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PREFACE

Some of the most misquoted verses concern The Parable of The Ten Talents (Matthew 25:14-30). *Misused verses* have a greater connotation than *misunderstood verses*. “*Misunderstood*” is defined as “*not knowing what one has.*” “*A talent,*” in *Biblical* times, “*was currency*” or “*money.*” The difference between misused and misunderstood can be quite different. *A misunderstood* use of a talent is when a person has money and does not believe they have to keep track of it. Some just bury it in an attempt to keep it safe. *A misused* talent is taking something of value and just using it for selfish reasons. What is the parable really trying to teach? This difference will be gone through in this book.

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INTRODUCTION

When you bury a talent there is no way it can grow. In this contemporary world, you may cause more havoc than you may realize. If your one talent is to try to convince others to give you their money for you to invest, you may be in deeper than you think. You have sold your one talent as if it was worth millions of talents. It is called *a ponzi scheme* and should be illegal. And the one running the scheme should be put in jail.

Is your one talent really that valuable you can expect others to invest their savings in it? Ridiculous! What was your Savior trying to tell you to do with your one talent?

WISE OR NOT

Read the lesson of *the faithful servant* and *the unfaithful servant* to learn what The Ten Talent Parable really teaches. Thoroughly read Matthew 24:45-51. The subject is the difference between *a wise servant* and *an unwise servant*. Misusing a talent of money is evil and rather than increasing your talents, you lose what was initially given to you. It states the unwise servant will receive a severe penalty, “*The lord of that servant [The Christians and The Messianic Jews] shall come in a day when he looks not for him and in an hour that he is not aware of. And shall cut him asunder [destroyed] and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites [actors]: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth*” (Matthew 24:50-51).

The unwise servant knew the talent was extremely valuable. You may know you have that talent but

when you never use it, nothing comes of it. You even tell others to do the same and store their talents as a collector of rare items or coins. Of course, rare coins increase in value. Now, notice what the wise and faithful servants do with their talent. They take the talent of money and invest it so it can increase in value. Or, they use the talent (ability) to “increase their employment possibilities.” God is always profit oriented. God is a Creator and, therefore, fruitful and continually increasing.

God, from within Himself, has created an entire universe to share with His Sons. He wants all His servants to be creative and profitable. God will reward the wise servants, “*Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord has made ruler [nobility] over his household to give them meat [food] in due season?*” (Matthew 24:45).

This is how you know the context of the ten talents. Any new spiritual gift (of great value) God gives you, He will demand you make a profit from it and not hide it. *The wise take this doctrinal teaching* and will try to make it of greater value. The one talent becomes of greater honor and use. In The Parable of The Talent, you will find the wise get the same reward (Matthew 25:21).

GOD’S TALENTS

What type of talents does God give His servants who are faithful? You will begin to learn what gifts (talents) God gives to His faithful saints in this book (Ephesians 1:1-3).

CHAPTER 1

WHAT ARE GOD'S TALENTS?

God views His creation, the universe and everything in it as “*corruptible.*” Without God, as some Scientists attest to, there is no purpose for it all. The chaos in the beginning, when the world was without form and filled with darkness, needed a lot of creative work, and only, God, The Creator, had the power to do the creating.

PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL

Your physical universe and the earth has valuable assets which the world values and needs. These assets need to be utilized by mankind so they can survive. *Survival of the fittest* is the motto of the majority in this world. God's predestinated purpose is for mankind to become Sons of God in His “*image.*” God wants to reproduce you in His “*image.*”

The physical creation is the womb for maturation and growth so the human embryos can be born as Sons of God. In fact, “*the entire creation moans as a woman in labor,*” waiting for that time. As the baby in her body matures she has false labor from time to time. (Read Isaiah 66 and request the free book, *The End Is The Beginning*), “*For we know that the whole creation [universe] groans and travails in pain together until now*”

(Romans 8:22).

Paul's words clearly describe this physical creation as *temporary*, waiting for its change. The *physical* is only a type of *the future*, which will be changed to *spiritual*. The New Heavens and The New Earth are of "*a spiritual dimension*" and not physical. By observing your physical universe you can see who and what The Creator of everything and everyone is (Romans 1:20). By studying the creation with your five senses you can observe and come to understand The One True God. Humans call this discipline – Science. (Request the free book, *God's Science Vs. Human Science*). There is a great difference between Science and The True Science of God.

TALENTS AND ASSETS

The Parable of The Ten Talents refers to money. A talent, in the time of Jesus and The Apostles, was like having a \$1,000 bill. To some, "*money*," called "*mammon*," is mankind's "*god*." With enough money one can purchase all the needs and wants a person desires.

"*Desire*" for things may become a "*god*" to you. Money, as mammon, gets everything in this world you may want (Proverbs 18). But, *needs* and *wants* have two different motives. "*Needs*" are essential to live and exist. "*Wants*" are what is most important to you, first and foremost. The Apostle explained, "*Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content*" (Philippians 4:11).

It is not a sin or wrong to be physically blessed but the point Paul made was whatever state God allows you to be in – you should be content (Philippians 4:12). That is it!

Paul reminds you that God does all things through Christ (Philippians 4:13). You are to do the same and not desire and want physical things more than God and Christ.

HEAVENLY BLESSINGS

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ” (Ephesians 1:3). This sums it up quite well.

The Parable of The Ten Talents is a type of what is valuable to both The Christians and The Messianic Jews. Physical money, which can buy many things is only *“a likeness to human desires”* as opposed *“to spiritual wants and desires.”*

God’s assets are *“eternal.”* They do not perish or change. God is always the same yesterday, today and forever. He is, eternally, good and loving. Only His desires are what is important and *“eternal”* because of His ever loving nature and goodness. It is all that is useful and profitable.

