



2021 3Q Rest In Christ: Lesson 2 Restless and Rebellious

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Read Memory Verse: “These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come” (1Co 10:11 NIV84).

As we have said before, Scripture not only records real historic people doing real historic events, but the selection of those people and events serve a larger purpose: to reveal the plan of salvation being played out, God’s principles versus Satan’s principles and often times serves as object lessons to the Great Controversy.

The lesson title—Restless and Rebellious, does this title fit society today?

Are there lessons from God’s Word that instruct us, that are examples to us, that warn us as to why restlessness and rebelliousness come and how to protect ourselves?

What is a synonym for restlessness?

- agitated
- anxious
- disturbed
- nervous
- troubled
- uneasy
- fretful
- unpeaceful

What causes such a state? What takes away our peace, incites anxiety, nervousness, fear, worry, agitation? Perfect love casts out all fear—as soon as Adam and Eve sinned they ran and hid because they were afraid. So

- Anything that takes us away from God, out of harmony with Him and His Being design laws for life will cause restlessness and rebellion
- Anything that reconciles us to God restores His love into our hearts removes restlessness and rebellion

Do we have examples in the Bible of how Satan works to injure us, to incite restlessness and rebellion?



Turn to **SUNDAY** and the lesson points us to Israel being restless in the wilderness.

They are complaining about their food, longing for the fleshpots of Egypt. God is providing manna, but they want the food of Egypt—what is the lesson?

- What is manna symbolic of? It is symbolic of Jesus, the bread of heaven
- What are the fleshpots of Egypt symbolic of? All the things of this world that people try to fill their hearts with, to nurture their souls with—wealth, power, excitement, worldly entertainment, pleasures of the senses, toxic relationships—anything but Jesus and God's methods.

So, what caused ancient Israel's restlessness? Hearts that preferred the world over Jesus. Is there a lesson for us today?

And with this restless spirit, not finding themselves satisfied with the things of God, remaining hungry for the things of the world, what happened?

God sent quail—not for one meal, but for an entire month, they had to eat it every meal for a month, until they got sick of it. Why? What is the lesson?

When we insist on rebelling against God, insist on doing things our own way, after God's warnings, what does God do? He lets us have what we prefer and reap what we have sown—why?

Do we see this in society today? God wants us to learn, preferably from studying His Word and applying the truths of Scripture, but if we reject God and refuse His Word and won't learn directly from Him and His instructions, then He sets us free to learn from reality, from what happens when we reject His plan, methods, and design.

So today, do we see that the church is wandering in the wilderness and filling herself with the meat of this world?

- television
- success is getting more wealth, more fame, more clicks, more followers on social media
- God's law works like human laws and we can get justice by imposing rules—we just need the right judges, justices, presidents, senators
- science is superior to Scripture, we evolved from lower life forms or God used evolution to create us
- public schools are just as good as Christian schools, let's give our kids a public education
- there is no objective reality, no objective truth, your truth is your truth and my truth is my truth
- marriage isn't a man and a woman
- transgender women are not really men and should be able to compete in female sports
- if you love people you don't speak things they might find offensive
- if you love people you surrender your freedoms to make them feel safe

And just like Israel we are getting sick and we are suffering.



Turn to **MONDAY** and what is the next lesson we learn from ancient Israel on its way to Canaan?

Then Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman (Nu 12:1 NKJV).

Two problems are highlighted here:

Challenging God's messenger and Racism

When we take our eyes off God, when we prefer the methods of the world, we become prideful, we don't accept God's truth and therefore don't accept God's leaders who promote God's truth, jealousy and division arise, including racism.

In society today, do we still teach that the USA was established on the principles of liberty, on inalienable rights given to us by our Creator God, and that the government was set up to restrain the big powers (government, church, aristocracies—big business) from encroaching upon our inalienable rights, and that as long as these godly principles are valued and practiced the USA grows stronger? People unite under these principles despite different ethnicities, cultures, backgrounds.

