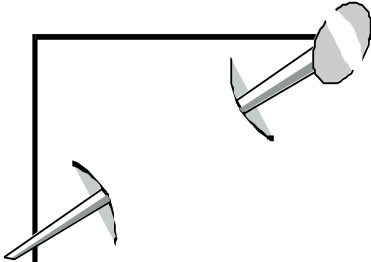


All for Jesus always



February

Matthew, Mark, Exodus, Leviticus & Numbers



Dear Friend

Jesus says: “**Come to Me** and I will give you rest” (Matt 10:28). He wants you to know Him and to make Him known to others. But, to know Him, you and I need to know His Word, we need to eat His Word - daily.

He says, “**Seek** out of the book of the Lord and **read**...” (Isaiah 34:16a, *Amplified Bible*), “...**listen**, ...open your mouth and **eat** what I give you... eat this scroll; **then go** and speak” (Ezekiel 2:8, 3:1-4). Jeremiah said, “When your words came, *I ate them*; they were my joy and my heart’s delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty” (Jeremiah 15:16).

The Word of the Lord is our spiritual food. It is a light for our path and a lamp for our feet. It is more precious than gold, it is sweeter than honey. It revives us, makes us wise, gives joy to our hearts, gives light, warns us and keeps us in God’s way (Ps 19). His words “are life to those who find them and health... (Pro 4:20-22). God says, “Lay hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands and you will live” (Pro 4:4).

This booklet is prepared so that we can DAILY read the Bible for ourselves, eat it, digest it and live it - to God’s glory. May the Holy Spirit help us to do so, and may Jesus be nearer and dearer to us than anyone and anything else, always.

Your brother in Christ
Ephesians 3:8

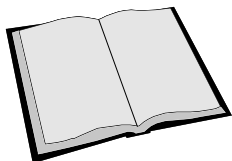
Ps. By reading the Bible portions mentioned every day, you’ll read through the whole Bible in one year... You’ll come to see and know the Lord Jesus as never before! He will become your All...!

February 2006.



Pray

before I start to read



Read

the portion for the day



Think

about what I read and
about what the Lord is
showing me



Write

down what I learned
and what the Lord
taught me



Pray

about it and about what-
ever else He wants me
to pray about...



Go + Do

His will to His glory

Time Alone with God

Daily



God says to me:

📖 “Let Me see your face (in other words, He wants to have fellowship with me), let Me hear your voice” (He wants me to talk to Him in prayer) - Song of Songs 2:14. This is wonderful!

📖 “But when you pray, GO INTO YOUR ROOM, CLOSE the door and PRAY to your Father in heaven...” (Matt 6:6)

Some Practical Suggestions

1. Have a daily **Quiet Time** - alone with God.
2. Have **specific times** every day (morning and evening)
3. Have a **specific place** of meeting with Him
4. **Keep** this appointment with God
5. *Remember the goal* is to know Jesus Christ, to have fellowship with Him, to continue to be with Him, to love Him, to worship Him, to become like Him, to secure His presence for the day, and to glorify Him.
6. *Remember, the Holy Spirit* will teach you all things and guide you as you look to God, trust Him and listen to His voice.

7. **Practically:**

GO into your quiet meeting place

CLOSE the door to all distractions

Become quiet before Him, aware of His presence

PRAY

READ the portion for the day...

slowly, carefully, prayerfully, sometimes loudly,
listening to God speaking to you

THINK with your head and heart;

ask yourself specific *questions* about the portion;
apply it to your life...

WRITE NOTES/ underline/ mark

PRAY : Adoration Confession Thanksgiving Supplication

MEMORIZE a portion or verse

GO and DO what the Lord wants/ shows me to DO

To His glory!



“Even the **youths** shall faint and be weary,
and the young men shall utterly fall:
But **they that wait upon the LORD**
shall renew *their* strength;
they shall **mount up with wings as eagles**;
they shall run, and not be weary;
and they shall walk, and not faint.”
Isaiah 40:30-31 (Ampl)



“Praise the LORD, ...
He forgives all my sins...
He fills my life with good things,
so that I stay **young and strong like an eagle.**”
Psalm 103 (GNB)

February

“On your marks...”

*During this month we'll read through
and learn from the books of
Matthew, Mark, Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers.*

1 February: Keep your lamp burning

Pray “Lord Jesus, I want to be a true Christian.”

Read Exodus 27-28 and Matthew 21:23-46

Think + write

God wants me to “keep the lamps before the Lord from evening till morning” (Ex 27:21). For this the Israelites had to bring “clear (pure) oil of pressed olives for the light so that the lamps may be”(v20). Jesus also said: “...**keep your lamps burning**” (Luke 12:35).

The lamps are US

The oil is the HOLY SPIRIT (See Zech 4:1-6)

The fire is the HOLY SPIRIT (See Luke 12:49)

To keep my lamp burning, I need to:

1. Continually cleanse my lamp (my heart and spirit).
2. Continually be filled by the Holy Spirit (the oil of God).
3. Continually adjust and trim and offer the wick (the innermost part of my being) to God.
4. Continually keep my lamp out of the winds of worldliness...

I think all true Christians love the song that says:

“Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, burning, burning....

Give me oil in my lamp, I pray;

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, burning, burning....

Keep me burning ‘till the break of day.”

Amy Carmichael (from South India) said:

“Give me the love that leads the way,

The faith that nothing can dismay,

The hope no disappointments tire,

The passion that will burn like fire.

Let me not sink to be a clod;

Make me Thy fuel, Flame of God.”

To me, it means that:.....
.....
.....

Pray “Breathe on me, Breath of God,

Till I am wholly Thine,

Until this earthly part of me

Glows with Thy fire divine.”

Go + Do **Let’s go and burn for Jesus!!**

*"He makes His ministers
a flame of fire"*

Hebrews 1:7



“Am I ignitable?
God deliver me from the
dead asbestos of other things.
Saturate me with the oil of Thy Spirit
that I may be a flame.
But a flame is transient,
often short-lived.
Canst thou bear this, my soul,
short life?
In me there dwells
the Spirit of the Great Short-lived,
whose zeal for God’s house
consumed Him.
Make me Thy fuel,
Flame of God!”

2 February: To serve God...

Pray “Father, make me like sweet incense to you, always. Amen.”

Read Exodus 29-30 and Matthew 22:1-22

Think + write

Before Aaron and others could **SERVE GOD**...

1. They had to be consecrated (Ex 29:1), set apart completely for God and for His service. *Am I consecrated to God today?*
2. They had to be washed (v4). *Am I washed from all dirt?*
3. Then dressed (v5). *Am I dressed in the beauty of His holiness?*
4. Then anointed (v7). *Am I anointed with the Holy Spirit?*
5. Their sins were to be put on the sacrifice (v10). *Have I confessed all my sins?*
6. A sacrifice had to be made (v11). *Jesus was sacrificed for me!!*
7. The blood had to be applied to their right ears, thumbs and big toes (v20). *Are my ears and hands and walk cleansed by His blood?*
8. They had to eat the meat of the sacrificed ram (v32). *Have I taken Jesus into my heart and has He become my life?*

They then had to **BURN INCENSE** before the Lord (Ex 30:8).

This means:

.....
David said in *Psalms 141:2*, “May my be set before you like incense...” In *Revelation 5: 8* I read that “...each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the of the saints.” According to Ex 30:7,8 such prayers had to be done morning and evening and ***perpetually*** (regularly). Some people literally burn incense in their homes these days. Do you think this is a practice that God wants? Motivate your answer:

.....(See Jer 48:35; Is 1:13; Is 65:3 & 7; Is 66:3)

In Matt 22:2,5 I read that the King prepared a wedding banquet for His Son and sent His servants to tell all that would hear: “.....” He said, “Everything is ready.”!!!!

Have YOU ***come*** to Jesus?

Pray “Lord Jesus, I come to You now...”

Go + Do that.

3 February: I love God!

Pray “Father, thank you for your love.”

Read Exodus 31-33 and Matthew 22:23-46

Think + write

Jesus explained **why people go wrong** and are in error. It is because:

- They do not (Matt 22:29a)
- They do not know the (v29b)

In *The Message* translation we read, “...***You don't know your Bibles, and you don't know how God works.***” I need to personally get to know the Bible and to personally get to know the power of God *and* how He works. If I don't, I'll go wrong somewhere down the line, if I'm not in the wrong place already!

Jesus said The Greatest Commandment is to
LOVE GOD WITH ALL...

See Matt 22:37-39. This means that:
.....
.....

God says, “***Do not love the world or anything in the world.*** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is in him” (or her). *1 John 2:15*. “Do not ...cherish the world” (Ampl). “Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. ***Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father***” (The Message). Isn't it clear?!