WE ALL RENT

Whether you are poor or wealthy, in the end, you have

nothing. Jesus gave you excellent advice. He said, “*The flesh profits nothings: the words that I speak to you, they are spirit and they are life* [your flesh, your human existence, is of no profit because nothing physical can last]” (John 6:63). **Everything you have in this human life is useless. You are only renting what you have and use.**

Your children, parents, grandparents and even you come to the same end – death. All are appointed once to die (Hebrews 9:27). **Do you get it? Everything in physical life perishes and you are only renting a chance to live this life.**

SPIRITUAL TALENTS

Jesus simply told you “*flesh is flesh*” and “*Spirit is spirit*” (John 3:6). What is the difference? One is *temporary* and the other is *eternal*. This cannot be any plainer or any easier to understand. Why do you desire this physical life and, especially, what you love so strongly? It is all about *pain* and *suffering*. Without pain or suffering, you do not understand something is wrong, “*Sin misses the mark of Salvation.*” When you sin, physically, and feel the pain, you should analyze the cause. If your pain is caused by what you did, it will, ultimately, occur to you that you are foolish. The *inevitable is inevitable*. Why is it a surprise to you and why do you feel like a victim? Or, worse yet, make yourself into a victim by saying, others are the cause of your troubles. Too many seem to look in the mirror.

As painful as it is, because of your love for your par-

ents, their death is not a surprise, especially if they are elderly. You, finally, accept it. Should your children die before you, it can be devastating because parents anticipate dying first. Still, you know they can die, which is why you care for them so, diligently, while they are young.

There is no promise that your parents will die before you. In either case, the pain and loss is horrendous. Ultimately, knowing better, you accept the reality of their death and always live with their memory. Love is love, but what type of “*love*” is first, and foremost?

The greatest Commandment is very simple, “*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart [desires] and with all your soul [life] and with all your might*” (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). Jesus said the same in Mark 12:29-31. You are only to love humans as you love yourself. If you love yourself first, and foremost, then, God is second. Suffering the pain of those you love must always be secondary to God or you love yourself more than God.

God’s talents are not physical, but are to be used so you can become like Him. The key is, to become like God (Genesis 1:26). God’s talents are given by God’s Holy Spirit, which is His power, love and sound mind. *Spiritual talents* are not *temporary* as human existence is, but are eternal, and, therefore, worth much more. Any truth or doctrinal fact is always more than initially understood. Doctrine is just part of a whole as The Apostle Paul said (I Corinthians 13:9).

To bury your God-given *talents of truth* as if they are all you do, as Christians and, then, insist others follow your teachings, is not wise. The wise continue to grow in every *new truth* until they begin to live by every Word of God from The Alpha to The Omega.

CHAPTER 2

DOCTRINE IS ORGANIC

“Doctrines” are “organic” like The Tree of Life. They are eternal and never cease. To be in The Image of God means you have grown and are able to do greater and greater works. “God is love” and He will never fail you. It is the one gift from God which is eternal (I Corinthians 13:8).

THREE GREATEST GIFTS

Paul concludes and makes a startling claim, *“And now abides faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity [love]”* (I Corinthians 13:13). Once you have the love of God, *“giving – never ends.”* It is the rock, the foundation of *“ever-giving”* eternally. The more one gives, the more one loves, the more one is loved.

Faith is a growing entity. Love builds *faith*, which is *trust* and is, therefore, substantial. Substance is real and grows eternally, as well. Hope is, therefore, predicated upon reality because *a living faith* is always assured to exist. Discovering new challenges and becoming more professional in them, allows your talents to continually grow. You, then, are producing fruit which is profitable for everyone. That is why Jesus likened humans, who are growing, to a tree producing

good fruits for everyone. God is extremely *profit oriented*. Getting rich by doing “*good*” has no limits in God’s eyes. All God wants of you is for your works to prosper and not harm anyone. Taking other people’s wealth is a crime and should be punishable by death. Pleasure should come from growing and doing more good works, as long as you live. The ultimate joy is sharing your good works with others. Being able to give employment makes the employees and employers happy. Especially if the employees are honest and good workers.

Scripturally, you are learning what real life is all about. People who do not produce anything of value tend to become depressed and feel useless. An unproductive life is not much of a life. To be conscious and aware that individual exists, yet produces nothing, does not give that person much of a reason for existing. All kinds of psychosis occur and form fantasies. Those fantasies become realities, which leads to a lot of *nothingness*.

SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Job hated the day of his birth. He lost everything he had and was only left with pain and suffering. His quality of life was gone. There was no reason to live. Rather than repenting, he felt he had become a victim and felt abused. He was self-righteous and only saw things his way. It was his way or no way. Job, finally, repented and was again productive and blessed.

When a minister or a person demands everyone should

think and believe like they do – those individuals in power are dogmatic and dictatorial. Personal desires of others are superseded by the minister's desires and the people must be as he thinks they should be. Removing a person's freedom will stop their growth. What do you think happens to them, especially when they find *Scriptures* that are possibly being revealed to them? They become slaves. It is worse than personal self-righteousness and actually impacts others to become depressed. It also can be so frustrating for them when they may feel they have proof (through *Scripture*) that the minister does not know the other *Scripture* he should be teaching. Burying a talent can be extremely destructive for you and upsetting for your family. A minister may use his authority (which he does not have) to keep an individual from wanting to learn more of God's word to grow in "grace" and "knowledge." Each Christian should be eager to learn and should never be stifled by a minister. God will only teach knowledge if you are like little babies who are willing to be taught (Isaiah 28). If you are not teachable, God leaves you alone until you cry out, as a baby, for help. When babies are hungry, they cry and when they get wet, they scream. When you refuse help and think you can do it on your own you are *self-right*, but not necessarily *correct* or *right*. The stronger you insist upon your righteousness, the more you refuse to learn. Ministers and preachers will have to answer for the stopping of your growth.

In Hebrew and Greek the meaning of "*doctrine*" is "*a teaching*." It is only *part of a whole*, but not *the complete truth*. A doctrine does not grow as an organic

plant or as a tree which cannot produce fruit. Jesus said a tree either produces *good fruit* or *bad fruit*.

