

## Welcome to week 5 of the “What must I do to be saved” series Subtitle: One / God Salvation

Let's start with prayer for each of the sessions and speakers; offerings and those in need of prayer.

### Opening text

- Deuteronomy chapter 6 verses 1-9
- 1 - Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it:
- 2 - That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.
- 3 - Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.
- 4 - Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD:
- 5 - And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
- 6 - And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:
- 7 - And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
- 8 - And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.
- 9 - And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.

Let's begin talking about sin (and the effects of sin on both the person who sins and on those around them – for sin does not just affect one person). Sometimes; there can be a domino effect on others

And will talk about repentance and remission of sins (and the plan of salvation), these will take us through today and our into last session next Wednesday.

The Word of God declares that all have \_\_\_\_\_, and come short of the glory of God (**Roman chapter 3 verse 23**).

And it is written

➤ For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. **Ecclesiastes chapter 7 verse 20**

Why; (just paraphrasing) all have sinned, and that sin can be clearly seen as sin **Romans chapter 7**

In the world some see another (or even their own kids) lie or steal or just be mean; and they mask what was done so to be easier to entreat (so no one's feelings get hurt to bad). Our culture in 2021 is too stinking hung on worrying about feelings; instead of ministering truth of God to the subverting of the hearer.

Some saying things like you shouldn't do that, it isn't right or that isn't a good thing. Instead of calling sin what is ... sin is sin - and no sin can enter into heaven.

So if any are prone to easily get their feelings hurt; then put your seatbelt on for the next hour ... we are going deep today into the effects of sin; and the necessity of seizing the space of repentance (while the window of opportunity to repent is still open).

**Let's first define - What is sin?**

Sin (and variations of the word; such as sins, sinned, sinneth) have quite a few meanings in the Hebrew and the Greek. The following are an outline of just a few of these (H2403, H2398, G264, G3313)

- Properly this means to miss the mark (and so to not share in the prize), and it means to forfeit and it means to lack
  - For example; to miss and forfeit and lack
    - The purpose and will of God in this life
    - To miss and forfeit and lack
      - Revivals, outpourings, miracles, signs and wonders
    - To miss and forfeit and lack
      - Both physical and spiritual healing
    - To miss and forfeit and lack
      - The opportunity to hear the still small voice of God (for the ears can be muffled by sin)
    - To miss and forfeit and lack
      - The prize of eternity in heaven (and everyone say LORD help me and my home)
- It also means to - Bear the blame (for the one who sins is alone guilty of that sin... no other human being can make another person sin ... and the devil cannot make a saint sin)
- And it means - An offence (sometimes habitual sinfulness) and its penalty
- And it means - Sacrifice
  - Sin can cause the person to sacrifice (to give up and loose) what was rightfully theirs
- And last; sins means - Harm he (or she) hath done, offend/ offender and to lead astray
  - When any Saint sins; then this not only affects the Saint, but also the church - the body suffers when one person sins
  - And if affects the Saints ability to witness to a lost and dying world – for the Saints light is hidden under a bushel
  - And by the Saint sinning; those around can be offended
    - “\_\_\_\_\_ will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!” **Saint Luke chapter 17 verse 1**

- And by the Saint sinning; this can lead others astray to either
  - Lose faith in their being true Christians
  - Or that there is no power with God to overcome sin
  - Or that the sin the Saint is doing is ok for them to do

Let's take a look at the first acts of sin in the earth

God gave 1 commandment to Adam

- do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of \_\_\_\_\_ and evil **Genesis chapter 2 verses 16-17**

Then God creates a wife for Adam ... Adam sees her for the first time and gets all googly eyed, instantly turns from "I am man" to a drooling puppy, and Adam falls in love. And everyone can say AHHHH

And what does Adam say as he looks at her (woooo man) and so she is named woman... and the wedding bells of bliss carry on in the home of Adam.