Through ***Bezalel's*** life I learn that if God chooses a person, He wants to fill him (or her) with His Spirit, and with and with (Ex 31:1-3). From Ex 32:16 I learn that the ***Word of God*** is the “..... of God” and the “..... of God”. All that ***Moses*** desired was the of the Lord (Ex 33:15). Nothing else really mattered. *Is it like that in my life too?*

Pray “Lord, I love You with my all.” **Go + show it !**

4 February: God's Presence

Pray *"Lord, I long to see You and to be in Your Presence"*

Read Exodus 34-36 and Matthew 23:1-22

Think + write

The **character of the Living God** is revealed in a magnificent way in Ex 34:6 and 7. He is:

**"The Lord, the Lord,
the compassionate
and gracious God,
slow to anger (endlessly patient),
abounding in love
and faithfulness,
maintaining love to thousands,
and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.
yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished...
(he doesn't ignore sin...)"**

He commands me to (1)..... him (Ex 34:11), to (2) be careful not with the ungodly (v12), or they will be a to me (v12), and (3) do not any other gods (v14). *I need to take careful note that God warns me that "they will you and you will their sacrifices."* He says very clearly in His Word that **"You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols"** (Acts 15:29,20 & Rev 2:20!). This means I should NOT eat: ...

.....What about Deepavali (Diwali) eats? What about meals at Hindu funerals - which were devoted to heathen "gods"? What about the delicacies eaten during the Muslim Eid festival, or the eats at Hindu weddings, and food at a Hindu "thanksgiving"? What about food, sweets and chips that have the Halaal sign on?

Jesus said there are religious people who "do not _____ what they " (Matt 23:3). They tell others what to do, but they do not do it themselves (v4). "Everything they do is done for to see"(v5).

Pray *"Father, help me to obey, because of Who you are."*

Go + Do what He tells me in Acts 15:29.

5 February: Hypocrites!

Pray “Lord Jesus, make me true like You.”

Read Exodus 37-38 and Matthew 23:23-39

Think + write

Jesus said I should not neglect the more important matters of:

1.
2.
3. (Matt 23:23)

I understand these to mean:
.....
.....

Jesus described some prominent religious people as “**Hypocrites**”. A hypocrite is someone who

The Greek word for hypocrite means “stage player” or “play actor”. It’s like someone who wears a mask, even a “Christian” mask!

They tend to:

- Neglect what is more important (v23)
- Clean the outside only (v25)
- Be full of inner greed and self-indulgence (v25)
- Be beautiful on the outside only (v27)
- Be like whitewashed tombs (v27) - **shine** outside, but **stink** inside... By the way, *even cow dung can shine in the moonlight!!*
- Appear righteous (v28), but are not.
- Have uncleanness, wickedness and hypocrisy inside them (v27,28)
- Be like snakes (v33) - secretly, slyly, “shyly” and silently slithering, ...but suddenly striking!

In verse 28 I read: “People look at you and think you're saints, but beneath the skin you're total frauds.” (*The Message*)

I realize
.....

Even to those who were/are hypocrites, Jesus said/says: “O
..... (Put your name?) ...how often **I have LONGED** to **gather** your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing” (Matt 23:37).

Pray “Lord, I want to stay under Your wings...”

Go + Do it, all the day, every day.

6 February: Don't be deceived... !

Pray “Lord Jesus, please open my eyes.”

Read Exodus 39-40 and Matthew 24:1-22

Think + write

Jesus says: “..... that no one deceives you” (Matt 24:4). This is a real danger. He said that “many will come in my name... and will deceive many”(v5). The devil uses many different tools to do his damage; I call it the “**Demonic D’s**”: Darkness (which is sin and self, in all its forms), Deception, Disobedience, Doubt, Desire, Discouragement, Disunity, Difficulties, Disability (passivity), Disease and Death.

The **2 main Demonic Devices** (tools) are:

1. Darkness

2. Deception

All SIN is darkness. All of the SELF is darkness. All of SATAN is darkness (though he may come as an angel of the light). I understand “deception” to mean:

.....
We can say that *deception is a wrong thought admitted to the mind. It is a lie (an untruth) believed to be the truth*. Which of the following statements are deceptions?

- “Christian rock music will have NO bad effects on me...”
- “ALL Christian contemporary music is ok...”
- “To watch worldly movies will not harm me...”
- “I can eat foods sacrificed to idols WITHOUT a problem, as long as I pray over it...”
- “To have a boyfriend or girlfriend will bring happy satisfaction...”
- “A girl can wear pants without causing ANY problem at all...”
- “A boy can spike his hair without ANY spiritual consequences...”

If you said “Yes” to any of the above, then *YOU ARE DECEIVED...!! WATCH OUT!!* Furthermore, Jesus said: “..... will turn away from the faith”(v10), and “the love of will grow cold”(v12). How sad!! Let’s DO what Jesus told us to do: “Watch out”(v4). Moses “did everything just as the Lord commanded him” (Ex 40:16). This is said 8 times in chapter 40! As a result, God was glorified.

Pray “Lord, please show me where I’ve been deceived...”

Go + Do as Moses did.

Remove



my

MASK!



**What
masks
do I
wear?**



Am I **GLAD**

Externally...

Smiling...

Laughing...

Friendly...

Happy...

Game for any fun ...

Confident...

Angry...

Working...

Prim and Proper...

"In" with the group...

Beautiful...

Winsome...

Nice outside (according to the world)...

Make-up outside...

Enjoying...

"Christian"?



...But **SAD**

Internally...

- ...but Sick and Sinning?
- ...but Languishing and Lonely?
- ...but Filthy inside?
- ...but Hurting or even Hating HIS Holiness?
- ...but Guilt-ridden?
- ...but Crying and Cringing inside?
- ...but Alone & ...Anguishing
- ...but Wasting time?
- ...but Proud and Permissive (& compromising)
- ...but Immoral
- ...but Bitter & Bad inside
- ...but Worldly and Wicked
- ...but Neglected inside
- ...but Break-up inside
- ...but Empty!
- ...but Christ-less or ...Christ grieved inside?

“We are not like Moses.

He kept covering his face with a veil (a mask).

He didn't want the people of Israel to see the glory fading away. “

2 Co 3:13 (GW)

“Unlike Moses,

we have nothing to hide.

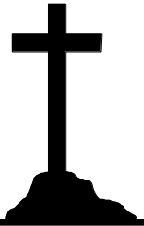
Everything is out in the open with us.

He wore a veil (a mask)

so the children of Israel wouldn't notice
that the glory was fading away-- “ (MSG)

Oh Lord, please help me!

Don't say: “Let me take off my mask
and just be my bad self...,”
NO, rather say: “ I shall...



REMOVE my mask!

REPENT of hidden wrongs & of pretense

RE-GENERATION by God's Spirit

RE-NEW-AL and RE-VIVAL

REJOICE

REAL and genuine, humble life to be lived!

RELATIONSHIP with Jesus Christ...

REACHING OUT to others..

7 February: Beware false prophets!

Pray “Father-God, I love You!”

Read Leviticus 1-3 and Matthew 24:23-51

Think + write

The key thought in Leviticus is HOLINESS. In the first chapters I learn about different offerings:

<u>OFFERINGS</u>		
Gratitude	Burnt (ch 1)	Surrender
	Meal (ch 2)	Service
	Peace (ch 3)	Serenity/fellowship
Guilt	Sin (ch 4)	Substitute
	Trespass (ch 5,7)	Satisfaction

Jesus warned us that **False Prophets** will appear (Matt 24:24). In 1652 Thomas Brooks (a Puritan) described **7 characteristics of False Teachers** in his book “*Precious Remedies against Satan’s Devices*”:

1. They are people pleasers (Gal 1:10; 1 Thes 2:1-4).
2. They speak against Christ’s most faithful servants (Num 16:3).
3. They invent devices and visions from their own hearts and minds (Matt 24:4,5; Titus 1:10).
4. They easily pass over the most important spiritual truths and focus more on what is least important and what will *not* save souls (1 Tim 1:5-7; Matt 23:2,3); not focusing on sin, holiness, salvation & Jesus.
5. They use many fancy words to cover their lies.
6. They strive more to win people over to their opinions, than to make them better in their life and conversations (Matt 23:15).
7. They make money from their followers (2 Peter 2:1-3).

“**Personal Prophets**” in the church today often operate like fortune-tellers and can lead people to listen more to man than to God Himself. There is also the danger of deceiving spirits using such a Christian. According to the Bible the role of prophets in the church is not “fortune-telling”, but to

Pray “Lord, I want to stay under Your wings...”

