

PTB #15: The Cross, Gospel, and Salvation Part I.

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Sweep of Bible exegesis: Psalm 2 thru Psalm 41.

(Old Test)	(Matthew)	(Heb/Rom)	(Luke)	(Mark)
Psalm 2:1,2		Insert from Acts: Acts 4:24-26		
Psalm 2:7	3:17	Hebrews 1:5	9:7	
		Hebrews 17:5		
		Romans 5:5		
Psalm 8:4-6		Romans 2:6		
Psalm 8:7			20:42	
Psalm 12:36		Hebrews 8:7		
Psalm 14:1-3		Romans 3:10		
Psalm 16:20				1:24
Psalm 18:3,4			1:67-73	
Psalm 18:25	5:7			
Psalm 18:49		Romans 15:9		
Psalm 22:1	27:46	Hebrews 5:34	22:18	15:24
Psalm 22:19	27:35			
Psalm 22:22		Hebrews 2:12		
Psalm 24:3-5	5:8			
Psalm 34:12-16		Insert from the Apostle Peter: I Peter 3:10-12		
Psalm 34:20		Insert from the Apostle John: John 19:36		
Psalm 35:19		Insert from the Apostle John: John 15:25		
Psalm 41:9		Insert from the Apostle John: John 13:18; 17:12		

I. Hideout for Bad Habits, Introduction.

MOST CHURCHES IN AMERICA HAVE BECOME A HIDEOUT FOR BAD HABITS, another way to say "Den of Thieves"; and all these things about the pope, and other rewrites of history such as that of the blood tracing of Landmark Baptists, the futile efforts of the members of Christ of Church churches to trace their history back to Jerusalem in 1 A.D., and the fictions of the Mormons in the Book of Mormon where Jesus made a visit to North America during the three days in the grave. Oh, if the revisionist historians of American Intellectual Thought had studied and dealt with in a truly scientific manner these perversions of church history and of the sound doctrines of the Bible. Everybody including the Jews want to be the elect of God, God's people, and there are many creative ways in which men have sought to identify themselves historically and otherwise with the Christ.

One thing that needs to be said and up front right now, as the pope also quoted from John 1:12, that blood and history and the will and status of men in the final analysis have little or nothing to do with salvation: "But as many as received him {Christ}, to them {believers of any age and any group} gave He power to become the Sons of God; which were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of men, but of God." (John 1:12) The thing that needs to be said is that where there is a real group of believers, it is because there has been a real work of the Holy Spirit in individual hearts; and all this promotion of the inherent unity that the pope and Warren ride, is not the P.R. work of any organization, religious or otherwise, but the personal work and provision of the Holy Spirit of God. It is not only the Pope but also Warren and Olsten that would steal the work with honor for themselves of what only the Spirit has done and can do. What it comes down to in the final analysis, that if a few natives in the darkest recesses of Africa or Latin America were to stumble across a Bible through which the Spirit could talk to them {and some things similar have happened}, right there the Spirit could create Christians and a local church, yes one also written in heaven in the church of the firstborn, without any history and religious authority from men!

1. If any Bashing, of Fundamentalists. (You need to understand that Bible Baptists like Jerry Falwell, John R. Rice stole the word fundamentalist for themselves just like they, mainly out of DTS, accused others in the SBC of being moderates, a false slur that they were the only ones literal on the Bible when they knew better because their 3 main words and theology—rapture, dispensationalism, and millennium are not even found once in the Bible.

Actually what you will find is more bashing of Baptists, especially Southern Baptists and the fundamentalists wing of the SBC, in this "Den of Thieves" book more so than Catholics, Church of Christ, Mormons, and the "THE denominations". While I love Baptists historical doctrine and history, especially the history of the SBC up until the fundamentalists took over approximately 30 years ago {which by the way is curiously

close to the same time you could easily mark beginning of the final great Apostasy called the Falling Away}, Baptists church members and churches just like all churches and denominations of the world have fallen deeply under the influence of the world movement--"as sin abounds the love of many will wax cold"--called in the Bible the Falling Away. (II Thessalonians) And where warnings have been given in previous books from SunGrist_Bible and on websites about popularity during the time of the Falling Away--that is, it is a curse rather than a blessing as the "many" fall away--primarily among Baptists and interdenominational churches like the New Life Movement and the National Evangelical Association established and headed by Ted Haggard--we can not ignore, especially at this juncture in history as the Vatican seeks more popularity in America, the Roman Catholics.

