

Part 5 –Not worshipping other gods, Promises of victory with obedience to YHVH

Exodus 23

24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images.

God's command to 'utterly' overthrow and break down false gods was (and still is) non-negotiable and He has a very good reason for giving us this law, for it is the foundation of righteousness. And the spiritual implications of this command are far reaching. Israel was even supposed to physically break down the images of the gods of the heathen nations. The word 'quite' is #7665 and it means 'to burst'. The images were to not just be pulled down but totally broken up so they could not ever be used again *nor were they to even be remembered*. This is a stunning type for what we must do to all the 'idols' in our own hearts (Ezek 14:1-11). We'll look at this aspect more in a bit. In addition to the command to overthrow and break down all images, everything in the land was to be killed off (men, women, children and animals) and then all the stuff was to be brought out of the buildings (and homes), burnt and/or broken down and cleaned out before anyone moved in. God wanted it all to be totally cleaned up before Israel moved in. No traces of the Canaanites life were to remain. And within this command we find the key to how we are to worship Him today. While Israel is no longer in the Promise Land (she's now mostly in the Christian nations of the 'West'), we are still supposed to obey this command *in our heart*. Further, anyone of any race who accepts Jesus Christ is supposed to obey this command *in their heart* as well. All that follow Jesus Christ (the true God) are to *totally clean their heart, mind and soul of any and all false gods and images (idolatry)*.

Now, notice how God's command was threefold: they (nor we) were not supposed to 1) bow down to their gods, 2) serve them, nor 3) do after their works. The word 'bow' is #7812 and means: *to depress*, i.e. *prostrate* (especially reflexive, *in homage to royalty or God*). But, bowing down to other gods can be done in many ways other than physically prostrating oneself, which was (and still is) forbidden. 'Bowing down' also means "*to **give reverence**, worship, **give assent**, or **submit to**.*" So, we can bow down to other gods by simply 'caving' (or giving in) to peer pressure. In our day and age, it's giving in to things like political correctness and 'cancel culture'. Basically, it's 'going along to get along' when society is going away from God's Word. Getting along with people is not bad... *so long as you stay loyal to the one true God, YHVH and His Son, Jesus Christ*. However, most of the time, peer pressure is designed to steer people away from the one true God (YHVH), who can only be worshiped through Jesus Christ (John 14:6). So, we must be very careful we do not 'bow down' to or 'serve' pressures that society puts upon us *to change our moral structure away from the Word of God*.

Moreover, to serve means "*to work for, promote the interests of, aid, help, obey, wait upon, or satisfy the requirements of*." So, to serve another 'god' means you obey their laws – written or unwritten. This also includes the 'laws' we make up in our own mind when we decide what is right and wrong *instead of obeying (from the heart) God's Word*. Deut 12:8 says: *Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes*.

Proverbs echo's this in Prov 12:15 when it says: *The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.* And, again, in Prov 21:2-3 when we're told: *Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts. To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.* And while the Bible expressly tells us to obey the worldly authorities (Rom 13 for example) it does so with the stipulation that we should obey God's Laws first and foremost. The earthly authorities are delegated by God to keep peace on earth and we shouldn't try to incite riots or be rebel rousers. Pay your taxes, obey the laws and do good to your fellow citizens. However, when the government tries to force you to disobey God's Word, *you must refuse*. Again, this does not mean we should get violent or riot; simply ***do not comply*** to the laws that are evil (go against God's Word). We have a very recent example when the governments of the nations around the world (local and federal) overstepped the bounds of their right to govern and made extreme restrictions and regulations for an 'illness' that ended up having a very high survival rate [Learn more in this study on: **Is This a Dry Run or Is a Transformation Taking Place** <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/285>]. We don't need to riot over this sort of thing but we should definitely *refuse to obey it*. If the majority of people would simply not comply to evil rules than the 'elite' (Satan's servants) of the world would have no choice than to stop trying to force wicked laws upon us. ***But most people are so morally compromised that they would rather obey Satanic laws and regulations just so they can keep the idols they have placed in their own heart.*** How many people want to stop going to ball games? Or concerts? Or shopping? ... all to obey God's Word? How many people would choose to go to Church over their favorite pastime if they had to choose one or the other? We must realize that, *when we are not willing to give up the idols in our heart, then we will be willing to take on the mark of the beast just to keep our own idols*. The mark of the beast is fundamentally a spiritual mark of deception. It means you are willing to accept Satan's wicked laws and cast God's Laws out of your heart. And people do this so they can keep their own sins (idols). This is why God tells us we've 'sold' ourselves to sin (Isa 52:3). And if we want freedom from sin, we must stop serving it! However, that also means we must serve (obey) Him (Rom 6). Again, there's only two choices in life. Serve God Almighty (Good, Life) or Satan (evil and death). Sadly, all too often people get the two confused.