Go + Do it, all the day, every day.

8 February: “Confess your sins”

Pray “Lord Jesus, search my heart and show me my sins...”

Read Leviticus 4-6 and Matthew 25:1-30

Think + write

God teaches me in Leviticus 4 and 5 that if I sin, even if I am unaware of the sin, I am guilty! See Lev 4:13. God says, “If a person sins... even though he does, he is guilty and will be held responsible” (Lev 5:17). This is very serious. If I drive over the speed limit and are caught by the traffic police, and say “I wasn’t aware”, I’ll still be guilty! And I may still have to pay the fine as well! *Can you see the importance of crying out to God to show me my sins, so that I can repent of it and find forgiveness, before it is too late?!* In Lev 5:1 God also states that if I know about something and I **do not speak up** about it, I will be “.....”, and that “when anyone is guilty in any of these ways, **he must confess** in what way he has sinned” (v5).

Confession of sins needs to be, generally speaking:

Free - voluntary, willingly; Psalm 32:5

Full - not hiding anything; 2 Kings 10:24, Ps 119:104

Frank - undisguised, just as it was, by name...

Factual - giving the exact facts/sins, one by one; Lev 5:5

From the fountain of sin, the heart - Ps 51:7; and in

Front of God (+ another, sometimes) - Ja 5:16; Jos 7:19

Forsaking sin - Proverbs 28:13

Faith in the blood/sacrifice of Christ - 1 John 1:7,9

Frequent - 1 John 1:7-9

Father and mother’s sins too (to some extent) - Neh 9:2

There is NO forgiveness without

1. Confession (Lev 5:5)
2. Atonement (v10)
3. Restitution (v16) in full (6:5).
4. Forsaking sin (Proverbs 28:13)
5. Forgiving others (Luke 6:37)

...Did you know that?!

Confession of sins keeps the Fire of God burning in my heart. God says, “**The fire on the altar** (of my heart - *my addition*) **must be kept burning; it must not go out...**”!!! (Lev 6:12) May God help us.

Pray “Lord, I will confess all my sins, fully...”

Go + Do it !!

“Make this your common practice:
Confess your sins to each other
and pray for each other
so that you can live together whole and healed”

*James 5:16
The Message*



*“Calvary will never cover
what you must uncover”*

Duncan Campbell

*Confessing your sins
is no substitute for
forsaking them!*

“He that covereth his sins
shall not prosper:
but whoso confesseth
and forsaketh them
shall have mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13 KJV

“You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins. **Confess them and give them up**; then God will show mercy to you.”

Proverbs 28:13 (GNB)

9 February: True Anointing

Pray “Father, I ask you to please fill me with Your Holy Spirit.”

Read Leviticus 7-9 and Matthew 25:31-46

Think + write

Before Aaron (and Jesus) could serve God successfully, they had to be **ANOINTED**... The **Steps to Successful Service**, also for us, are:

- **Saved** : am I?
- **Sanctified/set apart** : am I?
- **Spirit-filled** : am I?
- **Sent** : am I?
- for **Service** : am I?

To be “**anointed**” does NOT mean that I have a charismatic personality or can speak in tongues or can “do miracles”, no, it means that I am ***filled with the Holy Spirit***. See Luke 4:18 and Acts 10:38. Only after the Holy Spirit came upon Peter (Acts 1:8) and he was baptized with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5), could he serve God successfully and faithfully.

Jesus spoke about people who are “blessed by my Father” (Matt 25:34). How wonderful it is to be “blessed by my Father” in heaven!! Many people want a “blessing” these days, but they do not realize that there is NO blessing without
.....(Acts 3:26).

In Leviticus 9:23-24 I read that **when God’s true Blessing comes**:

1. God’s glory is revealed;
2. His Presence is real (and not artificially “worked up” by worldly “worship leaders”);
3. His Fire (of the fullness of the HOLY Spirit) comes down;
4. He consumes whatever was surrendered to Him - we are burnt up for Jesus!!
5. People are filled with pure Joy, not with silly religious jokes;
6. People fall facedown (in awe and loving fear before God). They do NOT fall backwards. The only place in the Bible that speaks about someone that fell backwards, is where Eli fell backwards and broke his neck, as part of God’s judgment on his family...

Pray “Lord, may your Blessing be in our midst, also at work...”

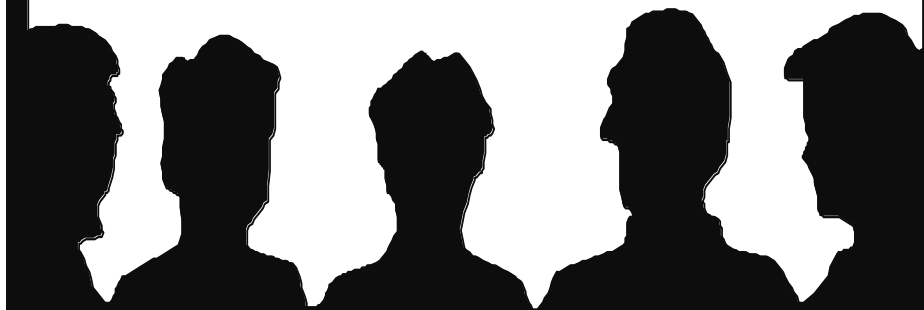
Go + Do as He sends me to.

“Before Pentecost
the disciples found it hard
to do easy things;
after Pentecost
they found it easy
to do hard things.”

A.J. Gordon.

“The Spirit of God is the CHIEF of blessings,
for (He) is the SUM of all spiritual blessings;
which we need spiritually more than others,
and wherein our true and eternal happiness
consists...”

Jonathan Edwards



“He is no fool
WHO GIVES
what he cannot keep
TO GAIN
what he cannot loose.”

Jim Elliot



*“You can give
without loving,
but you
cannot love
without giving.”*

Amy Carmichael

10 February: Giving or “Gimme”?!

Pray “Lord Jesus, You are more precious to me than anything and anyone in all the world.”

Read Leviticus 10-12 and Matthew 26:1-19

Think + write

A woman came and poured precious ointment on Jesus, because He was precious to her! In *1 Peter 2:7* (in the KJV) I read: “Unto you therefore which believe

This is one of the best verses in the Bible to me! *When He is precious to me, nothing will be too precious for me to give to Him!!* Jesus said of this woman: “She has done a

.....to Me” (Matt 26:10). How beautiful it is when someone does a beautiful thing to Jesus. By God’s grace I did something like this for Jesus when

.....
.....
.....

This woman, who was once blind with love for the world, now loved the Lord and GAVE what she could. Judas, on the other hand, as I read in Matt 26:15, asked: “What are you willing to GIVE ME...?” He had the spirit and attitude of a leech. In Proverbs 30:15 I read (in *The Message*): “A leech has twin daughters named ‘Gimme’ and ‘Gimme more’ ...”!!

What characterizes my own life: Giving or “Gimme”?!

Aaron’s sons offered unauthorized, strange, unholy fire before the Lord, “contrary to his command”, and died (Lev 10:1,2). TODAY it still happens in many churches in the form of

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.....

God is NOT pleased with it, He wants me to distinguish between the holy and the, between the and the clean” (Lev 10:10). This is very important - for God’s sake.

Pray “Lord, help me to discern and to decide for what is holy only”

Go + Do it, even if it means I stop doing certain things in church.

Do you want leprosy?



These are photos
of dear people
whose bodies
were marred by
leprosy...

Obviously not...

Then WHY do you want SIN?

SIN is worse than leprosy!

Sin scars; Sin spoils; Sin slays!

11 February: The Leprosy of Sin

Pray “Lord Jesus, I know You can heal any leper who comes to You. Your touch can cleanse them, and me!”

Read Leviticus 13 and Matthew 26:20-54

Think + write

If I do not want to fall in temptation, if I do not want to get spiritual leprosy, I need to and
(Matt 26:41). This means:

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Watching implies knowing your enemy *and* knowing yourself, with your own personal weaknesses, limitations and moral vulnerabilities. I need to **be WATCHFUL**, especially when I’m...“**H.A.L.T.**”:

H : High emotionally or spiritually; Happy, Hungry.

A : Anxious; exposed to Anger of others.

L : Lonely; spiritually or emotionally Low.

T : Tired or Toiling (working) hard or in Trials... etc.

Considering Leviticus 13, the disease of **LEPROSY** ...

