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PREFACE

The Disciples asked Jesus how they should pray. Christ said, “**After this manner therefore pray you: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven**” (Matthew 6:9-10). If Christians are to be praying for God’s “**kingdom**” to come and His “**will**” be done on earth as it has been done and is being done in heaven, shouldn’t you, therefore, study, what exactly is, God’s “**kingdom**” in heaven and what, exactly, His “**will**” really is? Can you find God’s “**truth**” about His “**kingdom**” and “**will**?” In actuality, many theologians, as well as Christians, have been studying just the opposite of what God’s “**kingdom**” is. God’s “**kingdom**” is what God’s “**will**” really is. Too many of you have allowed human interpretation and the educational environment of the day to influence your biblical studies.

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INTRODUCTION

God never demands **humans** to do what they cannot do. Only God is **good**. Since only God is good, He is the **only One** who knows what “**goodness**” is. Therefore, only God knows “**goodness**” (Matthew 19:17).

When Israel sinned, God was going to kill them and build another nation from The Tribe of Levi. Moses intervened for Israel and God agreed to keep Israel as His “**people**,” but from that point on, an angel or messenger would lead them. This messenger, with God’s “**name**” as His “**authority**,” would show them **no mercy** and they had to keep The Law of Moses, “**perfectly**.” If they sinned, they received a curse for which they had to give a sacrifice making restitution for their sin. In the case of capital crimes, they were put to death (Exodus 23:20-21).

Moses agreed, but insisted he wanted God to reveal Himself, in order to know that He was with them. God told Moses He could not show Himself, lest he, Moses, would die, but He would reveal His “**glory**.” God’s “**glory**” in Hebrew is “Shekinah,” which when translated conveys “**riches and blessings**.” God’s “**glory**” is “**weighty – full of the wealth of God’s prosperity**.” Read what Moses asked of God and what God told him. “**And he [Moses] said, I ask you, show me your glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness [Shekinah] pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy**” (Exodus 33:18-19). Then, God placed Moses in the cleft of a **rock** and placed His hand over Moses, as He passed by (Exodus 33:22-23). But God, only, revealed the back parts of His “**glory**.” God’s “**glory**” is composed of all of God’s “**goodness**” which only God has and, therefore, it is only God who can make you “**good**.” Notice what Jesus, as a human, said just before He was crucified, “**And now, O Father, glorify thou me with**

your own self with the glory which I had with you before the world was” (John 17:5). Jesus knew, as long as He was in the **flesh**, He was not “**good**” (Matthew 19). He knew He needed God’s “**glory**,” which is **all** His “**righteousness**” or the “**blessings**” of His “**riches**.” Christ wanted God’s “**righteousness**” and not His own, while He was human. Jesus wanted God’s “**glory**,” as He had when He was God’s “**word**.” This is God’s “**Shekinah blessings**” when, in the resurrection, Christians will receive **all of God’s “blessings”** and “**glory**” which is **Salvation**. This is *The Gospel* or *The Good News* from God.

Who does God accept and give His “**gospel of glory**” to? In *Acts*, after Peter heard Cornelius, The Roman Centurion, he said, “**Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him**” (Acts 10:34-35). No denomination, religion or philosophy, nor race or gender, but **anyone** from **all nations**, if they **fear** God and “**work righteousness**,” is **accepted** by Him. Those who do, are called “**God-fearers!**” They **fear** God and want to obey Him, but they must all **work to be righteous through faith**. The Greek word for “**fear**” is “Phobeo” which means, “**so frightening one wants to run away**.” The Greek word for “**worketh**” is not “ergo” or “**deeds**” – but “ergozomai” which means, “**hard labor** like pulling an ox out of the ditch.” The ox resists you. Anyone, of any nation, who follows these requirements, will be accepted by God. You must **all** be **God-fearers** when you are called to **the truth**. What is **truth**?

The Torah is **not** The Law of Moses. The Law of Moses was **added** to *The Torah* four hundred thirty years after Abraham (Galatians 3:17). *The Old Covenant Law* had **curses** (Deuteronomy 28) rather than **faith**. If a person did not obey **all** The Laws of Moses, they received **a curse**. Remember, the angel **gave no mercy**.

All The Law could do is **reveal** what **sin** was (I John 3:4). Keeping The Law couldn't **give Salvation**. Only following *The Torah* could.

“*Torah*” in Hebrew, does **not mean** “a law.” *The Torah* conveys “the idea of a **learning a path or a way.**” Its root means, “**to shoot an arrow.**” It is the **way to Salvation**. Notice what Jesus said when His friend Lazarus, was dead, “**I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believe in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believe you this**” (John 11:25-26)? This is how The Apostle Paul defined the meaning of The Law in *The Torah* in Galatians 3:24, “**Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.**” It isn't the keeping of The Law which gives you **Salvation**, but **how much you believe** in The Messiah, The Christ. Christ is *The Torah*, God is *The Torah*. It is *The Torah* that **gives you Salvation**. That is why Jesus made this statement to His “**Disciples**” before He died, “**I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me**” (John 14:6). It can't be any simpler. Christ is *The Torah*. The Law of Moses was given to Israel because they had a **wrong heart** (Deuteronomy 5:29). Because of their hearts they did not know wrong from right. They needed The Law to tell them what **sin** was (I John 3:4). When they were **cursed by The Law**, it should have brought them to Christ. (*The Covenant* given to Abraham). **Salvation through Christ** was *The Torah*. Now you know The Law of Moses cannot give **Salvation** or God's “**righteousness.**” In another of my books you will read *The History of God's Law* (of Moses) and why it is **Holy, just and good**. **Salvation is The Torah**. It is **the path to Salvation** – God's “**righteousness by faith.**” You are going to cover history from *The Torah* along with archeology, which is the proof of **paleontology** (ancient history) and what **true history** is. The truth of history will **reveal God's “Plan of Salvation.”**

CHAPTER 1

IN THE GARDEN

Did you know *The Gospel* was preached in The Garden of Eden right after Adam and Eve ate from The Tree of Good and Evil? To understand how *The Gospel* was preached, you need to combine Paleontology (the study of ancient history) with Archeology (the study of ancient diggings) with Scriptural “comparisons.” Amazingly, by bringing these three disciplines together, they fit like a perfect glove without a contradiction!

The Gospel Of Salvation

First, you need to understand *The Gospel* of The Kingdom of God, to understand **Salvation**. When was *The Good News* of God’s “**kingdom**” preached? It all started in The Garden of Eden. You are familiar that on The Sabbath, The Seventh Day, God rested because He finished His “**perfect place**” of **rest** for Adam and Eve and all of their **progeny**. As Paul said, Adam was **The First Christ** (Romans 5:14). Adam and Eve were in **paradise** or God’s “**kingdom rest**” or **The True Sabbath’s Rest** where **everything was “very good”** (Genesis 1:31). That means everything in The Garden, including **The Tree of Life** and even **The Tree of Good and Evil**, was good. When was *The Gospel* preached?

After Adam and Eve ate from **The Tree of Good and Evil** what happened? Before they ate the wrong fruit, Adam and Eve knew nothing about **sex**. Genesis 2:25 reveals, “**And they were both**

naked, the man and his wife [Eve], and were not ashamed.” Do you realize what *The Scriptures* are telling you? They both were so innocent, they knew nothing about **sex**. How did they learn? Adam and Eve were as little children, they needed to eat of **The Tree of Life** to mature, to understand wisdom, to be able to know **good and evil**. What happened?

Jesus makes known to The Pharisees who their “**real father**” is in John 8:44, “**You are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**”

Satan was their **father** right from the beginning. He was with Adam and Eve in The Garden when they ate of **the forbidden fruit** and he influenced Cain to murder his own brother. In II Corinthians 4:3-4, read why God permits people to be **blinded** by Satan, **the god of this world**. John 9:41 states, “**If you were blind, you should have no sin: but now you say, We see; therefore your sin remains.**”

Do you realize God’s “**love?**” Even though you **sin**, not knowing what you are doing, God does not hold you responsible. Notice what Paul said in Romans 5:13, “**For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.**” The Law of Moses was not made known until four hundred thirty years after Abraham into a codified law.

In my new book, *History of God's Law*, you will see when and why God added *The Old Covenant Law* to *The Torah*. The Law was given four hundred thirty years after Abraham to reveal what **sin** was (I John 3:4 and Galatians 3:17). Even though any **sin**, is

still a **sin**, God does not hold you responsible for your sins as any “**good father**” would do, when his son doesn’t know better.