As it is written

- Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD. **Proverbs chapter 18 verse 22**

This brings us to the very first sin by any human being

- **Genesis chapter 3 verses 6- 13**
  - 6 - And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food (which represents lust of the flesh), and that it was pleasant to the eyes (which represents lust of the eyes), and a tree to be

desired to make one wise (which represents the pride of life), she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

- Now before this point; sister Eve is doing all the talking with the serpent (and Adam is silently listening allowing his wife to be the spiritual voice for the family)
  - This poor drooling puppy (who is head over heels in love with his wife) is following emotion to first please his wife instead of first obeying the still small voice of God ... and this brothers and sisters still happens today for men who have not grown in spiritual maturity ... and for women who desire to lead in the things of God
  - This resulting in Adam (the man of the house... the priest of the home) – Adam brings sin into the world
- Verse 7 - And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.
- Sin reveals the unrevealed
  - All the while; humanity all too often looks for how to hide their sin (to cloak it so it is not easily seen by others)
- Verse 8 - And \_\_\_\_\_ heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.
- Un-repent sin brothers and sisters, can cause distance from the Holy Ghost; and from the holy things of God
  - And it can hinder the person's ability to pray
  - And their ability to effectively pray and fast
- Verse 9 - And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? (Meaning do you understand spiritually where you are at this very moment because of your sin?)
- Verse 10- And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.
- Sin brings fear due to the state of where the person is and of impending judgment

- This can be a good thing for it means the persons conscience may not be seared
- But to run or hide from God is not what we must do; but we must boldly come to God as soon as we know we have sinned so to abase ourselves in repentance that we might receive the grace and mercy of God in time
  - Meaning in the “space of repentance”, for that space will not stay open forever
  - For once the door closes, no man can open it
- Verse 11 - And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked (meaning what voices are you allowing to speak spiritual things into your life)? Hast thou \_\_\_\_\_ of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat (meaning; what are you allowing in your tabernacle of holiness (your body/your temple), and what are you allowing in your tent (your home))?
- Verse 12 - And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

God already knew what Adam and Eve had done for he sees all and he knows all; there are no secrets to God.

But the LORD asks Adam three specific questions, these having several purposes. One of which is 3 chances to repent. But Adam unwittingly employs 2 critical thinking errors - deflection and victim stance.

- Deflection is when confronted about sin or fault; the person changes the focus to another in hopes of removing the lenses of examination on self for their failures (and they offer another person up as a sacrifice in their place)
- Victim stance is the person portrays themselves as helpless (poor pitiful victim); these give a partial picture (marred picture) of the situation to reinforce their stance. These take no accountability for their culpability; but it is always someone else's fault; for they are just the fragile and poor and helpless victim. Poor pitiful me could be changed to victorious me

But Adam (when confronted by God) does not repent; but instead takes the victim stance to blame “the woman”.

- Can you imagine his wife’s heart break (when as they both stood before God); to hear her husband speak as though she was nothing to him when he said “the woman”, she would have been utterly broken in heart
- Adam could have protected and shielded his wife but he did not
- Adam could have said; I am to blame (I am the head of the house; the buck stops with me), only punish me and not my sweet wife but he does not protect or shield his wife at any time

And Adam further deflects to blame God for the whole thing when he says “The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.”

- Verse 1:3 - And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The \_\_\_\_\_ beguiled me, and I did eat.
  - Sister Eve got 1 chance to repent; and what did she do but to follow her backslide husbands example to take the victim stance to blame the serpent (though the serpent was truly guilty at all times), but Eve never repents for her part

The sin of Adam brought swift judgment on himself and his wife (and his heritage), and to all **Genesis chapter 3 verses 15-19**. Sounds a lot like Achan in **Joshua chapter 7** – one man’s sin.