1. Starts small - and can be hidden at the beginning.
2. Spreads (v8) slowly or speedily in the person infected (v8).
3. Sensitivity is lost to touch and pain. Their “feeling” is gone and therefore they can get hurt and wounded without realizing it...
4. Separates the person from others (v46). They are rejected and labeled as unclean outcasts.
5. Scars and deforms the person’s face, loosing hair of eyebrows...
6. Shouts: “Unclean!” as the person’s new name - “Mr Unclean” or “Ms Unclean”...!
7. Spreads to others too.
8. Spoils the person’s testimony. They can’t speak any more, but has to cover their lips (v45).
9. Slays some, since... “***Sin’s kisses kill***”!!

SIN is like leprosy... Sin is WORSE than leprosy!

Come to Jesus! He can heal you, and He wants to heal you - now!

Pray “Lord, I come to You; please cleanse me from my sins...”

Go + Do what is necessary to be cleansed and healed.

12 February: “Blood and Oil”

Pray “Father, thank you for sending Jesus and the Holy Spirit.”

Read Leviticus 14 and Matthew 26:55-75

Think + write

Peter followed Jesus
(Matt 26:58). Soon afterward heJesus
(v 70, 72, 74). From this I learn that

In *Lev 14* I see that for the CLEANSING of a person with leprosy,

1. He/she had to be examined (v3)
2. Animals had to be sacrificed (v5,12)
3. Blood had to be applied (v14)
4. Then oil had to be applied (v17) where the blood was applied...

For the **CLEANSING of my SINS**, I need:

1.(2 Co 13:5)
2.(Heb 7:27; 9:12,28; 10:10)
3.(1 Peter 1:19)
4.(Acts 2:38)

***“He breaks the power of cancelled sin;
He sets the prisoner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean,
His blood avails for me.”***

By the power of the Blood of Christ I may have

- ✠ Col 1:20:.....
- ✠ Col 1:14:.....
- ✠ John 6:54:.....
- ✠ Rev 12:11:.....
- ✠ 1 John 1:7:.....
- ✠ Heb 10:19-22:.....

C.S. Lewis said: “Take away the blood and Christianity dies.” We can also say: “Take away the blood and the Christian dies...”

Take careful note: the OIL (of the fullness of the Holy Spirit) is only applied when and where the BLOOD (of Jesus) has cleansed!! ***Where the Blood cleanses, the Spirit fills...***

Pray “Lord, please cleanse me AND fill me with your Holy Spirit.”

Go + Do what is necessary to be cleansed AND to be filled.



What is My

Trojan
Horse?

The Trojan War

In ancient times, the Greeks *battled* the Trojans *for ten years*. No clear victor emerged. Still *seeking to gain entrance* into Troy, Odysseus ordered a large wooden horse to be built. Its insides were to be hollow so that soldiers could hide within it. Once the statue had been built by the artist Epeius, a number of the Greek warriors, along with Odysseus, climbed inside.

The rest of the Greek army *pretended to retreat and leave*... The fleet sailed away and hid behind Tenedos, so as *to deceive* the Trojans.

One man, Sinon, was left behind. When the Trojans came to marvel at the huge creation, *Sinon* pretended to be angry with the Greeks, stating that they had deserted him. He assured the Trojans that the wooden horse was safe and would bring luck to the Trojans. In ancient times it was customary for a defeated general to surrender his horse to the victorious general in a sign of respect.

Only two people, Laocoon and Cassandra, spoke out against the horse, but they were *ignored*. The Trojans celebrated what *they thought* was their victory, and dragged the wooden horse into Troy.

That night, after most of Troy was asleep or in a drunken stupor, Sinon let the Greek warriors out from the horse, opened the gates for the rest of their army (who had returned) ...and they *slaughtered* the Trojans. The men were all killed and the women were all taken as slaves. To mark the victorious end of this Trojan War, Polyxena, daughter of Priam, and Astyanax, son of Hector, were both *sacrificed*...! How tragic!



Spiritual Lessons

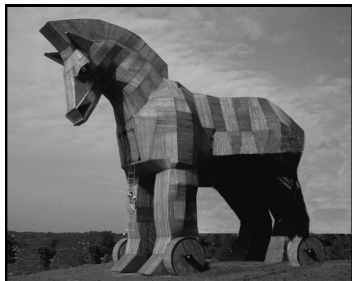
I can learn

- 👹 **Satan will fight for YEARS** to try and conquer us for him and his evil purposes...
- 👹 He'll try to gain entrance; **he'll try to get IN** our minds, hearts, feelings and lives...
- 👹 If he is unsuccessful, **he'll PRETEND to go away...**; he will PRETEND to leave us in peace...; he'll PRETEND to give up... and go...
- 👹 He'll try to **DECEIVE us!**
- 👹 He'll erect or construct or present us with **something that SEEMS INNOCENT**, or something that symbolizes his defeat in our lives, something that seems "good", adorable, attractive, admirable, innocent... a "Trojan Horse"!
- 👹 He'll set up **people** (like Sinon) to try and convince us that what he offers us is OK, safe, desirable, acceptable...
- 👹 He'll seek to influence us (together with our old hearts, our old natures) to **NOT LISTEN** to godly warnings...
- 👹 Though Satan can offer us many different "Trojan horses", **the decision still lies with us: Will I take it IN or will I keep it OUT?! Will I open the door for it or NOT?! Will I answer the sms or not?! Will I join the chat room or not?! Will I sign up for "Facebook" or not?! Will I buy that CD (or DVD) or NOT?! Will I start that relationship or NOT?! Will I buy those clothes or not?! Will I accept that thought or feeling or NOT?! Will I take IN that "horse" or NOT?!**
- 👹 Together WITH the "horse" come many hidden enemies, many forces of destruction...!!!
- 👹 Once taken IN the city of my heart or mind, under cover of darkness, **Satan's co-workers will emerge** and seek to bring utter destruction, desolation, degradation, even death...!!! They are absolutely ruthless and cruel. They are eternally evil...

Oh, may the Lord have mercy on us!

Modern-day "Trojan Horses"

The following are some of the examples:



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8.

To my opinion, the main Trojan horses presented to young people today are Music (especially "Christian" Rock Music), Friendships, Fashion, Cell phones, Internet, Fun, "the lust of the eyes, the lusts of the flesh, and the pride of life" (1 John 2:15), Finance, Fame, Attention, Acceptance and "Self"...

What should I then DO?!

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|---|------------|
| ✝ Do not be deceived! | Luke 21:8 |
| ✝ <u>Watch</u> and <u>pray</u> ! | Mat 26:41 |
| ✝ Keep the world and sin <u>OUT</u> of my heart and mind! | |
| ✝ Always continue to <u>resist</u> the devil! | James 4:7 |
| ✝ <u>Keep on fighting</u> until I die! | 1 Ti 6:12 |
| ✝ Let <u>Jesus</u> reign <u>IN</u> me and help me! | |
| ✝ Keep on <u>trusting the Lord Jesus</u> ! | John 14:1 |
| ✝ <u>Jesus IN me is the Victor, the Key to victory!</u> | 1 John 4:4 |

13 February: My Scapegoat

Pray “Father, thank you for providing a scapegoat for me.”

Read Leviticus 15-17 and Matthew 27:1-31

Think + write

God says: “You must keep the Israelites
from things that make them unclean” (Lev 15:31). Practically, to me
this means

After reading Lev 16:20-22 and 2 Co 5:21, I see that Jesus is my Scapegoat. Like Aaron, I will (1) Lean on Him with both hands (v21); (2) Lay all my sins one by one (through confession) and my sinful nature on Him (v21), and (3) Live His Life, while I’m still in this wicked world...

Like the Israelites I am told not to offer any sacrifices to the “goat idols” (Lev 17:7), also called goat demons (See the NIV footnote). There are demons linked to the goat idols. No wonder that Satan uses the goat head as an emblem in **Satanism**. When I buy a book that teaches witchcraft and how to cast spells, like the “*Harry Potter*” books, I’m sacrificing money to the goat idols! The things that can draw a person into Satanism (ultimately) are:

Do you think “Christian” rock music can do it? Can the presence of Free Masonry in my family do it? Can drugs do it? Can movies or certain websites do it?! Can pornography do it? Can bitterness do it?

Jesus became SIN (2 Co 5:21), **that I can be SAVED**.

Jesus was BOUND (Matt 27:2), that I can be

He was REJECTED, that I can be(Eph 1:6,KJV)

He was WOUNDED, that I can be(Is 53)

He DIED, that I may(Rom 6:8)

He ROSE from the grave, that I may LIVE *with Him* (Rom 6:8)

Hallelujah !!

Pray “Lord Jesus, thank you for becoming my Scapegoat!”

Go + Do what Aaron did..