The last point to this command in verse 24 (of Exodus 23) is that, Israel was not to do after the heathen's works. The works of the flesh (which are of Satan, are evil, and lead to death) versus the fruit (works) of the Holy Spirit (which are of God, are good, and lead to life) are clearly defined in Galatians 5. Those who truly worship God Almighty, will believe in Jesus Christ. And when you truly believe in Jesus (who is the Word of God), you will strive to put away the works of the flesh and instead 'put on' (do) the 'works of faith' in Jesus Christ. This simply means *you won't fake obedience to God*. True obedience stems from true faith in Him and can only come by truly being convicted by the Word of God. Paul advises us...

*17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth **walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,***

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19 *Who being past feeling [i.e., being convicted in their conscience] have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.*

20 *But ye have not so learned Christ;*

21 *If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:*

22 *That ye **put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;***

23 *And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*

24 *And that ye **put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.***

25 *Wherefore **putting away** lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.*

26 *Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:*

27 *Neither give place to the devil.*

28 *Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.*

29 *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*

30 *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

31 *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:*

32 *And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

Eph 4:17-32

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 affection, evil concupiscence, 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

We are to set our emotions and feelings on the Word of God. Not the worldly things and not the traditions of man that are all too often taught in Church [for truly, **Church is Not Christianity**

<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/212>]. Emotionalism is pushed (yea, even forced) upon us nearly every time we turn around. It's in movies, on social media, in music, the news and even in Churches. Many (if not most) Churches have 'praise and worship' music (i.e., their 'feel good' music designed to get people into an emotional mood) and then an emotional 'sermon' *designed to keep you thinking in the flesh, not teaching you how to put off the carnal mindset that is at enmity to God* (Rom 8:7). **But if we want to throw down the images (idols) and stop worshiping other gods, we must learn how to stop bowing down to false gods (and idols) in every way possible.**

Some fight against this because they think their 'pleasures' are going to be taken from them but, the truth is that there's no comparison between the spiritual blessings and the earthly pleasures. **The peace of mind that comes from putting away our emotions and lusts and attaching our heart to God's Word is so far beyond the 'joy' and 'pleasure' of the world; it is like the difference between light and darkness.** As Paul said in Rom 8:18: *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.* And again in 1 Cor 2:9: *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.* Therefore, does Peter urge us...

*1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin:***

2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:

4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

6 For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

*7 But the end of all things is at hand: **be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.***

1 Peter 4:1-7

The temporal 'pleasures' this world has to offer are nothing in comparison to the pleasures God has promised us. And those who really believe the promises of God (written of in His Word) will work hard to cut off and keep out their sins from the heart so they can obey God regardless of whatever 'sacrifices' they seem to have to make. In the end, you will realize that it's well worth the effort and 'pain' to repent of and kick our sins out of your life, then to keep them. For truly, sin only drags you down (Rom 6:23). Those who cannot see this truth are *blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins* (2 Peter 1:9). This is why the Bible urges us to *give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things* (obey God's Word from the heart), *ye shall never fall* (2 Peter 1:10).