As it is written

- **Romans chapter 5 verses 12-14**

- 12 - Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
- 13- (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.
- 14 - Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, **who is the figure of him that was to come.**

There are so very many scriptures around sin that we could outline; here are just a few and we will move forward

The obvious sin; the very things that we know good and well we should not do but we do; we are as Paul spoke when he said

- For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. **Romans chapter 7 verse 15**
- Again Paul said "... I die \_\_\_\_" (this is perpetual repentance and submission to God) **1 Corinthians chapter 15 verse 31**

There is also the unknown sins where a person can sin and not know they are sinning

- **Numbers chapter 15 verse 28** And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that sinneth ignorantly, when he sinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him.

This is also a place that the 5 fold ministry makes intercession for the church as a whole. This happens today as it did throughout the bible. And this is done for both known sins and the unknown sins.



This does not remove the necessity that each person repent and workout their own salvation with fear and trembling; but the men of God must stay sensitive to stand between the porch and the alter relentlessly for the church as a whole.

There is a place where Jesus said

- “If ye were \_\_\_\_\_, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.” **Saint John chapter 9 verse 41**

This word “blind” in the Greek (G5185) means to be physically or mentally blind.

In another place it is said

For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, **Hebrews chapter 10 verse 26**

And John was pretty bold about sin (rightly diving the Word; these go back to what Paul wrote in **Romans chapter 7**)

- Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither \_\_\_\_\_ him. **1 John chapter 3 verse 6**

And John also says this of sin in the same book

- **1 John chapter 1 verses 7-10**
  - 7 - But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
  - 8 - If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
  - 9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- 10 - If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

And it is written of exceeding sin

- “But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding \_\_\_\_\_. **Romans chapter 7 verse 13**

**Let’s talk about the effects of sin on the person who commits the sin; and on their family, and on others**

This brings us to what was mentioned earlier about swift judgment due to the sin of Adam; and how this sounds a lot like Achan in **Joshua chapter 7** – one man’s sin.

At Jericho there was a great victory for the people of God; but before the walls of Jericho fell, The people were warned to not take the accursed thing lest they make themselves accursed (chapter 6 verses 17-19).

In the next battle at Ai; the children of Israel only took about 3 thousand men (for it was not a great city, this was expected to be a short battle for these valiant men) (chapter 7 verses 1-4).

And while this proved to be very short battle; the outcome was nothing like the people for God expected (about 36 of our brave warriors died), and the people of God had to flee from the enemy ... an enemy who was much weaker than the children of God.

Why. Because one man sinned

Joshua began to seek the LORD for why they lost the battle

➤ **Joshua chapter 7 verse 10-11**

➤ 10- And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?

- This is the same as God spoke to Moses; it was not a time to stand still but a time to move forward (**Exodus chapter 14 verse 10-16**)

➤ Verse 11 - \_\_\_\_\_ hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff.

Let's rightly divide this verse

God said

- Israel hath sinned,
  - But it was Achan alone who had sinned; yet he was of the church (of the body); and when one sins then God sees the whole body (for the body has many members but it is one body)
- Then God said - and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing,
  - God says "they" repeated but it was Achan alone who took the accursed thing
  - Achan taking the accursed thing infected the entire church
- Then God said - and have also stolen,
  - What Achan did at Jericho was theft
  - We cannot take the spoils of war unless God says we can
- Then God said - and dissembled also
  - This means to lie (the same as we see in the book of Revelation "maketh a lie")
    - For Achan made a lie in his subtlety when he
      - Brought the things out of Jericho
      - And when he brought the things into the camp of Israel

- And when he brought the things into his own tent
- And when he buried it in the earth in his tent
- And last; God said - and they have put it even among their own stuff.
  - For Achan brought his sin into his own home; and he buried it in the earth

Joshua rose up early in the morning and had each tribe and family to come before him and the LORD showed him it was Achan who had sinned.

- Achan made confession and the men brought the things he had stolen which defiled his home (his entire family) and it defiled the entire church.

Because of one man in the church sinned; about 36 of our brothers died at Ai. These men died and their families were left with missing husbands, with missing dads ... all because one man sinned.

