



## 2021 4Q Present Truth in Deuteronomy 2 Moses' History Lesson

by Tim Jennings (announcements last page)

I have been receiving many emails, two I want to share with you.

I received this email this week:

*Dear Dr. Jennings, I consider myself to be a Bible believing Christian who is, at this time, attending a Baptist church. I have been listening to your Bible study class for years. I would like to encourage you to continue to present the truth about the Covid virus and the vaccine. I had Covid in April 2020 and was hospitalized for two weeks and was on oxygen for months, I know first-hand how bad the virus can be. We all need to be careful and concerned about others but the way our government is presenting information and forcing the vaccine is wrong. Please continue to inform people about the lies and point out that this is not God's way. May God continue to bless you and your ministry.*

Here is another email:

*Dear Dr. Jennings,  
I just want to thank you and tell you how grateful I am for you and how God is speaking through you in these times we are living in. You are spot on with everything I hear that comes out of your mouth!!*

*I appreciate how honest you are each Sabbath lesson when you start off with the emails that you receive from some of your listeners that are discouraged or don't understand why you speak so much about what is (TRULY) going on in our World in your Sabbath school lessons.*

*I also want to express (and I feel this is from God) "Keep sharing The Truth as you have been and warning people of what's to come but more importantly what we as Christians are supposed to be doing in this turbulent time" (as you have been doing) THANK YOU!!*

*I at times have been frustrated with my fellow Christians around me who are SO fearful. I have said many times to them ....God's word is very clear when HE says "DO NOT FEAR" He NEVER said "Do not fear except when Covid hits"*

*Back in the beginning of 2020 when we all heard about Covid, I started praying to the Lord asking, Lord, what is going on? And by day 3 God gave me PEACE to the degree that I have not been surprised by anything that has happened.*



*I have watched so many people become deceived (some that I am very surprised by) but your words Dr. Jennings and what you are teaching in your lessons has been such a blessing because it's exactly what the Lord revealed to me when He gave me peace, and I believe that God has blessed you with a brilliant mind to do the research and speak TRUTH and to do it BOLDLY for Him!!!*

*11 years ago I know that the Lord unveiled my eyes to how the enemy really works.*

*On April 28, 2010 my family faced a horrible tragedy known as the "Craigslit murder" in Edgewood, Washington where 4 people came into our home terrorized, zippered tied us and held a gun to the back of my head with a countdown on it ! That night ended tragically in them shooting my husband 3 times in front of our 2 boys and killing him.*

*The 3 of us were spared for some reason to where they probably should have just killed us all because we were witnesses. But I believe God put His hand over us that night for He had plans for us and that was to glorify Him just as Genesis 50:20 says "What man meant for evil, God meant for good"*

*My husband Jim Sanders was a Christian man and the love of my life when he was taken in that horrific way with our 10- and 14-year-old boys suffering through that tragic night!!*

*And so, there with my husband lying on the floor gasping for his last breath and my hand on the doorknob waiting for the ambulance.... I looked up and I said these words that I will never forget. ... "God if I believe in your Holy Word I have to believe it here and now and to TRUST YOU"*

*So, in all the hysteria of the tragic loss of my husband, we then had to go through 4 separate murder trials....and then repeat one of those trials 4 years later totaling 5 murder trials of getting raked over the coals by the murderers' defense attorneys!*

*But through all that, I felt like God showed me what evil really looked like and supernaturally through Him I was able to separate the evil act from the person and look at them as God "created" these 4 people that did this "evil act" and I knew that I was to pray that they would come to know Christ so that it would not destroy me and also knowing that if we are to be forgiven by Christ we too have to forgive as well.*

*Two days before my husband's death we were having a Bible study in our home and a gal asked a question... Can murderers go to heaven? And my husband's response was "yes murderers can go to heaven if they turn their life over to Christ."*