So, while it is good and necessary to clean our home and country of images (idols) and stop serving false gods openly, the bottom line is that the spiritual cleansing must come from the heart. This is why Paul said...

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

2 Cor 10:3-6

Does every thought (and desire) you have align with God's Word? We'll never get to that point here in the flesh but we must strive hard to be that sincerely obedient to God. True obedience stems from the heart as does true love. We must clean our thoughts and desires and be very careful of allowing emotions to influence us for *those that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts* (Gal 5:24). In other words, our loyalty to God cannot be based upon emotions or feelings. It must be based upon a firm commitment to His Word and His Son, Jesus Christ. *My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise* (Ps 57:7).

5 A good man sheweth favour; and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

Ps 112:5-7

Exodus 23

25 And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.

26 There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.

These are more precursor promises to the blessings and cursings laid out in Lev 26 and Deut 28. It's important to understand that these promises are still available to us today, both nationally and personally. And truly, any nation or race that obeys God's Laws will be blessed. God's Laws were first given to Israel, as they were to be the nation that lead the way in righteousness, but it is God's will that all people be saved albeit not all will be (2 Pt 3:9, Ezek 33). Salvation is not, as has never been, restricted to the Israelites. They were simply to be the race through which the Messiah (the Savior of the world) came through. They were also to bless the world by showing them how to obey God's Laws personally and nationally (however, they have failed miserably in this commission). God promises that IF we serve Him (and Him alone) He will bless our 'bread and water'. This refers to more than just literal bread and water. God will give us many good things to eat IF we obey Him. These promises are reiterated throughout God's Word...

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
Ps 37:3

He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.
Ps 111:5

*2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;
4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.*
Ps 103:2-5

Additionally, these promises are spiritual as well. God will bless us with spiritual food and water (John 4:23-24, 6:35, 48, 63, 7:27-39) and take away our spiritual sickness (Lk 17:19, 1 Cor 8:9, James 5:16, 1 Pt 2:24) *when we obey Him*. We'll always have what we *need* (physically and spiritually) *when we obey Him*. And the fruits of our labor spiritually won't be fruitless *when we obey Him*. God will bless our efforts to plant seeds of truth, even if we do not see the fruit (that's truly His business). We are to use our gift(s) the best we can (Mth 25:14-29) and remain obedient to Him no matter if we 'feel' like we're making a difference or not. *Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man* (Eccl 12:13).

Exodus 23

27 I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee.

Indeed, because of the mighty works God did to Egypt and the military conquests God gave Israel with the Amalekites and Amorites and then later with the inhabitants of Palestine, the surrounding nations did fear God Almighty (Num 21:1-4, Joshua 2:9-11, I Sam 4:6-8) [just as the world *used* to fear Great Britain and then America when they were morally righteous]. God gave further details for this wonderful promise elsewhere...

*7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.
8 And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.*
Lev 26:7-8

The chapter goes on to explain what happens IF (or when) Israel would *not* obey Him and it's the reverse of the blessings. Deuteronomy also mirrors this promise...

*1 And it shall come to pass, **if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:***

*2 And **all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God...***

*...7 **The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.***

...10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.

Deut 28:1-2,7,10

Study more on the blessings and cursings in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy...

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Truly, the blessings of God are wonderful. *But* most people want the blessings without having to be obedient to God. The lie that Satan tells (Gen 4, Mth 4) is that we can get all the good things (i.e., blessings) without having to obey God. Satan's system 'lets' you keep your sins if you will only serve him. But this actually puts us in bondage to sin and it ends up, not just controlling us, but also ruining our lives. When we're addicted to anything (lust, pride, etc.), we are controlled and it is then that we will be tempted to *sell out our conscience to keep our addictions...* and *this is what leads to spiritual death*. God gives us the choice (free will) to choose to believe and do what we want to. That's the essence of the cursings and blessings and also the essence of what God's Word teaches us. But we cannot have freedom from death without being obedient to God. It's just not possible, yet many believe in the lie that you can have prosperity and security without being subservient to God Almighty. *The wise in heart will receive commandments: but a prating fool shall fall* (Prov 10:8).