God, The Father, waits until you know better **in your heart**. That was what Israel lacked when God gave them *The Ten Commandments*. Read Deuteronomy 5:29. They had a **wrong heart**. Remember, God does not expect you to do something that you cannot do. Until you have a **right heart** or **mind** you cannot or will not change to be able to be taught. God only works with you when you fear Him and desire to be **righteous** (Acts 10:34-35). My, what a **loving Father**! No one but God could have arranged everything so perfectly for you.

Back to The Garden and how Satan, their father, deceived Adam and Eve. Read what Satan said to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:4-6, “**And the serpent [Satan] said unto the woman, you shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired [lust] to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.**” Do you realize Satan just preached *The Gospel*, intertwined with lies and deception?

Satan knew, only too well, God wanted to give them **eternal life**. Satan knew God wanted to make them **like He was, in His “image.”** God wanted them to be wise, to know **good** and **evil**, so they could have **wisdom** to choose “rightly.” Satan knew God’s “**Plan of Salvation,**” but deceived or **left out** what compromised **The Plan of Salvation**. **The Tree of Good and Evil** wasn’t evil, it was Adam and Eve who were not ready to eat of it, because they did not know what they were doing. In the end, they found

they chose death. Notice, the first thing Adam and Eve became aware of after they ate the fruit, “**And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons**” (Genesis 3:7). Suddenly, they understood sex. Why? God gives the answer in Genesis 3:11, “**And He [God] said, Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded you that you should not eat?**”

It wasn't the fruit of the tree informing them, but Satan, their **new father**. You will see Satan lied, further, by saying **they were gods**, which you will see is **the origin** of The Trinity. Satan, in pagan mysteries, is known in the Sumerian tongue as “Bel” or “Baal,” in *The Bible*. “Baal” is “the god of fertility.” Satan taught them about sex and not because of the fruit. The fruit would produce what Satan told them. You will learn he taught them **pornographic sex**. That is why God said, “**Who told you?**” Jesus said, “**By their fruits you shall know them**” (Matthew 7:20). The fruit is the result of what you listen to and accept. Therefore, the fruit is what you produce by what you eat as God's “**word**.” The fruit reveals if it is good or evil. Satan preached *The Gospel*, but with great deception.

Prophets Preached *The Gospel*

Hebrews 1:1 reveals before Christ, *The Gospel* was preached by The Prophets. How far back does it go and what did they preach? In Sumerian history, archeology proves there were “**eight divine kings**.”

Who were these kings? After Cain killed Abel, Eve conceived Seth because God appointed another seed to replace Abel (Genesis 4:25). Seth had a son named Enos and, then, men began

to call upon the name of The Lord. In Hebrew, the word “call” signifies “to proclaim” or “shout.” What did they shout? The name “Enos” in Hebrew, means “**they called themselves by The Name of The Lord**” or “**God’s people.**” Just as the name “Israel” means “**God’s people**” or “Isaiah” meaning “**God saves.**”

Now, as God’s “**people,**” what did they proclaim? Jude 14 clearly reveals what they preached and who they were, “**And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints.**” Wow! Enoch was a Prophet and preached *The Gospel* about The Return of Christ to establish God’s “**kingdom.**” Enoch was one of seven, from Adam, just as listed in Genesis 5. Now a bigger surprise in II Peter 2:5, “**And spared not the old world, but saved Noah, the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.**”

Counting from Adam to Noah, Noah being **the tenth person**; remember, they did not **proclaim God’s “name,”** as His “**people,**” until Enos. If you count from the time Enos preached, up to Noah, it makes Noah, **The Eighth Preacher of Righteousness.** What “**righteousness**” did Noah preach?

It was, only, after Enos was born, that men began to proclaim God or call on Him. What did they preach that was righteous? Again, The Apostle Peter answers this question in Acts 10:34-35, “**Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him [God], and worketh [labors] righteousness, is accepted with him.**”

“Righteousness” in Greek refers to “what is **just!**” This is what Noah preached. Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about

Christ's "**coming**" so God's "**kingdom**" could be restored. Read *The Book of Enoch*, which you can download from the internet. How much of the translation is accurate? This is not known, but it is filled with The Return of Christ.

Noah preached "**righteousness**" as one of the eight from Enos and these are those who The Sumerians called "**divine**," because the flood occurred just as Noah preached. Noah was 500 years old when he fathered his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth. Noah preached a warning message to all the known world, from the time of Enos, when men began to **call upon "The Name" of God**.

Now you understand, why, in every culture, they have a history which speaks of a flood. Noah was considered "**a divine being**" or as being **truly of God**. Shem, Ham and Japheth therefore, in the post-flood world, were also, believed to be divine or gods.

In Aztec history, the white god, "Quetzalcoatl," is to return and bring world peace, just as Enoch prophesied. All cultures, from Egypt to Babylon to China, have "**the flood**" in their history with Noah being "**the divine one**." Naturally, each called Noah in their own language after The Tower of Babel or Babylon. God destroyed the world to stop world suicide or death. Genesis 6:11 gives you the condition of the world just before the flood, "**The earth was also corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence**." In Hebrew, "to corrupt" is "to destroy or pollute." "Violence" in Hebrew is defined as "unjust." The world totally forsook God's "**righteousness**" and was completely unjust and ready to destroy all God had created. If God had not flooded the world, humanity would have committed suicide in spite of the divine preachers of God and The Prophets. *The Gospel* was preached to the world and, now, that same message has to be preached to the known world, *The Gospel of Christ*. In Matthew

18:11, Jesus said, “**He came to restore that which was lost.**” What was lost, was God’s “**kingdom**” of His “**rest**” where everything was very good (Genesis 1:31). **The Tree of Life**, which was **Salvation**, was, also, lost. After the flood, God’s “**great love**” offered the world the opportunity to receive **Salvation** which was God’s “**plan**” and “**purpose**” from the beginning. In Ephesians 1:1-12, God predestinated **Salvation** for all of His “**creation**” – which includes you and “all” mankind.

CHAPTER 2

TOWER OF BABEL

Why did God scatter the nations by confusing their languages at The Tower of Babel or Babylon? The nations, just like The Ancient Sumerians, had one language. God said He would scatter them because, with one common tongue, anything they thought of, in their imagination, could come to pass.

Those, at Babel, must have imagined something pretty mystifying, which concerned God, making Him decide to scatter them all around the earth with their own language. God wanted them to stop building The Tower of Babel. Why did God stop the building of “the tower?”

Ziggurats

In ancient Sumeria, each city was very similar and some exactly like those listed in Genesis. Babel or Babylon was built by Nimrod, the son of Cush, who was a black man (Genesis 10:10). Nimrod, also, built Erech (Uruk, Iraq), Accad and Calneh, in The Land of Shinar. Genesis 11:2-9 validates, that on The Plains of Shinar, they built Babel, where God divided the nations by confusing their tongues.

Each city had a **temple** in its center. They were all like The Tower of Babel in Babylon. These **temples**, in the downtown of each

city, had a circular stairway going around the temple right to the top. On top was “**a temple**” or **House of God**. In the Sumerian tongue, they were called **Ziggurats of God's “house” or “temple” on top of the hill**.

King David knew God's “**house**” was on top of a hill or mountain. Psalm 24:1-5 reveals, **Salvation** can only be received from God when you ascend His “**hill**.” David poses a question, “**Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord or who shall stand in his holy place?**” David answers by saying, “**He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.**”

You can see who becomes righteous, “**He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**” Salvation, only comes to those who climb God's “**hill**” in paradise (The Garden of Eden), where God's “**house**” dwells. When you climb the stairway to The Temple of God, then, God blesses you with “**righteousness**” and you can receive Salvation or The Tree of Life. David concludes that all this comes to pass when The King of Glory, The Messiah, comes into **the gates of paradise**.

You have just read the account of how you receive Salvation through Christ. There you have it in a nutshell! You have just had *The Gospel* explained to you. It is *The True Gospel*. Now, you know why The Sumerians had this **temple on a hill** with a stairway to the top. The Ziggurats were “**holy temples**” depicting God's “**kingdom**.”

You, now, know why Nimrod built The Tower of Babel. What happened that God was compelled to stop the building and confuse the languages? Didn't God want them to be **saved**?

Polytheism

God said if He didn't stop the building of **the temple** or **tower**, their human nature would imagine all sorts of things. What did those humans imagine that made God stop them? Romans 1:18-25 answers the question.

