

Part 3 –Feasts of God, Sacrifices

Exodus 23

*13 And in all things that I have said unto you be **circumspect**: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.*

This verse goes back to the very First Commandment [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Exodus/88] as God stresses that He wanted Israel to be circumspect about all things He said to them (us as well). There's an important word in this verse we need to look at...

“**Circumspect**” is #8104 in the Hebrew, written as *shamar* and pronounced as *shaw-mar'*. It's a primitive root that means: properly, *to hedge about* (as with thorns), i.e. **guard**; generally, *to protect, attend to*, etc.

This is a critical word to understand for God isn't just telling us to be careful; He's telling us that we must learn to guard, protect and 'attend to' **His Way** (the things He has told us) inasmuch that we put a hedge about us in order to do so. This word is used a lot in the Old Testament and is most often translated as 'take heed' and 'keep' but is also frequently translated 'observe' and 'diligently' (Deut 6:17, 11:22), as well as many other ways. It's a great study all on its own [**Take Heed and Keep It** <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/943>]. Thus, this is one Hebrew word well worth remembering because God not only expects us to try hard to obey His Word (all of it, the Old and the New Testaments), He expects us to *protect* it from being distorted and this starts first and foremost in our own mind and heart. This means we must study it ourselves (2 Tim 2:15) and allow it to penetrate our soul; it must convict us and change the way we think and what we desire so that our words and actions change *sincerely*. However, we are also to preserve God's Word in the minds of *other* people, whenever the opportunity arises.

5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time.

6 Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

Col 4:5-6

But we can only help others if we allow the Word of God to change us. An integral part of this requires us to put a 'hedge about' our heart to protect us from being led astray, as Moses warned..

*Only **take heed** to thyself, and **keep** thy soul **diligently**, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;*

Deut 4:9

*23 **Take heed** unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee.*

24 *For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.*
Deut 4:23-24

16 **Take heed** to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;

17 And then the LORD's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

19 And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

20 And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:

21 That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

Deut 11:16-21

We could go on, and on, *and on* citing examples where this word is used in the Scriptures and explaining the importance of it. Suffice it to say that it's very important to guard our heart and mind against deception. It is just all too easy to forget the truth and be led astray by sweet sounding lies because, *that's much easier than facing your faults*. This is, after all, why Paul told us to put on the Gospel armor (Eph 6). It's just all too easy to be deceived while in these flesh bodies... after all people were deceive by Satan *even in the first earth age*... when we were in *spiritual* bodies, which were not weak like our flesh bodies (Ezek 28, Rev 12) [check out the study explaining **Spiritual and Material Dimensions** <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/263>].

Being in these flesh bodies (without memory of life in the first earth age) makes it even harder to keep from being deceived. Thus, Jesus Himself warned us to *watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak* (Matt 26:41 and repeated in Mk 14:38). Jesus didn't say this to belittle us; it's just a fact. And it is on account of our weakness in the flesh that the time of the tribulation (of the antichrist, Satan) was shortened (Mth 24:22, Mk 13:20) to five months (Rev 9:5,10) instead of the full 7 years as was originally told to Daniel (Dan 9). Those who make it through the tribulation will have learned how to 'guard' their heart against deception. *That's why they are given the seal of God* (Rev 7). [learn more about this with the special studies on: **Antichrist, Satan or Man** <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/345> and **The Tribulation is for Your Soul, not Your Flesh Body** <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/403>]. But it's not easy. It's hard. And that's why Jesus said...

23 *Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,*

24 **Strive** [means to 'struggle', #75] *to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.*

25 *When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:*

26 *Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.*

27 *But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all **ye workers of iniquity.***

Luke 13:23-27

Due to the fact that it's *really* hard to 'enter in at the strait gate' (of righteousness, Ps 118:19-20), many people don't really try. Instead, they seek to justify *themselves*, both now just as they did back then...

And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

Luke 16:15

For this reason, God commands we learn of His Word and strive (struggle) to obey it *from our heart*. We are to love God with ALL our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mk 12:30). Additionally, He also demands we not even make mention of other gods. Why? Because talking about something is often a 'lead in' to *doing it*. While we definitely need to be aware of the enemy's tactics to avoid being deceived, and to learn how to fight them (this is what the spiritual armor is for - Eph 6), *we must keep our focus on our Heavenly Father lest we get depressed and feel like there's no way we'll win*. The old saying of 'if you can't beat them, join them' is **evil**. When we allow ourselves to get distracted by 'other gods' of money, success, lust and so forth, we are losing the spiritual war. But just as bad is getting distracted with the enemy's apparent success. God doesn't want us to talk about other gods in any form or fashion. We should not want to join them for any reason. We're to clean (and keep clean) our heart and mind and strive to serve Him with all we've got.