Exodus 23

28 And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee.

God also promises this in Deut 7:20 and references it again in Joshua 24:12. This account, as well as the plagues of Exodus, reveals that God is well able to use His nature to fight with. After all, He has created all things (Rev 4:11). And He can fight for, *or against*, us depending on if we are obedient or disobedient (Lev 26, Deut 28). The majority of the cursings and blessings are physical calamities or blessings *that we bring upon ourselves* yet, God uses these physical calamities for a type to warn of the kind of spiritual captivity that is coming (yea, it is in process) in our day and age. It's a spiritual captivity that will result in physical captivity to the antichrist, who is Satan himself. The bondage must first happen spiritually in order for it to happen

physically. A righteous people devoted to the true God (and His Son, Jesus) cannot be subdued but a corrupted, rebellious people can be easily subdued.

In Deut 32:24 God warns that Israel would be: *burnt with hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with bitter destruction: I will also send the teeth of beasts upon them, with the poison of serpents of the dust*. Indeed, Israel experienced these physical cursings throughout their many years in the Promise Land and even today, the Christian nations (who are the *true* Israelite's descendants today) still experience physical bondage. How's that? Our monetary keeps us enslaved economically. Our 'education' and 'religious' systems (schools, media and Churches) keep us enslaved spiritually, and our corrupt system of politics enslaves us in every other area of our life. And disgustingly, the Churches help to keep people subdued because they teach lies that not only *spiritually disarm* the people but also make them *complacent with evil*. We've allowed our country to be taken over from the inside out because we believed in the 'image' of success and happiness that has been pushed on us since the advent of Radio's and tv. Through so many means, our people are inundated with lies. Some call it brainwashing. Some call it programing. Whatever you call it, it is writing Satan's laws in our heart and kicking God's Laws out. But, as Jer 31:31, Heb 8:10 and 10:16 tell us, to truly love, worship and serve God, we must write HIS Laws in our heart and mind. Otherwise, we will be taken captive, first spiritually, and then physically. This is exactly what's been happening. People of all religions are being set up to receive (accept) Satan as the Savior of the world. But it's not through warfare that Satan will be accepted.

When Satan is kicked out of heaven to this earth (Rev 12), He will take over the earth by 'flatteries' (Dan 11:21, 32) and by great 'wonders' which will amaze people (Rev 13:13-14) and convince them that he is the 'Savior' (Messiah) of the world. The first part of the short time he will be here (which was thankfully shortened to five months – Rev 12:12, Mth 24:22, Rev 9:5, 10) will be (basically) a political campaign by Satan and his fallen angels (which Rev 9, 2 Thess 2, Daniel 7:8, 20-21, 25, 8:9-12, 22-25, 11:21, 24, 32 describe well). Then, in the 'midst of the week' (Dan 9:27), He will convince the rulers of the world to allow him to have full control over the entire world. Satan will then fully implement his political government called the 'beast' in Rev 13 and elsewhere (which his children are already working on). However, he will also implement a *worldwide religion* by making everyone have to *worship* this 'beast' and himself (2 Thess 2) or else they cannot get any benefits from it (they cannot buy or sell – Rev 13:15-17).

These things will happen because we, in these latter days, have failed to drive out (keep out) the satanic influence from our lives and nations. Because the whole world has been corrupted (even the Christian nations), God is going to chastise us with a worldwide tyrant – Satan himself (2 Thess 2:9-12). The Bible gives us so many types (examples – 1 Cor 10:11) that reveal how this spiritual and physical captivity will (and is) happen that we shouldn't be surprised that it's happening. Nor should we be looking for a 'revival'. Are we to keep sharing the Word of God? Yes, definitely. But don't expect the entire world to respond because it's not written that will happen. Rev 7 tells us some will be sealed against deception but the only 'revival' God's Word says is coming is a *false* revival. It'll be a revival to Satan and his fallen angels, not to the true