Consider trying to go to many other countries in the world—Mexico, Guatemala, Russia, China, Japan—and not being a native of those countries see what happens if you try to become a citizen, hold government office, and change the laws? Will you be assimilated, accepted as a Mexican, Guatemalan, Russian, Chinese or Japanese? No—you will always be considered an outsider. But in the USA, what happens when an immigrant comes here legally and gains their citizenship? Are they accepted? Why? Because it is NOT based on race or ethnicity, American culture has historically been based on shared values of liberty and justice for all. We have inalienable rights granted to us by our Creator and all human beings are given these by God and government's role is to protect those rights.

And where did this core values that America is founded upon come from? From the Protestant Reformation, from putting the Bible into the hands of the people and as God's Word was again studied the principles of God were assimilated into hearts and eventually freedoms were established and the US Constitution was written.

But what has happened in America since as we have advanced the values of Black Lives Matter, Critical Race Theory, 1619 Project, Wokeism and the lie of equity? These movements attack the principles of the Reformation. They try and recast our American history under the lie that the government was built on exploitation, abuse, and slavery. No—slavery existed in old European powers that colonized the Americas. The US government was established on different principles to move away from those abusive systems. And it has. But the woke movements of today deny history and are filling minds with lies.



And what is the result? Our society is dividing and fracturing—tribalism. Understand, wherever the principles of BLM, CRT, wokeism are applied the lives of **all** people, but especially people of color get worse.

How did God deal with Miriam and Aaron when they raised the race card? He struck Miriam with leprosy—why? What does it signify? Leprosy is symbolic of sin. Leprosy destroys the pain fibers so that people lose the pain when they are doing something injurious, like touching a hot stove. This is what sin does and especially racism, the idea that people are less because of the color of their skin damages the conscience, warps the character. MLK Jr. had it right, it isn't about skin color it is about character.

The evil we see in society today does not come from white society, it does not come from black society, or Hispanic society. It comes from evil leaders who use race as an issue to divide and they are inspired by their father the devil, just like the leaders who crucified Christ 2000 years ago.

God's striking Miriam with leprosy was to be a lesson that should have taught the people to trust God and to trust the leadership of Moses. Our own national history of slavery and exploitation of people based on race, should have taught us the foolishness and destructiveness of dividing people based on race. But, instead, people are just as slow to learn today as ancient Israel. And today millions are buying into the lies of:

- racism as reparation
- racism as defund the police
- racism as hiring quotas for businesses or admission to schools
- racism as aide to farmers
- racism as white privilege or white rage

This perversity of BLM, CRT and wokeism has metastasized into all forms of identity politics designed to destroy character development, individual application, hard work, and godliness in society, so we have profiling for privilege based on gender, sexual orientation, and race. And all the while the people doing this claim it is white people who are the evil ones.

Understand reality—these attacks on what the CRT and BLM proponents call whiteness is an attack on Protestant Christianity—on the principles of the Bible. America was founded by Protestant Christians who reclaimed God's Word as the rule of life and found in God's Word the principles of liberty, of inalienable rights given to us by our Creator that are not to be violated by any earthly power. Those people happened to come from Europe and happened to be primarily white. But if the African people were the ones to have recovered the Bible then they would have been the ones to establish such a society. **It isn't about race at all it is about the principles of God found in the Bible.** But Satan doesn't want people to see that so instead he focuses on the color of the skin of the people who founded the USA rather than the principles upon which the country was established.



The liars and dividers in society try to recast history into a lie to destroy the principles of Christianity—liberty and justice for all—and thereby tear down the unity that sets America apart from all other nations in history.

Just open your eyes and look at what happens, what we call outcomes, reality. God is the God of reality. You cannot get health while violating the laws of health, and so when God's principles are broken, injury and decay always result. Look at the municipalities where these divisive principles are put into practice. You will see every single time a decreasing value of human life, crime soaring, murder rates soaring, homelessness soaring, education falling, the development of godlessness with self-control plummeting.

Stop accepting the lies—be lovers of truth. Don't harden your hearts, turn to God and His methods and love all people, but don't love all methods.

But the Israelites don't learn the lessons and in **TUESDAY's** lesson they return to their distrust of God and listen to Korah and his group and what did they do?