The main point here is that the Vatican {alias the Roman Catholic "church"-denominations} is a State with a flag, property within the city of Rome and all over the world, an army and security guards, a hierarchal organization with ambassadors and all those things. That the Pope and the Vatican have intruded into American and international politics can hardly be denied; and unless CNN, Fox, MSNBC, etc. give to some Protestant leaders equal and free time on national TV for religious propaganda {truth like the Pope tried to say with his distortions of John 14 on the "way, the truth, and the life, much like he has distorted Peter's Profession of Faith with Jesus' statement about the "My Church" for personal gain, much like the gifts given by the Ascended Christ; and my goodness, if Christ had really chosen a Pope to rule over all other bishops in the first century, why would he have chosen the church at Rome, famous for the place both the Apostles Peter and Paul were crucified and where Paul identified that they even sought to enhance the persecution of the Apostles (Philippians 1:15,16) with words like "add to our afflictions".}

"Den of Thieves" is more about hiding than stealing. After men and women and children, like in Jeremiah, have committed misdemeanors {follies and bad habits as in II Timothy 3:1-8} and felonies {substitute loyalties for God generally called in Jeremiah and other Prophets, "fornication" against God or "adultery" against God} against God all week, they need a place to hide on Sunday {the Sabbath in Jeremiah}, so they often chose the church {the Temple in Jeremiah and the time of Jesus}. Of course, it is obvious that on the surface in the Temple cleansing twice by Jesus, that some "merchandising" for profit was condemned (John 2) as Jesus showed His zeal or enthusiasm for the House of God in the driving out of the money changers and other profiteers from religious acts of worship; but more than the obvious appearance, is a righteous judgment on the deeper meaning of the text (Jeremiah 7:11) and the larger context of the Prophet Jeremiah's Temple Message that Jesus quoted from in the cleansing of the Temple the second time. (Matthew 21:12-17)

Where in Jeremiah does God really get angry {yes, even as contrary to popular opinion Christ did get angry enough to drive the money changers out of the Temple, so the God of love and justice is also a God that can get angry, and you can count on it that God is angry when He will no longer listen to prayer}, it was after He told Jeremiah that He saw the diversion of loyalty of His own people, perhaps trying to make Him jealous but really embarrassing themselves, as women, their husbands, and their children participated in the worship and loyalty to the "Queen of Heaven". {There are a lot of Queens of Heaven today: heavenly idols of the two footed kind, false distortions of Mary as a person to whom one can pray and receive forgiveness of sins and other help, our "Mother in Heaven" as some Mormons believe and practice, and etc.} God knows us, and God knows that there are other "gods", either in our minds or in the priority and loyalty of our lives made effectively "gods" because of the place in the lives of church members.

"For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bride." (Deuteronomy 10:17)

"God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the gods." (Psalm 82:1)

"I said, 'You are gods' {in Hebrew Elohim, that is mighty ones or the judges}, and all of you are children of the Most High. But you shall die like men..." (Psalm 82:6)

"Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things." (Romans 1:22,23)

Does it not make sense that if Satan has worked thousands of years to cultivate churches under his control that he will also control false prophets to protect and preserve that control? The problem is: how do we identify those churches and those denominations to the extent that the church control has extended to a large enough group to be called a denomination, or should we even try; and as mere mortals, albeit Christians that are destined to judge the world, are we entitled to label any church as a "Den of Thieves"?

God also knows, like He told God's people through Jeremiah, that these idols of gods, and the gods themselves, are "cisterns that can not hold water." (Jeremiah 2:13) There is only one God, the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ and the God of the Christian Bible, with power and position and love and concern for individuals, and righteousness {Who is also without human prejudice and will not take brides} to take care of His own people

and also manage the world to the extent that He desires. {Like Pastor James said at the Great Jerusalem Conference, "Known unto God are all His works from the beginning." (Acts 15:18)} So what happens when you give loyalty to a "god" that does not really exist? Well, either (1) to give loyalty to the only other real supernatural being, that of Satan and his fallen angels, or (2) to do what you want to in the first place with the religious devotion only be a cloak for personal desires.

2: Sound Living and Sound Doctrine.