Yet, many (most) Christians are more focused on the carnal things in life than the spiritual. And a 'god' can be anything we put before our Heavenly Father. Our home, our car, our job, our 'portfolio', saving for retirement, 'getting ahead' in your career, 'pursuing other interests' and even family and friends can be gods if we put them in importance before our Heavenly Father. And we most often develop a love for other gods during the good times. When the money is rolling in and we can get new vehicles, remodel the house, get a camper, a boat and all the other toys our hearts desire, we often forget our Heavenly Father. Then, when hard times come, we complain to Him as though He was the one who did it all to us. God clearly warned in Lev 26 and Deut 28 (and elsewhere) that when our nation disobeys His Word, we'll be cursed. Even the righteous living in a sinful nation will go through those hard times. If we really love our Heavenly Father, we'll learn how to cut back on all the amenities we don't need and make ends meet. We'll trust in Him to help us through those hard times.

Ps 112:5 tells us that *a good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion*. This tells us that we have a duty to be responsible with our income and not get in over our heads in debt. We shouldn't lust for 'things' we cannot afford. That's the essence of coveting yet all too many Christians don't even realize it! 1 Tim 6:6 tells us that *godliness with contentment is great gain* yet all too many Christians have been caught up in materialism because they believed the lie that the 'prosperity ministries' teach, which is that God will give you great material wealth IF you really believe in Him. What this amounts to is getting people to indulge in covetousness and lust – two of the most spiritually corrupting sins there are (aside from pride). Because so many Christians are taught traditions of man (lies) instead of God's truth, there's little difference between them and the world. We get to be ungrateful complainers when the economy is bad, instead of thanking God for what we do have. Moreover, many Christians don't truly clean their hearts but yet get upset by all the 'sin' they see in the world (except for the sins they keep hidden in their heart). And then they get depressed by it. God warned us not to even talk about other gods let alone entertain them in our heart. We cannot lust after money and/or 'things' and still love God with all our heart (Mth 6:26).

Again (and not to sound like a broken record), this is why it's critical to keep your mind and heart in and on the Word of God. If we don't counter all the 'bad new' with the truth, we won't remember God's plan. We need to study God's Word every day; not only see what we should be doing, but also to remember all His wonderful promises. We shouldn't be mad that sinners are getting ahead in this world. It's Satan's system ruling this world. Is it any surprise to see he rewards those who love and obey him? Do you really want to be a part of that? James 4 warns against this [a good study on: **Where Is Your Joy** <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/299>] and Psalms 37 is a important Psalm that reminds us of the Promises of God and how we should not be worried or angry (especially to the point of doing something that's against God's Word) about the 'success' the enemy appears to have. It's a great chapter to study and remember whenever you get upset at seeing the enemy 'get ahead' in life [**Faithful Instead of Fearful** <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/419>]. Consider just a few verses of this great Psalm...

7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.
Ps 37:7-9

So, we must strive to do what's right and not worry that it appears the enemy is 'getting ahead'. God is watching them closely (as He is also watching you) and is looking to see what choices we make in life. The wicked will get their due punishments and God's Word explains this very clearly. Just because we don't see the wicked punished *when we want*, does not mean their day is not coming (read Deut 32). Likewise, just because we don't get all the things we want *now* (and we really should not be lusting or coveting anyhow, because that IS idolatry, as Col 3:5 clearly lays out) does not mean God has forgotten us. If you really want a good reminder of God's plan and why He allows the wicked to 'get ahead' in this world, study the great book of Habakkuk for

that prophet asked God the same thing and was amazed at the beautiful answer God gave Him. [study this book in depth with this link: <https://t.me/TheMinorProphets/39>].

So, let's remember God's Word (study it and obey it) and keep all talk about all the gods of the world out of our minds and hearts. Our focus should be on our Heavenly Father, *not on the enemy*. And, just to be clear, this does not mean we shouldn't be on guard for the enemy's tactics. We must be aware of the enemy every day but *that cannot replace studying God's Word*. Spending all your time learning about all the evil things that are going on does nothing to help you if you don't counter that with the truth of God's Word.

Exodus 23

14 Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year.