*Two days later he died on the floor only 5 ft. from where he made that statement! I don't think that was by accident that that happened in that way; it was almost like a preparation for what was to come and that I was to continue to carry on the Lord's mission laid out for us.*



*For like myself, Jim so passionately wanted to see people come to Christ and I have lived that out since that terrible day knowing that there's evil in this world and that my discerning spirit now being highly sensitive to the devil's attacks since 4-28-2010 has made me so much more aware of his deceitful ways that I WON'T let the devil win or take me down!!*

*Dr. Jennings you are right, WE have to "stand firm in our faith"*

*I believe God has primed me for these days right now. And I am even more convinced because on September 2, 2021 my sister-in-law (56 yrs old) who was a very strong Christian passed away from Covid because she did not get the correct treatment in the hospital like ivermectin, etc. and just like everything you've talked about we do have a cure but they aren't spending time on "the curing people" (because the government does not care). They just want everybody to get vaccinated, which is such the work of Satan!*

*My sister-in-law passed away on her oldest son's birthday and it has been very frustrating to lose her in this way and tragically for the family we all now have to live without her! She has been taken out of this turbulent world but we remain here. Therefore I know that God has a purpose and a plan for us to stand firm in our faith and be BOLD for HIM.*

*Dr. Jennings I wanted to share a little bit of my story because I know you truly are one that really gets it and what is REALLY going on here and "who" is behind it!*

*So in closing I want to share with you how I became a listener of yours. It was the video you did on homosexuality and Christianity! My son (that was 10 years old at the time of our tragedy) told me after he graduated from High School that he was gay... It definitely was a shock! He is now 22 and a Christian (raised from birth [to love Jesus]); it has saddened me because he has been in torment at times because of how some Christians have made him feel because of the way he feels he was created and who he is.*

*Your video was such a HUGE blessing!! My son had been researching on his own just to make himself feel better about everything (since he felt like he wasn't accepted by Christians) Well we listened to your video and it was "life-changing" and definitely brought tears to both of our eyes.*

*It helped us to understand the biological part of the creation (I've watched your video 7 times) I especially love how you ended the video by saying to Christians: "If you still do not believe or even look at the possibilities in how they were created then you still have to look at Christ's love and that is the most important thing! For if we don't show Christ's love how are we ever going to draw anybody to Him?"*

*And in these times, I so agree with you that from day one of this whole Covid thing.... Christians (some) NEED TO WAKE UP!!*

*I know this is an extremely long email and if you made it through all of it I thank you for taking the time...MANY blessings to you and all those that make your ministry possible!*



*-In Christ-  
Charlene Sanders Altman*

Thoughts about this email?

- Do you think she has experienced evil in her life?
- Do you recognize the power of God's methods of truth, love, freedom that helped her overcome the assault of evil? She didn't become bitter, she didn't hate, she didn't seek to retaliate—she forgave and prayed for the salvation of those who murdered her husband.
- Do you think she is right to recognize how fear is infecting Christianity and how so many are being manipulated by fear?
- Fear is an intruder, it is part of sin, and we cannot overcome fear by might, power, threat, rules, legislation, coercion, control, forced obedience, destruction of those who don't go along with our thinking. What is the only way to overcome fear? Love—perfect love casts out all fear. And where do we find love? Will we find perfect love in any resource of this world? In any human government? In the Christianity of imposed law? No, we find perfect love only in Jesus and in returning to worship Him who made the heavens, earth, sea and fountains of water. It is returning to Creator worship, whose laws are design laws. We cannot win the war by legislation, mandates, rules, executive orders—"for though we live in the world we do not wage war as the world does..."

## SABBATH

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The lesson states,

*"Moses gives them a history lesson, a theme that is repeated all through the Bible: remember what the Lord has done for you in the past.*

*"This admonition should mean something to us, we who are on the borders of a better Promised Land; 'In reviewing our past history, having traveled over every step of advance to our present standing...I am filled with astonishment, and with confidence in Christ as leader. We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord as led us, and His teaching in our past history.' –E.G. White *Life Sketches*, p. 196."*

What a perfect quote for the day in which we are living. How many people do you know that are afraid of the future? Do we need to fear the future? Why not?