God. Just as Jeremiah warned Jerusalem they would be going into captivity to the Babylonians, so today God's Word warns us that we are going into captivity to Satan's one world government. Though a 'New World Order' has been around for a while, it has not gotten total control over the world, *yet*. But it will almost come together shortly before Satan is kicked out of heaven. Then it'll get a deadly wound that can only be 'healed' by Satan's appearance. That's another reason why Satan will be accepted by the world. He and his fallen angels will promise great things. *That's what we must be prepared for*, mentally (spiritually), emotionally and physically. Most people are simply not prepared for the arrival of supernatural beings with great promises of prosperity. They won't know it's a lie and they'll be looking for exactly what Satan will be promising: peace and prosperity worldwide... IF only we allow Him to rule the world. After all, every religion is awaiting some sort of Messiah.

The world is already being prepared to receive Satan as the Savior of the world; that's what Paul meant when he said *that the mystery of iniquity doth already work* (2 Thess 2:7). Satan's children have been working to get a 'new world order' that they can control for many years now (decades if not centuries). They finally got a 'Jewish' state (the small country we call Israel) so they could prepare Jerusalem for their 'father' (Satan) to come reign from that location. And while the Jews and Arabs appear to hate each other now, Daniel 11 tells us that Satan will be able to subdue the hatred between them when He comes. He really is a smooth talker. He's very charismatic and likeable. Again, we must mentally (spiritually), emotionally and physically prepare ourselves for this. To help prepare yourself mentally (spiritually), check out the special studies below...

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The point to all this in regards to God using natural means to drive out the Canaanites from the Promise Land is that, *He will do it again*. Though Satan's children now control Jerusalem and Satan will control the entire world when he is here, we have to remember that our Heavenly Father has a very good plan to take back what is His. Daniel 9 & 12, 2 Thess 2 and Rev 12 (among many other Scriptures) reveals to us that God will allow Satan to pretend he is God for only allotted amount of time. Mth 24:22 and Rev 9 tells us this time was shortened is five months, which explains why Satan is so angry when he's kicked out of heaven (Rev 12:12); he originally had seven years to deceive people and get the world gathered together to fight against Jesus Christ when He returns. But, for the 'elects sake' the time was shortened because Satan's tribulation will be very difficult, even for the most loyal of God's Servants. We are, after all, only in flesh bodies; *the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak* (Matt 26:41). But our Heavenly Father *knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust* (Ps 103:14). Therefore, He has shortened the time of Satan's reign on earth.

So, we cannot forget that God has a plan to take back the earth and an integral part of the plan is using His witnesses to witness against Satan when he is here. Rev 11 tells us that there will be two witnesses in particular who will spearhead the attack and use natural calamities to back up their witnessing against Satan. This tells us that, yet again, God will use His nature to ‘drive out’ the evil from the ‘Promise Land’. The only difference is that, in the end (when Satan’s on earth) God will not drive him out ‘little by little’ but Jesus Christ will return as a ‘thief’ (Rev 3:3, 16:15) because He will return at a time when no one is expecting Him (Luke 12:35-40). Why? Because most of the world will think ‘God’ is already here when in truth, it is Satan. And when Jesus returns, He will take full control of the earth and rule with a rod of iron (Rev 19:15). But, until that time, God’s promise to Israel was that it would take to drive out the enemy, as we shall soon see why...

Exodus 23

29 I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee.

30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.