First, Paul tells you that God's "**wrath**" is revealed from heaven against all **ungodliness** and **unrighteousness** of men who **hold the truth in "unrighteousness."** Those at The Tower of Babel knew *The Gospel*. That was why they built The Tower and attempted to climb to The Temple of God. *The Gospel* was first preached by Satan, but he was explaining it, very deceitfully. How? By telling Adam and Eve they were "**gods**" already, and would **not die**. Satan told them they were already in paradise and couldn't die since **The Tree of Life** was there. All they had to do was **eat of it**, but they chose **The Tree of Good and Evil**.

Now, you understand why God put Adam and Eve out of The Garden, to be away from **The Tree of Life**, which would have allowed them to live forever. That is God's "**answer**" in Genesis 3:22-24. God placed cherubs to protect "**the entrance**" to The Garden and The Tree of Life. Adam, Eve and Satan, as gods, were the origin of The Trinity, which was Satan's lie.

Whether in Egypt with Osiris, Isis and Horus or as in Sumer, Adam called "An" or "Anu," Eve called "Ea" and Satan called "Bal." In *The Bible*, Satan is "Baal," – "**the god of fertility**" and that is why Adam and Eve knew they were naked. Issis or Ishtar, Easter is the mother of everyone, which is Eve, The Queen of Heaven.

This is how "**polytheism**" (having more than one God) started. Polytheism began in The Garden of Eden, by Satan, the origina-

tor of The Trinity or more than One God. Later, Christianity was fooled by Constantine, “a sun worshipper,” who taught The Trinity. He forced paganism upon Christianity. Instead of The One God who was Father of all and His Son, Jesus, by **the power and glory** of The Holy Spirit, Satan promoted Constantine’s “**trinity**” upon Christianity.

Babylon, in Nebuchadnezzar’s day, had the same gods as The Greeks and Romans. Only they called them “Jupiter” and “Zeus.” This is why The Greeks had Mount Olympus, where their gods lived in their “Ziggurat.” You will see this is exactly what Paul was saying in Romans 1. The Sumerians or those at The Tower of Babel, knew *The True Gospel*, but corrupted it by Satan’s deception with Adam and Eve, having them believe that they were gods.

Romans 1:21-25 declares, “**Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful [for the truth]; but became vain in their [human] imaginations.**” That was the problem. Their hearts were darkened. They desired to be like Eve, as “a goddess,” to become divine, as well. They became fools and notice what they did, “**And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.**” (Romans 1:23).

This was the **beginning of The Babylonian (Babel) Mystery System**. That is why Egypt, Asshur and Babylon believed they were **sacred nations** having the truth of The Babylonian Mystery System. They regarded these nations as **special** from their “**god**” (Satan) and all others as “**barbarians**” or “**wild**” in the wilderness. Because Greece and Rome accepted these **pagan mysteries**, they were accepted as **wise nations** and not **barbarians**. Is it

any wonder God **stopped “the building” of The Tower of Babel?** What else would they come up with, in their own imaginations?

Satan is used in all their symbols as their **primary god**, “the god” of **this world’s imagination** (II Corinthians 4:4). Satan’s symbol is “a snake” and “a dragon” and these were worshipped as gods. Because of this confusion of Babylon, God gave them up to **uncleanliness** through the **lusts of their own hearts**, to dishonor their **own bodies** between themselves (Romans 1:24). Here is what they did, “**Who changed the truth of God [God’s house] into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen**” (Romans 1:25).

Polytheism, The Babylonian Mystery System, was now **world-wide** and God divided the nations by confusing their language and sent them out to their “individual” inheritances. God **wounded the first head of the beast**, The Babylonian Mystery System. Salvation was God’s “**main aim**” and “**purpose.**”

CHAPTER 3

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

The known world at this point was worshipping many gods created in their own imaginations. How about The True Gospel of God's "kingdom?" In the beginning, Adam and Eve were in The True Kingdom of God. They were in God's "rest" where God created everything and all of it was "very good" (Genesis 1:31).

Adam and Eve left The Garden, but remained in Eden. Was *The Gospel* preached? Obviously they told all their children about God's "kingdom," The Tree of Life and "A Promised Seed" of theirs, would restore it (Genesis 3:14-21). But how was *The Gospel* of The Kingdom preached and who preached it?

Cain And Abel

The Bible picks up the story when Adam and Eve had to leave The Garden so they would not have access to **The Tree of Life** and be able to live forever. Their choice was to do it by their own effort, to know **right** from **wrong** and God did warn them they would fail by dying. Genesis 4 starts many years later, with Adam and Eve's two sons, Cain and Abel, **grown** to adulthood. Cain is a farmer and Abel is a shepherd, with his herd of sheep. They decided to give a sacrifice to God. Cain gave some grain and Abel sacrificed a lamb. Why was this so significant and why did it cause

Cain to kill Abel? Hebrews 5:1 declares that God ordains men to give gifts and sacrifices according to the people's sins. This was the beginning of The Priesthood by **sacrifice** and God accepted Abel's sacrifice. This Priesthood was not of Levi, since The Aaronic Priesthood did not start until Moses.

In Abraham's day, the only Priesthood of The Most High God, was Melchizedek, which was a **Priesthood of Faith and Righteousness** (Hebrews 7:1-2). This was four hundred thirty years before The Law of Moses (Galatians 3). Why was Abel's sacrifice accepted over Cain's? Hebrews 11:4 reveals that God accepted Abel's sacrifice because Abel was more **faithful**. This was the beginning of The Priesthood – after The Order of Melchizedek, a **Priesthood of Faith** like Christ's (Hebrews 1). Rather than a Priesthood with a father and mother (genealogically), Melchizedek was by an **oath** or **acceptance** by God (Hebrews 7:21). This was a Priesthood not based on “**the works**” of a Law, but by **faith**. In Genesis 26:5, Abraham obeyed God's “**voice by faith**” in keeping The Commandments and Statutes. There was no Law of Moses, as yet (which had **curse**s). As Melchizedek, Christ removed the curses in Deuteronomy 28, which included **death** and, then, The Law was kept by **faith** and not by the **legal works of The Law**.

This murder of Abel by Cain was an important event and not merely God preferring Abel's sacrifice over Cain's. That is why God told Cain he must **master human nature** and **not sin** (Genesis 4:7). This is before Cain killed Abel. Cain lacked **faith** in God, whereas Abel was **faithful**.

Cain's **sin**, the lack of **faith**, was exactly as his parent's sin. Adam and Eve, lacking **faith**, followed Satan and not God's “**word**.” Paul revealed that because there was **no law** when Adam and Eve sinned, therefore, **no sin was imputed** (Romans 5:13). Their

lack of **faith** in God was a **transgression** and they would **face death** (Romans 5:12-14). Cain's sin was all about The Priesthood and since Cain was the firstborn, he believed he should be God's "**priest**" instead of Abel. That is why Cain **murdered** Abel.

Cain chose Satan to be his father rather than God, following Adam and Eve (John 8:44). Cain was forced to leave Eden and go into The Land of Nod or "**wandering.**" Here is what he had to say, "**And Cain said unto the Lord, my punishment is greater than I can bear**" (Genesis 4:13).

If The Law was in force, Cain would have been **put to death**. Instead, God put a **mark** on Cain so no one would kill him. There was no Law of Moses in force. There was no **curse of death**. Cain states, "**Behold you have driven me out this day from the face of the earth [Eden]; and from your face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that everyone that finds me shall slay me**" (Genesis 4:14).

Amazingly, history records what happened to Cain. In ancient Asshur, some clay tablets called **The Epic of Gilgamesh** were found. It was a poem in five parts about Gilgamesh's life. He was a **legendary King/Priest** of Uruk or Erech. This is the same city Nimrod built called Erech or Uruk (Genesis 10:10). Gilgamesh was recognized as a King/God in The Epic. The entire story covers Gilgamesh's wanderings in **the wilderness or forests**. He meets many other "strong gods." In the end, he is finally killed and worshipped at his funeral in Erech. This is the story of Cain, as he spent his entire life wandering, trying to find eternal life, but in the end was killed.

Keep in mind, where *The Bible* leaves off – in time, history fills

in the gaps.

Just as everyone (including Cain and Abel) in Eden, were considered to be gods. Abel, in *The Bible*, was Tammuz, who was, also, worshipped as a god and killed by his brother. Because of this **violence** between “**the gods**,” The Sumerians worshipped “**the gods**” because of **fear** and believed the gods had to be placated to receive **blessings from them**. That is why The Sumerians made constant sacrifices, including human beings and even children, to **The High Priest**.