- Compared to 2021; this is about 36 warriors of faith, intercessors, those who prayed and fasted often, valiant men who fought the good fight of faith all dead because ... one man sinned).

Sin will always take the person further than expected; un-repent sin is a deep well (a black hole) that swallows everything the person holds most dear. And it sucks the life out of others who are affected by that one person who sinned.

**If you would allow just a few minutes; let God show you clearly that very day with Achan, his family and all of Israel ... the very fruit of sin**  
**The next few pages have no fill in the blanks**

You can hold your paper or set it down for a few minutes (you have the notes you can go back to later)

This brothers and sisters; is the fruit of sin for self and on the innocent bystanders

It was on that day that Achan had to look deep into his wife's eyes ... it was

the very last day of her life. And all he can see is

- This was the woman who gave him many sons and daughters; she bore the deep marks and scars of delivery so that he had a heritage. And that his name would continue
- This woman who put her trust in her husband to protect her (and their children) from all harm and shame and reproach
- This woman who trusted her husband to be the priest of the home; to guide their family in the way they must go to be saved
- This woman who was innocent of this sin but was about to suffer because the man of the house coveted (longed for, lusted after, burned in his heart after) that which was forbidden

At first his wife and children would have felt the sting of the sin of Achan; those around looking and pointing the finger (you know how people are).

- Achan wife looks across at the other wives (her friends); and all she can do is hang her head in shame (for when married they are no more 2 but they are 1 - his sin meant she would bear it even though she was innocent)
- And his children who at one time could boast about their dad who was a warrior for the LORD; now have no pride for their dad
- All these kids can do is look at their friends who all stand at a distance from them

But the judgment of man was nothing compared to the judgment of God

Can you see the face of Achan wife and his children?

Judgment was pronounced from God that because Achan had sinned and taken the accursed thing; that he and all he had must die for the hand of God to reside on the church again.

As it is written

- “neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you” **Joshua chapter 7 verse 12**

Can you see the stones hitting his innocent wife?

- She is beaten and bruised and bleeding, she did nothing to deserve this, and she is wreathing in pain. All because one man sinned

As the stones are hitting Achan, he tries to cover himself but there is nowhere to hide; judgment was pronounced. But at that moment; Achan hears something. Distant and the sound is grieving for the stones hitting his children

- Dad, what were you thinking?
- Dad, can't you apologize and make it right?
- Please stop this dad; it hurts so bad, dad please do something to save us before it is too late?

But it was too late; Achan had a space of repentance, he could have repented the very moment the thought entered his mind before he ever took anything. But the man of the house did not repent; but he brought sin into his own home, thereby condemning his innocent wife and his innocent children.

The end is all Israel stoned them and burned them with fire **Joshua chapter 7 verses 24-26**

Why; because one man in the church sinned. One saint brought evil into his own home thinking it would be secret; but there are no secrets to God. One man sin affected the entire church; so many suffered because one man coveted that which was forbidden.

**We see this same irrevocable judgment pronounced on Adam in creation and of Achan and all he owned, also in the days of Noah.**

God is grieved by the sin in the world and he pronounces judgment; all flesh on the earth will die but Noah finds grace in the eyes of God. **Genesis chapter 6**

Noah and his family are building the Ark according to the exact plan God

gave “except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it  
**Psalms chapter 127 verse 1**

As it is written

- By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. **Hebrews chapter 11 verse 7**

Noah’s righteous heritage being with him

- His dad Lamech; his granddad Methuselah
- These men were spared and taken off the earth before the flood

As it is written

- The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. **Isaiah chapter 57 verse 1**

Can you see the days of Noah?

The ark has been preparing for many years

When you hear the words about Noah; think of your pastor

Noah is preaching

- Repent for the day of the LORD is at hand; it’s going to rain
- God is sending a flood to destroy mankind upon the earth
- Repent while there is time; for a day is coming there will be no time to repent
- Save yourselves from this untoward generation

Can you hear the people?