A prime doctrinal sub-thesis of this book is that Sound Living comes from Sound Doctrine. You cannot have a sound Christian and sound church member without the sound doctrine that comes from the faithful preaching and study of the "ALL SCRIPTURES" of II Timothy 3:16,17. Even as the proof text method of the pope and other fundamentalists, like in the SBC, will not satisfy the "ALL" in "ALL SCRIPTURE", so the failures to follow up brief mentions of Scripture without the profitability of "doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness" of that same portion of the Word of God. Catholic priests in America, and do not exclude the rest of the world, are the same corrupt men among "God's People" that the pope and catholic teachings have made them. And also the people! Have we forgotten the old classical saying of the Old Testament that "like the priests like the people, and like the people like the priests"? It would be amazing indeed if the priests of the Roman Catholic churches, and the child abusers each day that we hear more about in the news of Protestant and Mormon churches, could remain holy and distinct and separated from the world wide movement as the Falling Away rides on the rising tide of the mystery of lawlessness and sin of II Thessalonians. Even as religious leaders like the pope seek an integration in American communities and States, they can not ignore the world wide and inevitable movements of the Falling Away where: (1) the rising tide of sin and lawlessness floods over all communities and churches; and (2) the intolerance toward sound doctrine of II Timothy 4:3,4 replaces "want-TOs" and itching ears Bible teachers of all denominations where sound Bible doctrine and profitability belongs.

Fundamentalists--whether the Roman Catholics, the cult of the Mormons like in El Dorado, Texas recently, or the fundamentalists that took control of the SBC about the same time that the Falling Away got well under way in the United States--like to substitute their own history and traditions for the Bible of the Word of God. What you really have in the fundamentalists Mormon cult compound of El Dorado, as Texas authorities are beginning to find and make public, is tragedies of: child abuse, child sexual abuse, and abuse of State benefits for personal gain where say one husband gets the welfare money for up to 22 wives, and the abuse of the freedoms of individual rights. You talk about stealing with a "Den of Thieves" those such Mormons and even illegal aliens who take advantage of other Americans, most often encouraged by the Roman

Catholics, that steal these benefits away from Americans can be considered also a "Den of Thieves". Where the fundamentalists of the SBC have placed their traditions over the Word of God is in a preference for the eschatology of Scofield Notes over the Bible Itself, especially as they have taught and defended a false doctrine of a thousand years on earth when Christ comes Again, separate from the new earth of eternity. Yes, it is this one thousand year, believed and taught by the fundamentalists that really split the Convention! Add to that a "bad spirit", which many church members failed to test like the Apostle John recommended, of these Bible Baptist fundamentalists **{they left the SBC approximately 1920 but out of the "spirit within them that lusted to envy" (James 4:5), they lusted after the prosperity of SBC churches}** that fought and caused warfare and fighting's; and based on a previous, condemned by Paul practice, in the church at Corinth where they, like the fundamentalists today, took a superior and bad attitude that "the Word of God came to them only" or "that the Word of God came out of them" (I Corinthians 14:36). This same haughty attitude you see today among Pentecostals and other charismatics, by the way a movement that has cut across with the Falling Away all denominations, who claim for themselves and their people special revelations.

I tell you this problem of the Falling Away is big enough to require some discussion and safeguards against. It can not be ignored! It is sort of like a friend in the Navy who on a training flight accidentally popped the chute of his chest pack, and the more he stuffed on it so the chief petty officer would not see, the larger it grew!

There is no hope of getting out of this Falling Away. There is only the individual hope for a few individuals and perhaps a few isolated churches to avoid the onslaught in itching ears doctrine and living. You can not escape after a study of the gigantic falling away of God's People in the wilderness, from which only a few were saved, how especially in Hebrews and from Christ in Matthew 24, that this is an example of what will happen to all churches and all church members, alias Christians, during the Falling Away. You can not escape also the simple fact that the leaders in the Falling Away are and will be the churches, the church leaders, and the church members, since they alone of all the world are the only ones, like God's people in the wilderness, who have seen the works of God for over 40 years. There are certain things that can be done to resist this tide in your church; and there are certain things that can be done to individually as a Christ, like certain church members in the failing 7 churches of Asia Minor, avoid the Falling Away, and those are emphasized, even encouraged in these chapters. (Revelation 2 and 3) However the solution is not to ignore the inevitability of the Falling Away problem! That only exasperates the problem and covers it up. Goodness knows, church leaders including the Pope, have become creative and efficient at the covering up of Bad Habits

of Church Members, especially of covering up when their only House of God has become a "Hideout for the Bad Habits" of II Timothy 3:1-8.