Valentine's Day is Vulgar

Valentine's Day seems innocent, but it is vulgar. It seems "happy," but it's **NOT** holy... The ancient Roman celebration of Lupercalia, held on February 15, honored the "gods" Lupercus and Faunus. On that day, the pairing of young women and men (which lasted for a year) took place, which involved **gross immorality**.



In later years, a priest called **Valentine**, defied the emperor Claudius and secretly performed marriage ceremonies. He was put to death on February 14. The priests subsequently moved the Lupercalia celebration to the 14th, and renamed it St. Valentine's Day.

Cupid, according to Greek mythology, was the "son" of Venus, the "goddess" of love and beauty. He was believed to cause people to "fall in love" by shooting them with his so-called magical arrows.

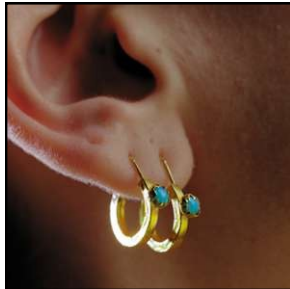


Though more can be said, it is clear that **Valentine's Day** is an **immoral, godless, heathen celebration**. It is not innocent. It is rooted in lust, not love. It does not lead to godly, holy happiness, but to emotional and fleshly involvements and un-holiness.

*As a Christian and lover of God,
I want nothing to do with Valentine's Day!
"Oh God, keep me **PURE**
in this wicked world, for Your Name's sake!"*

BODY PIERCING + the Bible

In Leviticus 19:28 I read that GOD SAYS: "Do NOT cut your bodies ... or put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the Lord. " "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit ...? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore honor God with your body." 1 Corinthians 6:15, 19-20



It may START small, but END big!
I DECIDE: I WILL NOT cut or pierce my body,
which belongs to God...! I will NOT do it
in a big NOR a "small" way...!



14 February: Do not do...

Pray “Lord Jesus, I want to follow You step by step.”

Read Leviticus 18-19 and Matthew 27:32-66

Think + write

I see **3 Great, decisive places** in Jesus’ life on earth:

1. **Gethsemane** : the place of **Surrender** to God’s will: Consecration
2. **Gabbatha** (John 19:13): the place of **Sentencing**: Conviction
3. **Golgotha** : the place of **Sacrifice**... : Crucifixion

Each one of us will have our own personal...

1. Gethsemane, where I
.....
.....
2. Gabbatha, where I
.....
.....
3. Golgotha, where I
.....
.....

God says, “You must
in Egypt” (Lev 18:3a), “you must
..... in Canaan” (v3b). “Do follow their
practices”(v3b). It is as clear as daylight to me - God says to me:

“You must NOT do as the people in the world do!”

This means:

As far as behaviour, clothing, hairstyles, make-up, tattoos (Lev 19:28),
music, TV, sport, games, cinema, etc. are concerned, it means

God says to me: “Be....., because
.....” (Lev 19:2)

Pray “Lord, make me holy in this unholy world. Amen.”

Go + Do NOT as the world does.

“This I did for thee...”



“...what doest thou for Me?!”



God's Great *Ambition*
became
God's Great Commission,
which became
Man's Great *Omission*,
unless they fulfill
God's Greatest Commission,
which is to
LOVE GOD !

*"The Great Commission is
not an option to be considered,
it is a command to be obeyed."*

Dr Hudson Taylor

15 February: Be Holy!

Pray “Lord Jesus, may Your humility be my holiness, and may Your holiness be my humility...”

Read Leviticus 20-21 and Matthew 28:1-20

Think + write

God says to me: “.....” (Lev 19:2 and 20:7), and He says, “I am the Lord, who” (Lev 20:8). What wonderful news!! **HE** makes me holy!! He gives me **HIS** holiness (Heb 12:10)!! It’s not by my **TRYING**, but by **TRUSTING** in Him... Hallelujah!

God clearly says to me:

- Do not your brother in your heart (Lev 19:17)
- Do not lie (v11)
- Do not spread (v16)
- Do not cut your bodies... or put tattoo marks on yourselves (v28)
- Do not turn to mediums or spiritists (v31). This means
.....
- Do show for the elderly (v32). I can do this by
.....
.....

THE GREAT COMMISSION is to “ and
..... of all the nations” (Matt 28:19). I read in verses 18-20 that He has (and gives us) all the
Power to do it (v18); He gives us the
Pattern how to do it (v19); and He gives us the
Promise of His
Presence (v20) “all the days and all the day” long! This
is wonderful!

If I fulfill “The ***Greatest*** Commission”, I will also fulfill “The ***Great*** Commission”.

“The Greatest Commission” is to God (Matt 22:37-39) with my all...

Pray “Lord, I love You and will obey You. Help me by Your Spirit.”

Go + Do it - in His Presence and by His Power..



Jesus said:
“Come, follow me...
and I will make you
fishers of men”
(Mark 1:17)

Fishers

“Behold, I will send for
many fishers, says the Lord,
and they will fish them out...” (Ampl);
“See, I will send for great numbers
of fishermen, says the Lord, and
they will *take them like fish in a net...*”
(Jeremiah 16:16;BBE)

Hunters

“...and afterward I will send for
many hunters,
and they will hunt them
from every mountain and
from every hill and out of the
clefts of the rocks” (Jeremiah 16:16; Ampl).

“...and after that,
I will send for numbers of *bowmen*,
and they will go after them,
driving them from every mountain and from every hill,
and out of the holes of the rocks” (BBE)



Luke 10:1-4

“The harvest truly is GREAT...”



Harvesters

“...but the laborers are FEW”



...pray
...NOW GO”

16 February: “Come, follow Me!”

Pray “Lord Jesus, help me to hear Your voice.”

Read Leviticus 22-23 and Mark 1:1-22

Think + write

I like the Book of Mark, because it’s full of **ACTION** and **INSTANT OBEDIENCE**. When Mark writes, he doesn’t beat about the bush, but just comes straight to the point. In this sense it is just like Jesus. Through this book, Jesus says to me:

1.
2. Me (Mark 1:17)

I read that Simon and Andrew followed Him (v18)

The words “**AT ONCE**”, “without delay”, “immediately” (which are derived from the Greek word “eutheos”) are found at least 40 times in Mark’s Gospel. This teaches me that

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.....

Is delayed obedience disobedience or not? Explain:

.....

To COME to Jesus implies that I

1. Repent of my sins (Mark 1:4)
2. Confess my sins specifically (v5)
3. Receive forgiveness of my sins (v4)
4. Believe (trust in) Jesus and in the Good News about Jesus (v15) and that *He* makes me holy (Lev 22:32)
5. Be baptized with/in *water* (v8)
6. Be baptized with/in the *Holy Spirit* (v8)
7. Follow Jesus at once and all the time (v17)
8. Follow His commands (Lev 22: 31)
9. Deny myself (Lev 23:32; Mark 8:34)
10. Leave behind

People, Parents (v 20,18), *Peers*, “*Partners*”

Possessions,

Professions,

Plans,

Pleasures of sin

Personal pride and preferences...

and all that Jesus will show me to leave behind...

Pray “Lord, I come to You to follow You, now.”

Go + Do it - daily

17 February: My “Year of Jubilee”

Pray “Lord Jesus, may Your Name be glorified.”

Read Leviticus 24-25 and Mark 1:23-45

Think + write

The “**YEAR OF JUBILEE**” was always an amazing year for the Israelites. It was celebrated every 50th year, predominantly as a year of

- **REST** in the Lord, as they had to rest the land (Lev 25:11).
- **RETURN** to your real home (in God) (v13,28).
- **RELEASE** from slavery (v10,41,54).
- **RESTORATION** and receiving back of land, which was forced to sell due to poverty (v28).
- **REJOICING** and the blowing of the trumpet (v9).

Such a spiritual year was announced by the Lord Jesus when He started His public ministry!! He said: “The Spirit of the Lord [*is*] upon Me, because He has anointed Me [*the Anointed One, the Messiah*] to preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor; He has sent Me to announce release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth as delivered those who are oppressed [*who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity*], To proclaim the accepted and acceptable year of the Lord [*the day when salvation and the free favors of God profusely abound*].” (Luke 4:18-19). Jesus is the fulfillment of all that the “Year of Jubilee” stood for! When I Return and come to Jesus, I find Rest, Release from the slavery of sin and spirits, Restoration and Rejoicing. **I need to ask myself, “Have I experienced the ‘Year of Jubilee’ in my life?” When was it? Do I still experience it?** Here is a brief description of that year in my life:.....

.....
.....
.....

Mark says that Jesus came to

(1)..... (1:38), (2)..... (1:34),
and (3)(1:39).

I also learn that “**very early in the morning**, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, ...went off to a solitary place, where He prayed” (Mark 1:35). I want to follow Him in doing that.