- What is the rain stuff Noah; it has never rained before?
- What are drinking up there in the pulpit?
- Noah, we have no time to listen to you; we have weddings and feast

to prepare for, a lot of good home cooking

- Noah why don't you stop all this and come eat and drink with us, come to our daughter's wedding and feast with us

And at home; there is a family at the dinner table talking over supper (you know ... preparing a scorecard for the how the preacher did that day)

- What do you think of that Noah guy? Says it's going to rain, whatever that is.
  - And who builds a boat that size on land so far from the ocean  
He will never get it in the water
- Dad, what's a flood.
  - It's nothing son; just some man talking
- Mom, what's an ark?
  - It's nothing like your dad said
  - We don't always have to do what the preacher says
  - If God was going to talk to a man then he could talk to your dad just like Noah says God talked to him
  - You can trust us that your dad and I know what is best for each of you; and we will never do anything to hurt our own kids

But at that very moment; something's happens. The door of the ark is now closed. And then a drop of rain falls and then another and another.

At first the people are not sure what to think until it becomes a great outpouring of waters from the heavens. And now water is also coming up from the earth; they are being sandwiched in water. There is now where (or way) to flee from the water.

- Some climb up the trees; but this is futile - the water keeps rising
- Some go to the hills - but the water keeps rising
- Some go to the tallest mountains but there is nowhere to run – the water keeps rising

At this very same time; the family from the dinner table makes their way to the ark.



- They are knocking on the door begging Noah to let them in; but he cannot
  - For the door God opens; can no man shut
  - And the door God shuts; can no man open
- Dad calls out ... Noah; we believe the gospel you were preaching now; we are sorry for our sins, please let us in
  - But Noah cannot open the door
  - They had a space of time to repent; and this is past
- Dad grabs a stick, mom grabs a rock but they cannot pry the door open
- The water is to their knees; they pick up their kids
- Dad and mom are now frantically clawing at the door of the ark
  - Their very finger nails ripped off their fingers and stuck in the door
- The waters keep rising; dad and mom put their kids on their shoulders to try and save them
  - There is death all around them
- All the while dad and mom hear the tears and terror from their children (and everyone else that is still alive)
- And in the very last minutes; they hear something, the voice of their heritage, their children
  - Dad, why didn't you listen to the preacher instead of talking about him?
  - Mom, you said you knew best and that we could trust you
  - You and dad said you would never let anything .....

➤ **1 Peter chapter 3 verses 19-21**

- 19 - By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;
- 20 - Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.
- 21 - The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

Brothers and sisters; it had never rained on the earth until sin got to such a

level that the tears of God poured out from the heavens. Tears poured out over a people God created who utterly and completely forsook him. A people who corrupted (ruined) the earth and themselves. (**Genesis chapter 6 verses 11-13**)

And today in 2021; there are often times when it rains; that it floods back in... This is the very tears of God due to the great sin in the earth.

**Knowing that we are all sinners and there is none righteous but God alone; and all are in need of salvation brings us to**

### **Romans chapter 5 verses 19-21**

- 19 - For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the \_\_\_\_\_ of one shall many be made righteous.
- 20 - Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:
- 21- That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Thinking about deliverance; water can either save or destroy**

In the natural; there must be fluids (water) for the body and organs to function. And we know; men in the bible did fast 40 days with no food or water (and men should do this today as well...and everyone say amen), and even Moses fasted back to back 40 days (80 days no food or water). But this can only be done by God keeping the person and their organs functioning as he designed them. Outside of prayer and fasting; a person must have water to survive any long length of time.

Now we know the enemy seeks to try and mimic God, and if it be of the enemy then God is greater.

- In the book of **Revelation chapter 12 verses 15-16** the serpent cast water as a flood out of his mouth after the woman; but the earth swallowed up the \_\_\_\_\_ from the dragon.