Earth Divided

God divided the nations so Adam and Eve's children and the world would have time to **repent** and seek *The True Gospel* of God's “**kingdom rest**.” If God allowed the nations to be “**as one**” and continue worshipping **false idols** or gods, they would end up fighting to **placate** their gods by killing each other to find out whose god was “**the strongest**.” Obviously, this is Satan's plan right down to this present day. In **The Epic of Gilgamesh**, surprisingly Cain, as Gilgamesh, continually fights other gods to prove he is the **strongest**. With the nations separated, it gave time for *The True Gospel* to be preached, so some had a chance to be converted.

World Suicide

Before the flood, God gave humans a lifetime of one thousand years to repent. Instead, by “intermarriage” of the **faiths** between The Sons of God (Seth's lineage) and The Children of Men (Cain's lineage) they all became corrupted and, only, Noah and his family were saved. Remember, Noah was **The Eighth** or last **Preacher of Righteousness**. God flooded the world as a **baptism** to save

the generation “to come” from suicide. After the flood, God reduces longevity to 120 years. A thousand years of life never made a dent in helping individuals come to repentance and follow God. Now, mankind’s free choice, not choosing “**good**” and instead choosing “**evil**” has proven to bring, only, more **violence**. God had to **command a Law**, not by **faith** any longer, but by a **legal Law**, with **capital punishment**. This was The Genesis of Law on the earth. It was necessary for God to institute a Law to replace “**faith**.” From this **point on**, **faith** was, only, for those who were **converted**.

Noachian Law

This Law, only, dealt with **murder**. Since God saved the world by a flood, God was ready to issue His “**First Legal Law**,” which was to save humanity from annihilating itself. That is why God, who saw that the world had proved, itself, **carnal**, (**beast-like**), instituted this **First Law**. Prior to the flood, being “**righteous**,” was a matter of **faith**, and therefore, did not require a Law. I Timothy 1:7-10 declares, Laws are, only, necessary for **criminals** or the unrighteous who commit crimes.

Being **God-fearers** is the **first action** of a repentant person who is accepted by God (as with The Gentile Centurion) (Acts 10:34-35). All others, including The Gentiles, needed a Law to keep them **civil**. This was a **human covenant** for carnal, unconverted people. It is exactly the same type of covenant made with Israel – The Law of Moses.

That is why Paul called The Law of Moses a **carnal commandment**. The Law wasn’t **carnal**, but those who had to keep it – were carnal (Hebrews 7:16). Since both Noah’s and Moses’ Laws were for **carnal** people, they, also, **required circumcision**.

Why Circumcision?

What a **bloody act** God was imposing upon the world after the flood, as *The Covenant* He made with Israel. That is why Moses' wife called him a **bloody man**. It was **bloody**. In *The Covenant* after the flood, God not only forbade murder by humans, He wanted any animal which killed a human, to, also, be killed. **No one could eat any blood**. Since **human existence** is dependant upon **blood to live**, it was forbidden to drink any blood.

Circumcision of the flesh was required to picture this Law in both Noah's and Moses' time, as a **carnal command** made with **carnal, murderous people** who were not converted completely, but only followed God because of **fear** (instead of having **faith**). They were **The God-fearers** which were acceptable by God. Then, as He does today, circumcision, **only**, applies to unbaptized people, who have **not received** God's "**Holy Spirit**." When one receives God's "**Holy Spirit**," they are **sealed** with God's "**Inheritance of Salvation**" as His "**sons**" (Ephesians 1). Those circumcised, showing they are still of **human** or **carnal birth**, have not, yet, been **adopted** (Ephesians 1). They are still **carnal** and need to receive God's "**Holy Spirit**," which leads everyone to **truth** or **light**, in order to become "**spirit**" like Jesus, The Christ.

Post Flood

When Noah preached *The Gospel of The Messiah* and "**righteousness**" to his family and the world, only one of his children, Shem and his family, followed God. Ham and Japeth, even though they were commanded by Law to no longer commit **murder**, kept killing each other. Shem's line became Prophets of God, as well as, Priests after The Order of Melchizedek, through **faith**.

NOTES

CHAPTER 4

THE TWO TREES

The Two Trees in The Garden of Eden, The Tree of Life and The Tree of Good and Evil, reveal the entire Story of Salvation. The Tree of Life, symbolized by the olive tree, is God’s “Holy Spirit.” The Tree of Good and Evil is symbolized by the fig tree, (producing fruit or not) represents all humanity.

A Matter Of Spiritual Maturity

Christ said, “**By their fruits you shall know them**” (Matthew 7:20). **The Tree of Life** produces **good fruit** (Galatians 5:22). The **works of the flesh**, recorded in Galatians 5:19-20, are the results of **The Tree of Good and Evil**.

There is a **spiritual maturity** and a **physical maturity**. One has to do with human existence and the other with spiritual existence. That is why Jesus said, “**The flesh is flesh and the spirit is spirit.**” One achieves Salvation and the other death (John 3). Both **trees** were **very good** in The Garden (Genesis 1:31). One manifested **spiritual growth** and the other, **physical growth**. Eating one or the other produced its **designated result** – **life** or **death**. That is why Jesus said, “**The flesh profits nothing**” (John 6:63). Only **The Tree of Life** produces Salvation. Salvation has to do with **spiritual growth**, which does not include The Letter of The Law, that is The Law of Moses, *The Old Covenant*. The Law is **just**, **Holy** and **good**, but has a different purpose. The Law

tells you what **sin** is (I John 3:4). **The Tree of Life** shows you how to achieve Salvation. The two have different purposes in God's "**plan**." This book deals with Salvation and how you can be saved.

The Two Trees Defined

Romans 8:1 states, "**There is therefore now no condemnation [death] to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not [the way] after the flesh, but after the spirit.**" How clear! While those walking after **The Spirit**, are **eating of The Tree of Life**, those walking after **the flesh**, being **human**, are **eating The Tree of Good and Evil**. How plain do you want it? Notice, Salvation has nothing to do with keeping *The Old Covenant*. The two, Law and Grace, have two different roles in God's "**plan**" for you to enter God's "**kingdom**."

Romans 8:3-4 explains the difference between Law and Grace – **the two trees**. Paul tells you, The Law of Moses had a weakness and it couldn't give you Salvation. Then, he remarks, "there is a **righteousness** of The Law which can only **be fulfilled** by those who do not walk after their own **flesh** (human desires), but after **The Spirit**." Again, "**the two trees**."

The New Covenant that writes God's "**Law**" in your **nature**, in your **heart**, is **The Righteousness of The Law**. It is a "**spiritual growth problem**" and not a "**Law problem**." Romans 8:6 finalizes the **subject** of Salvation, "**For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life [Salvation] and peace [kingdom].**" Spiritual growth is **how your mind thinks**. You either are "**spiritually minded**" or **fleshly** (human) **minded**. Salvation and Law is **not the point**, but **the point**, is **how you think!** Paul tells you how God can be **pleased** or will **accept** you,

“So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God” (Romans 8:8). It has nothing to do with keeping The Letter of The Law. **Spiritual growth**, is a **way** or **path** to achieve Salvation. The Letter of The Law is **weak** and cannot achieve a **perfect state of mind** like God’s **“mind.”** This is what Salvation is all about.

In Acts 10:35, Peter reveals how you must live for God to **accept** you, **“But in every nation he that feareth Him [God], and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him [God].”** No doctrine, no ritual, no works, just **faith** in God’s **“Holy Spirit.”** That is why Paul said in Romans 14:23, **“For whatsoever is not of faith is sin.”**

That is a much broader definition of sin than what is stated in I John 3:4. Since Salvation is a **way** or **path**, obviously all Christians are at different levels on **The Path to Salvation**. That is why a Christian should **“not offend”** any other Christian when all of you are at different levels of **spiritual growth**. You should **all rejoice** at whatever growth level each of you have attained.

A State Of Mind

Salvation is a matter of how you think. **The two trees**, by their **fruit**, manifest whether you think like a human or understand **“spiritually.”** You will either **reveal the fruits of The Spirit** or **death**. What is **spiritual thinking**? In Isaiah 55:7-8, God says you must forsake the way of the wicked man and how he **thinks**. Then, God reveals, **“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.”** Receiving Salvation has to do with how you think. Salvation has nothing to do with what **“works”** you do.