So, let's recap and see if we can put this into perspective for us today:

- The children of Israel are symbolic of the people of God. They were slaves in Egypt. The people of God are slaves in sin. God sent a deliverer to lead them out of slavery. God sent Jesus to lead us out of sin.
- The Israelites were led through the Red Sea; the people of God are led through baptism.
- The Israelites are being led to the promised land—we are being led to the heavenly promised land.
- On the way to the promised land God feeds them manna to nurture, strengthen and prepare them; on the way to heaven God feeds us the bread of heaven, Jesus, the Word of God, to nurture, strengthen and prepare us.
- The Israelites rebel over the manna. They wanted something with spice, better flavor, something thrilling and exciting. Christianity rejected the plain truths of the Word of God, the bread of heaven, and instead chose the meat of Egypt, meaning the methods, principles, and practices of the world and preferred the imposed law method with power over, authoritarianism.
- God let the Israelites have meat until it was coming out of their noses; and God let the church have the methods of the world, imperialism, power over, made-up rules until the church and the world went into the Dark Ages and the people were sick of the authoritarian methods of the world and they turned back to the manna, the Bible and it was translated into the languages of the people and the Enlightenment began. Then the people fled to a new land and established a new form of government to restrict the powers that impose themselves upon the liberties of the



people and the Reformation continued, the people were preparing to enter the heavenly Canaan.

- In the desert on their way to the promised land God not only gave the Israelites manna, but before the 10 Commandments were given at Sinai, every week they received double portion of manna on Friday and they rested on Sabbath. Thus God gave them His weekly Sabbath.
- As the Reformation continued Bible studying Christians led by a Baptist preacher William Miller became convicted of prophecies in Daniel and Revelation that Jesus was coming soon to deliver us from sin and take us to the promised land. Other Christians, believing they were indeed on the way to a new earth, recovered the Sabbath truth and began resting each week according to the Sabbath and sharing the message of Christ's soon return to the world.
- But in ancient Israel, God's messenger and leader Moses was challenged for authority by those who objected to him marrying an Ethiopian/Cushite woman.
 - Christianity is divided by racism, we are not united as one in Christ, but even as the SDA church is officially formed in 1863, the civil war is under way to end slavery. As slavery ends, the Christian world has the opportunity to unite in Christ, regardless of race, but instead it remains divided by race. And we haven't yet entered the promised land.

But God intervened and Miriam is struck with leprosy, then she is healed. In the USA, the land of the free, the place where the people who are ingesting the bread of heaven, studying the Word of God and no longer embracing the doctrines made up by men, the southern slave-holding states are devastated by the Civil War and the northern states suffer the loss of hundreds of thousands of their sons. But the states recover, race relations improve, equality for all people advances, eventually we have a black president. Race relations are improving, until the last few years where the race-baters and race haters are again advancing an agenda of racial division.

- As ancient Israel is on the border of the promised land, about to enter, the spies bring back a report, 10 discouraging, we can't do it, they are strong, two an encouraging report, a land of milk and honey and with God we will win.

At this point, Korah's rebellion occurs. Korah and cohorts challenge God's messenger for leadership. In the progression of the Reformation, preparing people to meet Christ, the SDA church sees itself as the next link in the Reformation process. In 1888 a message came to the church through Jones and Waggoner and endorsed by EG White, but the leadership challenged the messengers, rejected the message and sent EG White to Australia. Rather than the people of God entering the promised land, we have been wandering in the wilderness.

Consider this description of the events of Korah's rebellion from the commentary *From Eternity Past* and see what lessons apply for us today:



Korah, the leading spirit in this movement, a cousin of Moses, was a man of ability and influence. He had become dissatisfied with his position and aspired to the dignity of the priesthood. For some time Korah had been secretly opposing the authority of Moses and Aaron, though He had not ventured upon open rebellion. He finally conceived the **bold design of overthrowing both the civil and the religious authority**. Dathan and Abiram, two princes, readily joined in his ambitious schemes and determined to divide with Korah the honors of the priesthood. EP 277.2 [Do we find people of ability both in the church and in civil government who are interested only in themselves, who are working against the principles of God, who will work to divide the church or society in order to get more power for themselves?]