When we see Noah and his family; the same water that saved them was destruction to the rest of the world ... "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us".

When we look back at Moses (as a baby); his mom took an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch (sounds kind of like what Noah made), and Moses was saved by water as a baby.

### **Exodus chapter 2 verses 1-3**

As a man; Moses led the children of God through the Red Sea on dry ground; with a wall of water on the left and on the right; and the same water that was protection and saving grace for the people of God became complete destruction to their enemies. **Exodus chapter 14.**

We will go to the New Testament and see what God says about this water salvation

- There was a man named Nicodemus who had a question in his heart about salvation; and Jesus told him Except a man be born of water and of \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- And in this same conversation; Jesus says The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.
- **Saint John chapter 3 verses 1-8**

We see a common theme in the bible, and while the words did not come out of Nicodemus mouth, it was unmistakably what he wanted to know.

We find those words in the mouth of a jailor in **Acts chapter 16 verses 23-34** when he said “Sirs, what must I do to be \_\_\_\_\_?”. This is the echoing question from the foundation of the world (even to today) for a great many.

The disciples told the jailor “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.” They then spoke the word of God to his home (the plan of salvation) and they were baptized.

But what does it mean to “believe” ... it is to have faith.

Now if believing is all any need to do to be saved then we find in

- **James chapter 2 verse 19** Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

While it is clear that the devil believes; but he cannot enter heaven because he believes.

But we do find the following about the waters of baptism

He that believeth and is \_\_\_\_\_ shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. **Mark chapter 16 verse 16**

When we see ... “he that believeth not shall be damned.”... This goes back to Adam (for God gave him a simple plan of salvation – “don’t eat of the tree”... this seems pretty simple right).

- And the days of Noah and to the days of Moses; and the great deliverance for both. For all that did not follow the exact plan God gave perished.
- This was mentioned earlier;
  - God gave Noah an exact plan for the ark (for the plan of salvation); and Noah’s job was not to question it or to circumvent with a plan he felt was better
  - And hear this clear in the Holy Ghost; Noah and Moses alike; their job was not to dissect what God said and find all the “what if” scenarios so as to find another way into heaven. But their duty (everyone say ... my duty) was to do exactly what God told him ... that echoing question ... “What must I do to be saved?”

Do you see the model of this series ... intentionally the disciple that sat before the LORD for this series asked the LORD to give a One God and plan of salvation message that is not just the normal of what is heard every day in Pentecost.

**Acts chapter 2 verse 38** alone is not the whole plan of salvation but it is unmistakably the beginning steps ... there is much more we must also do.

For the oneness of God is seen in Genesis all the way to the book of Revelation. And the plan of salvation is seen in Genesis all the way to the book of Revelation.

Truly pray this is blessing you.

Let's continue

**Wait – wait – wait - Brother Tex ...Can you first show us Acts chapter 2 verse 38 in the Old Testament? ... In the past weeks you said the Old and New Testament flows in perfect harmony**

Well of course; am so glad you asked and there was no the need to prod you to ask

In **1 Kings chapter 18** Elijah is dealing with a bunch of heathen prophets .... (and a people that I cannot think of anything nice to say about) who they just won't live for God. They are following every wind and doctrine; being easily turned by the latest shiny object.

- Verse 21 - And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two ? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.
- Verse 22 - Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. (Of course the LORD has many prophets in reserve; but Elijah

- did feel alone that day - but not spiritually alone)
- Verse 23 - Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:
  - Verse - 24 And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: **and the God that answereth by \_\_\_\_\_, let him be God.** And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

The heathens could not get their (lower case “g”) gods to answer; and then the prophet of God called the people close.