As God also said in Deut 7:22, the process to drive out the enemy is a process that must happen ‘little by little’. Why? Because if God were to have driven out the enemy (the Canaanites) quicker than Israel could have moved in, their homes and vineyards and other crops would have been ruined by wild animals. It takes work to keep houses repaired and farmland kept up with. If you leave a vineyard lay without being taken care of, the animals will come and eat it all up and it will be destroyed. And houses that are empty will decay. That’s why God allowed the Canaanites to remain in the land until Israel could move in and take over. ***This is a key to understanding the spiritual war.***

Just as it took time for Israel to drive out the Canaanites, so too it takes time to clean our heart. Jesus explains *why* in Mth 12:43-45. If God’s Word is not put into your heart after it’s cleaned, you will be vulnerable to receive evil spirits. Your heart will be always be filled with *something*, for the good or for the bad. That’s why we must study God’s Word ***for ourselves***, for we alone have the right to ‘take in’ or ‘put out’ from our heart that which we want. So, little by little, as we study God’s Word, His Word will convict us (Heb 4:12). It is then we can choose to kick out that part of us (the sin inside) or keep it there. Once we decide to kick it out, we must put God’s Word in *and keep it there*. This takes work. That’s why Israel’s inheriting the Promise Land was a type for us spiritually.

Israel was fighting against giants that were several feet taller than they and way stronger yet, when they believed and obeyed in God, He gave them the strength to conquer the enemy. *This promise remains for us yet today*. It takes determination, perseverance and daily effort to keep kicking sin out and putting God’s Word inside our heart and allowing His Holy Spirit to convict and cleanse us. We must be willing to cooperate with the Holy Spirit. God won’t force Himself

on us. He'll wait for us to continue to clean out the sin and make room for Him. But, He will help us see our sins (and all the 'idols' we put in our heart) and help us to understand *how* to clean them out of our heart IF we don't give up. That's one of the most important things to remember. Many people 'fall away' (estrangle themselves) from our Heavenly Father because cleaning our heart is not an easy or quick thing to do. It's easy to 'little by little' fall away from God (the truth). We are a society addicted to quick and easy 'everything'. That's why we like Church so very much. We can go there and get an emotional 'uplift' and then go home and live our own lives the way we want to the rest of the week and deceive ourselves into thinking we're pleasing God. [**Church is Not Christianity** <https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/212>].

Truly being a Christian is much different than just going to Church. It's a *daily effort* to study God's Word, apply it to your heart and mind. It's a daily effort to guard your heart from sin and to keep kicking it out – over and over and over again. It's tiresome but we can find strength and renewed purpose every time we study God's Word and pray to Him. We must *never give up* the tiresome toil of searching for our sins, kicking them out and *keeping them out*. Don't get depressed because you are not yet without fault. Stick with it. Don't give up, *ever*.

You see, where most people go wrong is that they do not actually serve God Almighty. Instead, the god most people worship is "SELF". And we put many idols in our heart *by attaching ourselves emotionally to things we enjoy*. It's important to understand that enjoying things is not inherently bad; so, we must learn when it's idolatrous and when it's not. And the way we can discern this is simple: anything or anyone that comes *before* our Heavenly Father *in our heart*, is an idol. Be honest with yourself. The possibilities for idols are endless and we certainly can have more than one 'idol' in our heart (as Ezekiel 14 reveals). But we must understand, when anything or anyone becomes more important to us (in our heart) than God Himself, we estrange ourselves from our Heavenly Father. In other words, we cut ourselves off from the only true source of life we have: God Almighty (**God's Name is YHVH** <https://t.me/BibleStudyTruth/946>).

So, if you love your mate more than God Himself, then they are an idol to you. If you love your family more than God, they are an idol to you. Or your job, or money, etc. Again, we can have many idols in our heart. To reiterate: it's not bad to love your family and friends **but** *having a relationship with them cannot be more important to you than having a relationship with God* and all too often this is the case for many people. And 'idol' can even be an 'image' of ourselves that we want to portray to the world. Or an 'image' of pleasure we constantly seek. It can be food, entertainment, sex, or simply lusting after any new and exciting pleasure that comes along. It can even be lusting after 'good feelings', which is why 'feel-good' Churches are so popular (2 Tim 4:3). There are so many things we can put in our heart as idols that we must be very careful what we allow our mind to think upon and what we set our heart upon. And while you certainly don't want to become a religious fanatic, the truth is that most people today (even self-professing Christians) are idol worshippers. They worship themselves first and foremost ('self' is most important to them, above anything else) and then worship anything that makes them feel good. Only when it's 'convenient' to worship God do they do so. In other words, they won't worship God unless there's something in it for them, such as a good feeling or a 'blessing' of if they need