After Adam and Eve were created, God told them they were to

rule the earth, be married for life and have children. Then, their children would leave and have their own home. Notice how little experience they had. Here is what *The Bible* reveals about their maturity, “**And they were both [Adam and Eve] naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed**” (Genesis 2:25).

Adam and Eve were totally innocent, like **little children**, even in understanding sex. When Satan met Eve, she only knew what God told them, which was to eat of any tree, but not **The Tree of Good and Evil**, because they would **die**. It is like telling a little child not to touch the proverbial **hot stove**. Physically, Adam and Eve were like **young adults**, but mentally, they thought like little children. When Satan approached her, he spoke with a lying tongue and was very **subtle** (John 8:44). This was the first and **biggest con** ever pulled upon **two human beings**. Read thoroughly Genesis 3:4-7. Here is what he did. Satan preached *The Gospel of Salvation* to her, but was telling her about **The Tree of Life**, not **The Tree of Good and Evil**.

Satan's “job,” before he fell and became “**the accuser**,” was to be a preaching cherub, a high angel next to God's “**throne**.” His name was “**Heyale**” and in Hebrew it means “**the morning star**” or “**bright sun**.” In The 4th Century A.D., a priest translated his name into the Latin, “**Lucifer – the light bringer**.” He should have announced the **true, real** Light Bringer, Jesus, The Christ. (Revelation 22:16)

Satan, in The Garden of Eden, was the first to preach *The Gospel* of God's “**kingdom**.” Notice what Eve said and what Satan said. First Satan asked Eve, “Did God tell you not to eat of every tree?” Then Eve said, “We can eat of all trees, but “**the tree**” in the middle of The Garden, we can't **touch** it or **eat** it because we will **die**.” Then Satan said, “You won't die.” Now, carefully lis-

ten to what Satan said next, “**For God knows that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods [like God], knowing good and evil.**” That is Salvation. When you eat of **The Tree of Life**, you “**spiritually**” grow to have God’s “**thoughts**” and, only then, will understand, how He thinks. You, then can become “**Sons of God.**” “Kind after kind.”

Satan did not tell Eve that eating of The Tree of Good and Evil would result in death. Wow! How subtle or deceptive can Satan be? Satan began explaining *The Gospel* as what God “**knows**” or “**thinks,**” but not what would happen to her when she ate from “**the wrong tree.**”

After Adam followed suit and ate (Genesis 3:7), what happened to the two of them? They both knew they were naked. Suddenly, they knew about sex. How did that occur?

In Genesis 3:11, after Adam told God he was **naked**, God inquired, “**Who told you that you were naked?**” In Hebrew, the word “**told**” means exactly that. God knew Adam had to be **taught** by someone to understand about sex. That is why Satan is called Baal, “the god of fertility,” in The Bible. What a con! It wasn’t “**the tree**” that spoke to Eve. Satan became the snake, **the subtle one**, who lied about “**the two trees**” and about sex. When one eats of either of the two trees – The Tree of Life or The Tree of Good and Evil – it will reveal the **type of fruit** (good or bad) **one will produce**. **The two trees** tell you, who you want to listen to and whose mind you have **faith** in and believe in – God’s “**words**” and The “**Mind of God**” or Satan’s “words,” the god of death. Adam and Eve had **free choice**, just as you have **free choice**. You are at liberty to choose – God’s “**mind**” or Satan’s “mind.” God’s “**Plan of Salvation**” is that you are to eat of **The Tree of Life** to receive God’s “**Holy Spirit**” and then, you will **eat every Word**.

CHAPTER 5

JACOB'S LADDER

Guess what The Tower of Babel was all about? Why would The Sumarians build “a tower” and why try to reach the heavens? In Psalm 24:1-10, The Psalmist begins by stating the earth is the Lord’s and all that dwell therein.

God made the earth and everyone in it. You belong to Him. Then, a challenge is presented, **“Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place”** (Psalm 24:3)? But, The Psalmist gives the conditions for **Salvation**, **“He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul [life] unto vanity [no profit], nor sworn deceitfully [lies]”** (Psalm 24:4). God proclaims His blessings, **“He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of His salvation”** (Psalm 24:5). If you yield yourselves to God, then God will make you **“righteous”** or **“perfect.”** God, then, bestows His **“Salvation”** upon you. If you yield in **faith** to God, you will ascend His **“hill,”** to His **“very throne.”** God gives you His **“grace”** and **“mercy”** by making you **“righteous”** or **“perfect”** and you have His **“guarantee”** you will receive **Salvation!** Wow! But, who receives this promise?

All Nations

In Acts 10:34-35, Peter describes who will be in God’s **“kingdom”** and will be accepted by Him, **“Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons. But in every nation he that feareth**

Him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him.”

Jacob's dream is frightening. It reveals a **ladder** starting on earth and ascending all the way to heaven. At the **top**, is a **gateway** that leads into God's "**house**," God's "**temple**." Ascending and descending the **ladder** are angels.

God, from "**the temple**," restates the promise He made to Abraham, The Abrahamic Covenant, to inherit the earth, as well as His promise that The Messiah will bless the world. Jacob is awestruck and utters these words, "**How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven**" (Genesis 28:17). The Tower of Babel is clearly defined here.

The Sumarian Ziggurats were "**temple hills**" or "**towers**," with a circular stairway or ladder ascending around it to the very top, where God's "**house**" or "**temple**" was. At the top of "**the hill**" or "**tower**," as Psalm 24 revealed, was a gate to God's "**house**." Now you know why The Sumerians built The Tower of Babel (Babylon). Something must have occurred which made God confuse their languages and divide the nations so they would stop building "**the tower**." More about **human imagination**, later.

When Jacob awoke, here is what he did, "**And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first**" (Genesis 28:18-19). "**Bethel**," in the Hebrew comes from "**Beth**" (house) and "**El**" (God). The House of God. The Sumerians knew The Plan of Salvation. After God divided the nations, every city had a Tower of Babel in the center, for worship. They knew The Truth of Jacob's Ladder, so each nation attempted to duplicate it.

Climbing Jacob's Ladder

Amazingly, God outlines each step of Jacob's "**ladder**" so you can enter God's "**house**" and receive The Grace of Salvation. In Romans 8:1-8, Paul reveals that The Law of The Spirit of Life is in Christ Jesus. Salvation is of Christ. Later, you will read Jacob's "**ladder**" was transferred to Christ's "**ladder**" when He came. Paul said, The Law of Moses was weak through the flesh. He declares that "**righteousness**" of The Law (no sin), is fulfilled "**in you**" by those who do not walk after the flesh, but after The Spirit. Paul, now, answers the question, "what is **spiritual growth**?" "**For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace**" (Romans 8:6). Salvation has everything to do with **what type of "mind" you have**. Salvation is not of The Law which was weak in the flesh. Romans 8:9 discloses, as long as you have a **fleshly mind, you cannot please God**. You must be "**spiritually minded.**" But, what is a **spiritual mind**? How does The Law of Christ give you a **spiritual mind**?

Spiritual Growth

Christians always speak of **spiritual growth**, but what does it mean to grow "**spiritually**" or have "**a spiritual mind**?" The very word, "**growth**," reveals "**it is a process.**" If it is a process, it requires **time** and **effort**. That is why Acts 10:35 states, "**God accepts those who work [labor] for righteousness.**" "**To labor**" demands "**time.**" What labor or hard labor does a Christian have to do so he/she can be accepted by God? The Scriptures will reveal the process to "**spiritual growth.**"

Proverbs 2:1-9 instructs you, that if you keep God's "**commandments**" in your heart and incline your ear (listen) unto wisdom and understanding, God will give you that **knowledge**. Read all

these verses and, ultimately, in Proverbs 2:9, Christians will understand “**righteousness**” and “**judgment**” (justice) and “**equity**” (fairness) and **every good path**. That is Jacob’s “**ladder**.” To attain the path to God’s “**house**,” His “**temple**,” you read in Proverbs 9:1, that wisdom has seven pillars or supports. To gain wisdom and understanding, one must ascend seven steps to come to God’s “**house**” and “**gate**.” Read about **the seven steps**.

In Proverbs 3:1-6, Solomon said if you will keep God’s “**commandments**,” you will have a long life with peace, but without Salvation. However, if you do not let “**mercy**” and “**truth**” forsake you, but in fact, bind them in your heart, you will find **favor** and **understanding** in the sight of God. By trusting or having **faith** in God with all your heart and not depending on your own understanding, God will direct your path. **Grace** and **truth** are primary to ascend Jacob’s “**ladder**.” If you keep **the faith** in God, then, you are guaranteed to ascend **The Ladder** or **Path** to God’s “**house**.” You must go step-by-step, ascending Jacob’s ladder, to gain Spiritual Growth.