The feeling among the people favored Korah. In the bitterness of their disappointment, their former doubts, jealousy, and hatred returned, and again their complaints were directed against their patient leader. **They forgot that they were under divine guidance**, that the presence of Christ went before them, and that from Him Moses received directions. EP 277.3 [Do we find segments of society who feel life isn't fair, that they have been victimized, that things are against them, that the system isn't just? Do we find the knowledge of God has been rejected by many in society? Are people rejecting the God-led beliefs in the founding of this nation and instead reframing it as a godless nation? And those who believe the lies are easily manipulated and exploited by leaders claiming to take up their cause, to help them, to advance them, to give them justice? Did Korah's leadership lead Israel to a better outcome? What about these leaders of BLM, wokeism and CRT—is society improving, or are the very ones these leaders claim to be helping experiencing the most terrible devastation of their lives and communities as these woke leaders get more power?]

Unwilling to die in the wilderness, they were ready to believe that it was not God but Moses who had pronounced their doom. Although the marks of God's displeasure at their perverseness were still before them, **they did not take the lesson to heart**. EP 277.4 [Unwilling to believe that God and God's designs and principles have any bearing on outcomes in society today people instead blame race, white people, and claim we will never have the utopia of "equity" unless we replace the system of meritocracy, of hard work, with identity equity. We must tear down the flag, the symbol of liberty and justice for all; we must rename the schools, tear down the statues of the great men who advanced the principles of Protestantism, the principles of liberty. It can't be that God's design for families has any bearing on success, no, it must be something else. But what does the data actually show?]

From the [Institute for Family Studies](#),

- Black children from two parent homes consistently do better than white children from single parent homes:
 - 36% of young black women from intact families have graduated from college compared to just 28% of young white women from single-parent families.
 - 14% of young black men from intact families have been incarcerated, compared to 18% of young white men from single-parent families.



- 13% of black children in intact families are poor compared to 33% of white children in single-parent families.

Is it racism keeping blacks in poverty, or is it rejecting the manna, rejecting God's Word, God's design for human families and black families replacing fathers with Uncle Sam? No, we must not accept the truth; it can't be breaking God's design for families at work, it must be institutional racism. It can't be that policies proclaimed to help have actually decimated black families and it is the destruction of the family unit that negatively impacts all people regardless of skin color. The data shows, black or white or Hispanic, people have greater success in life when the families are intact and when God's principles are practiced. But, we can't acknowledge Biblical principles so let's call it institutional racism. Let's not turn people back to God, let's not educate them on godly principles, instead let's teach them there is no God and that the system is rigged against people because of color—and the only way to fix this so-called institutional racism is for the government to make laws mandating racism by making preferences based on race—so we will have quotas on admissions to school, not based on ability, achievement, or hard work, but based on race. And anyone who questions the new racism must be called a racist. And just like Israel we continue wandering in the wilderness restless and rebellious.]

He who reads the secrets of all hearts had given His people warning and instruction as might have enabled them to escape the deception of these designing men. They had seen the judgment of God on Miriam because of her jealousy and complaints against Moses. The Lord had declared: "With him will I speak mouth to mouth." "Wherefore, then," He added, "were ye not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?" Numbers 12:8. **These instructions were not intended for Aaron and Miriam alone, but for all Israel.** EP 277.5 [We should have learned the folly of racism from slavery and Jim Crow, but we haven't and leftism is bent on repeating it and anyone who questions it is labeled a racist]

Korah and his fellow conspirators were of the number who went up with Moses into the mount and beheld the divine glory. But a temptation, slight at first, had been harbored until their minds were controlled by Satan. They first whispered their discontent to one another and then to leading men of Israel. **At last they really believed themselves actuated by zeal for God.** EP 278.1 [Those who advance principles contrary to God's design laws, contrary to God's methods both in the church and in civil government, will have their minds controlled by Satan and will come to believe that they are doing right, even working for God, while they implement the principles of Satan—imperialism that uses power over others. They will advance their agenda with lies, deceit, manipulation, coercion, censoring, deplatforming, and arbitrary division by race, for they are not following the Spirit of God. For in Christ Jesus there is neither Jew or Greek, male or female, free or slave. When we are united by the Spirit of God, our human biological difference are irrelevant, the only thing that truly divides is character, methods and principles]

They were successful in alienating two hundred and fifty princes. With these influential supporters they felt confident of greatly improving upon the administration of Moses and



Aaron. EP 278.2 [These liars in the church and society are successful in garnering a variety of leaders to their cause and all claim that they will make the church or society better, but it only worsens.]