help when ‘hard times’ come. Those loyal to the true God will worship Him during the ‘good times’ and the ‘bad’. Daneil’s prayer in chapter 9 is a beautiful reminder of this, as are many other Scriptures.

Exodus 23

31 And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.

To start with, God gave Israel a fairly good amount of land, but the Scriptures tell us that He promised to expand this territory if they remained faithful to Him (Deut 12:20, 19:8). We saw how this worked when David and Solomon were kings; they gained a lot more territory. But when corrupt kings ruled, they lost territory. Gaining land is part of the blessings and loosing it is part of the cursings. But the small amount of territory in Palestine (what we now call ‘Israel’) is not the only portion of land God promised the children of Israel. In Gen 28:13-15, God promised Jacob (Israel) that his children would *be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed* (Gen 28:14). God then explained to David in 2 Sam 7:10 that He had ‘appointed’ a ‘place’ for His people where they wouldn’t move from or be afflicted as they had been before times. This promise was given while Israel was still living in Palestine. This means that God had ‘another Promised Land’ aside from Palestine. Where was that?

A study of secular history reveals that, after the Ten Tribes of Israel (and most of the tribes from the southern kingdom of Judah – Judah, Benjamin and Levi) were taken captive by the Assyrians, they later broke free from their captors and migrated on. Most went through the Caucus Mountains and into Europe, later settling in America and Canada (which is why they are still today called ‘white Caucasians’) yet some even went to South America and Australia. At one point in time, there were even many of them in Western Asia which were called Parthians. The Parthian dynasty was an Israelite superpower nation at the time and actually a very great rival of Rome. It’s likely from the Parthian empire that the ‘magi’ came to worship Jesus. While not impossible, tracing the so called ‘lost tribes of Israel’ was not all that easy until the late 1800’s when ancient Babylonian, Persian and Elamite (Susian) inscriptions deciphered via the Behistun Rock. This revealed what some of Israel’s names were while in captivity and *from that we can trace their migrations*. The Persian and Susian names for Israel were Scythia and Saka while the Babylonians called Israel Gimri and also noted that they were “from the land of the Cimmerians.” So, we now know that the Scythians, Saka and Gimri *are all the same people* and they are from the land of the Cimmerians. But that’s just the beginning. Form this knowledge, we learn that Israel had *many* names as they migrated; we now know that people such as the Germans, Scandinavians, Irish, Scotts, Celts, Visagoths, Goths, Gauls, Anglo-Saxons, Danish and many more are actually descendants of the ‘lost tribes of Israel’. Armed with this knowledge one can follow the tribes of Israel over the Caucus Mountains, into Europe and then America. Modern day Israelites (Anglo-Saxons, Germanic and Scandinavian, etc.) are now loosely known as the “white Caucasian” because their ancestors (the Israelites) migrated through the Caucus

Mountains. It's critical to understand that these people are the *true* descendants of the "lost" tribes of Israel, *not* the mixed Canaanite, Khazarian and Kenite peoples we now call the "Jews" living in Palestine today (<https://t.me/BibleStudyDownload/295>). Jesus gave us John 8:44, Rev 2:9 and 3:9 for good reason.

