legal, it was with the knowledge that he would say YES, thus giving them evidence to charge him with breaking a long held tradition which they held in error, and therefore perceived in error, as the Law of Moses and of God.

*And he said unto them, “What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath Day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath Days.” **Matthew 12:11-12***

The key words here are, **“to do well,”** means to show Mercy and Compassion, and equally to do the Lords work. These are from the earlier teaching of Jesus. What Jesus is saying, is if you engage in things for the further glory of God the Father, then it cannot be a sin, but is to do well.

To bring back to safety a sheep, is to put into practice those moral imperatives taught by Jesus, therefore no sin can be committed.

To heal someone with disabilities is to practice Mercy and Compassion, are to be engaged in the ways of God and therefore it is not a sin.

*Then saith he to the man, "Stretch forth thine hand." and he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other. **Matthew 12:13***

Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

Matthew 12:14

In my personal attempt to stay true to the meaning of what is permitted to do and what is not permitted to do on the Sabbath Day, I have used these above verses as my guide. If what I am engaging in is for the benefit of others, a showing of mercy or generosity, then it is a good thing and not a sin to do. I also see those who are doctors and nurses, who work during the hours of the Sabbath Day to be doing God's work, so they are not in sin when they go to work.

When Jesus went out during the hours of the Sabbath Day and preached, and healed, and forced out demons, he was performing God's work, so therefore if I go out on the Sabbath Day and preach to others, then I too am engaged in the work of God and therefore cannot be in sin.

My understanding of what Jesus taught as to regarding the Sabbath Day is to avoid engaging in anything that is sinful. It is a sin to Buy or Sell during the hours of the Sabbath Day; therefore I stay away from stores and other retail establishments during the hours of the Sabbath Day.

It is a sin to engage in any activity that has the potential of being representative of a false religion or that preaches anti-God gospel. It is with this in mind why I do not enter into the homes of any of my family who do not accept God's True Word, during the hours of the Sabbath Day. If in doing so, they might engage in a religious ritual or discussion that is founded upon Satan's False Gospel, and then I too, could be tainted by such activities. Rather than chance such things I have stayed in my own home, where no such activities will occur.

God's Truth verses Satan's Lies

There is a lesson to be learned from this event. Do you the reader know what that lesson is? Consider the Pharisees, do not think of them as evil men, but as men who have had a life time of experiences that have told them to worship God in a certain way, then consider Jesus, not as we know him to be the son of God, but as the Pharisees perceive him, a man who is preaching gospel that is contradictory to much of that which the Pharisees hold as God's truth.

This holding tight to traditions as God's law, rather than obedience to the law as it is written, is rampant in the world in which I live. When you accept as truth that which is not spoken by the lips of God, and written down by the hand of his prophets, your worship of God therefore is in error, but being blinded by Satan's lies, you cannot see his deception. So when someone like me comes along and tells you that your worship of God is in error, you reject me, what I say, and thereby reject God's True Word.

You are with God or against God

He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

Matthew 12:30

Do you understand what Jesus is saying in this verse? If you love God, and worship him as he commands, and embrace and write upon your heart his commandments, and live your life within the meaning of those commandments, then you are with him, you are one of God's Saints. If you do not keep all of the Commandments of God, thereby do not worship God as he commands, then you are not with him, and God sees only in black and white. If you obey God, then you show your love for God, if you disobey or worship God in any other way than what he commands, then you hate God, there is no middle road.

You can perhaps see this with more clarity in the following example. When Jesus returns, (The Second Coming), he will call all the Saints of God that are dead and in their graves, up to him in the clouds. Then he will call all those that still live who are the Saints of God, up to him as well. These who are the Saints of God will therefore be with him. All that remain on the Earth, in their graves or alive are scattered all over the Earth, which not being with Jesus they are scattered abroad.

A Saint of God is defined by Jesus as: *Those which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.* **Revelation 12:17**

Sins of the Father

Wherefore I say unto you, "All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven of him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. **Matthew 12:31-32**

In the above two verses Jesus is telling us that though we have sinned, it is not too late for us. If we repent our sins and ask God for forgiveness, he will forgive us. But we must repent in truth and in fact, for if you say you are repentant but in your heart are not, God will know.

However, if you have sinned against the Holy Ghost, you are deliberately and consciously promoting false doctrines that diminish the name and character of God. If you are a priest or other religious leader, who teaches others untruths (and you know them to be untruths) and yet you still call them true, then you blaspheme against the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the living word of God, God's Holy Gospel. When you deliberately or knowingly change the meaning of God's Holy Gospel, then you are sinning against the Holy Ghost.