GROWING DOCTRINE

Doctrine is organic. If the truth you have found by God's Holy Spirit produces no change with no fruit you have buried your talent. A doctrine which grows greater and is fruitful, will be one that everyone will want to eat from (or benefit from the fruit).

Daniel prophesied King Nebuchadnezzar's government being a great tree which produces abundant fruit. Its fruit captured the attention of many birds. This great variety of birds came because *the king's kingdom* was a land of plenty. A doctrine must produce some fruit for everyone and grow without competition (war). A good tree always grows fruit or no one is interested. Note, it goes without saying that the beautiful flowers on trees, draw great admiration. At times, someone follows a doctrine which is not productive and blames others should it fail. That person becomes a thief or a con and often takes what belongs to others. Sometimes they feel they have always worked so hard and deserve or have a right to take from others. The truth is, you may have worked hard, but you have not been profitable and produced any good or worthwhile fruit.

Jesus told you that He, as a human, could do nothing of Himself (John 5:19). It was only God who did the works "*In Him*" by The Father's Holy Spirit. How simple. God is The Only One who knows how to build

all things (Hebrews 3:4) and, obviously, knows what is good and the only right way. This is what The Parable of The Ten Talents is all about. It is only God who always has supreme success. Humans will have failure after failure and be ready to blame others as the reason they failed.

ETERNAL TALENTS

“*Talents*” as “*money*” represent riches. Most of what mankind desires should not be physical, but *spiritual*. *Physical talents*, only last during a person’s lifetime. *Spiritual talents* are the true wealth and are Eternal.

Doctrines are teachings which can be either *physical* or *spiritual*. Jesus foretold the day would come when God will be worshipped, not in *physical temples*, but in *The Spiritual Temple* (John 4:22-23). Why? God is a *Spirit* and wants to be worshipped, *spiritually*.

Once Herod’s temple was destroyed in 70 A.D. no physical temple replaced it. How come? God’s temple is now *a spiritual temple* (I Corinthians 3:16). *A spiritual temple* cannot be made from human works but through spiritual works by God, Himself. This *spiritual temple* is composed, only, of spiritual matter. No physical matter is involved. “*Spiritual material*” is defined as “*produced by God’s Holy Spirit.*”

God’s Holy Spirit contains His power, love and sound mind (II Timothy 1:7). God is reproducing Himself and His Holy Spirit is the seed which makes it happen. It is just like a male who marries a woman and gener-

ates a child. A child can only come from the father's seed and not the mother. That is why Jesus was God's First Begotten Son and, therefore, the foundational cornerstone (rock) that the builders (Israel) rejected. The woman's womb provides the nourishment for the fetus whose life is to come from the man when full maturity transpires.

Doctrine or God's teachings are organic and ever growing to fit The Spiritual Temple of God and "house" where God will dwell. Spiritual growth can only continue to grow, eternally, or the building is not God's work.

CHAPTER 3

GOD'S TEMPLE SUPPORTS

The Temple of God, like Solomon's and Herod's Temple, had two columns standing on each side. When individuals entered the first sanctuary, they immediately saw these two columns. It was known as The Holy Place. The second sanctuary was called The Holy of Holies. This was where The Mercy Seat was placed that contained *The Ten Commandments*.

All the services held were divine and in a worldly sanctuary (Hebrews 9:1). They were Holy *works* testifying or witnessing The Works of God. The two columns were supports to these divine services. Each column had a name. One was called Jachin and the other was Boaz.

These two columns represented:

- 1) Jachin – Jacob as Israel
- 2) Boaz – Israel and Ruth (a Gentile)

These two columns consisted of believers or followers supporting those divine services. They were the supports helping The Works of *The Law of Moses*. That is why there were two courts in *the temple* for wor-

ship. One was for Israel and the other for circumcised Gentiles. This temple included the whole world as a place of prayer. But, as always with free choice a Gentile had to be circumcised to enter the court in The Temple.

SUPPORTS AND WITNESSES

“Support” or supports are symbols representing the witnesses of God. When Jesus was rejected by Judah there had to be a change, *“Did you never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner [beginning]: This is the Lord’s doing and it is marvelous in our eyes? Therefore say I to you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof”* (Matthew 21:42-43). Who is this nation? God’s temple will disclose the wise virgins who are growing in talents and the unwise virgins who bury their talents. In human life, money buys the necessities of life. In The Kingdom of God *spiritual talents* buy Eternal Life. Both have to do with God’s *temple*. *The temples* will be built by man and, then, a spiritual temple will be built by God. As Christ said, it is of The Lord’s *doing*. In each *temple* the supports or columns are represented by *the followers* and *the witnesses*.

GOD’S NATION

Who comprises this new nation which brings forth the fruit? It has to do with a new temple not built by man but built by God, *“For every house is built by*

some man; but he that built all things is God" (Hebrews 3:4). Those two humans (Moses and Jesus) built God's temple (Moses' temple was physical while Jesus's temple was spiritual). Even though Jesus, The High Priest and Moses were both faithful, it is God, Himself who builds all things.

Behind every temple and its construction built by man there is, only, God who is doing the work. You are about to discover God's *spiritual temple* gives you the solution to The Parable of The Talents. In every temple, Christ is the cornerstone or the first rock to be laid, "*Know you not that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you*" (I Corinthians 3:16). This new nation which will bear fruit has everything to do with *God's spiritual temple*. That is why Christ told you the construction is done by God's Holy Spirit. His Holy Spirit is God's *very power, love and sound mind* (II Timothy 1:7). Christ is *the foundational stone* (corner rock) and the building contains Christians (I Corinthians 3:11).