Pray “Lord, thank You for coming to announce and enable my ‘Year of Jubilee’. May I experience it every year, to Your glory.”

Go + Do all that will make this year my “Year of Jubilee”.

18 February: Follow Jesus

Pray “Father, may I always have the joy of being saved.”

Read Leviticus 26-27 and Mark 2

Think + write

Jesus says: “I have not come to call the righteous, but”
(Mark 2:17). He came to call you and me!! Furthermore, He says:
“.....” (Mark 2:14). When Levi heard this, he
“..... and (v14).

What a privilege! To follow Jesus Himself! Any person who follows the world, or friends, or her/his own mind and desires, or the devil, is deceived. (S)he thinks (s)he will gain, but (s)he will only loose. ***To not follow the One who made you and loves you perfectly and unselfishly, is absolute madness...***(See Eccl 9:3). To **FOLLOW JESUS** means:

.....
.....
.....
In 1 Peter 2:21 I read: “It was to this that God called you, for Christ himself suffered for you and left you an example, so that you would follow in his steps.” This would also include the following verse: “*He committed no sin, and no one ever heard a lie come from his lips*” (GNB), ...“He never did one thing wrong, *not once said anything amiss*” (MSG).

God says **if I follow Him** and are “careful to obey” (Lev 26:3), He will send rain (v3), cause the crops to yield well (v4), give peace in the land (v6), make me fruitful (v9), walk with me (v12), and enable me to
..... with(v13)

This means :

.....
He also says, **if I do NOT** listen to Him, I will be defeated (v17), I will never be satisfied (v26), I will get “wasting disease” (v16) [which is the name in certain parts of Africa for AIDS!], I will become blind (v16), etc. See ch 26. But if I confess my sins (v40) and my heart is humbled (v41), God will remember His covenant.

Pray “Father-God, as You are faithful, please make me too.”

Go + Do with God’s help.

*“Take up your cross and follow Me,
Though it brings shame and agony;
Though friends forsake and turn away,
Remember it is near the end of the day.
When we work for our Lord,
When we speak of His Word
To tell those who’ve not heard -
Life and peace can be found
On Calvary’s ground...
Disciples, we have a lot to say
Before the end of the day.”*



**“When Christ calls a
man, He bids him:
‘Come and DIE!’”***



**In “The Cost of Discipleship”*

To fully ***follow Christ***,
means
to DIE to sin,
to DIE to the world,
to DIE to Satan,
to DIE to myself
...and to live to God,
through God,
for Him only...

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer
followed Christ
to the end.
He was hanged for
following the Lord.*

19 February: Called for a Purpose!

Pray “Lord, I don’t want to miss Your purpose for my life!”

Read Numbers 1-2 and Mark 3:1-21

Think + write

One of my favorite portions in the Bible is Mark 3:13-14. Here I read that (1) Jesus **Called** to him those he wanted, (2) they **Came** to him, and then (3) he **Commissioned** (appointed) them to do something specific. Because of God’s call to me, I can read Isaiah 43:1 with my name in: “But NOW [*in spite of past judgments for (your name)*’s sins], thus says the Lord, He Who created you, O.....(your name), and He Who formed you, O.....(your name): Fear not, for I have redeemed you [*ransomed you by paying a price instead of leaving you captives*]; **I have called you by your name; you are Mine.**” Those who were

Called and

Came were

Commissioned (appointed) to:

1., and
2. that He might(v14)

In the Amplified version I read they were appointed “**to continue to be with Him**”. This means.....

.....
THEN I can go and do what He sent me to do. Many times people start doing many things, but they are NOT *with Jesus* any more... On the other hand, many times people do NOT speak or work for the Lord, because they are not with Him any more...

**I am Called
to Continue to be with Jesus
and that He might send me out...**

All of this should be done in the way the Israelites did it (Num 2:17, 34). The way they camped and the way they went out was done in an ORDERLY manner. This means:

Pray “Lord, may I always BE with You and GO with You.”

Go + Do it in an orderly manner - to God’s glory.

20 February: Am I a brother/sister of Jesus?

Pray “Father, may I always live in the home of Your heart.”

Read Numbers 3-4 and Mark 3:22-35

Think + write

God says “you will be my sons and daughters” (2 Co 6:17,18) if you

(1).....

(2)..... (3).....

.....Those who are sons and daughters of God the Father, are also **brothers and sisters of Jesus**. Jesus said that His brothers and sisters are those who

.....(Mark 3:35). In The Message translation I read, “Obedience is thicker than blood. The person who obeys God's will is my brother and sister....”

The world says: “**Blood is thicker than water**”

But Jesus says: “**Obedience is thicker than blood**”!!

To me, this means:.....

.....
When my biological family expects me to attend a function that is not Christ-centred (and even demonic), my response to them is

.....
Some people say I must just “plead the Blood of Jesus over me” and then I can go and attend it, because He that is in me is greater than he that is in the world. Is this true or not? Explain :.....

.....
God said to Moses: “The Levites are **MINE**” (Numbers 3:12b). They were chosen by God to be examples, to assist in the work of God (v6), to perform duties (v7), to “be under the direction of” the leaders (4:27), to fulfill their assigned responsibilities (4:27,32), etc. They “came to in the” (4:30,39,43). They “came to do the work of”(4:47)

Pray “Lord, may I also ***come to serve in the work and to do the work of serving***, as the Levites did, for Jesus’ sake. Amen.”

Go + Do it !

The world says:
“Blood is thicker than water,”
but the Lord Jesus says
in Mark 3:35 (MSG)
that

“OBEDIENCE
is
thicker than
BLOOD”

21 February: I am a Nazarite!?

Pray “Lord, I want nothing that will hinder me from loving You.”

Read Numbers 5-6 and Mark 4:1-20

Think + write

In the time of Moses, when someone wanted to separate himself from the world and consecrate himself fully to God, he took the (usually) temporary vow of becoming a “**Nazarite**”. He then

1. Abstained from wine and anything that came from the grapevine, including! (Num 6:3b).
2. Abstained from cutting his (v5)
3. Abstained from coming near a dead body (v6-7).

Spiritually this means he (or she)

1. Abstained from what most people enjoy in life, even from things that were not wrong in itself, like raisins - for God’s sake!!
2. Abstained from being like others. He was willing to be different than others.
3. Abstained from contact with anything that doesn’t have God’s life in, even religious things that doesn’t have God’s life in...

Am I willing to be different than my peers?

Am I willing to wear my hair differently than others, for God’s sake?

Am I willing to do without legitimate things?

Am I willing to stay away from spiritually “dead” people, even in my own family? (Without judging them, but still loving as Christ would.)

In Numbers 6:24-26 I see the way God wanted to bless his children:

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace.”**

I must watch and guard that the impact of the Word of God be not minimized in my life through

- Satan and spirits (Mark 4:15) robbing me of it.
- Shallowness in my life (v17)
- Suffocation by worries, wealth, worldly desires... (v19).

Pray “Lord, may Your face shine upon all we do today.”

Go + Do God’s will in this world.

22 February: Alone with God

Pray “Holy Father, may I meet with You now?”

Read Numbers 7 and Mark 4:21-41

Think + write

Jesus, the Creator of the universe, said: “For whatever is is meant to be, and whatever is is meant to be brought into the”(Mark 4:22). To me, this means that I

Jesus also said that, in the kingdom of God, “the seed sprouts and **grows**” (v37). When the Word of God (the seed) does not sprout and GROW in my heart and life, it is possible that I may not be in the kingdom of God!! During the last year I have experienced personal growth in my life in

From the beginning to the end of Numbers (1:46 and 26:51) we see that the number of Israelites did NOT increase, but actually declined!

“When he was with his own disciples, he explained everything” to them (Mark 4:34 and 10). To **be alone with God** means:.....

The advantages of being **alone with God** are:

- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....

Oswald Chambers (a true man of God) said: “*Friendship to a soul undisciplined by **loneliness** is a precarious sea on which many have been lost, and on whose shores the wrecks of many hearts lie rotting.*”

Jesus and Moses and Joshua and Paul went through the discipline of loneliness. When Moses went to the Tent of Meeting to be alone with God, I read In Numbers 7:89 that

- He, and
- He to God.

God speaks when we are alone with Him!

Pray “Father, thank you that I could meet with You!”

Go + Do what will ensure a life alone with God, for others...



Alone with God!

23 February: Let God guide you

Pray “Lord Jesus, please show me Your will.”