16 And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year; when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

Deut 16 gives the same charge but Lev 23 tells us there were more than just three times a year Israel was to keep feasts. However, (as we'll find out in verse 27), in this chapter, God is merely talking about the three times a year all males were to 'appear' before Him. What was this for? Since men were (and are still to be) the head of the family, they were accountable to God for what fruit their household produced; that's why it was the males who appeared before God. However, since Jesus has died for our sins (Heb 10:10), the way we observe the feast days is different because we no longer sacrifice animals. Thus, each person is individually responsible for their own *spiritual* fruits (Ez 33) and we will all be accountable to Him on Judgment Day (Rev 20:11-15). [To study more in depth on the feasts, check out the line-by-line study in Deuteronomy 16: https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Deuteronomy/57].

Exodus 23

*15 Thou shalt **keep** the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)*

For starters, the word 'keep' here is the same a 'circumspect' in vs 13: It's #8104 and means: **to hedge about** (as with thorns), i.e. **guard**; generally, **to protect, attend to**, etc. Israel was to guard, protect and attend to the feast of unleavened bread (which He explained back in Exodus chapter 12 [https://t.me/BibleStudyBooks_Exodus/43]). What this means for us today is different than it was back then because we do not keep (observe) the carnal blood sacrifices anymore. Why? Because Jesus became our blood sacrifice 'once and for all' (Heb 10:10) when He died on the cross for us. However, Jesus' death did not do away with the Feasts (or the law, Mth 5). Jesus did command us to observe the Feasts but by taking Communion (Mth 26) instead of the blood sacrifices. And Paul helped to explained what the Feasts of Passover and Unleavened bread symbolize...

7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Cor 5:7-8

So, Jesus became our Passover and it's His Spirit and His Word that helps us to kick out the leaven (sin) and partake of the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. And it is because Jesus Christ died for our sins (He is the Sacrificial Lamb – Rev 5), that He also is our representative to God for these three Feasts. Consider the following...

After 3 ½ days Jesus rose from the dead (Mth 12:41, 26:1-2, 16:21-24, Mk 16:1-6, Acts 2:24); *that was during the **Feast of Unleavened bread***, which was a feast dedicated to removing the leaven (sin) out of our hearts. During this time, Jesus conquered death and his flesh body rose from the dead and was transformed into an *eternal* body. This proved He has power to give eternal life to whomsoever will crucify their old man (Lk 9:23), by circumcising their heart (Deut 10:16, Jer 4:4) and removing the beam from their own eye (Mth 7). Next was the ***Feast of Weeks***, which we know as ***Pentecost*** because it was fifty days after the Feast of Unleavened Bread. This is when Jesus gave the Gift of the Holy Spirit to whomsoever will circumcise their hardened heart (Acts 2, 10). The last of these three feasts was the ***Feast of Tabernacles***. This was right after the last harvest and looks forward to the end gathering when Jesus Christ returns (Mth 13:41-42, 24:29-31).

Moreover, Deut 16:17 tells us that: *Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee*. This is what the parable of the talents in Mth 25:14-28 explains. We are responsible to God to use the talents (gifts) He gives us, even if it's only one gift. Find your gift (ask God to help you see it if you don't know what it is) and use it with *all your strength* (Mk 12:30). Note that *fear* is what made the man with only one talent *not* use his talent (he hid it instead) and because of that, he was considered 'wicked' and 'slothful' and the talent was taken away from him when Jesus returned. We cannot let fear (or anything else) keep us from using our God given talent(s). Don't be afraid of your inadequacies, of the things you hear in the news or anything else. Fear is a lack of faith, which in itself a sin but you can increase your faith by studying God's Word, meditating on it, prayer, and fasting from sin (Mth 17:21, 2 Tim 2:15). In other words, you must 'use it' *now* or 'loose it' when Jesus returns.

To study more on the Feasts of the Bible, consider the following studies...

Biblical Feasts Parallel with the Gestation of a Baby <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/402>
Should We Celebrate the Feast Days <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/329>

Exodus 23

18 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning.