It is God, however, who always does the work. Jesus, The Son of Man, could do nothing of Himself (John 5:19). It was God doing the work, as Christ said, when you believe "*In Him.*" You need to have a little insight as to why God does the work. Have you ever had a good-hearted person wanting to help you with a project you were working on? By the time that person asks dozens of questions about where the tools are or how you want it done, you wish you could have done it yourself. Why? Because you know exactly how it should be done, you know where everything

is and you know how to do each task faster. You can understand why God is a master builder. Who else could create the universe and every person who has ever lived? *“This is the work of God, that you believe on him whom he has sent”* (John 6:29). Your Savior, without doubt, tells you it is God doing the work and not through any power Christ had of Himself. Only God builds all things.

PETER'S KEY

“And I say also to you, That you are Peter [small stone] and upon this rock [cornerstone] I will build my church; and the gates of hell [grave] shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). God's church is built upon the foundation of Christ as the corner rock (stone), but it is God who builds all things. The Church of God and The Temple of God will not go into The Lake of Fire.

Peter has been given the keys to God's Kingdom which is Christ, The Son of God, The Savior (Matthew 16:19). Jesus said, *“And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”* (Matthew 16:16). Christ told Peter it was His Father who disclosed this truth to Peter. He did not learn it from any man (Matthew 16:17). Christ includes James and John who, also saw Christ through a vision in His glory with Moses and Elijah in God's Kingdom (Matthew 17). Of course, God includes, Christ along with The Apostles who are sent from Him.

Christ is The Chief Cornerstone while Christians are the lively stones, *“But you are a chosen generation, a*

royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of him who has called you out of darkness [Babylon] into his marvelous light” (I Peter 2:9). There is your *scriptural* answer. The nation who bears the fruit (talents, wealth) are those who faithfully obey every Word of God. They, with “*Christ – In Them,*” live every Word of God in *faith*. That is why Paul wrote, “*The just shall live by faith*” (Romans 1:17).

JAMES AND CHRIST

Christ and His brother **James** were the two columns replacing Jachin and Boaz in The Temple of God. James, The Just, before being rejected and killed like his brother, Jesus, were pillars in **God’s new Spiritual Temple**. James became The First Bishop or overseer of The Church of God in Jerusalem. James directed the conference in Acts 15 concerning The Gentiles requirement of *circumcision* and The Keeping of *The Law of Moses* in The Churches of God. The converted Pharisees were attempting to convince Gentiles to be under *The Old Covenant* requiring The Works of *The Law*. Everyone knows the conclusion. Since Gentiles had already received God’s Holy Spirit, without *circumcision* or keeping God’s *Law*, under *The New Covenant*, **it was not necessary for them to keep The Letter of The Law**. Gentiles kept *The Law* by *The Law* Being “In Them” because they loved God (Romans 13:10).

At that time, The Churches of God had two types of God’s people. There were The Messianic Jews that accepted Jesus who had God’s Holy Spirit, as well as,

Gentiles who were called Christians in Antioch and had God's Holy Spirit. It is God's Holy Spirit which dwells "*In Them*" and makes the lively stones as God's *spiritual temple* built by The Lord.

The Gentiles do not have to follow The Works of *The Law* because the works they have is in their heart and mind, "*That you abstain from meats [food] offered to idols and from blood and from things strangled [dead] and from fornication: from which if you keep yourselves, you shall do well. Fare you well*" (Acts 15:29).

How can you be certain "*no other works*" were necessary for The Gentiles who had God's Holy Spirit? Remember they had attended synagogues where *The Torah Law* was taught.

In his letter, James made it clear, "*Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain [men] which went out from us have troubled you with words [preaching], subverting your souls [lives], saying, You must be circumcised and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment*" (Acts 15:24). All this means is The Gentiles are in *The New Covenant* and not *The Old Covenant*. Now, should any Gentile want to go to The Temple, they had to be circumcised – but it was their choice. Cannot be clearer!

Christ was resurrected and sits at God's right hand as Melchizedek. James, The Just was murdered by The Jewish Terrorists and new pillars were required to build God's *spiritual temple*.

CHAPTER 4

THE WISE AND THE UNWISE

Paul discussed The Gentiles and The Keeping of *The Law* (Galatians 2:9). He went to James, Cephas (Peter) and John because he thought they were pillars in God's church (the spiritual temple). After James died, only Peter and John were alive as God's pillars in *the new spiritual temple* (The Churches of God).

THE WHOLE WORLD

Be fully aware Jesus did not only come for His Bride but He came to Save The World, "*And we have seen and do testify* [witness] *that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world*" (I John 4:14).

Biblically, a wife is to be a helpmate to the husband (Genesis 2:18). When Christ returns for His Bride both will announce their Wedding Feast to the world. They will invite the entire world, both the good and the bad (Matthew 22:8-10). (Request the free book, *The Wedding Feast*). Under The New Heavens and on The New Earth it is God's Spirit (God, The Father's power) and The Bride keep inviting everyone to attend God's Wedding Feast of The Son and His Bride, "*And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that hears say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And who-*

soever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

It is only for those who, willingly, allow their spiritual talents to grow that are the good and the faithful servants. They will be given rulership over many things to be able to enter God's joy (Matthew 25:23).

Of the ten virgins, only five are wise and five are foolish (unwise). Those growing in God's Holy Spirit have oil and are to be lights (witnesses) in the world to come. They will be ready to be Christ's Bride when He returns (Matthew 25:1-10). Ever wonder who *the wise* are in the world?

THE FAITHFUL

Paul, The Apostle, spent two years imprisoned in his rented house waiting to go before Caesar. After his release, he always wanted to visit The Churches of God in Rome but was not able to do so (Romans 1:13). He wanted to teach them some *spiritual gifts* (Romans 1:11). Until he could visit them he personally wrote them a letter, "*I am a debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and the unwise*" (Romans 1:14). Paul claimed the wise were The Greeks and the unwise (unlearned) were The Barbarians. He owed it to them, to preach The Gospel (Romans 1:15-16).

The other Apostles were commissioned to go to Israel, as well as, the world (Acts 1:8). Paul's mission directed him to go to The Gentiles. He preached Christ, was

their Savior. He preached this to the known world. Paul spends the rest of Romans 1 telling the difference between the wise and the unwise. He begins by explaining how important faith is, “*For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith*” (Romans 1:17).