Christ's And Jacob's Ladder

John 1:17 announces, “**For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**” The Law has no part of **grace** and **truth**. In fact, Exodus 23:21 reveals that the angel leading Israel in reference to The Keeping of The Law, will give **no mercy**! Every part must be kept **perfectly** or you will receive **a curse** or **penalty** (Galatians 3:10). No mercy can be given if you continue to believe you must keep The Law of Moses.

Only through Christ is “**mercy**” or “**grace**” given, as well as “**truth**.” Notice, in regard to *The Commandments*, Jesus said, “**So likewise you, when you shall have done all those things**

which are commanded you, say, we are unprofitable [useless] servants: we have done that which *was* our duty to do" (Luke 17:10). As stated in Proverbs, keeping *The Commandments* only gives you a **long life** and **peace**, but no **Salvation**. Salvation requires following The Spiritual Path which is **directed** by God to His "**house**." The Law is not destroyed or done away, but is given by a loving God for a good human life. The Law is to keep a society "**civil**" and will be used again in The Millenium.

Jesus, when He died for you, replaced Jacob or Israel to receive **grace** (mercy) and **truth**. In John 1:51, Jesus said, "**I say unto you, Hereafter you shall see heaven open [resurrection], and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.**"

When Jesus ascended to God after His "**resurrection**," The Disciples saw the angels ascending and descending upon Christ. Jesus replaces Jacob as The One responsible for climbing Jacob's "**ladder**." Now, Jesus is The One to bring you to Salvation leading up "**the ladder**" by God's "**mercy**" and "**grace**."

Fear And No Mercy

By keeping *The Old Covenant*, there was **no mercy** given when Israel sinned. A curse or judgment always followed. Why did The Letter of The Law receive no grace? In Deuteronomy 5:27, when God gave *The Ten Commandments* directly to Israel, they were scared to death. Here is what they told Moses in reference to God, "**Go you near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say: and speak unto us all that the Lord our God shall speak unto you; and we will hear *it*, and do *it***" (Deuteronomy 5:27). Here is God's "**answer**," "**And the Lord heard the voice of your words, when you spoke unto me; and the Lord said unto me,**

I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto you: they have well said all that they have spoken" (Deuteronomy 5:28).

God accepted Israel because they **feared** Him and He kept them as His people. Did God **accept** Israel, because of their **fear**? Acts 10:35 states that if any person **feared** God and worked to be "**righteous**," they would be accepted. This is exactly what Israel did.

"Fear of God" is the first step on The Ladder of Jacob (Israel). Why? Proverbs 9:10 declares **fear** is the **beginning of wisdom**. When one **fears**, one is willing to listen and be taught like a **little child**. **Fear** is the **first step** on Jacob's **"ladder."**

Notice what God said to Moses in Exodus 33:19, after He gave **mercy** to Moses and did not kill Israel after they had sinned, **"And he said, I [God] will make all my goodness pass before you [Moses], and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."** God was willing to show mercy to Moses, but not to Israel. Israel sinned, but they, also, feared God, which was the **first step** to **"Salvation."**

However, Israel will **receive no mercy** or **pardon** for breaking any part of The Law. That is why you have a Law in the first place. II Timothy 1:7-10 states The Law is made for an unrighteous person. That is why it is a human's duty to keep God's **"commandments,"** but will remain "useless" to God unless you keep climbing **"the ladder."**

Keeping The Law does not make you **righteous**. Matthew 5:48 states you have to be **perfect like God**. Anything less does not

bestow any Salvation.

Fear To Love

The first step for God to accept a person, is for you to have **fear** (Acts 10:35). Why fear? Because when one is afraid, one, generally, **listens** and **pays attention**. “**Fear**” in Greek, in Acts 10 is “**phobus**” or what is called “**a phobia**.” You may want to run away because you are **afraid**. That is how Israel felt when God gave them *The Ten Commandments*.

This type of fear, “**phobia**,” can be **real** or **false**. It can be like “being afraid in the dark,” when there may not be anything to fear. However, in I John 4:18, it states **perfect love** casts out fear. The word for “**love**” in this case is “**agapé**,” (willing to die for another). The word in I John 4:18 for “**fear**” is exactly the same as in Acts 10:35. It is “**a phobia**,” defined as “a fear which can be false.”

Then, John continues and relates that this kind of **fear** has **torment**. “**Torment**” in Greek is “**kolasis**” meaning “**overwhelming**.” This is the same **torment** when one is thrown into The Lake of Fire. Only agapé love conquers this type of **fear** which is very **tormenting**. This **love** is so strong one is willing to die, as Christ did, and, therefore, there is **no torment**. This type of person is **not a coward**.

The first step on Christ's “**ladder**” is **fear**, which eventually, leads to the top of the “**ladder**” – “**love**.” This is exactly what Jesus did for you. He loved you so much, He died for you, willingly and therefore, overcame **fear**. All Christians must do the same. That is why Romans 13:10 reveals that agapé love **fulfills The Law**. This kind of love doesn't allow you to commit **sin** because

of the **love** you have for God. It is **perfect love**. “Fear” is the **first step** to “**righteousness**” and “**love**” is the **final step** to God’s “**house**.”

In the parable of The Ten Talents, the person with one talent was **fearful** and buried his one **talent**. Why? Because he was afraid. That is why Israel obeyed God, out of **fear** and they were blinded by their **fear** (II Corinthians 3). They refused to climb Christ’s “**ladder**” out of **fear**. God made a decision He would only give **mercy** to those He chose to give **mercy** (Exodus 33). That is why Israel never received **mercy** or **grace** in The Keeping of The Law of Moses. **Grace** and **truth**, only came by Christ (John 1). You must be willing to **overcome** the **fear** of growing from – **fear** to **receive** God’s “**mercy**” which is the second step.

Christ's And Jacob's Ladder

The Seven Pillars or **supports** for you to reach (Proverbs 9:1):

- 1 Fear**
- 2 Mercy**
- 3 Wisdom**
- 4 Understanding**
- 5 Faith and Hope**
- 6 Judgment or Justice**
- 7 Love**

This completes Jacob's "**ladder**" which Christ completed through **grace** and **truth** (John 1:17). Now, you can understand what **spiritual growth** is. Each step you take is another "**talent**" God can give you. You are beginning to know God's "**way**." "**Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in *their* heart [fear and no love]; and they have not known my ways**" (Hebrews 3:10). *Hebrews* makes this statement as a warning to Christians so that they do not lose **faith** and, then, are denied entrance to God's "**rest**" or His "**house**." You must keep growing **spiritually** on each step of Jacob's "**ladder**" as fulfilled by Christ. You must learn God's "**way**" and take **each step to be able to follow The Right Path**.

CHAPTER 6

TORAH, THE WAY

There is a big difference between *The Torah* and The Law of Moses. The two are not the same. In Hebrew, the word “Torah” means “a learning or path or a way.” It comes from the root “to shoot an arrow.” You must hit the target of perfection which is Christ (Ephesians 4:10-13).

The Law was added to *The Torah* four hundred thirty years after Abraham (Galatians 3:17). Deuteronomy is the rewriting of The Law of Moses, *The Old Covenant*. It has nothing to do with **Salvation**, which is a **spiritual matter**.

Genesis 1 To 11

Adam and Eve did not **fall** in The Garden of Eden, they lost something. Christ said, “**He came to save that which was lost**” (Matthew 18:11). Adam and Eve lost **The Tree of Life** or **Salvation**. They decided to learn **good** and **evil** within their own human **minds** and **imaginations**.

God’s “**mind**” or **The Tree of Life**, is much more **superior** than the human mind with its imagination. Why? Because God created everything and knows how His “**creation**” should work. The best humanity can do is give a **guess**. Mankind has been guessing from the time of The Garden of Eden, to this present day. Science is still trying to **guess** why mankind is here. Humans can only learn by **observation** and **experimentation**. It is called **human**

imagination.

When you read The Book of Genesis, Chapters 1 to 11, you are reading “**the entire**” *Gospel*. The Sumerians built The Tower after the flood and started to worship the **creation** instead of **The Creator** (Romans 1). Babylon, The Great, started and has prevailed in human society ever since. Read the book *Satan's Image* to understand world history. Satan is, now, the god of this world until Christ comes to establish God's “**kingdom**.” Until then, Christians are to continue in faith growing **spiritually** to God's “**Holiness**” or “**goodness**.” You should have The Mind of Christ which is “**The Very Mind**” of God (Philippians 2:5).