When one realizes how much territory true Israel (the Christian nations) has today, you'll see how beautifully God has fulfilled His promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Moreover, the world has been blessed (Gen 12:3, 22:18, 26:4, 28:14) by true Israel because 1) it was from this race that the one and only Messiah, Jesus Christ, came to die for our sins and offers salvation for the souls of all races and nations (Mth 13:44, Col 1:14, Heb 9:12, Rom 3:24, Acts 10:34) and 2) the 'lost' tribes of Israel have been instrumental in spreading Christianity throughout the world. This is one of the main reasons the truth of who Israel truly is today (i.e., the Christian nations who are called 'the West') is so suppressed in schools, the media *and* Churches. This also explains why there's so much friction between the 'West' and Russia and the Arabs. When one realizes that Russia is made up of a lot of Esau's descendants and the Arabs are made up of Ishmael's children, it's easy to see how the old family feuds are still alive and thriving. Ishmael the (Arabs) and Isaac (the Christian nations) nations are still at odds (Gen 21) as are Esau (Russia) and Jacob/Israel (Christian nations) (Gen 25, 27). Additionally, this also explains why these two nations are *still* trying to illegitimately get Israel's inheritance. Some things just never change (Ecc 1:9).

Exodus 23

32 Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.

God's Word tells us there are some people we are not to make peace with. For Israel, it was the nations of the land they were going to conquer: the Promise Land. The people in that area had already been judged and sentenced to die by God Himself because of their perpetual sinfulness and because they had mixed with the fallen angels. As we covered earlier, some people today have trouble understanding how God could sentence women and children to die because they thing they were part of His creation. But we must remember that they had mixed genetically with fallen angels. Therefore, they were not part of God's creation in that they were part fallen angel. *This was outside of God's plan of Salvation* to have all His children coming through *flesh* bodies. That fact, along with their perpetual wickedness, is what made Him judge them all to death. Never forget that God loves His children *much more than you do* and if you want to live forever, we must learn to respect our Heavenly Father and seek to understand His ways for His is *always* just and right (Deut 32:4, Neh 9:33, Hosea 14:9). Therefore, He has good reason to tell Israel not to make any peace agreements with the Canaanites or their gods. The way this commandment is to be kept today is that: the Christian nations of today should not to support or to make any peace agreements with those nations who do not accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Let's not forget what the Bible admonishes us about this...

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

2 Cor 6:14-18

Exodus 23

33 They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.

God reiterates again that He did not want Israel to allow any of the Canaanites to live. He did not want them to make peace agreements. And He didn't want any of the Canaanites, for any reason, to remain living in the land. There were to be no exceptions. And He bluntly states the reason why: He knew Israel would be enticed to sin against Him if any of the Canaanites were allowed to live. *Israel would be seduced into serving their gods.* Judg 2:1-4 (and elsewhere) documents that, despite God's many warnings, this is exactly what would happen to Israel. Therefore, God promised He wouldn't drive them out anymore; Israel would be on their own if they wanted to get rid of the Canaanites. He also warned they would be as thorns in Israel's sides, and their gods would be a snare to them. Biblical history proved this to be true time and time again. Even with all these types for us to learn for (1 Cor 10:11), modern day Israel (the Christian nations) have not learned anything from their ancestors. We too have allowed the (spiritual) heathen to remain in our land and, thus, they have led us astray with their false gods. We have touted diversity and multiculturalism as virtuous things but they have become our downfall. Tolerance was only a disguise the enemy used to overcome the Christian nations. It's evident that their 'tolerance' is not a two-way street. They don't tolerate Christianity in schools, governments nor even hardly in Churches anymore! Sadly, the Christian nations of the world have fallen for the same old lies that our ancestors fell for. Time and time again our people fall for deception. Why does God allow this? Habakkuk asked God this question and got an enlightening answer that reveals God's amazing love, grace, compassion and mercy towards His children. To find the answer in detail, study this great book of Habakkuk line by line: [<https://t.me/TheMinorProphets/39>].

Let's end this great chapter with a timely warning of the 'snare' we face today...

29 And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31 So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.

32 *Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.*

33 *Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.*

34 *And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.*

35 *For **as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.***

36 *Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*

Luke 21:29-36

Study Luke 21 chapter by chapter and line by line: [https://t.me/BibleStudyBookof_Luke/450]

AMEN.