God’s *righteousness* does not come by human works like The Letter of *The Law* demands, but by God’s Holy Spirit. Only God can do the work to make you *righteous*. Some Christians choose to keep *The Law*, not by force, but by free choice for a good life and to prepare themselves for Christ when He brings *The New Covenant*.

Then, Paul issues a warning to the wise (Greek) and The Barbarians (the unwise or foolish). He told you “*the world*” comes to God by showing faith in their belief. From *faith to faith*. Those who are faithful to God must learn to trust God by being faithful. If not, you commit sin (Romans 14:23).

Misapplying God’s truth by using man’s human imagination or reason is a sin against God, “*For the wrath of God [His anger] is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness*” (Romans 1:18). Taking the truth of God’s *righteousness* and using it improperly makes God extremely angry. You either trust your Father, implicitly, by faith and live by every Word of God or you sin like Satan (using God’s word’s unrighteously) and end up going into *the wilderness*. Satan quoted Psalm 91 “*word for word, exactly,*” but misused

the scripture so Christ would tempt God. Satan completely misapplied a *scriptural* doctrine to fulfill his own point of view. Satan always felt he was equal to God's *righteousness*. After all, he had hoped he would be chosen to Save The World.

This was Paul's *warning* to the wise and to the unwise, being sure they lived by every Word of God. Paul warns that from the beginning of creation mankind kept holding the truth in "*unrighteousness*," "*Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain* [self righteous] *in their imaginations* [interpretations] *and their foolish heart* [desires] *was darkened*" (Romans 1:21). The world misapplied The Truth of God they had been given.

Instead of relying upon God and His Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth, they relied upon their own human reason. The world has been calling it The Age of Reason – Science. How did mankind get into this Babylonian mess? "*For the invisible things of him* [God] *from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made* [created], *even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse*" (Romans 1:20). Wow!

After The Noachian Flood, Noah was a Preacher of Righteousness and taught his family (Shem, Ham and Japheth) The Truth of God. Except for Shem, his brothers – Ham and Japheth began to misuse the truth. They used their human reason and worshipped "*the creation*" instead of The Creator (Romans 1:25). This

is what Paul warned them not to do. Because “*the creation*” began to be worshipped (religiously) more than God, He allowed them to have a “*reprobate mind.*” With this reprobate mind they were not able to decipher *good* from *evil* (Romans 1:28). Instead, they became more vile. They, still, were wise and understood there was The Only One Creator – God. However, they thought He went off by Himself, so they called Him – “The SkyGod.” He became known as “*The Unseen God*” or “*The Unknown God*” (Acts 17:21).

All their *man-made physical gods* were real to them. In that way they could see them and pray to them directly. They became Polytheists with all their earthly gods.

PAUL IN ATHENS

The Greeks were known in The Apostles’ time as *the wise* because they knew about The One God who created all things. But, they still worshipped the creation instead of The Creator. They were wise in their own conceit and insisted they understood The Mystery of God.

Educationally and philosophically, The Greeks knew history going back to the time of the creation. In fact, Paul tells those at Mars Hill in Athens about their altar with the inscription, “TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.” This represented The True God. He related everything God had done, can and will do for them. Read Acts 17:22-28. They understood all The Apostle told them. This was the reason The Greeks were called *the*

wise of their day.

Paul, then, said God *winked* at anyone's ignorance but now commands all men to repent and realize they should not worship Him in the form of gold, silver, metal, stone or wooden idols. They knew The True God who created everything and Paul wanted to teach them the next step, which was God's real mystery – Christ (Colossians 1:27). God wanted "*the wise*" Greeks to repent. Why? There was one more step they had to take. Because The Messiah had come, God would hold everyone responsible when they kept bowing down to *unreal idols*.

Up to this point, The Athenians listened because they knew about The True God who created everything. They thought God left them and went to heaven, which is why they called Him – "The Unknown SkyGod."

The Greeks, in their wise thinking, became foolish and unwise. Why? Because when Paul preached Jesus was "*resurrected*" they no longer accepted his preaching (Acts 17:30-33). The point is The Polytheists knew The Truth of The One God who created everything and The Coming of The Messiah to Save The World. But, because The Universe revealed God, they worshipped the creation and everything on it.

The Athenians had a problem with Christ's *resurrection*. Otherwise, they knew better. In fact, most cultures and nations of the world expected a savior. This was no secret reserved, only, to The Jews, The Israelites or The Christians.

The Barbarians were *the unwise* following their own version of worshipping their gods. Over the years with God not present, mankind began to conceive their own personal *gods* to worship. They convinced themselves they were truly worshipping God when they could see and pray to their idols in their temples. However, as all vain individuals, they were 100% wrong.

God through His Son, Jesus, The Christ, gave His only Son to die and give His life for the world. It was time for the world to acknowledge it and repent.

CHAPTER 5

SATAN'S BATTLE WITH THE CHURCH

When was Satan exiled from God's presence as an enemy? Some believe he was cast down upon the earth when God created the earth. *The Book of Jude* reveals Satan, in the beginning, was not initially removed from God's presence and His throne. Christ's brother, Jude clearly writes, "*And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness to the judgment of the great day*" (Jude 6). When did this take place? The angels chose to give up their careers with God, but still believed in God.

JUDGMENT BEGINS

Satan left his responsibility by choice with one-third of the angels. The angels who followed him became "*demons*" (Genesis 3:14-15). Satan was removed from God's throne in heaven and, then, he became an adversary to God. This was Satan's own choice along with his angels. From then on, Satan was an enemy to

all of Adam and Eve's children.

Satan wanted to show God his "*personal way*" was as good as God's predestined purpose. From one of Adam and Eve's children, The Messiah would come and destroy this snake (Satan) and his poisonous ways. Satan became a District Attorney who was always indicting God's people (like Job). Satan, obviously, still had access to God's throne as in Job's time.