Read Numbers 8-10 and Mark 5:1-20

Think + write

The Levites (as servants of the Lord) had to be

- **Purified** (8:5,15)
- **Prepared** and “ready to do the work of the Lord” (8:11)
- **Presented** to be wholly HIS... (v14,16)
- **Perform** and DO their work, in the
- **Presence of the Lord** at the Tent of Meeting (v15)

As a servant of the Lord Jesus, I need to be Purified, Prepared and constantly living in his Presence, ready to be guided by Him. God guided the Israelites by the cloud above the tabernacle. When it moved, they moved; when it stopped, they stopped! George MacDonald wrote:

*“When the wind blows, the ship goes;
When the wind stops, the ship stops;
...but the sea is His all the same, for He made it;
and the wind is His all the same too.”*

I read in Numbers 9:23, “.....
..... they encamped, and
.....they set out. They obeyed the Lord’s order...” I want to be like that too. They also realized that as they obey the Lord and go, there will be spiritual battles to be fought and enemies to contend with, thus we read in Numbers 10:35-36:

“Whenever the ark set out, Moses said, ‘Rise up, O Lord!

May your enemies be scattered; may your foes flee before you.’

Whenever it came to rest, he said, ‘Return, O Lord...’”

God can GUIDE me by His

- ⇒ Sayings* - His Word
- ⇒ Servants - His Witnesses
- ⇒ Spirit - His inner Witness
- ⇒ Symbols - His Works (+ circumstances)
- ⇒ Sympathy (Himself) - His Ways

...and by all of these TOGETHER confirming His direction and will.

Pray “Lord, please guide me in Your perfect will for me.”

Go + Do what He has shown me to do.

*“The Lord said” is mentioned 80 times in the book of Numbers!

24 February: “I can” or “I can’t”?

Pray “Lord, there is none like You!”

Read Numbers 11-13 and Mark 5:21-43

Think + write

A woman who had been ill for 12 years “suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors...” (Mark 5:26). Even these days some people suffer under doctors in the following ways:

1.
2.
3.

Jesus is different. He heals the “.....”(John 7:23,NIV) and the whole woman. He healed people of their physical problems AND He healed them of their spiritual problems (See John 9). This woman came in “pieces” and went in “.....”(Mark 5:34).

The Israelites became spiritually sick due to their love for food. I read they “began to other food” (Num 11:4). They wanted meat and fish and”(v5)

My attitude to eating and food should be as Jesus wants it to be. It should be that

1 Co 10:31 means that

Augustine said to God: “*You have taught me that I should approach the taking of food as I approach medicine*”! He meant:

Moses is a great example to me. He was

-(Num12:3)
-(v7)
- a(v7,8)
- Intimate with God (v8) - “face to face”

Ten of the spies that explored Canaan said: “We CAN’T...” (13:31).

Two (Caleb and Joshua) said: “We CAN...” (13:30b).

Do I usually say “I CAN’T” or “I CAN” - with Christ’s help?!

Pray “Lord, please forgive me where I spoke in unbelief.”

Go + Do as Caleb. He said: “**We can certainly do it**”!!!

25 February: Caleb Conquered!

Pray “Lord Jesus, please make us like Caleb and Joshua.”

Read Numbers 14-15 and Mark 6:1-32

Think + write

“**The people**” grumbled and said: “We can’t”, “They’re too strong”, “It’s ‘better for us to go back to Egypt’” (Num 14:3b), “We wouldn’t make it”... In the same way, “**the people**” **in the church today say**: “We can’t be holy”, “You don’t know how it is ‘out here’”, “It’s better to have our rock band in the worship team”, “Why can’t we listen to ‘Christian’ rock?”, “Everybody is dressing like this”... NONSENSE!! Everybody is NOT doing that!! Caleb did not compromise; Joshua did not; and I’m also NOT compromising (by God’s grace).

Joshua and Caleb said:

- The land is exceedingly(v7)
- God willus (Num 14:8)
- God willto us (v8)
- Their (the enemy’s) protection is(v9)
- The Lord is(v9)
- We can certainly do it (13:30)
- Do not be afraid (14:9)

According to the Lord, Caleb had

- a.....
 - and.....
-(Num 14:24)

As a result, God said: “I WILL bring him into the land” (v24b).

John the Baptist preached and said: “.....” (Matt 3:2)

Jesus preached and said: “.....and believe” (Mark 1:15)

On the day of Pentecost Peter said: “.....”(Acts 2:38)

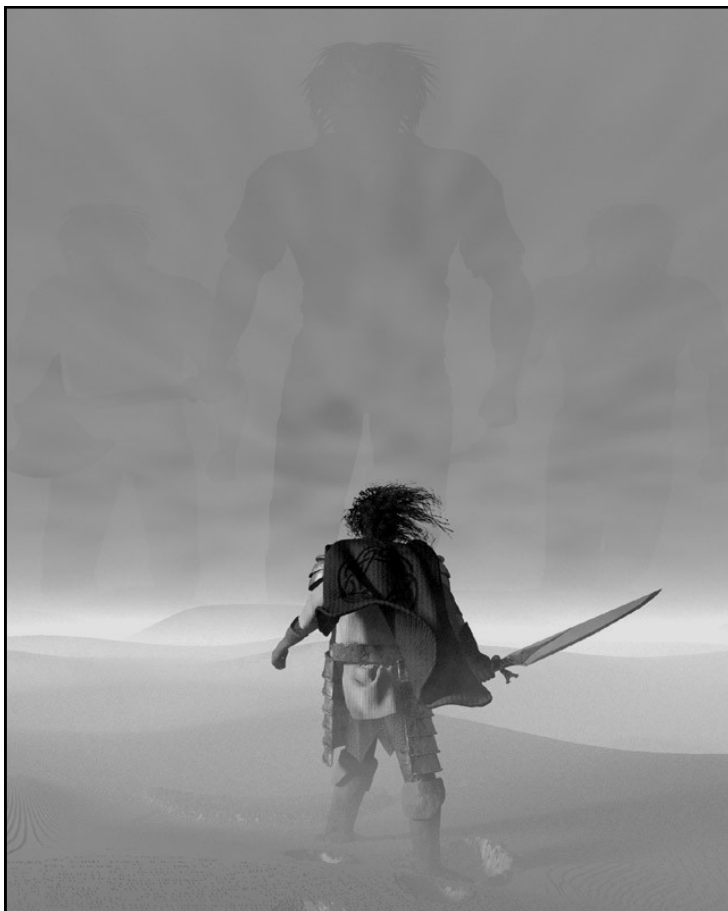
The disciples “preached that people should.....”(Mrk 6:12)

It’s as clear as crystal: People should **REPENT**! I should REPENT!
Without repentance, I cannot have the Spirit that Caleb or John the Baptist or Jesus had!

Pray “Lord, may I too have a different spirit, Your Spirit, like Caleb, and may I follow you wholeheartedly. Amen.”

Go + Do it

**Caleb said:
“Give me the mountains,
where the giants are...”
Joshua 14:12**



**Caleb conquered,
because he had another Spirit
...and he followed the Lord fully!
Numbers 14:24**

26 February: Beauty of Submission

Pray “Lord Jesus, help me to bow my neck and die to myself.”

Read Numbers 16-17 and Mark 6:33-56

Think + write

In God’s eyes, “..... is like the sin of divination” or witchcraft (1 Sam 15:23). “**Rebellion**” means

.....
In the past I have rebelled against

.....
According to *The Message*, **rebellion is “not doing what God tells you” to do**. It is to disobey, to go against, to reject or oppose authority, to stand up against authority over me, to not respect those over me, to treat them with contempt (Num 16:30). As I consider this definition, I realize I have rebelled against my parents and against those God placed in authority over me when I

.....
Though God brought Korah, Dathan and Abiram “near himself to do the work at the Lord’s tabernacle and to stand before the community and minister to them” (Num16:9), which was a great privilege (!), they still rebelled against God’s authority over them! “They went down alive in to the grave” (16:33), into hell... People can be near God and still become guilty of rebellion. That’s what happened to Lucifer!

On the other hand, see **the beauty of submission** to God and his delegated authorities as shown in the life of Aaron. Despite the opposition against him (16:42), he still risked his own life to save them (v47,48)! When his staff (a DEAD, DRY stick) was put in front of the Testimony and left in the dark, overnight - together with the staffs of the leaders of the other 11 tribes - the next morning, HIS staff “had not only sprouted but had,, and produced.....”(Num17:8)!!! This showed that God had chosen him to minister. **Life out of death is the law for ministry**. See John 12:23-26!

Pray “Lord, I am willing to go through death to live your Life.”

Go + Do it

27 February: A Heart that is His

Pray “Lord Jesus, please make us like Caleb and Joshua.”