What does the future hold for those who are faithful? It will hold trials, it will hold difficulties, it will hold temptation—why?

- Because Satan hates Jesus and attacks those Jesus loves



- Because events will unfold in such a way that every single person will decide for or against Jesus in the law and methods they apply to their own lives in how they treat others. Do we love the Lord and our neighbor so that we present truth in love and leave free, or are we dominated with fear so much that we join with the beastly governments of the world to coerce and compel others in order to protect ourselves?
- In doing this every person will reveal one of two characters; every person will be sealed or marked into one of two characters.
- This is happening right now

We have nothing to fear for the future except we forget how the Lord has led us in the past. How has the Lord led you in the past?

Come and Reason started out as a weekly Bible study class, but the message of God's character of love and His design laws was rejected by some in church leadership who prefer the dictator god and the imposed law view.

We had our class canceled; we were banned from the local church facility and college properties; we had letters, emails and videos made about us that misrepresented us. We were *tempted* with emotions of hurt, frustration, anger which tempted us to retaliate, to hit back, to go to war against the local leaders. But, instead we prayed and asked God to take away our hurt and anger and we prayed for the people who were mistreating us. It wasn't instant, but our feelings changed, we established Come and Reason Ministries as a not-for-profit organization and began producing materials to give away and share this message. And God has blessed us over the last 11 years. Doors have opened, we have distributed materials all over the world, we have hubs in South Africa and Australia sharing these resources, many speaking opportunities have opened, we have many new friends, people who pray for us, others who donate, others who share our resources and this message continues to advance.

There is a lesson—when faced with adversity, when mistreated, when lied about, when the feelings of injustice, anger, resentment, desire to lash back arise, it is then we must go to Jesus and ask Him to fill our hearts with love for our enemies, to pray for those who would mistreat us. For it is in times of adversity that several critical things happen:

1. God is able to reveal His methods most powerfully and reach people who would not otherwise be reached (Daniel and the lion's den; the fiery furnace; stoning of Stephen; martyrs in the arena of Rome and the Reformers etc.)
2. Our faith is exercised and strengthened as we choose in governance of self to do what is right and trust God with how things turn out
3. Our characters are solidified into godliness by choosing to embrace and apply God's laws and methods or our characters are solidified into the satanic by choosing to embrace and apply Satan's laws and methods.



## SUNDAY

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The lesson points our attention to Exodus 32:31-32 right after the Israelites have made a golden calf and God threatens to destroy them and start over with Moses, that Moses asks God to forgive them or blot his name out of the book.

Read second paragraph, “Even though Moses...” What does it mean that to forgive means to bear the sin? Is this a legal process being described, or is it something else?

Read the next two paragraphs, “Thus we have, early...” How do you hear this? Through what law lens?

If we read this through the human law lens, then what is often described? That sin is a legal problem and God, in order to be just, must inflict punishment for sin that would not otherwise occur, but God loves us so sent Jesus and put all the sins of every person upon Jesus and punished Jesus in our place to pay the legal requirements of inflicted punishment for sin.

But, if we understand God’s law as design law, how do we understand what is transpiring?

Sin takes a person out of harmony with the law that God built life to operate upon. Adam did this to humanity and all of us are born in sin, conceived in iniquity (Ps 51:5). Thus we are born “dead in trespass and sin” or have a terminal sin-condition. We are not born legally guilty, we are born terminal. God, sent Jesus to become sin, though He knew no sin, so that we might **become** the righteousness of God (2Cor 5:21). This is substitution—that Jesus becomes the second Adam, takes upon Himself our sinful condition, the terminal state and as a human being is tempted in all ways like us, but instead of succumbing to fear and selfishness eradicates fear and selfishness by loving perfectly and restoring God’s law of life back into the species human. Thus He becomes the new head of humanity, the second Adam.