For example, **Genesis 3:4**, Lucifer told, Adam and Eve, that they "would not surely die," if they eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In doing so, he was calling God a liar. For God had told them that they would surely die. By calling God a liar, Lucifer committed a sin against the Holy Ghost; he impinged upon the good name and honor of God by altering the words spoken by God and thereby changing their meaning to something else.

We have been told that the reason Man is born into this world with the sin of Adam, is because they ate from the forbidden tree, even though God had told them not to.

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. **Genesis 2:17**

But that is not the sin which we all bear. The real sin, the sin that is unforgivable, is that Adam and Eve believed the lies of Satan, as truth, and the truth of God as lies. When Satan told them that God lied to them concerning the tree of knowledge, that if they ate from it they would become as God, and God did not want them to achieve this level, equal to him.

And the serpent said unto the woman, "Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

Genesis 3:4-5

Adam and Eve believed Satan even though they knew God personally and intimately. He was their father, brother, and God. God came and sat down with them in the Garden one day every week to commune with them, (the Sabbath,) yet they loved him so little that they accepted lies told to them by Satan, rather than rely on God's words as the truth. It is this sin that was unforgivable, not the actual eating from the fruit of the tree.

It is this sin that Jesus forgave when he died upon the cross. **No longer will the children have to pay for the sins of their fathers.** We will henceforth, as of the day that Jesus was nailed to the cross, be accountable only for our own sins, no longer answerable for the sins of our fathers. This is given support in the following verse.

The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall be put to death for his own sins. **Deuteronomy 24:16**

The sins that we commit through our lives ourselves can be forgiven only if we ask God to forgive us. If you don't ask for forgiveness, then God cannot forgive you. For me this is yet another proof that keeping God's Ten Commandments is the foundation of any true and correct worship of God. The only way something is a sin is if it is in opposition to the Word and Law of God. The Ten Commandments are the Law of God; therefore the only way you can sin is to be in violation to the Ten Commandments.

But I say unto you, "That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." **Matthew 12:36-37**

For God, the words that you speak relate directly to your thoughts, and your thoughts relate directly to your heart. If you love God, and obey his laws, and have taken the Ten Commandments and written them upon your hearts, then no guile can come from your mouth. If on the other hand you pick and choose which commandments you wish to keep, then your heart is not pure, and you will speak words that are repugnant to God.

Behold, the days come, (in the end of days), saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord. But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, (in the end of days), saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. **Jeremiah 31:31-33**

The phrase, **"After those days,"** is a reference to the End of Times and End of Days, and the thousand year reign of Jesus on the Earth.

God will write them, (the laws of God, which are the Ten Commandments) as well as the moral teachings of Jesus, in their hearts. Only those who have taken the laws of God and have gone through a

rebirth of personality and moral character, by embracing the Ten Commandments and make the morality of God to be their morality will be covered under the New Covenant with God. No longer is it necessary to have the foreskin circumcised, but God wants you to have the heart circumcised.

What this boils down to is those who talk the talk, but fail to walk the walk, will be judged based upon their own words that they themselves have spoken over the years of their lives. Those who during this life, go through the process of becoming one with God, those who walk in the spirit of the Lord, will not have to face Judgment Day, but will be among those who are taken up into the clouds to be with Jesus when he returns.

Family of God

*While he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto him, "Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee." **Matthew 12:46-47***

*But he answered and said unto him that told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brethren?" And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, "Behold, my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." **Matthew 12:48-50***

In short, if you embrace the teachings of Jesus, which as shown in his first commandment includes and is founded upon the keeping of the Ten Commandments, which give definition to doing the will of the Father which is in heaven, then you are brethren to Jesus, and he is your brother, sister, and your mother, in other words, Jesus is your family.

If you do not live by the teachings of Jesus, then you are not brethren to Jesus, and therefore are not with him but are spread abroad. To say you are a Christian, is not the same as living your life within the teachings of Jesus. You have to walk the walk and not just talk the talk.

Do you understand that which Jesus is talking about? If you are in obedience to God, by keeping his Commandments, and worshiping God as he has commanded that we worship him, which is spelled out in the first four of the Ten Commandments, and if you also have taken God's morality and made it your morality, as is spelled out in the last six of the Ten Commandments, then you too are brother and brethren to Jesus, for you are doing the will of the Father.

Those who think themselves Saints of God, but do not fall under the definition above, are those who think themselves Christian or Jews, but are in fact worshiping God contrary to that which he commands. The Christians give lip service to being Christian, but their hearts are far from worshiping him as he commands. The Jews who reject Jesus as the Messiah, may keep the Ten Commandments, but without the testimony of Jesus, are not worshiping God as he commands.