Recall how 1 Cor 5:8 tells us that leaven is ‘malice and wickedness’ and Luke 12:1 also tells us that leaven is hypocrisy. So, obviously, leaven symbolizes sin and we are duty bound to God to get sin out of our heart, the best we can (and keep it out). This is a daily process (struggle) but it’s one that God absolutely commands of us. The ‘blood’ of God’s ‘Sacrifice’ was the precious blood of His only begotten son, Jesus Christ (1 Pt 1:10, Rev 5:9, 1 John 1:7, Heb 9:14, 13:12, Col 1:14, Eph 1:7). The blood of Jesus Christ simply cannot mix with sin (leaven) because, from the time of His conception to the time of His death and resurrection, there was no sin in Jesus Christ, (2 Cor 5:21, 1 Pt 2:22, 1 John 3:5, etc.). Therefore, He expects us to put away our sins IF we want to be a part of His Kingdom, for it is written...

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind [Eph 6:14], be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written [in Lev 20:7], Be ye holy; for I am holy.

1 Peter 1:13-16

Further, God calls us to be ‘holy’. As 2 Peter says...

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue [courage]; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance [self-control]; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness [loyalty/devotion to the true God];

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity [love].

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

*10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: **for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:***

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:5-11

It is only through putting on the ‘divine’ nature of God (explained in verse 4-7 and elsewhere in the Bible) that we can ‘escape’ corruption in this world through *lust*. This is something we will do IF we truly accept the blood of Jesus Christ, as Paul later says ...

1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.
2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.
3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.
5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate [lustful] affection, evil concupiscence [longing/lust], and covetousness, which is idolatry:
6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:
7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.
8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
Col 3:1-10

Putting off the ‘old man’ (our carnal way of thinking and desires) requires us to kick out sinful thoughts and desires from our heart (desires, emotions, intentions) and mind (thought process). If we crucify this part of us (as Col 1:1 refers to), then the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ will help us ‘rise’ to a higher level of thinking that is required to live eternally. James explains the two different mindsets...

13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.
14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.
*15 **This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.***
16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.
*17 But **the wisdom that is from above** is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.*
18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.
James 3:13-18

Paul also explains the difference between the carnal mind and the fleshly mind extremely well in the great book of Romans...

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
*6 **For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.***

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

*9 But ye are **not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.** Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

*13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: **but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.***

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Rom 8:5-14

If you are not working to clean out the leaven (sin) from your heart, you won't mix with the Blood of Christ because light and darkness are not compatible. Those who think they are righteous on their own accord (self-righteous) don't seek to clean out their sin *because they don't think they have any*. Sadly, some traditions of man teach people that once they accept Jesus Christ they'll never sin again and they don't have to worry about God's Law anymore. This is totally contrary to what Jesus Christ (and the Bible as a whole) teaches us. It's a false doctrine indeed. The Word of God (Old and New Testaments) consistently warn us about picking up sin *because it's so deceitful*.

This is the essence of the warning God gives us when He tells us to 'keep' the feasts in this chapter. ***We must work hard to guard and protect God's Word within our own soul***, for as the parable of the sower warns us (Mth 13) many things can take the Word of God out of our heart *if we are not protecting it*. We must 'mortify' our carnal mind so it does not lead us astray from God's Word. And then we must protect our heart to make sure nothing draws us away. The word 'mortify' in Col 3:5 means to *dead*en or *subdue* (#3499) but comes from a prim root that means *dead* (#3498). However, the word 'mortify', as used in Rom 8:13 (above) is #2348 and means to *kill*; it comes from #2348 that means *death*. So clearly, we're being told that we must put to death this carnal mindset that's in all of us (Ecc 3:11) IF we want to partake of eternal life and the spiritual blessings that are a result of truly accepting the Blood of Jesus Christ (His Word). So, we cannot forget that: the Blood of Jesus Christ and the leaven of sin (Satan) simply cannot mix. As it is written...

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7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Rom 8:6-8

1 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

*4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that **the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.***

5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?
James 4:1-5

There's also another part to this verse; let's take a look at it...

Exodus 23

*18 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; **neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain until the morning.***

God tells us that the fat of the sacrifice cannot be left until the morning. Ex 29:13-25 and Lev 1:8-13 also tell us that the fat of the lamb should be burnt, not eaten. So, not only was it a sin to leave the fat until morning, the point was that it was to be burnt with the other inward parts of the sacrifice not fit to eat. This was both for the health of our flesh (fat is not healthy for us to eat) but it tells us that we shouldn't spiritually be eating food that's not good for us. Lies, like fat, might 'taste' good but they clog up our mind just as much as fat does our arteries. Let's leave off this Part 3 with a reminder from the Psalms...

69 The proud have forged a lie against me: but I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

*70 **Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in thy law.***

Ps 119:69-70

*But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD **shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.***

Ps 37:20

We'll pick this up in Part 4...

AMEN.