Jealousy had given rise to envy, and envy to rebellion. And they deceived themselves and one another into thinking that Moses and Aaron had themselves assumed the positions they held, that these leaders had exalted themselves in taking the priesthood and government... EP 278.3

Korah and his associates enlisted the support of the congregation. **The charge that the murmurings of the people had brought the wrath of God was declared a mistake. They said that the congregation were not at fault, since they desired nothing more than their rights;** but Moses was an overbearing ruler; he had reproved the people as sinners when they were a holy people. EP 278.4 [And this is the key. These perverse leaders in the church and society are jealous of those who are successful and they play off the petty jealousies in others to gain support for themselves. They tell the people that the problem is NOT their own lack of self-discipline, their own failure to apply themselves, to live in harmony with God's laws. The problem is the bad leadership of people in power who make rules, who tell you to work harder, who call you to account for sin and crime—that is whitism, racism and must be rejected. We can only really be free if we defund the police, have no borders, open the prisons to violent criminals, while we imprison people who refuse to close their business, or who speak against us. We must burn the flag, we must tear down the institutes of justice. It isn't the fault of the people it is the fault of institutional racism.]

Korah's hearers thought they saw clearly that their troubles might have been prevented if Moses had pursued a different course. Their exclusion from Canaan was in consequence of the mismanagement of Moses and Aaron. If Korah would be their leader and encourage them by dwelling upon their good deeds instead of reproving their sins, they would have a very prosperous journey; instead of wandering in the wilderness they would proceed directly to the Promised Land. EP 278.5 [If only we had more laws giving racial preferences to people of color, had more taxes and reparations, had more equity then we could have real fairness and justice in society, all our troubles will be over, we would have a real promised land. But it is all a lie. Only God's methods, God's design laws function to heal and bring true unity, health and happiness.]

Then consider this from the same author:

“When I purposed to leave Minneapolis, the **angel of the Lord** stood by me and said: [The following is a quote is written as coming from the angel of the Lord, which you will discover is Jesus as the speaker claims the people as His and He is the source of grace given to the people.] "Not so; God has a work for you to do in this place. **The people are acting over [re-enacting] the rebellion of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.** I have placed you in your proper position, **which those who are not in the light will not acknowledge; they will not heed your testimony;** [What was EGW advocating? The healing view of the gospel promoted by



Jones and Waggoner. Righteousness by faith message—which is actual, real, genuine righteousness within the heart/mind of those who trust in Jesus. The rebuilding and healing of our characters when we trust in Jesus—the fulfillment of the day of at-one-ment metaphor, the purifying of the bride, the groom receiving His bride bringing her into unity/oneness with Him, the cleansing of the sanctuary. But church leadership rejected this healing view and chose instead to embrace the false imperial legal view of declared righteousness even though we are not. They rejected the manna and chose the fleshpots of Egypt. This, is, according to the angel of the Lord, like Korah saying “we can’t succeed in going into the promised land.” And church leaders, who prefer the imperial law view, have been telling Adventists ever since that we can’t succeed in experiencing Christ’s righteousness, sin is too great, God can’t give us power to be victorious in our lives so we will be prepared to stand in God’s presence when Jesus returns; these liars claim we can only be declared legally righteous, even though we are not.] but I will be with you; My grace and power shall sustain you. **It is not you they are despising, but the messengers and the message I send to My people.** [Friends of Come and Reason around the world, realize that when you are told you are not welcome, you cannot teach your Bible class, that you cannot share the wonders of God’s love that has so transformed your life—that it is not you they are rejecting but Christ they are rejecting.] **They have shown contempt for the word of the Lord. Satan has blinded their eyes and perverted their judgment; and unless every soul shall repent of this their sin, this unsanctified independence that is doing insult to the Spirit of God, they will walk in darkness.** I will remove the candlestick out of his place except they repent and be converted, that I should heal them. **They have obscured their spiritual eyesight.** [What does this mean? By refusing the truth of God’s design law, by holding to Rome’s imperial law lie, they have blinded themselves to how reality works and live in a fantasy of confusion and contradictions mirroring this sinful world with a god who is the source of pain, suffering and death which they call justice. And if they persist in teaching this, they become blind and incapable of seeing the truth or leading others into the promised land. And the SDA church has been wandering in the wilderness for over 130 years.] They would not that God should manifest His Spirit and His power; for they have a spirit of mockery and disgust at My word. Lightness, trifling, jesting and joking are daily practiced. They have not set their hearts to seek Me. They walk in the sparks of their own kindling, and unless they repent, they shall lie down in sorrow. Thus saith the Lord: "Stand at your post of duty; for I am with thee, and will not leave thee nor forsake thee." These words from God I have not dared to disregard."—Letter 2a, 1892, pp. 4, 5. (To "Dear Nephew and Niece, Frank (F.E.) and Hattie," Nov. 5, 1892.) {3MR 191.2}