Unfortunately Satan has a lot working for him such as sin, love of self among church members {don't forget the large list of "follies" of II Timothy 3:1-9 among church members includes many bad attitudes such as love of self and lovers of pleasure}, false prophets identified by Paul long ago to the Ephesian elders that will come from within the church and from without the local church, say on the denominational level, and the itching ears Bible teachers as the time has come when they {church members} will no longer endure sound doctrine that are being "heaped up" in and out of churches, in Bible schools, colleges, and seminaries, on TV and in novel best-selling books; and then above all the history of the Falling Away is now on the side of Satan--albeit, known unto God are all the works of world history that He permits even as He controls per Pastor James, "known unto God are all His works from the beginning". To see how the current history of the Falling Away, which can easily be called now "Church History" or the "History of Denominations" {later we will deal with how in reality, so-called community churches of the non-denominational and interdenominational garden variety are for all practical purposes also denominations} contributes to the control of churches like Satan already controls the world {Jesus Himself stated that Satan is the prince of this world, and by the way also said that "he has nothing in Me" which unfortunately can no longer during this Falling Away be said of the churches}. You need only read once again II Thessalonians to develop strong convictions that the rising tide of the flood of sin and lawlessness of the Falling Away is a universal world-wide flood that comes into the churches and their man-made extensions in denominations as well as in the greater body of unbelievers of the world, that this period of history is synonymous with the increased control of Satan over the world and the churches as he cultivates a "Man of Sin" to lead in the great world movement of the Falling Away and the final war, and as the Holy Spirit is withdrawn from earth {surely this will affect most churches except perhaps the Charismatics that will never know the difference} which in turn releases Satan to dominant the rest of the world and churches. {Notice churches are used instead of the church, since Satan will never dominate the church of the firstborn, written in heaven. He no longer ever has access to heaven, and we must quickly come to the primary theme or gist of this book which is that WHEREAS GOD ORDAINED AND BLESSED A CHURCH AS A "HOUSE OF PRAYER" AND WORSHIP, MAN HAS CREATED CHURCHES AND DENOMINATIONS WHICH JESUS HIMSELF, JEREMIAH, AND ISAIAH, LIKE THE TEMPLES OF OLD WOULD CALL A "DEN OF THIEVES". }

3: The Gist of this book is Den of Thieves.

Don't worry from this primary gist if you did not get all the subtleties of the wording and language the first time around! Development of this gist is what the book is all about based primarily on the "Den of Thieves" quote from Jesus **{which by the way we have almost completely misunderstood, and to understand it you must go back to the famous Temple Message of Jeremiah}**, based on the proper interpretation of "Den of Thieves" from the context of Jeremiah and the Temple Message, and based on the contrast with a "House of Prayer" from Jesus and Isaiah. However in this day when the buzz words are "purpose driven", it should also be stated with regard to the purpose of this book and of the above stated gist that not only is the book an attempt to write the current history of churches and denominations centered around the historical fact of the Falling Away, if indeed we find in the pages of the book that we are legitimately **{ethically, morally, and doctrinally}** entitled to place the label "Den of Thieves" any local church or collection of local churches in a denomination. Goodness, as you study the current history of denominations from the phone book, the signs in front of the church, or the internet you will find no shortage of man made labels such as "Friendliest Church", "the church of Christ", or "church of Christ", or "the church". However our goal is to base any conclusion about "Den of Thieves" label and entitlement on "All Scripture" since it is the Bible in the total context that can profit us, whether that profit comes by way of "doctrine, correction, or instruction in righteousness", practices no longer even popular in most church pulpits and on television which within itself gives us a clue how deep we are into the Falling Away and of how the churches themselves must become leaders in the Falling Away since they alone among the total world population are the only ones who have seen the works of God for over 40 years. **{As you read and study the first great Falling Away of the children of Israel in the wilderness as presented in Deuteronomy and explained further in the book of Hebrews, you will see that the Falling Away is not from the congregation or churches but a departure from the living God. If you do not understand this, please read volume 4 of the LEARN CHRIST commentaries, "Christ, Paul, and the Falling Away", or the book also from SunGrist_Bible entitled "Snatching, Stumbling, or the Falling Away", or if you desire a more positive approach of what to do during this Great Apostasy please read also from SunGrist_Bible and available on the website www.biblecombibleman.com the book "Friends of Jesus in this Age of the Bible and the Computer".}**

4: Reports for Believing Also.