God’s law is vindicated; God’s character is vindicated; and God’s design protocols for life are restored into the species human. God can but just and the justifier of Him who trusts in Jesus.

I was reading yesterday in the book *The Great Controversy* the chapter The Origin of Sin—if you haven’t read that chapter in a while, I highly recommend it, very powerful. Here is a section from that chapter:

**The same spirit that prompted rebellion in heaven still inspires rebellion on earth.** Satan has continued with men the same policy which he pursued with the angels. His spirit now reigns in the children of disobedience. **Like him they seek to break down the restraints of the law of God and promise men liberty through transgression of its precepts.** [God’s law is design law—how does Satan seek to break down God’s design law? With the same methods he used in heaven, which was? Lies believed break the circle of love and trust resulting in FEAR and selfishness, which results in imposed rules or laws to control others. Thus, he





breaks down God's law by the imposition of law! Do we see this today? Those who operate at level four and below moral development, are the people to follow rules, to seek to be obedient, who think sin is a legal problem, and who will seek to comply with laws. When government passes laws they will enforce them. Level five and above moral development, which only about 25-30% of people achieve, love others and will live out God's design laws, but end up being persecuted by the level fours and below.] **Reproof of sin still arouses the spirit of hatred and resistance.** [Reproof of the transgression of God's design law, i.e. reproof of the lies, of the censoring, the coercion, the mandates, the imposed rules to coerce consciences results in hatred and resistance] When God's messages of warning are brought home to the conscience, **Satan leads men to justify themselves and to seek the sympathy of others** in their course of sin. **Instead of correcting their errors, they excite indignation against the reprover, as if he were the sole cause of difficulty.** From the days of righteous Abel to our own time such is the spirit which has been displayed toward those who dare to condemn sin. GC 500.1 [And sure enough those who stand for liberty of conscience today are accused as being the cause of the difficulties in the world]

**By the same misrepresentation of the character of God as he had practiced in heaven, causing Him to be regarded as severe and tyrannical, Satan induced man to sin.** And having succeeded thus far, he declared that God's unjust restrictions had led to man's fall, as they had led to his own rebellion... GC 500.2 [He misrepresents God as a rule-giver and inflictor of punishment for sin thus causing men to distrust God and rebel.]

**In the atonement the character of God is revealed.** The mighty argument of the cross demonstrates to the whole universe that the course of sin which Lucifer had chosen was in no wise chargeable upon the government of God... GC 500.4

It was Satan that prompted the world's rejection of Christ. **The prince of evil exerted all his power and cunning to destroy Jesus; for he saw that the Saviour's mercy and love, His compassion and pitying tenderness, were representing to the world the character of God...** [What won the day for Jesus? Living out God's law of truth, love and liberty while being assaulted with every evil attack Satan could bring. And in this time in human history, Christ's followers are to be His representatives, His lights in a dark world, to reveal His character to bring glory to Him—by doing what? Will it be that we will be assaulted with every evil power Satan can wield, lies, accusations, coercion, force, violence, financial threat and ruin, homelessness like Elijah, and how to we reveal God's kingdom? Isn't it by clinging to Jesus, by loving our enemies, praying for those who spitefully use us, by refusing the methods of violence, coercion, control, intimidation, by living out truth, love and liberty?]