Now, regarding what is happening in America today, how do we understand this through the lens of Bible prophecy?

If you haven’t read my blog [King of the North versus King of the South and Today’s End-Time Events](#) I encourage you to do so.

In Daniel 11 the king of the south is symbolized by Egypt and represents the forces of godlessness, atheism, humanism, earth worship, communism. And the king of the north is symbolized by Babylon



and Rome and represents religious imperialism, the Dark Ages church, people who claim a belief in God but will use the power of human might to force their moral agenda on others.

The final movements of this long prophecy are the king the south attacks the king of the north and the king of the north storms out against him and destroys him, takes his wealth, power etc. Are we seeing the attack of the king of the south right now?

- What power on earth today is a power built on godlessness, that actively denies God, oppresses free religion, obstructs Bibles and Bible schools and teachings—communism?
- What power on earth today is one of the most racist countries in history and has committed all kinds of crimes against people of other races and people who continue to believe in God?
- What power on earth today has done gain function research on a corona virus making it easier to infect humans?
- What power on earth today released a bioengineered coronal virus into the human population and then disappeared the doctors who tried to warn the world, stopped in-country travel in and out of ground zero, but kept international travel in and out of ground zero open, refused to let CDC and other world health officials in to investigate, and has lied to the public repeatedly about its origins?
- What power on earth has used its pundits in the media to stir up racial conflict in the USA in order to divide and distract us?
- What power on earth has used its influence over media and tech giants to prevent evidence that opposes the false narrative?
- What power on earth is one of the world's worst polluters and continues to make more coal burning power plants and exploits the planet more than any other, while at the same time working through its operatives in the USA, the UN and global media to get western countries to ruin their economies with all types of so-called green energy solutions?
- What country benefits when the USA is fragmented and divided upon racial issues, has a suffering economy, and higher energy prices?
- This power and all of its puppets and pundits are part of the king of the south making an all-out attack on the king of the north—the principles of Protestantism—freedom and liberty—seeking instead a totalitarian system of a few ruling elites controlling the masses—socialism, communism.
- If I am right about Daniel's prophecy, then religious conservatives are going to reclaim power and crush the forces of the king of the south—BUT HERE IS THE KEY—God's people are not in either group. The Beautiful Land is in the middle, God's people are caught in the middle between these two conflicting philosophies and powers and we must be vigilant not to join either side.

The lesson points us to Numbers 14:11,12 where God threatens to destroy the people and start over with Moses family and Moses intercedes with God.

Read the second paragraph, "This is the moment..." What do you hear? What is the lesson suggested from this paragraph?



“And just as the Lord did then because of Moses’ intercession, thus He does for us because of Jesus, because of His death and resurrection and intercession for us.”

So, if it wasn’t for Moses God would have killed the people? Aren’t we glad that God had Moses there to talk Him down, that Moses had more patience, more love, more compassion, more self-control than God. If it wasn’t for Moses interceding, God would just of lost it and killed them all. Is this the lesson they want us to learn?