Wait a minute! There was such an effort to give some of the Biblical basis and the current history basis for the primary gist that we skipped over the secondary purpose driven basis. Well, they're really several! First, with the premise that the similarities between unbelievers in the world and unbelievers in the church, increasingly the famous "tares" identified by Jesus--increasingly due to the Falling Away--we can present

REPORTS FOR UNBELIEVERS equally addressed to the churched and unchurched as we have done for the website www.biblecombibleman.com under the title of "The John Quinn Reports for Unbelievers".

This is to say that while we may by the end of this book be able to legitimately label a church or denomination as a "Den of Thieves", or perhaps on further examination most churches and denominations, still we will not give up on the potential for salvation and faith on the part of these unbelievers. Paul and the Word of God did not give up on them and the future church members who would also have the same problem, writing to those "brethren" of churches to "beware" and not to develop "an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God."

"Beware brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." (Hebrews 3:12)

Even in this straightforward verse, you see the cisterns that can not hold water, broken cisterns of idols and "gods", as the Bible acknowledges that there can be a departure from the living God in favor of a dead god, like the "Queen of Heaven". Unfortunately it takes a lot of Bible, or fortunately as it promotes from of the Word of God, to realize the several convictions of this one single verse in order to appreciate the full impact on contemporary history and the great Apostasy called the Falling Away.

(1). The Falling Away is largely a movement among church members where they depart from the living God, since only church members--herein addressed as "brethren"--are the ones who have witnessed the works of God for 40 years.

(2). Young people, under 21 years of age, are safe from the Falling Away, and the Falling Away can in no way be categorized as an attack on the younger generation. It is rather an identification of an inevitable movement of history, the last great movement before the Second Coming.

(3). It takes a lot of Bible understanding, even of the 10 commandments and the processes for the making of an image of God called an idol, especially as explained by such Bible believers and preachers as Charles Allen in his book "God's Way of Thinking", of how God can be departed from by church members as slowly over a period of 40 years they replace the God of the Bible and of the Universe with other gods or mental images of God. After all a wrong mental image of God is just as wrong as a carved physical image of a god, and the misleading results are far more disastrous as we think some wrong god than if we just call a piece of wood or other image "God".

(4). While we have not come far as Christians in an adequate Bible-based concept of "evil", being often more influence by contemporary and the history of American Thought and politics, we certainly have not an adequate concept of "an evil heart of unbelief." We just do not appreciate how in the sight of God; unbelief is more an evil than murder or adultery or lying. We certainly do not appreciate the consequences in the lake of fire and brimstone after the falling away and the Second Coming, and after the separation of the tares and the wheat in the churches, how this lake is populated with not only adulterers and murderers, but also unbelievers. It is evil in the sight of God to allow an "evil heart of unbelief" to be cultivated in your heart"; and by the way, this applies to unchurched as well as churchd unbelievers. It might be considered among the first of many reports for unbelievers period!

(5). Deeply ingrained in the mind and heart of Paul as he wrote under the inspiration of God the words of Hebrews 3:12 was the thoughts of Jesus from the parable of the seed and the sower that more than false mental or physical idols can divert unbelievers from the living God. Study carefully the parable of the seed and the sower, and you will see it some of these pages also; and you will find that other diversions from the living God can come from "cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and other things" in spite of one of our Major and popular False Prophets who writes today and preaches, heaped up by a vast congregation of itching ears church members, about a good Christian life purpose driven by "things". **{At some point we must also develop based on the Bible how all that is called "God" is not really the God of the Bible, the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, the LORD of Creation, and the only Living God of the Universe.}**

5: Only One Living God.

Since there is only one Living God, this Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, this God of the Bible, what happens to a person who prays to any other "living God", is that with only one other supernatural being who can hear prayers being that of Satan, then those prayers--and beliefs--go to Satan. In fact, when you come right down to the nitty-gritty of the process or how man takes a church so blessed by God and ordained by God, then makes of it a "Den of Thieves", you will have to consider that at some point this man and collectively these men have somehow made an image of God which is not the God of the Bible. Therefore, you will constantly in these pages find a contrast between the (1) God-blessed and God-ordained "House of Prayer" and (2) the man ordained and man-created "Den of Thieves". Of course, you must understand the concept of "Den of Thieves" from our Master and Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ; and as background which Jesus knew as He quoted it, and the first disciples knew as students of the Bible, and even all Israel was painfully aware as the cause of the loss of the first great Temple, indeed of the destruction of Jerusalem, Judea, and Israel, and of Captivity under Assyria and Babylon.