The Tree of Life is God's “**mind**” and **The Tree of Good and Evil** is mankind's mind. How simple. God's “**mind**” gives **Salvation**, while the human mind gives **death**. That is why in II Timothy 1:7 it states, “**For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**”

The Greek for “**fear**” in this case is not “**phobus**,” but “**deilia**.” “**Deilia**” simply means “**cowardice**.” One who has “**deilia**,” is simply, “one with **no fortitude** or **character**.” They are just **cowards**.

God's “**Holy Spirit**” which is His “**love**” (agapé) is so **strong** it gives you **the power** so you can grow into a **sound mind**, God's “**mind**” (Romans 5:5). You are about to investigate why God wants you to grow **spiritually** up Jacob's “**ladder**” to Christ and God's “**love**” which is “**The Very Mind**” of God.

The Two Witnesses

The Tower of Babel is **the way** to God's “**house**” except for **one**

flaw. It is based upon **a lie.** “**Heylale**” in Isaiah 14 is the story of God’s “**cherub**” an “angel of high station.” In The 5th Century, a Catholic Priest translated “**Heylale**,” a Hebrew title, into Latin which was “**Lucifer**.” In Hebrew and Latin it means “**light bringer**” or “**day star**” which actually refers to Christ in Revelation 22.

Satan, the adversary to God’s “**way**” was the **cherub** whose job was to preach *The Gospel* of Christ. His problem was he wanted to be **like** God. He knew he couldn’t be **The One God Almighty**, but wanted to be **like** Him or be God’s “**Son**” and be, “**The Christ**.”

When he met Eve in The Garden, he acted like a poisonous snake, though, in reality, he was **a beautiful cherub** (Ezekiel 28:12-19). In John 8:44, Jesus said Satan was **a murderer and liar from the beginning.** He is **the father** of everyone who **follows him.** Notice what he told Eve in Genesis 3:1, “**Yea, hath God said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?**” Satan was certainly subtle and deceptive. He did not refer to **The Tree of Good and Evil**, but references all the trees. In Genesis 1:31, God said everything in His “**garden**” was very good, as well as **The Tree of Good and Evil.**

Satan’s lie wasn’t in regard to **The Tree of Good and Evil** that Eve referred to in her question. He lied to Eve and told **what God knew** and not about **The Tree of Good and Evil.** Satan was preaching *The Gospel* of **Salvation** concerning **The Tree of Life** (Genesis 3:5). Eve thought Satan was answering her question. **The Tree of Life** revealed God’s “**mind**” with its fruit (Galatians 5:22).

The Tree of Good and Evil reveals **human nature** and **man-kind’s mind.** God gives you **free choice** and both “**trees**” are

designed to **lead you to Christ** (Ephesians 4:11-13 and Philip-
pians 2:5). Once you come to Christ and have **His "mind,"** you,
also, have achieved a level of God's "**mind.**" Read the prophecy
in Isaiah 55:6-13.

Another Witness

After Israel and Judah refused to be God's "**two witnesses,**" they
went into captivity. Judah, after seventy years, returns to Jerusa-
lem to rebuild "**the temple,**" but these were to be **troublesome**
times until Christ came to restore proper "**temple**" worship. Read
The Book of Malachi. The Jews rejected Jesus and here is what
God said in Isaiah 55:5, "**Behold, you shall call a nation that you**
know not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto you
because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel
[Christ]; **for he has glorified you.**"

Before Christ was to be crucified, His own people, The Jews, re-
jected Him. Here is what He said in Matthew 21:43, "**Therefore**
say I unto you [Jews], The Kingdom of God shall be taken from
you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof."
What "**fruits?**" This is the exact same prophecy Isaiah made.
These "**fruits**" are from **The Tree of Life**. The "**fruits**" are listed
in Galatians 5:22. How are these "**fruits**" produced? This is what
Salvation is about.

God's "**thoughts,**" His "**mind**" is **not** like mankind's. His "**mind**"
is far superior than any "**human mind.**" Read what God said the
difference is in Isaiah 55.11, "**So shall my word be that goeth**
forth out of my mouth: it shall not return to me void, but it
shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper [suc-
ceed] in the thing whereto I sent it." That is an absolute **guar-**
antee. What a **loving Father!**

Two New Witnesses

Romans 11 covers Israel's loss of God's "**Holy Spirit**" which was an "**olive tree**." This "**olive tree**" represents God's "**Holy Spirit**" from **The Tree of Life**. Zechariah 4 speaks of God's "**two olive trees**," which were Israel and Judah. They light the candlestick in The Holy Place, which in Hebrew is "**The Menorah**." The candlestick becomes God's "**two witnesses**" to the world. They are to be "**the light to the world**." God replaces Israel and Judah with **The Gentiles**, **The Wild Olive Tree**, The God-fearers (Romans 11). The Wild Olive Trees are grafted into "**the natural olive tree**," God's "**Holy Spirit**" and replaces Israel who is cut off. Israel will be grafted later, into **The Tree of Life**. Only a **remnant** of Israel is to remain as God's "**witnesses**." Now, only The Remnant of Israel and The Gentiles are God's "**two witnesses**."

By the end of "**the first century**," Revelation 11 represents **The Seven Churches** as **The Candlestick** or **Menorah** (according to Revelation 1). Also, Revelation 14 reveals 144,000 of The Tribes of Israel are **The Second Witnesses** of God. Now, The Church of God and The 144,000 Israelites become His "**two witnesses**" until **The Time of The Second Coming of Christ**. Some must go through **The Great Tribulation**. The Remnant of Israel and The Church of God are represented "**in type**" as God's "**witnesses**" right up to **The Return of The Messiah** (Revelation 2 and 3).

Why Two Witnesses?

It is important to know why God wants "**two witnesses**." Christ is called **The First Faithful Witness** (Revelation 1:5). The Law demands two or three witnesses for anyone to be found **guilty** in a Court of Law. Christ is **The First Witness**. Israel (remnant, 144,000) and The Church of God, compose "**the second two wit-**

nesses.” That makes “**three witnesses**” completing The Law to establish the guilt of mankind.

Always remember, “**a law**” is for “**the guilty**.” Where no law is imputed, there is **no sin** or **guilt** (Romans 5). That is why The Law can give **no mercy** because “**a law**” is for **unrepentant criminals** (Romans 5 and I Timothy 1:7-10). Christians and some Israelites are God’s “**witnesses**” against **the world’s sins** in The Great White Throne Judgment along with Jesus, who was “**the first witness**.” Now, this makes “**three witnesses**” in God’s “**final condemnation**” of the world in God’s “**court**.” God is **always “a just” Judge**. It is part of God’s “**very mind**,” as you prove over and over again, when you read *The Bible*.

Who will be The Bride of Christ?

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| 1st Witness | Jesus (Firstfruit). |
| 2nd Witness | 144,000 remnant are Messianic Jews who become Christians and Church of God, The Seven Churches of Revelation (First resurrection). |
| 3rd Witness | In The Millennium The Twelve Tribes of Israel will repent (Last resurrection). |

The Holy Spirit

In The White Throne Judgment, it isn’t **sin** which makes a person **guilty**, since “**all**” **have sinned** (Romans 5), but what makes one guilty is to **blaspheme** God’s “**Holy Spirit**” (Matthew 12). That is what makes you responsible to go into **Gehenna** (Matthew 12).

All **confess**, the whole world acknowledges Jesus is Lord (Philippians 2) and throw themselves upon the **mercy** of the **court**. When you do acknowledge your sins and repent, you will not only **judge the world, but will also, judge angels** (I Corinthians 6). Wow! That is why Christians, through Christ, are also The Light of The World.

CHAPTER 7

SIN AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

You have read there are two definitions for “sin” in *The Bible*. One is by breaking The Law of Moses, which was *The Old Covenant* (I John 3:4). The second is far more significant because *The Old Covenant* had a weakness which was human nature or the flesh.

The second definition for sin is “one must be striving to become ‘perfect’ and Holy like God and Christ” (Matthew 5:48 and Ephesians 4:11-13). All unrighteousness is sin. The second definition in I John 5:17 “has to do with Salvation.” This is *The New Covenant*.