Read Numbers 18-20 and Mark 7:1-13

Think & write

Jesus was and is the best Cardiologist! He made clear diagnoses of the people’s hearts and said:

- The Pharisees’ hearts “are” from Him (Mark 7:6).
- The disciples’ hearts “were” (6:52).
- Men’s hearts are harboring

.....(7:21-23)

I need to ask myself: “Do I have a ‘far’ heart or a ‘hardened’ heart or an ‘evil’ heart?” Even if I worship God or teach others about God, there is the danger that my heart may be far from God (7:6,7). I can diagnose a “far” heart by

.....
In Num 18, I read that Aaron’s sons are to be
to him (18:3). Verse 4 says, “They are to...be responsible”. Aaron also had to bear certain.....(18:1). The Lord said to Aaron, “You are to be”(v5). It is part of life to know my responsibilities and to be responsible - at home, at school, at work, at church, in public, in private, everywhere and always. I now see that my main responsibilities are

.....
“The Lord said to Aaron, ‘You will have no inheritance in their land, nor will you have any share among them; I am your share and your inheritance...”(18:20). The bride, who is a picture of a Christian, in Song of Songs, says: “My Beloved is mine and I am HIS” (2:16). This is truly the live of every true child of God. To be HIS means that

Pray “Lord, I am Yours, and all that I have...”

Go + Do what He wants, so that I may have a heart that is HIS...

28 February: Heart Healing!

Pray “Lord Jesus, please show me my heart - and Your heart!”

Read Numbers 21-22 and Mark 7:14-37

Think + write

Jesus called the crowd *and* told them to listen (Mark 7:14), because He wanted to make sure they get this important message... He said **a man or a woman, a boy or a girl is made unclean by what comes OUT of their HEART**, not out of their home. This means that when I commit any sin, I can know and tell myself: *I've done this because it was in my heart to do it...* This is the beginning of **heart healing**.

The people were amazed and overwhelmed about Jesus and said: “He has done”(Mark 7:37). May the Lord help me and teach me by His Spirit how to **do everything well**, not just some things...

Since the Israelites sinned by becoming impatient, rebellious, and unthankful for their food, God sent **poisonous snakes** to bite and kill them (Num 21:4-6). Many of them died. **People were only saved and healed when:**

1. They acknowledged and confessed: “We”(v7).
2. Mosesfor the people (v7b).
3. In obedience, Moses took a bronze snake and put it up on(v8), just as Jesus was put up on the Cross.
4. They**attentively**, **trustingly** and **continuously** at the snake on the pole (v9) and(v9).

How sad it must have been when people who were bitten maybe said: “That which is on the pole cannot help me”, “It’s no use to look”, or “I can’t be helped any more!” There may be some who said, “No, I’ll rather look to Moses or a doctor.” Maybe others were so weak that in their last moments they were helped by someone (who was healed), to turn their head and LOOK - and they too were healed!!! Jesus said: **“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes (and KEEPS ON believing) in Him may have eternal life.”** (John 3:15)

“LOOK and LIVE...!!”

Pray “Lord, may I live looking to You.”

Go + Do it, and keep on doing it...

There is Life
for a look
at the Crucified One.



A Voice From Hell

You lived next door to me for years;
We shared our dreams, our joys, our tears,
A friend to me you were indeed –
A friend who helped me when in need.

My faith in you was strong and sure;
We had such trust as should endure,
No clash between us ever rose;
Our friends were like – and so our foes.

What sadness, then, my friend, to find
That after all, you weren't so kind.
The day my life came to an end,
I found you weren't a faithful friend.

For all those years we spent on earth,
You never talked of second birth.
You never spoke of my lost soul
And of the Christ Who'd make me whole.

I plead today from Hell's cruel fire
And tell you now my last desire
You cannot do a thing for me.
No words today my bonds will free.

But do not err, my friend again,
Do all you can for souls of men,
Plead with them now right earnestly,
Lest they be cast in Hell with me.

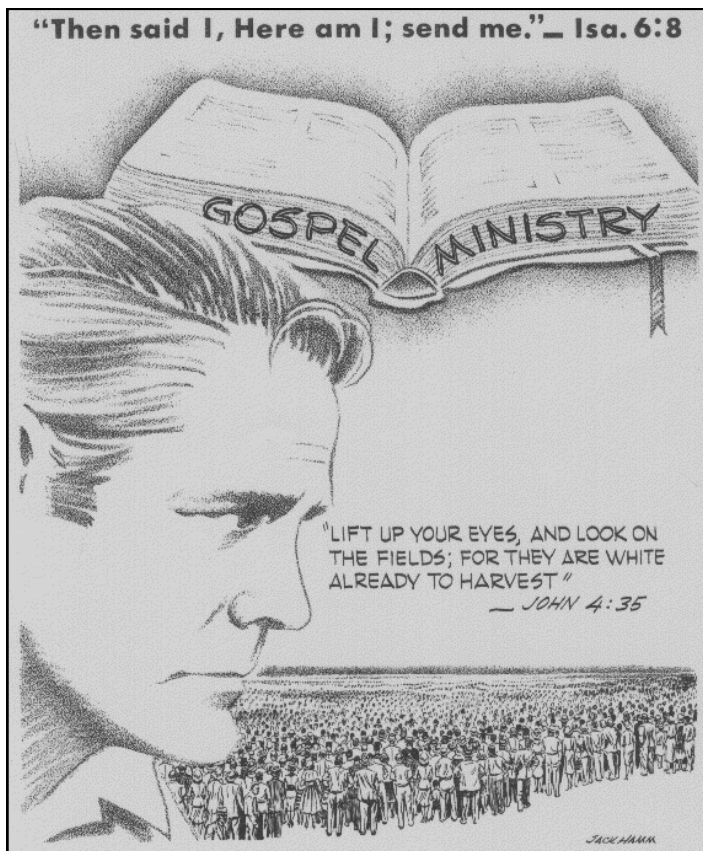
"IF THE CHURCH WERE TO LIVE ONE WEEK AS IF THEY BELIEVED THE BIBLE, SINNERS WOULD MELT DOWN BEFORE THEM"--FINNEY



TO WIN SOULS REQUIRES WISDOM

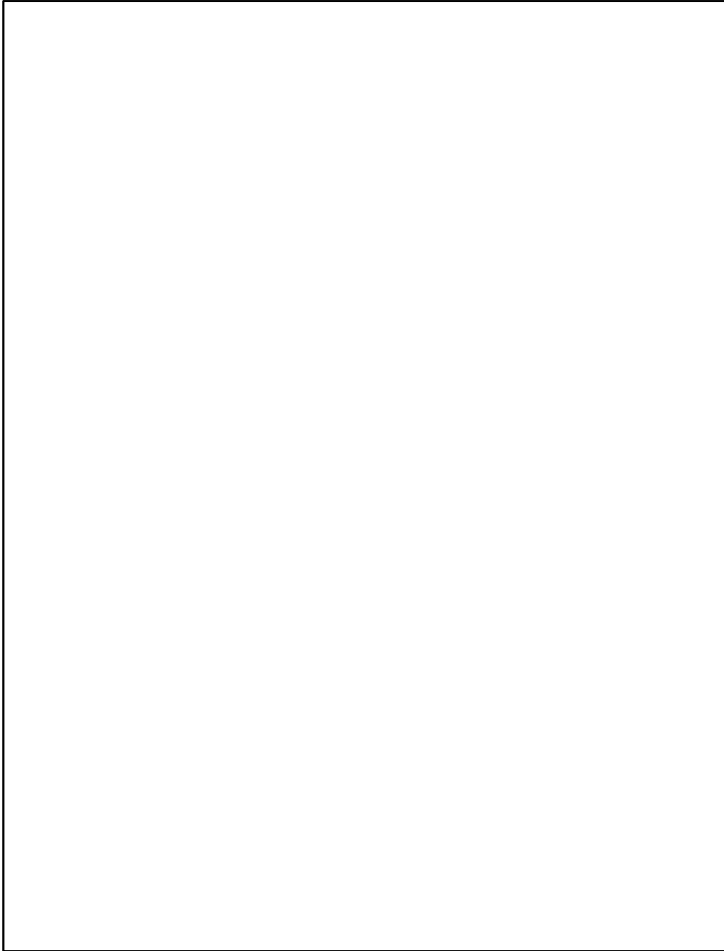
*They're passing, passing fast away,
A hundred thousand souls a day,
In Christ-less guilt and gloom.
O Church of Christ, what wilt thou say,
If in that awful judgment day,
They charge thee with their doom?*

A.B. Simpson



"Here am I, send me..."

Notes





***“Oh Lord, hear my prayer
- may You be glorified!”***