All need only look at the remnant of the Temple of God today in Israel to know what a "Den of Thieves" or many such DENS in a nation can do to that nation! And as you might expect the next chapters are on respectively (1) The "Den of Thieves" from Jesus; (2) The "Den of Thieves" from Jeremiah; and (3) the "House of Prayer" from Isaiah. You will be amazed how much of the teachings of Jesus, the book of Jeremiah, and the book of Isaiah that we must consider in order to appreciate this "Den of Thieves" concept in the total context of the Bible. I will warn you now, especially in Isaiah and later as explained in the book of Revelation that it comes all the way to God's statements about how can "man make a House for Him", and the new earth under the new heavens with a New Jerusalem where there is no need for a Temple House of God because in the New Jerusalem God Himself, and His Son, dwell with man. They can be seen by all the new inhabitants of believers "face to face". **{That is the kind of warning that you can enjoy, much better than the warning to beware of the possibility of departure from the living God!}** We will leave this chapter now; for this is much food for thought; however come back in the next chapter and next chapters for solid foundations in the Word of God, and realizing that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God", that all part of the Scripture, even that you have perhaps neglected or ignored is profitable, and also realizing though not nearly as comforting as the message you hear each Sunday in church or on TV, also that "doctrine, correction, and instruction in righteousness", like comfort and security, are also the methods of Scripture as valid as "all Scripture", and going hand in hand with the ALL.

II. More Exegesis of Top Topic #4 on Man, Son of Man, and Son of God.

1. What Can God tell us about ourselves as men and women?

Rather than try to instruct God, like Scofield does, and the ways God has dealt with man through periods of history and strive to impose those on the Bible (isogesis), Let us simply allow the Bible to say what it wants to say, and God talk to us. Scofield followers have a lot of nerve to try to tell us what God was thinking at different periods of time (dispensations, they call them), when the Bible clearly establishes the fact that there is no variableness with God, nor shadow of turning. God is the same God, yesterday, today, and forever more. Even as God knew us for salvation, and selected us from the foundation of the earth, do you really think that He would need to change His mind about anything; and Christ His Son, would also make a mistake in trying to preach the gospel of the kingdom when Scofield knew, he claims, that the nation of Israel was meant to preach that Gospel.

1. Psalm 8:3,4: When we consider the magnitude and vastness of all that God created in the Universe, how in the world can He give mind to a little man and beyond that visit man on the planet earth through the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ? And Psalm 8:5,6: What does God specifically think of man based on the way He created him.

- (1). God made man a little lower than the angels and recall that this is the generic man of Genesis of male and female.
- (2). God gave honor and glory to man by creating him in His own image or likeness, and God keeps that thought pattern in mind in all His dealings with man.
- (3). God entrusted man with all the other works of His Creation, placing man in dominion over all these works of Creation.
- (4). God remembers man.
- (5). God visits man.

2. Hebrews 2:6: We must go beyond the primary level of meaning about Man to that about the Son of Man, the Lord Jesus Christ, who in Himself fulfilled all that God originally meant for man and more; and you see that in Hebrews 2:8

"Thou hast put all things in subjection under His feet. For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him, but now we do not yet see all things subjected to him." (Hebrews 2:8 NASV)

2. I Corinthians 15:27.

Granted that there are many stories, many chapters, verses, and books in the Bible; but the total subject matter for the practical purposes of Christian faith can be summarized as faith in God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, and Salvation. Get that and you have enough of the Bible for life. The following important passage helps to establish the present and eternal relationship between God the Father and Christ the Son. {This could well be the single most important passage in the Bible, not only for the proper relationship of the Father and the Son, and what ultimately happens in the New Jerusalem of the New earth, but also in the definite and positive establishment of "THE END" ,"Christ's at His coming, then comes the end" (I Corinthians 15:23,24, the " {last things or eschatology} immediately after the Second Coming apart from all these complications of millennium beliefs by

Scofield and the fundamentalists that cloud and put off the finality of the Second Coming and the New Earth.}

"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under His feet. But when He saith all things are put under Him, it is manifest that He is excepted {God the Father is excluded from under the reign of Christ; and by the way, that reign of Christ is through the kingdom of God that Christ established while on earth and which is finalized with this reign as He comes again, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" is finally done as the kingdom is fully established forever on the New Earth}, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all." (I Corinthians 15:26-28 KJV)