**The penalty of the law fell upon Him who was equal with God, and man was free to accept the righteousness of Christ and by a life of penitence and humiliation to triumph, as the Son of God had triumphed, over the power of Satan.** Thus God is just and yet the justifier of all who believe in Jesus. GC 502.3 [What do you hear? What law lens? The penalty of the law fell upon Jesus, not the punishment of God. What is the penalty of the law? Why did it fall upon Jesus? Jesus who knew no sin took our sin condition upon Himself, was tempted in



every way just like we are yet without sin. He felt the temptation of the fallen nature to act in self-interest. But with every temptation He overcame by love and trust in His Father. “Father into your hands I commend my spirit.” And man was free to accept what? A legal payment? No! Man was free to accept the righteousness of Christ—meaning Christ developed a perfect sinless righteous human character and we are free to accept this into our hearts and be reborn and then live a life of penitence and humiliation—meaning selfless love, not self-exaltation. And we triumph over sin and Satan as **Christ did**, by love and trust in the face of injustice.]

How do we understand what was happening when Moses pled with God not to destroy Israel?

We must remember the context—which is the Great Controversy. At this point in human history, not all the angels in heaven were settled, some still had sympathy for Lucifer, Satan was still trying to win the heavenly beings to his side, but Satan was also working to try and destroy the avenue through whom the Messiah would come. This is the landscape upon which the events in Exodus are taking place.

Does God have foreknowledge? Yes—did God know that Moses would plead with Him as he did? Yes, and did God know that He would not actually destroy the people? Yes, of course He did. Then, this is not about God being angry, wrathful, frustrated, impatient, and fortunately He had a friend in Moses who loved the people and had more patience than God and could intercede with God to talk God down from His anger. This idea is offensive, corrupt, vile and is Satan’s version of events because it misrepresents God and sadly is the most common version taught in Christianity.

But the truth is that God was never about to kill the people and didn’t need to have Moses plead with Him, but instead took this opportunity to demonstrate what happens in hearts and minds of sinners, of murderers, who spend time with God. Moses, the murderer of the overseer, the fearful person who ran away to protect himself, after time with God had been transformed, reborn, recreated, renewed with God’s law of love written in his heart. And when God Himself offers to exalt Moses and start over with Moses’ family, Moses instead of embracing the exaltation, offers to sacrifice himself to save others.

Can’t you see God turn to the angels in heaven and say, “I told you, my methods work. Those who trust me are restored fully to my methods of love.”

This is what is truly happening in the plan of salvation!

## MONDAY

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In Sabbath’s lesson we are reminded of the importance of not forgetting history, of not forgetting God, of not forgetting how God has led us in the past.

What are some of the ways that people today have forgotten God?





Read first paragraph, “Despite some of the error...” What are some of the ways that people today have forgotten God?

- godlessness, evolutionism
- false god concepts—a dictator god
- taking eyes off God and focusing on the problems of the world, bills, climate change, fires, floods, hurricanes, pandemics...
- busyness in good causes so we don’t take time with God
- others?

The lesson asks what happened at Kadesh Barnea and what is the lesson? The Bible records real people, real history, doing real stuff, but the reason these events are chosen is because they reveal the plan of salvation being worked out and often serve as object lessons to the larger reality.

- The people had been held in captivity in Egypt—this represents being captives in sin and surrounded by a pagan and/or godless worldview. This represents the entire plan of salvation, humans bound in the slavery of sin and God leading us out. But it also represents the people of God in the Dark Ages. The Hebrews were God’s chosen people to evangelize the world, but had become slaves in Egypt. The church became God’s chosen people to evangelize the world, but the church became infected with pagan views of God just as Egypt was pagan and thus the Christian world was enslaved to a false god-construct and the imperial methods of the world. God worked to lead the people out of Egypt, so too God led the Reformers to lead the minds of people out of the pagan views of God that infect the church.
- God led the Israelites to Sinai where He gave the people the law and the tabernacle. This represents leading the Reformers back to the truth of God’s law as design law, and the Sanctuary message of cleansing the Spirit Temple to prepare the people of God to be at-one with Him, to tabernacle with Him in His presence, i.e. to enter the Promised Land.
- After the law and tabernacle were given, God led the people directly toward the Promised Land. After God led the Reformers to return to God’s law, reject pagan views, and embrace the cleansing of the sanctuary message God led the people to prepare to enter the heavenly Canaan.
- As God led the people from Sinai toward the Promised Land, the terrain became more difficult and the people, primarily from the mixed multitude, began to complain. As God led the Reformers who were preparing for the second coming of Christ, toward the heavenly Promised Land, difficulties arose, and among those who clung to the pagan view of God’s law opposition entered into the camp; those who clung to imposed law were not pleased with the direction in which the message was going.
- While God was feeding the people the bread of heaven, the disgruntled people began to clamor for the fleshpots of Egypt, so too while God has provided truths from heaven to feed our souls, the disgruntled Christians have clamored for the laws, methods, and practices of the world. Many have rejected the message for this time of God’s design law and have clung to the wine of Babylon, the lie that God’s law functions like human law, and thus have developed a form of godliness with no power.
- God gave them the meat that they demanded and they ate the quail until they were sick and many died. So too, when we reject God’s design laws and embrace the methods, principles and