Satan's exile to "*outer darkness*" from God's presence cannot happen until God's kingdom comes to the earth during The Millennium. Satan's exile to outer darkness ("*tartaroo*" in Greek) takes place during Christ's rule as King of Kings for one thousand years (Revelation 20). Then, The Great Judgment will come.

Two major announcements were made by your Savior just before His crucifixion, "*This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out*" (John 12:27-31). One, was The Judgment of the world begins and Satan (prince of this world) is cast out of his position as The Deceiver. Satan always meant to antagonize and hinder, but will become The Devil. "*Diabolos*" in Greek, means "*to destroy God's kingdom*" (I Peter 4:12,17 and I Peter 5:8).

Jesus will be resurrected and all men will be drawn to Him. Satan knows he is losing the battle and only has a short time to be an enemy of Adam and Eve's children. When Christ was resurrected, Salvation became an absolute and God made man in His *image*

(Genesis 1:26). **Satan will no longer win.**

Christ paid for the sins of the world. The Great White Throne Judgment is for the world, but *judgment* for The Bride begins at The Resurrection of The Messiah. The Bride presently is being judged and will be resurrected in The First Resurrection.

The wise virgins are aware their Time of Judgment is now and their Groom can come at any moment. They must constantly be preparing to be worthy for The Wedding Feast.

Satan, as The Devil, increases his efforts to deceive and destroy The Bride of Christ. Those virgins who are growing, diligently, are protected by The Groom. The unwise virgins still need to grow so Satan's focus is totally on them, "*And when the dragon saw that he was cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman [church] which brought forth the man child [Mary, Christ]. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water [people] as a flood [many] after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up the flood [like Pharaoh and the sea] which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wrath [enraged] with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony [witness] of Jesus Christ*" (Revela-

tion 12:13-17).

At The Resurrection of The Messiah, Satan's final battle begins. He cannot permit The Bride of Christ – The Messianic Jews and The Gentiles (both The Churches of God) to become worthy to be His wife.

The wise virgins who continue to *spiritually* grow in God's Holy Spirit know what they are doing. Their *spiritual lamps* are lit to see *the sign of the times*. Those who are running out of God's Holy Spirit do not understand the time in which they live. They do not understand they are blind. In the final phase they will be caught by The Mark of The Beast and will be persecuted or martyred.

John 12 and Revelation 12 are in perfect agreement. Jesus, Himself, interprets God's "*word*" as the prophecy in Revelation 12, "*And I fell at his feet [angels] to worship him. And he said to me, See you do it not: I am your fellow servant and of your brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit [mind] of prophecy*" (Revelation 19:10).

A "*testimony*" in Greek is "*a witness in a court case.*" The Time of Judgment for The Churches is in their lifetime. Those who are the wise virgins witness Christ and attempt to behave just like Him. They are willing to die for Him as He died for them. There is no reason for them to be martyred and tested. They have proven, by their spiritual growth, they are worthy to be Christ's wife (Matthew 19:7-8). They have made

themselves ready. So, God will protect them and they will go into a place of safety. The unwise are faithful, believe in Jesus and keep *The Commandments* but have not proven their willingness to die for Christ. They are strict “*keepers*” of The Letter of *The Law*, but have not proven, as yet, they have a right heart. They, still, were not being teachable as little babies in faith.

The *unwise virgins* running out of The Holy Spirit (oil in their lamps) cannot discern *the times*. They think they are rich with their one talent. They do not fully realize they buried their talent and stopped growing, spiritually. God's love fulfills *The Law* by changing their spiritual nature (II Corinthians 3:6).

Those under The Letter of *The Law* must not break any part or they are guilty of transgressing the whole *Law*. They will be cursed and must die, spiritually (complete repentance).

They, with Godly love, by nature, can be witnessed by everyone, “*You are our epistle* [letter] *written in our hearts* [desires and faith], *known and read of all men*” (II Corinthians 3:2). The wise virgins act and do all the good works (like Christ) and, therefore, were seen by everyone as followers of Christ (Colossians 1:27).

It is not merely preaching and being a witness of Christ but doing all “*the good works*” He did. Christ is your example of God's nature and truth (John 1:17).

Christ and His Bride (the wise virgins) portray “*a*

*prophecy of the history” to come. It is useless for Satan to bother to battle with them as they have already won, “*Verily, verily, I say to you, He that hears my word [God’s] and believes on him [God] that sent me, has everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation [judgment]; but is passed from death to life*” (John 5:24).*

CHAPTER 6

PLACE OF SAFETY

God promises those who have been growing, *spiritually*, as God's Holy Spirit teaches them will be kept safely from Satan and his "*Mark of The Beast.*" John writes *the wilderness* is God's place of safety (Revelation 12). The rest who, only, keep *The Commandments* of God in *The Letter of The Law* must be persecuted or martyred as a Witness of Christ. When they are persecuted they become Witnesses of Christ. Christians are to do what God and Christ want them to follow. *The Letter of The Law* was changed to *The New Covenant* when Christ was resurrected.

THE WORLD'S GEOGRAPHY

Only Noah and his family were alive after the flood to repopulate the world. The Garden of Eden was gone, as well as every other human being. All that was left in the world was *the wilderness*. The animals who were taken on the ark were to repopulate the world. God only took those species who could repopulate this new world according to His plan and purpose. He took seven clean animals for every unclean male and female animal. This was necessary for sacrifice, which told what type of animal to sacrifice for The Atone-

ment of every Sin. (Request the free book, *Discovering God*).

Obviously, God expected many sacrifices for the sins of the future progeny of Noah and his family. The flood was necessary because the world was totally filled with wickedness. Everyone in The Melchizedek Priesthood will become Kings and Priests. Melchizedek was a King of Peace and Mercy. God knew some rulers would be *good* while some would be evil just as history reveals.