- Verse 30 - And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD that was broken down.
  - **This is the first step in the plan of salvation** (repent)
    - To understand where we are in life; the things that are broken and dilapidated in us and in our lives
    - And that we must have our Alter repaired (for in the beginning - the alter was not broken until Adam allowed sin to enter). And today; man unwittingly breaks down his alters every time he sins; and the alter must be repaired in tears of repentance, surrender and sacrifice
    - Brothers and sisters; sin in our lives breaks down the alter
- Verse 31 - And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:
  - The twelve stones represent the twelve tribes of Israel (which is the church); for the entirety of the church must be on the altar (and not just part of the church).
  - And it is by the church (the sons and daughters of God) that the stones (the people of God – the lively stones) become one with alter ... for the alter is a witness to (and against) this world
- Verse 32 - And with the \_\_\_\_\_ he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.
  - We must remove the past “dirt” in our lives to move forward with the LORD
    - Lay aside every weight and the sin ...

- This is the cutting away of that which is of no use; and to make way for that which is new from God ... a new and living way
- This lays foundation for what comes in the next verses
- Verse 33 - And he put the wood in order and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill \_\_\_ barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.
  - The alter of sacrifice unto God has a specific order
  - This is why we see in **2 Chronicles chapter 7 verse 14** that the people had to first
    - Humble themselves
    - And pray
    - And seek the face of God
    - And turn from their wicked ways
  - It was then that God would hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land
- Verse 34 - And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.
  - Twelve stones/twelve tribes of Israel; 4 barrels three times equal 12 twelve barrels/twelve apostles
  - The twelve gates and the twelve foundations in heaven of which is our entry into eternity
- Verse 35 - And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.
  - Now the alter is prepared (all things are in order); and completely surrounding the alter (from every side) is the waters of baptism
  - **Step 2 of the plan of salvation (being born of water - baptized in Jesus name)** ... All must go through the waters of baptism to the throne of God for salvation ... all must be baptized in Jesus name for the remission of sins
- Verse 36 - And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.
- Verse 37 - Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.
- Verse 38 - Then the fire of the LORD fell, and \_\_\_\_\_ the

burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

- **Step 3 of the plan of salvation (being born of the Spirit – filled with the Holy Ghost and fire)**

Let's dissect this last verse a little deeper

Just as the water spoke of earlier

- Which represents baptism in Jesus name
  - This is salvation for the one that believes and obeys the gospel (the good news)
  - But to the one who is not baptized in Jesus name and refuses this truth there is destruction
  - So is the same with fire

The fire of God fell from heaven as judgment against Sodom and Gomorrah for their great wickedness in **Genesis chapter 19**, and also as judgment against the Egyptians in **Exodus chapter 9**.

But the fire of God in other examples is a confirmation that God did accept their sacrifice. We see this repeated in the Old Testament

- There was a flame of fire in the bush that drew Moses case so he could know the way of salvation **Exodus chapter 3**
- David built a altar to the LORD and after he prayed; fire fell from heaven and consumed his sacrifice **1 Chronicles chapter 21**
  - We see the same for Solomon in **2 Chronicles chapter 7**

Because the word “accept” was mentioned we must briefly address a question and move forward

**Can a person accept Jesus and be saved; or accept him as their personal savior?**

No

The exact word “Accept” is in the bible 25 times



- Half for man accepting another man's repentance and so forth
- Half when God accepts or does not accept the person or their sacrifice
- There are no scriptures where anyone ever accepts Jesus
- There are no scriptures that say Jesus is anyone's personal savior

Let's continue with Verse 38 - Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the \_\_\_\_\_ that was in the trench.

- The fire of God falling on the repentant person and on the saints prayer is a direct sign from God that he has accepted their repentance and sacrifice and prayer
- In this very verse; we not only see the sacrifice accepted by God but we see a prophetic message about the last days
  - For the last holy fire from God will be the catching away of the bride. And there will be no more space for repentance; there will be no more waters of baptism
  - And even in the last from of earth; there will be no water (no more \_\_\_\_\_) **Revelation chapter 21**

Why; because today is the day of salvation and hope; tomorrow is not promised for any. There is none who know the day the LORD will return; not even the angels, but God alone knows this.