Sadly, most Christians actually believe this. That God is required by law to kill us except for Jesus standing their holding back His anger and wrath.

But, reason through the issues for a minute.

- Does God have foreknowledge or not?
- Was it a surprise to God when Moses pleaded as he did? Did God say, “Oh my, sure didn’t expect Moses to care this much. I was positive that Moses would be glad to get rid of these rebellious and irritating people. Well, if I had thought Moses would plead as he is, I certainly would never have even brought up the idea of wiping them out. Hope people don’t find out about this, don’t want them thinking Moses loves them more than me.”
- Or, do we believe God did know exactly how Moses would respond?
- And if God did know how Moses would respond, then did God also foreknow how He was going to respond to Moses’ intercessions?
- Then was God ever really going to destroy the people? No!
- Then what is going on? Why did God do it?

What is the bigger story? The plan of salvation, God working to bring the Messiah to destroy Satan and the infection of sin and through His work to heal hearts and minds, restoring humans back to God’s design of selfless love.

Who is watching? According to Scripture who longs to look into these things? Angels. So, can you see God saying to His angels in heaven, after all that God has done for Israel, the miracles in Egypt, the parting of the Sea, the manna and still the constant rebellion, could some of the angels have concerns that God’s plan just wasn’t working? So, God says to the angels, “My methods work, but they take time. Let me show you. Remember Moses 40 years ago murdered an overseer and ran away to protect himself. But after 40 years with me, watch now what happens.” And the angels see Moses willing to sacrifice himself to save others. And God looks to the angels and says, “See, my methods work!”

This is the reality, all the penal legal interpretations are lies and pervert the gospel truth.

Read fifth paragraph, “Yet, there are costs...” Read Hebrews 3:7- 4:11 from *The Remedy*:

"Today, if you hear his voice offering healing and restoration, do not reject the true Remedy and darken your minds as you did in the rebellion in the desert, during the opportunity to



partake of God's cure, where your fathers broke my heart by trying their own remedies and rejecting the truth which I brought and for forty years patiently tried to heal them.

10 That is why I was so angry with what happened to that generation, and said, 'Their minds continually reject the healing truth, and they refuse to practice my ways of health and live.' So I granted them their persistent choice and said, 'Since they refuse the truth—the Remedy I freely offer—they will never be able to enter my rest and get well.'

12 See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you cling to lies about God and retain a selfish, distrusting mind that turns you away from the living God. But daily build each other up in the truth, as long as there is still time, so that none of you may be blinded, confused, and hardened by the lies about God. We have become partakers of Christ's character if we hold firmly till the end to the confidence we initially had in the truth about God, revealed by Christ. As has just been said: "Today, if you hear his voice offering healing and restoration, do not reject the true Remedy and darken your minds as you did in the rebellion."

16 Who were they who heard the message of healing truth but instead rebelled and preferred lies? Were they not all those whom Moses led out of Egypt? And with what was God angry for forty years? Was it not with having to watch his children persistently reject his healing ways and slowly die and fall in the desert? And whom did God tell that they could never get well and find rest as long as they rebelled against the only Remedy if not those who died in the desert? So we see that they were not able to get well and enter into God's rest because they didn't trust him or accept the truth he revealed.

4:1 Therefore, since the Remedy is still available, and the promise of complete healing and perfect rest still stands, let us be careful that none of us be found to have rejected it. For we also have had the good news of God's healing truth presented to us just as they did; but the message of truth had no value to them because they did not believe it nor did they trust the one who gave it. But we, who have trusted God on the basis of the truth Christ provided, experience healing and enter that rest, and our minds are at peace. As God has said, "So I granted them their persistent choice and said, 'Since they refuse the truth—the Remedy I freely offer—they will never be able to enter my rest and get well.'" It was not because God's perfect rest was not available—for it had been ready since his work of creation was complete — as the Scriptures say elsewhere regarding the seventh day: "And on the seventh day, God rested his case. He had finished all his work of providing the evidence needed to refute the lies of Satan." And yet in another passage he says, "If they refuse the truth, if they reject the evidence I have provided, their minds will never find rest and they will not get well."