Back To The Trees

It is amazing that you can discern “the mystery” of “the two trees” in The Garden of Eden. Both are **good trees** as Genesis 1:31 reveals. **The Tree of Life** discloses God’s “very mind” by God’s “Holy Spirit.” By “grace,” God by His “Holy Spirit,” grants you a **new mind** which keeps God’s “law” in your heart and mind. This is *The New Covenant*.

The Tree of Good and Evil is **human nature** or **human imagination**, which, only, allows you to guess what is “good” or “evil.” It, therefore, requires The Law of Moses, *The Old Covenant*, to discern “right” from “wrong.” It can only produce **death** because

of **the flesh**. You are ready to address The Spirit of The Law, *The New Covenant* and The Letter of The Law, *The Old Covenant*. Both Laws are “**Holy**,” “**just**” and “**good**,” but one is made for **unconverted criminals** and the other is made for **God-fearers** who are **converted**.

God-fearers And Saints

Churches do not make **saints**. Only God can make a **saint**. “A saint” in Greek is “**Hagios**” or “**Holy One**.” One who is Holy is “**righteous**.” Read the book, *History Of God's Law*, for a complete explanation. A saint is one who is **growing to have** “**The Very Mind**” of God by God’s “**love**” through His Holy Spirit (II Timothy 1:7 and Romans 5:5).

God-fearers are those who take the first step to **Salvation**. God-fearers come to God because they are either fearful of **death** or knowing they have to go through the torture of burning in hell. Therefore, they **fear God** and His “**wrath**.” They, also, know they must seek to be “**righteous**.” Their way of life has proven **false** and they realize **a change of life**, (the way they think), needs to take place. This is called “**repentance**” “**a complete change of mind**” which is defined from Greek.

God-fearers may begin changing by keeping The Letter of The Law, The Law of Moses or *The Old Covenant*. This covenant is only a type or **witness** of righteousness and does **not change** your heart and mind (Hebrews 3).

Others, as God-fearers, come right to **repentance** and receive God’s “**Holy Spirit**” as Cornelius, The Gentile Centurion (Acts 10). Israel represents a type of a God-fearer who was to be led to Christ by The Law (Galatians 3). Only **a remnant** of Israel

can come to heartfelt repentance (Romans 11). All Israel corporately will be saved later, mainly during The Millennium (Isaiah 60-66).

The **faithful** are on **The Path** or **Way to Salvation**. The God-fearers are beginning to ascend the ladder. The faithful are near the top, while “the saints” have reached the very top.

Witness

A witness, like Israel, is one being brought to **repentance** by The Letter of The Law. Paul was a good **example** of “**a witness**” of God. Taught by Gamaliel in The Letter of The Law, Paul thought he could be **righteous** by *The Old Covenant*, which was “**life**,” but instead, was death (Romans 5:20-21). When Christ struck Paul down and blinded him, Paul understood his **folly** and repented, being baptized and, then, was used by God, as The Apostle to The Gentiles (Acts 9).

God calls you when you realize you need to change. God does not expect you to do what you **cannot do**. He, therefore, keeps you **spiritually blind** (John 9:41). When you, of your own choice, **seek** God, then, He responds because you seek change. As long as you seek God in **faith**, God works with you to **grow in truth (reality)**. Salvation is **a matter of growing** from your “**way of thinking**” to God’s “**way of thinking**.” That is having God’s “**very mind**” (Isaiah 55). God changes you **spiritually** by His “**Holy Spirit**,” for He is **All In All** (I Corinthians 15:28).

You must continue growing spiritually in **faith** and God will see that you grow from **a witness** to a God-fearer, to the **faithful** and ultimately, a **saint**. Saints, are those who climb Jacob’s “**ladder**” (Genesis 28), from **fear** to **mercy, wisdom, understanding** which

gives **faith** and **hope**, to **judgment** or **justice** and, ultimately, **love** (agapé). Christ completed Jacob's "**ladder**" to "**love**" (John 1:17 and 51). **Love** fulfills The Law (Romans 13:10), by **God's "mind"** – "**in you,**" so He can be **All In All** (I Corinthians 15:28).

Bride Of Christ

If you are in The Church of God, how sure are you, that you will be **The Bride of Christ**? The Bride of Christ will be in The First Resurrection. Are you sure you will be in The First Resurrection? Here are the requirements to be Christ's "**bride.**"

The Bride of Christ must be clothed in righteousness, in order to be **His "wife"** (Revelation 19:7-8). That is God's "**will**" or desire for you. However, only those who attain **righteousness** (God's "**righteousness**") will be in The First Resurrection. You must **mature** to The Stature of Christ (Ephesians 4:13). Jesus will not marry a woman who does not **love** Him like He loves her, as when He gave His life. God, The Father, will not allow His Son to return for His "**wife**" until she is worthy (Revelation 19:7). If you do not climb "**spiritually**" ("Jacob's **ladder**") to have Christ's "**love,**" you will not be in The First Resurrection. That is what the parable of The Ten Virgins is all about. Only half are wise, who keep growing **spiritually** (Matthew 25).

By Works

Salvation is a **gift** to the world, but what you will be accomplishing in The Resurrection is a **matter of works** (Revelation 22:12). Those not spiritually grown will be in The Second Resurrection. Read John 5.

In The Second Resurrection you will be either sheep or goats. The

sheep enter God's "**kingdom**" as guests to The Wedding. Forever a bridesmaid, but never a bride. Those of Sodom and Gomorrah or The Queen of Sheba, can be in this group. Even those of Nineveh (Matthew 12:40-42). They are "**the saved**" of the nations in Revelation 21:24. They can keep growing "**spiritually**" by eating of **The Tree of Life**.

Those who denied God's "**Holy Spirit**" or rejected it, which is **the unpardonable sin**, shall be thrown into The Lake of Fire (Matthew 12:31-32). When they come out of The Lake of Fire and try to enter **The Wedding Feast of The Bride**, they are thrown out into **outer darkness forever** or "**ages and ages**" (Matthew 22:13).

In the parable of The Talents, what God gives to each person determines their **reward**. The Bride, as "**the wife**" who is "**worthy in righteousness**" as **the saints** receive their reward in The First Resurrection. "**The faithful**" are the nations who are **saved** and continue growing **spiritually** by eating of The Tree of Life.

Those **left out** or **without the city**, are those in **outer darkness**, in **torment**, wailing and crying that they forsook God's "**Holy Spirit**." They must keep eating of "**the therapeutic leaves**" flowing down **the river of life** in order to grow spiritually.

Back To The Tree Of Life

As you have seen, **Salvation** began in The Garden of Eden with **The Tree of Life** (Genesis 1-3). Now, you are at the end of The History or Plan of God's "**Salvation**." In The New Heaven and The New Earth, God creates the universal **paradise** (Romans 8:18-23). In Greek, the word "**new**" means "**qualitatively superior**" or "**better**." No more crying, pain or death. Only everlasting **joy** and **paradise**. Only **The Tree of Life** is there, no **Tree of Good**

and Evil.

When you have made your **free choice** to grow spiritually, as God will keep creating you, you must never stop growing spiritually, in God's "**glory**" or goodness. You have seen and read about God's "**glory**" and this includes the entire **creation** or **universe**.

What will you be doing **eternally**? You will continue "**growing**" with God, as your **Great King** and Jesus, as King of Kings with His Bride producing **spiritual growth** in all the universe to be "**The Sons**" of God (Revelation 21:7). How wonderful is your God? God is full of **goodness** (Matthew 19) and agapé love (I John 4:8). What and who is your God? Are you **guilty** of **idolatry** and worshipping a god who is less than **goodness** and **love**? Any god you may believe in, must be **total goodness** with **supreme love** (agapé). *God's Plan of Salvation* ends with the **greatest gift** from God (I Corinthians 13:1-13).

No matter what **gifts** God gives you, there is **no gift greater than "agapé love."** Anything less is not The True God! The Law is "**Holy,**" "**just**" and "**good.**" Wisdom, faith, understanding and martyrdom are all well and good, but if you lack agapé love, you have "**nothing.**" If your idea of God is less than **agapé love** or **complete goodness**, it is not from **The True God**. Any Bible Study which demeans God to something less, makes you guilty of idolatry or covetousness (Colossians 3:5). Study His "**words**" through the eyes and mind of your God and His "**Son,**" Jesus (Philippians 2:5). To be on the road to perfection, understand in your heart and mind, "**And above all these things put on charity [love], which is the bond [glue] of perfection**" (Colossians 3:14). You must analyze your own life and find where you are on the ladder that will bring you to the top step of "love" to meet Christ in The First Resurrection and receive your prize of "**life**" **eternal**.

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