NIMROD, THE GREAT HUNTER

Starting a new society with Noah and his family allowed much more time for the human race to learn more about seeking God and all His *truth*.

As Noah's wife and his children and their wives repopulated The Mesopotamian Basin, their primary concern was food. The clean and unclean animals had repopulated the area. At that time, everything was a *wilderness*.

Tribal life began from Shem, Ham and Japheth's children. Shem and his family were the only ones who followed God. Shem became their Melchizedek Priest.

Japheth and Ham, the other two sons of Noah, saw The Melchizedek Priesthood very differently. Japheth was the firstborn and believed he was entitled to be Melchizedek. While Ham's children were motivated by survival and looked to any leader giving

the most security and food. Farming was relatively unknown in such a wilderness. The children of Ham migrated to The Southern Mesopotamia Estuary and, then, to The Persian Gulf. Most of the land was very marshy with very little agricultural ground. Hunting and fishing were the primary food sources. Nimrod, the great-grandson of Ham, had black and white genes. His mother was of the white race and his Father, Cush, was from the black race. "*Cush*" means "*black*." Cush came from Ham who was, also, white.

Nimrod was a mighty hunter before God and provided security and food for the people he ruled (Genesis 10:9). Nimrod was famous and became The World's First Emperor. He separated The Priesthood with a Pontius Maximus who became a Priest. Nimrod became known as "*a mighty hunter*" before The Lord (Genesis 10:9). Nimrod, as the world's king, was the protector and provided food. There was, also, a Priesthood which worshipped Nimrod as *a god-savior* instead of The True Coming Messiah.

SUMERIANS AND ASSYRIANS

By creating different languages, God was able to divide their empire. Over the centuries these groups of communities became city/states. Each city/state instituted their own saviors and gods. In time, northern Mesopotamia became a kingdom under Sargon, The Great. It was known as The Assyrian Empire. From The Empire of Nimrod, God, also, divided the four-corner-land mass into continents. This took place during The Days of Peleg. Eventually, differences

between city/states arose splitting religion, ideologies and government rule (Genesis 10:25).

Sumeria was conquered during Abraham's day (about 2000 B.C.). There was famine, disease and political diversity which erupted. God told Abraham to leave Babylon and flee to Haran which was the wilderness. This example is God's way to leave upcoming upheavals, wars, religious persecution and martyrdom. Christ said, "*When they persecute you in this [one] city, flee you to another*" (Matthew 10:23). Eventually, all that will be left will be *the wilderness*.

From Genesis to Revelation, God protects His people *in the wilds of the wilderness*. As long as the world was underpopulated, the wilderness was *a place of safety and freedom*. History validates this reality.

FALL OF THE TEMPLE

In 70 A.D. after The Jewish *revolt* against The Roman Rule, Titus decimated *the temple* as Christ had warned. At that time, The Messianic Jews fled to Pella. Although The Messianic Jews and The Christians were still a part of the world, they refused to follow the world's evil ways and felt driven to go to a place of safety (John 17:15).

When Rome was under siege, famine followed with diseases. God's people, again, had to flee to a place of safety. The wilderness was the only place left to flee. From The European Continent, The Christians and The Messianic Jews fled to The British Isles when

they were not allowed *freedom of religion*.

In The Mid-nineteenth Century, Britain with The Church of England, suppressed freedom of religion when The Puritans were in the majority. The King was, then, deposed and Protestantism became “*the oppressors*.” God’s “*people*,” not wanting to cause any harm to anyone, once again began a trek to North and South America. “*Freedom of Religion*” once again was possible by fleeing to *the wilderness*.

Canada, United States and other American continent countries became *refugee escapes* for God’s called-out people – The Jews and The Gentiles. This freedom continued until a new enemy, led by Satan, The Devil, emerged.

NO PLACE TO FLEE

From the 1850’s till the present time humans were allowed to escape social control and be a free people in *the wilderness*. Today, the world is under the same system of control. There are very few places for people to find *a new wilderness*.

The newest system of *world control* is *The Age of Human Reason*, just as it was in The Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve. It is called Science. Science is diversified and always debates and disagrees with each other. God was no longer necessary. Human reason supersedes God as the point of truth. The same warning applied at The Tower of Babel. Now, nothing will be refrained from their human imagination. *The élite*

in every nation arise by using Science as its *god* to determine *right* from *wrong*. There is no other wilderness to which you can flee for safety. The question becomes what “form” of Science are you going to put your faith in?

Each, so-called *politically correct group* (Geology, cosmology, genetics, meteorology and much more) chooses which Science they want to follow or believe in. Every individual chooses what they wish to agree with.

Terrorists, who control others, prevail because they never hesitate to start a revolution. “Peace keepers” avoid doing harm to any one. Those who are not “peace keepers” will not be taken to a place of safety.

What “*wilderness*” is left for God’s people? The people of God who believe in not harming anyone now only have one rock to secure their safety and that *rock* is Christ.

Christ is *the rock* which followed Israel in their journey through *the wilderness* (I Corinthians 10:4). This is your *scriptural* answer for God’s people to have a place for freedom of worship in *the wilderness*.

Christians’ “*place of safety*” is Christ. Christ is the ultimate wilderness to flee to. Your “*petra*,” “*a rock*,” is “*Christ*” and not some physical earthly place. The final test of faith is upon The Church of God. You need to know what guarantees “*a place of safety*” for God’s people.

CHAPTER 7

SPIRITUAL NOT PHYSICAL

Israel's *place of safety* was the wilderness. God was their protector as *The Rock*. God personally supplied all their needs. Even their clothes did not rot or wear out for forty years. Every need was supplied. For food, they had quail and manna. For all Christians and The Messianic Jews, Christ is that "*rock*" for a place of safety with all their needs supplied. This wilderness and safety is *spiritual* and determined by *faith*. How would you like never to have to buy any clothes or food for yourself and your family? It is nice to be taken care of as God had done for Israel.