practices of the world God lets us have what we insist upon and people become more legal, more rules-oriented, more coercive, more controlling and the people get sick, characters become corrupt and millions die. We see this happening right now and sadly millions/billions of Christians and Christian organizations are embracing the beastly methods the church is sick and many are spiritually dying.

- God brought the Israelites to the border of the Promised Land, and God has brought us to the border of heaven. But the report of ten of the spies focused on threats rather than on God and His promises, and fear took hold in the hearts of the people. As the Advent Reformers were advancing the truth, presenting the message of righteousness by faith that would prepare the people to enter the heavenly Promised Land, Satan's agents in the church diverted the minds away from God's promise to heal and restore to the lie of imposed law and legal declarations. And today the focus is on the threats from the world, rather than the promises of God and fear is paralyzing the church and God's people.
- Caleb and Joshua voiced the true message, but the ten unfaithful spies denounced them. In our own history, Jones and Waggoner voiced the true message of righteousness by faith, pointing to God's design law and healing of heart and mind. But they were denounced by the legal adherents. And today we have been pronouncing God's methods of truth, love, liberty and have been denounced by those who want to use government to mandate, coerce, compel and force.
- Then Korah, one of the Levites, led a rebellion against Moses and God's plan to lead the people into the Promised Land. Likewise, the penal legal adherents in the church led a rebellion against the righteousness by faith message and the church has been wandering in the wilderness.

Consider this quote from EG White regarding the events of the 1888 GC:

“When I purposed to leave Minneapolis, the **angel of the Lord** stood by me and said: "Not so; God has a work for you to do in this place. The **people are acting over the rebellion of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.** [What did these three do at the border of Canaan? What were the people doing in 1888?] 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; but I will be with you; My grace and power shall sustain you. [What was the message? Actual healing of hearts and minds, righteousness by faith as 2Cor 5:21 teaches, but it was rejected for the penal legal lie of declared righteousness even though we are not righteous] It is not you they are despising, but the messengers and the message I send to My people. [The messengers were Jones and Waggoner and the message was healing of hearts and minds, real righteousness by faith.] 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. [What is described? They reject truth and their minds become darkened, and unless they repent, meaning reject the lies and embrace the truth, they cannot be healed. But if they would God would heal them. It is about healing, not legal forgiveness.] They have obscured their spiritual eyesight. 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}

The leadership of the SDA church at the 1888 GC took the position of Korah and rebelled against God and have led the church into the wilderness of penal legal theology, from which the church has still not recovered.

So, when Israel was about to enter the Promised Land—what did Satan do to interfere with God's plan, to get them to balk, to get them to stop, to get them to resist God, to get them to rebel?

- Fear messaging
- Worldly living—long for the comforts of this world
- Inspire leaders who value Satan's methods
- Seek temporal safety over trusting God and being loyal to Him

Do we see this today?