6 The opportunity to find God's healing and rest still remains, even though those who formerly had the good news of God's healing truth presented to them did not get well or find rest because they refused to believe the truth and trust God. Therefore God again and again presents his healing Remedy, and he set a certain day which he called "today," when much later he spoke through David in the same Scripture as before: "Today, if you hear his voice offering healing and restoration, do not reject the true Remedy and darken your minds."



8 For if Joshua had already given them healing of character and rest for their minds, God would not have spoken later about another day of rest still to come. There remains then a Sabbath-rest—a rest in the evidence and truth of the character of God—which heals and transforms the people of God; for anyone who rests in the achievements of Christ rests from working to save himself, just as God rested from his work. Let us therefore make every effort to rest in the truth about God as revealed by Christ, so that no one will fall by following the example of distrust and refusal to accept the truth.

THURSDAY

What is the difference between faith and presumption?

- Faith is trust—trust in God and doing what God has instructed; living in harmony with God’s designs and principles because we trust Him and follow where He leads
- Presumption—is to presume we know better, doing our own thing, following our own inclinations, presuming them to be what God would have us do—but typically while ignoring the evidences before us of what God has already revealed to us about what He would have us do

Examples:

The children of Israel did not have faith when they refused to enter Canaan at the urging of the two faithful spies.

They did have presumption when God told them they would wander in the wilderness for 40 years and then they tried to enter, presuming they would now do what God had previously wanted them to do.

Other examples?



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

God is Love Children's Book Available on Amazon! We are happy to announce that our children's book, *God is Love*, is now up on Amazon and is available for prime shipping! You might have trouble finding it at first because it's new and doesn't have any reviews yet. Reviews are paramount in helping others search for and find items on Amazon. If you search "God is Love Stephanie Land" you should be able to find it. For a limited time, we are offering it on Amazon for only \$10, which is cheaper than it is currently being sold on our ministry website. If you purchase it through Amazon, you can leave a "verified purchase" review which will help to get the book to populate when people do a search. The more reviews the better!

Vision for Come and Reason: We have found a building that will work for our ministry and have the building under contract to purchase and are now in the process of doing the various due diligence. If all the inspections, appraisals etc. work out then we will obtain the property and after than have to renovate the interior for our purposes.

It is not our way to do fundraisers and we will not do a fundraiser or send out donation requests, however, several people have recently approached us and asked if our ministry has any needs and recommended that we make our vision and plan to have our own facility public so that anyone who want to support us in this endeavor can do so. We also are resistant to going into debt, so we are quite cautious and have already turned down a couple of options because the cost would have required significant debt.

So, please keep us in your prayers that the Lord will lead us to find the right property and bless the process that any resources we use will be spent wisely and most economically.

New Member's Section is now open, including a New Discussion, *The Remedy* audio book, *Could It Be This Simple?* audio book, and just added, Stone's Of Eden's new music album, *Hilasterion*, by Brad & Donna Horne, online members in Australia, They have graciously donated their album to our ministry to share with members those who love this message.

Brad wrote:

I had always wanted to create an album that would tell the bible story that could be used to target believers as well as non believers. I had attempted a few false starts and the idea didn't really go anywhere apart from a few sketchy iPhone recordings.

I then read *Journal of the Watcher* and loved the story and was blown away by the illustrations, this book gave me the context and frame work to get my album idea up and running, and with the covid19 fiasco, the impetus to hurry up and get this idea done.

So my wife and I wrote the songs and started recording the album which took approximately 12 months.



When I read *The God-Shaped Brain*, I came across the word *Hilasterion*, and remember thinking that would make a great album name—that was years ago, funnily reading that word from Tim's book became our album name. Jesus is our Hilasterion who brings reconciliation and makes peace.

So long story short this album had a lot of it inspiration/influence via Come and Reason Ministries. The album tells the story of the war in heaven and finishes with Parousia , the king is coming, divided in 3 section themes 1. Old Testament, 2. Jesus' ministry, 3. Contemporary influence.

SHARING campaign June: *Could It Be This Simple? A Biblical Model for Healing the Mind*