BURIED TALENT

God separates those who only keep God's *Commandments* in The Letter but refuse to expand their doctrines, *spiritually* (Revelation 12). *Biblically*, "*doctrine*" is "*organic*" which continually grows to be manifested to make you perfect like God (Matthew 5:48). Dogmatically demanding a person to follow doctrine is not a godly doctrine. It means a person is burying that doctrine. Repeating a certain doctrine over and over and never allowing the new truth to expand into greater meaning is burying a doctrine. That one tal-

ent, as *a doctrine*, is valuable but loses its value when it is stifled and does not keep growing. Keeping The Letter of *The Law* tells you what sin is but cannot keep you from sinning so you can become perfect to be The Bride of Christ. Those who go into The Great Tribulation are God's people (as virgins), dedicated to God but are not yet prepared to be Christ's wife. Those who go into The Tribulation are those who refused to become "*perfect*" and are not willing "*to give up*" their physical life. A building or house built on rocks withstands all storms. Those built on sand crumble and when another storm comes it washes the house out to sea like a tsunami. A house built, *spiritually*, by Christ, weathers all storms. Peter clearly describes what you are not to do with *doctrines* and what needs to be done, *spiritually* (I Peter 2:1-25).

TEN STEPS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

- 1) Ministers and Christians with different beliefs who learn from each other have no ego problems. They are willing to learn from others.
- 2) Always be teachable like babies growing to maturity.
- 3) You must come to your Messiah, who for the most part, has been rejected by humanity as a spiritual house, a Holy Priesthood (merciful) to offer up spiritual sacrifices (giving of self).
- 4) Christ has to be *the foundational cornerstone* built by God for His "*temple.*" Christ is the

firstfruit and should be your example (I Corinthians 15:20).

- 5) God's people (The Messianic Jews and The Gentile Christians) are to be a peculiar (rare) people seeking to please God. God is The One who called you out of darkness (the wilderness) into God's *glorious light*?**
- 6) You are to be submissive to worldly governments by doing well (good works). This type of following Christ's life will silence the ignorant or foolish humans. You need to honor all men.**
- 7) God's people need to endure pain and suffering. This gives honor to The Father, God.**
- 8) You need to follow Christ, who suffered all things because of His love for you. Christ followed every *Word of God*, as your example, in being a *faithful witness* to the world.**
- 9) Through faith (knowing God's word), The Holy Spirit is The Way to The Truth.**
- 10) The People of God, going astray (in the world of Babylon), will be assigned to The Shepherd. Christ will lead you to Salvation.**

Your *Place of Safety* is not a *physical location* but *spiritually* "*In Christ*." Those of you growing *spiritually*, not merely in The Letter of *The Law*, will be saved through Christ.

HOLDING TRUTH IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

What happens when you bury any of the talents God has given you (Romans 1:18)? God, from the beginning, predestined to make man (*homo sapiens*) in His “*image*” (Genesis 1:26). You began just like the animals. As a human you were creatures subject to vanity (Romans 8:20). Your only *hope* is to become Children of God (Romans 8:21)! That is why those who are led by The Spirit of God can become The Sons of God (Romans 8:14).

You can understand the truth as doctrine. If you do not grow *spiritually* “*In Christ*” – The Mystery of God which is “*Christ – In You*” (the hope of glory), you may be guilty of burying that *doctrinal truth*. Taking God’s “*truth*” and misusing it, is “*unrighteousness.*”

Why is it *unrighteousness*? You have used your human imagination, sinfully, by misusing The Seal of Truth which gives Salvation. That is why Christ said, “*Because strait is the gate [to God’s house] and narrow is the way, which leads to life and few there be that find it*” (Matthew 7:14).

It is too easy to get off the path and get lost in outer darkness. You can believe you are following the right way but, actually, you may be doing the exact opposite. This is called Babylon.

TEN TALENTS INHERITS THE ONE TALENT

Why does Christ, in the parable, say the unwise vir-

gins will lose the (one) talent they have? Talents allow you to have Eternal Life, so the loss of any talent can be very dramatic.

Those who are not allowed to come to The Wedding Feast end in outer darkness where there will be much sorrow and crying (Matthew 22:13). Through “*greed*” by worshipping their one talent will cause them to lose everything and end in God’s dungeon (outer darkness) (Jude). Those using doctrine *unrighteously* will die twice and end in outer darkness (Jude 12-13). (Request the free books, *The Wedding Feast* and *God’s Will*).

Under The New Heavens and on The New Earth, God will make *all things new*. “*All things*” refer to the entire universe and everything in it. This “*New Beginning*” is “*The End*” of what began in The Garden of Eden. There will be “*a house*” – The Temple of God in a Garden. Outside, The Garden will be God’s Land of Eden which will be pleasant. Eden (God’s property) will be a wilderness just as it was in The Beginning. God will make all things new (Revelation 21:5).

Those in “*outer darkness in the wilderness*” will be lost until they drink of *the healing waters* from The Tree of Life (Revelation 22:2). Then, those who overcome (by repenting) will drink these waters and, eventually, become Sons of God (Revelation 12:6-7). Those who refuse, must stay in outer darkness, until they thirst for *the truth* and continue to drink the waters flowing from The Throne of God. This Fountain of Life offers the healing waters to all who are thirsty (Revelation 22:17). This is pretty simple and clear. In The

Kingdom of God the potential for Salvation continues forever until, finally, “the whole world is saved.” This was God’s purpose when He gave His Son to die for you and all mankind (I John 4:14).

Burying any gift from God and not increasing it will cause you to lose it. And, in the end, you will be thrown into outer darkness until the last farthing is paid (Matthew 5:26)!

God is very demanding. But, you have to be patient. He has “*been there*” for all His children for nearly 7,000 years. Yet, how many individuals, actually, turn to Him? He is offering *everything* to anyone who will heed His call. Your only job is to repent and believe every Word of God. Everything is set for you, so make every effort to be there. The wondrous World of Peace and Happiness awaits you and, as a bonus gift you will never die.