Consider this quote:

The greatest want of the world is the want of men—**men who will not be bought or sold**, [do you see how Satan attacks? How many are feeling the pressure to compromise their consciences, their beliefs, their principles for a gift card, ability to travel, to keep their job?] men who in their inmost souls are true and honest, [How many of our leaders, whether in government or in our own church are willing to respect the conscientious choices of others, or who are willing to use pressure, coercion, threat to advance what they believe is right? Is this honest and true or is it a deceit?] men who do not fear to call sin by its right name, [It is sin to violate God's laws, including the law of love and the law of liberty. Whenever we engage in practices that coerce or compel or pressure the consciences of others we are sinning against God and our fellow human beings.] men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall. Ed 57.3 [True to duty, what duty? Isn't it true to God, to live out His methods, to reveal His character, to have His law be the supreme standard of conduct in how we treat others? How do we become such people?]

But such a character is not the result of accident; [It is not a genetic happenstance, an accident of birth, biologically randomly determined. Character cannot be created it must be developed.] it is not due to special favors or endowments of Providence. [Such a noble character is not the result of God playing favorites, God does not choose to magically endow some with mature and strong character and others with feckless wavering character. No, each person develops their own by the choices they make when faced with temptation. Our characters are not developed in the good times, but it is in the furnace, in the heat of spiritual battle, when the hammer blows of our enemy falls upon us and we lean into Jesus, we choose to resist the pull of fear, reject the actions of selfishness, say no to the survival drives. It is when we love instead



of hate, forgive instead of harbor resentment, it is when we live the truth and leave others free rather than seeking to compel others that we develop a noble character. Or, instead we can choose the fear, choose to act in self-interest, choose to advance a cause to force others to comply—for their own good of course—but in so doing we develop a different character.] **A noble character is the result of self-discipline, of the subjection of the lower to the higher nature—the surrender of self for the service of love to God and man.** Ed 57.4 [Each one of us right now in this COVID crisis is deciding who we will trust, what methods we will practice in how we treat others, and what character we will develop.]

## TUESDAY

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The lesson focuses our attention upon God’s organization of the people and that God is a God of order, not disorder. In the last paragraph it reads, “Though we sometimes hear people rail against ‘organized’ religion (what would they prefer, ‘disorganized’ religion instead?), the Word of God, especially the New Testament, acknowledges no other kind but an organized one.”

When people rail against organized religion what is it they are really railing against?

They are railing against the valuing of the organization over the people:

- It is better for one man to die than the nation, as Caiaphas argued regarding the crucifixion of Jesus
- The cover up of child molesting priests or pastors to protect the organization
- The disfellowshipping of people who question orthodox views
- The practice of rule enforcement over loving of people

Oswald Chambers recognized this problem:

Reconciliation means the restoring of the relationship between the entire human race and God, putting it back to what God designed it to be. This is what Jesus Christ did in redemption. **The church ceases to be spiritual when it becomes self-seeking, only interested in the development of its own organization.** The reconciliation of the human race according to His plan means realizing Him not only in our lives individually, but also in our lives collectively. Jesus Christ sent apostles and teachers for this very purpose—that the corporate Person of Christ and His church, made up of many members, might be brought into being and made known. We are not here to develop a spiritual life of our own, or to enjoy a quiet spiritual retreat. We are here to have the full realization of Jesus Christ, for the purpose of building His body. (“The Spiritually Self-Seeking Church,” My Utmost for His Highest.)

In my experience, people never rail against helping other people, they rail against rule enforcement that smacks of institutional protection at the expense of the people.



## WEDNESDAY

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The lesson focuses again on Moses pleading with God not to destroy the people and emphasizes the argument of Moses that God's reputation would be injured after leading the people out of Egypt if He should kill them in the wilderness.

The lesson notes "the idea that God is to be glorified in His people."

What does this mean? How is God glorified in His people?

Is this a message for us today?

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water." (Re 14:6–7 NIV84).

What does this mean? How would you explain this to someone today?