- (1). There are still some enemies such as death that have not be subjected to Christ as the Son of Man, or Christ as the Lord of heaven and earth. All these this death is fully subjected to the rule and reign of Christ as He with the angels dispatched to the four corners of the earth gathers and separates all those of faith, instantly provided them with the resurrection body, this is the second resurrection, that those beheaded Christians of the first resurrection and that Christ brings with Him.
- (2). God the Father has ordained that all in heaven and earth be under the feet of Christ, and heaven is already there. May Gods will be done on earth as it is in heaven as more people still on earth are subjected to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
- (3). God the Father did not put Himself in subjection to the Lord Jesus Christ.
- (4). After the Second Coming of Christ when everything on earth also comes under the actual Lordship of Jesus then Jesus will Himself be subjected to the LORDSHIP of the Father.
- (5). God the Father may ultimately be all in all .

2. When God Looks Down from Heaven.

What did God find during the time of David and before when He looked down from heaven to take a close look at man. {I suspect this was and is all the time, many like to call it "omniscience of God" for the all-seeing capability of God from heaven as He sits up there on the great white throne with His feet in the clouds.}

1. **Psalm 14:1-3:** (1) God found fools who said in their hearts that there is no God; (2) He found a corrupt humanity of abominable works and an absence of doing good; (3) When He searched again among men to see if any of man understood and sought God, He found that they all had missed the essential way, found filthiness, and a lack of doing good.

2. Romans 3:10.

"As it is written, 'There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is one who seeks for God; All have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is none who does good, there is not even one.'
(Romans 3:10-12 NASV)

THIS IS HUMANITY WITHOUT FAITH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH FAITH, HUMANITY WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST!

3. A Reminder of where we are in the Bible sweep of OT quotes in the NT from the Top Topic #4 Table of the Master Tables.

It is an interesting table to say the least, and in this message what say we focus on the 5 inserts: Psalm 2:1,2 quoted in Acts 4:24-26; Psalm 34:12-16 quoted and explained in I Peter 3:10-12; Psalm 34:20 quoted in John 19:36; Psalm 35:19 referenced in John 15:25; and John 13:18 and 17:12 referenced by Psalm 41:9. As we look at these one by one it will become cleared both as to why they are inserts, and how they were selected to be inserted. Just remember that the content itself of in the NT refers back to some equivalency in the OT.

(1). Acts 4:24-26.

Acts 4:24-26 New King James Version (NKJV)

²⁴ So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, ²⁵ who ^[a]by the mouth of Your servant David have said:

'Why did the nations rage,
And the people plot vain things?

²⁶ The kings of the earth took their stand,
And the rulers were gathered together
Against the Lord and against His Christ.'

Actually as you noticed when you read or heard it, Psalm 2:1,2 is quoted directly in Acts 2; and identified as from the Prophet David. Not only the quote says do the nations of Gentiles rage against the LORD God the Father but against "His Christ", but also the people of God in Israel organize to make plots in basements of behind closed doors, of with Scofield, of vanity and vain things, wasting their time. What did the first church in Jerusalem hear that made them make this quote from David in Psalm? The occasion of course was the release of Peter and John by the chief priests and elders as, after the healing of the man 40 years old, they were afraid of the people who saw it, so particularly applicable here as they were almost singing in one accord, "the rulers were gathered together against the Lord and against His Christ.."

NOTE: By the way, this is not to be properly called an insert in the Table and demands a correction; for it is actually a quote in Acts 2 from Psalm 2. We must check the bottom four that are also called inserts.

(2). I Peter 3:10-12 and Psalm 34:12-16.

Is the Apostle Peter here quoting from David or making a reference?

¹⁰For

"He who would love life
And see good days,

Psalm 34:12-16	Insert from the Apostle Peter: I Peter 3:10-12
Psalm 34:20	Insert from the Apostle John: John 19:36
Psalm 35:19	Insert from the Apostle John: John 15:25
Psalm 41:9	Insert from the Apostle John: John 13:18; 17:12

Let him ^[a]refrain his tongue from evil,
And his lips from speaking deceit.

¹¹Let him turn away from evil and do good;
Let him seek peace and pursue it.

¹²For the eyes of the Lord *are* on the righteous,
And His ears *are open* to their prayers;
But the face of the Lord *is* against those who do evil."

Well, once again Peter is quoting from David in Psalms 34. If you have a Nelson slim line Bible, all the quotes in the NT are listed at the bottom of the page.

(3). John 19:36 for Psalm 34:20. Since this is obviously about the crucifixion of Jesus. Let us get it in the content of the chapter of John 19, this is where you are really seeing the nation of Israel through the leaders rage against both Christ and His Father.