- What is the eternal gospel?
- What does it mean to fear God?
- What is the significance of "the hour of his judgment?"
- What is the call to worship about?

So, how do we glorify God?

## THURSDAY

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Read the first three paragraphs, "In Deuteronomy 2..." How do you explain the instructions to kill everyone, men, women, and children?

What would you have done had you been there?

Do you think God would have been angry if a person had such a tender heart that they didn't want to kill another, but like Moses would give their life for the wicked?

What happens in the hearts and minds of people when they kill another human being? Does it make for greater psychological health? Does it bring greater sense of peace? Do those who kill others typically become more gentle? Or do they become hardened, more callous?

Why would God instruct them to do this then?



Didn't God kill the first born of Egypt? Didn't at a later time an angel kill 180,000 Assyrians? Didn't God still have the ability to do this, kill them Himself? Then why did God have the people do it?

Was it God's first plan?

I will send my terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make all your enemies turn their backs and run. 28 I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way. 29 But I will not drive them out in a single year, because the land would become desolate and the wild animals too numerous for you. 30 Little by little I will drive them out before you, until you have increased enough to take possession of the land. (Ex 23:27–30).

So this was God's plan—what happened to this plan? The people didn't go along with it.

Why instruct to kill everyone then? What does God want, maximum killing or minimum killing? Maximum PTSD or minimum PTSD?

So from God's perspective, if they insist on fighting, what course results in the least amount of people killed in war, and the least amount of people participating in the violence? By getting it over in one generation, wiping them all out, so that there isn't perpetual generational war for thousands of years. But, they disobeyed on this as well and there has been perpetual war in the Middle East with essentially every generation scarred by it.

## FRIDAY

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Read Friday's lesson, "As Creator..." What is the problem here? FOTAP—the Fallacy of the Assumed Premise.

What is the assumed premise? That God's law functions like human law, and therefore God can arbitrarily do anything.

God is Creator and God is Sovereign but God cannot do anything—what can God not do and remain the God Jesus has revealed Him to be? God cannot coerce, compel, or force the conscience. Why? Because it is a violation of His law of liberty, and love only exists in freedom.

So God's sovereignty is revealed in sustaining His laws that govern reality and these laws are design laws, not imposed rules.

The idea of judgment is presented as imperial, punitive, imposed, judicial, which is based on the lie that God's law functions like human law.





Several problems here, even in their model. First, the judgment is a future event yet they have God punishing sin before the judgment. Second, the punishment for sin is eternal death, not sleep death, and all of these people died the first death and will arise again at the end of the 1000 years to face judgment. So, in their own false legal view their conclusions are contradictory and create confusion.

We agree that God's elimination of these people was part of God's actions to keep open the avenue for the Messiah. This is the real issue, so His actions had nothing to do with punishing sin, but His judgment here was the judgment of a physician judging the people as necrotic and needed to excise the necrosis to bring about the cure.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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**AACC Report:** The American Association of Christian Counselors World Conference was held in Orlando Florida—over 6000 in attendance, people from all 50 states and multiple countries. It was wonderful to be together again with believers and friends. Less than 5% of people wore masks during the event.

Our ministry gave away over 10,000 items:

- *Could It Be This Simple?*
- *The Remedy New Testament*
- *The Remedy Psalms*
- *God Is Love Children's Book*
- *The Meditation Guide*
- *Tracts*

We had incredible positive responses from people, stories of lives being changed from using our resources and applying God's design law methods. One man told of an addiction recovery program his ministry runs and four years ago he listened to one of my programs, then went to our booth and got our materials and started using our materials in their recovery program and over the last four years, he reported, that they have had a three-to-four-fold increase in the number of their patients remaining sober.

Pray that God will use the resources we distributed to heal more hearts and minds for His kingdom.

**Come and Reason Property update:** A production consultant has examined the property and we are now working on getting contractors to give us a bid.

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.