Then Pilate therefore took Jesus and scourged him.

And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands.

Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him.

Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him.

The Jews answered him, we have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid;_And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?

Jesus answered, thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.

And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, if thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the preparation of the Passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

But they cried out, away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered; we have no king but Caesar.

Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus and led him away. And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: Where they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.

And Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.

This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and Greek, and Latin. Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered; What I have written I have written.” (John 19:1-22)

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Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, it is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. (better translation is spirit)

The Jews, therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was a high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and break the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him.

But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith

(Old Test)	(Matthew)	(Heb/Rom)	(Luke)	(Mark)
Psalm 2:1,2		Insert from Acts:	Acts 4:24-26	
Psalm 2:7	3:17	Hebrews 1:5	9:7	
		Hebrews 17:5		
		Romans 5:5		

came there out blood and water.

And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

And again another scripture saith, they shall look on him whom they pierced.

III. Table Headings: Gospel in Old Testament, Gospel in Matthew, Gospel in Hebrews and Romans, Gospel in Luke, and Gospel in the Appendix of Mark.

You have, no doubt, noticed that all the inserts are also quotes, and that the books of Acts, Peter, and John are just not the major headings of the Table. Note again above that the major headings are Matthew, Hebrews and Romans, Luke, and Mark.

1. The Gospel.

Now we have the awesome challenge of summarizing the whole Gospel in the Old Testament, Matthew, Paul, Luke, and Mark including not only those from Psalms and Isaiah as we have done previously, but also those quotations from the whole Old Testament in the same four books.

This will be done in Table 1 on the next page and entitled "The Gospel". The column headings will be:

Proclaimed	Established	Explained	Reinforced	Appendix
(Old Test.)	(Matthew)	(Heb/Rom)	(Luke)	(Mark)

A short explanation of what these headings for the Table of quotes mean is in order. The Gospel of Jesus is initially set forth in the Old Testament. Granted most of the citizens in Israel missed the real meaning because of the veil before their eyes that is removed in a personal experience with Christ, the same veil that the Apostle Paul had over his eyes before the conversion experience on the road to Damascus and of which he wrote in Romans over the eye of his Hebrew brethren before a similar experience with Christ. In Matthew, the Gospel of Jesus is established. Jesus quoted often from the Old Testament about the proclamation of the Gospel, and Matthew, an accountant and tax collector, faithfully established in a written record those quotes and teachings from Jesus. It was the burden of the ministry of the Apostle Paul to explain in Hebrews and Romans what had been proclaimed in the Old Testament about Jesus and what Jesus had established on earth in His teachings as recorded by Matthew. Then when Paul knew that his time of departure was at hand, he left manuscripts for Luke and John Mark with the rest of the Old Testament quotes he recorded at Tarsus for them to wrap up three more books of the New Testament.

{By the way Paul also wrote a travel log on another manuscript of his missionary journeys which he gave to Dr. Luke, and which Luke used as a basis for the writing of the book of Acts.} You see how simply it is! Now, all they have to do is to look at a couple of hundred quotes in the New Testament that came from the Old Testament; however, it is a labor of love as we are looking at the Word of God which is more precious than silver and gold.}

2. Proclaimed, Established, Explained, Reinforced, and Summarized.

Right up front and now, let it be made clear that: (1) God Himself preached the Gospel to Abraham, and (2) salvation by faith through the grace of God is consistent in the OT and the NT, thus the left column can be easily labeled, consistent with the Bible itself, "The Gospel Proclaimed".

"Abraham believed God and it was imputed to him for righteousness."

The Gospel is Proclaimed, Established, Explained, Reinforced, and Appendix. This same Table is expanded with other New Testament references and their corresponding quotations in the Appendix to keep in the total context of the Bible. This Master Tables (available for free download) which runs for the rest of the chapter from Job and Genesis to Malachi with all 39 books of the Old Testament is much like the original research that Paul would have done during the seven silent years at Tarsus. He would have re-read the Old Testament with new insights, recording instead of the references which we have done in the far left column, the actual quotes on parchments; and would have been reading the manuscript for Matthew at the same time in entirety instead of the references we have listed in the second column from the left; and then on two parchments, he would have recorded those quotes that

would latter become the gist of Hebrews and Romans, recording also on two parchments similar quotes for Luke and Mark to write their books.

NOTE: IV and Conclusion will be in Part II next week.