And today; God is our tender and merciful and compassionate savior. Who is patiently waiting with great long suffering. But in that day; he is Judge of all; and who can stand before the LORD?

We see the fire of God falling in the Old Testament; but let's see where this is in the New Testament

- **Saint Luke chapter 3 verse 16** John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptiz:e you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

## Brother Tex; what is the difference in the Holy Ghost and the Holy Spirit; or are they the same?

This is actually something that a disciple has done overwhelming amount of prayer and study about. Here are just a few of that other disciples note

The word "holy" and the word "spirit" are in 21 verses in the bible.

- Of those 21 verses
  - 7 of them have "holy" and spirit" side by side as in "holy spirit"
- Of those 7 verses
  - Only 1 verse in the bible has the exact title "Holy Spirit" with uppercase "H" and uppercase "S"
  - The other 6 have lower case "h" which is an attribute and not a title

The one verse in the bible that says "Holy Spirit" is in

- **Saint Luke chapter 11 verse 13** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Matthew was at the same discourse and he quoted Jesus as saying in

- **Saint Mathew chapter 7 verse 11** If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good \_\_\_\_\_ to them that ask him?

The exact title "Holy Ghost" with uppercase "H" and uppercase "G" is in 89 scriptures in the bible. And it is said 2 times in **Acts chapter 19 verse 2**.

- For a total of 90 times God says "Holy Ghost"
  - And a total of 1 time God says "Holy Spirit"
- **Acts chapter 19 verse 2** He said unto them, Have ye \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

God says "he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire"

- There are no scriptures about being baptized in the Holy Spirit or the Holy Spirit and fire

God says the Holy Ghost purchased us with his own blood.

- There are no scriptures about the blood of the Holy Spirit or purchasing us

God says blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men

- There are no scriptures about blasphemy against the Holy Spirit

So much could be said about the worlds adoption (and cleaving) of one over the other; but the question to you is

- Do you not feel the difference burn inside you when you hear (or say) "Holy Ghost" verses the other? That brothers and sisters is the unity with the Holy Ghost ... it is the same as when you hear the Word of God preached and it burns deep in you (when you physically feel it in and all around your chest)

Lets' speak to one more plan of salvation scripture and we will pick up with the fire of God next week and what is that fire in the plan of salvation today.

➤ **Isaiah chapter 28 verses 10-12**

- 10 - For \_\_\_\_\_ must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:
- Precept upon precept (and then repeated) is the commandments throughout the entire bible that interlock and connect in perfect harmony
  - Line upon line (and then repeated) is the cord connecting the precepts (and the span of time) from the Old testament to the New Testament and to the fruition of all that is
  - Here a little and there a little are those who refuse the truth of God; and the apostate who will fall backwards and be broken
- 11 - For with stammering lips and another \_\_\_\_\_ will he speak to this people.
- 12 - To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

The below notes did not get in last Wednesday for Son of man/Son of God; if there is time we will cover this today, if not then you have the notes and the study (no fill in the blanks for this one)

### What does it mean to blasphemy the Son of man or the Holy Ghost?

- **Saint Matthew chapter 12 verses 31-37**
  - 31 - Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: **but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.**
  - 32 - And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.
  - 33 - Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.
  - 34 - O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.
  - 35 - A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.
  - 36 - But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.
  - 37 - For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Blasphemy in the Greek has many meanings (G988 - and also comes from G989, G984, G5345); here are a few related to evil against God.

Vilification and evil speaking; railing and impious. And a saying that is rumor - to hinder, injure, hurt

> G988 βλασφηημία

> translated **blasphēmia**

> pronounced **blas-fay-me'-ah**

Those that blaspheme the Holy Ghost are the same ones who the LORD speaks about who will “fall away” in

➤ **Hebrew Chapter 6 verses 4-6**

- 4 - For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,
- 5 - And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,
- 6 - If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

To “fall away” means to apostatize (G3895).

- Apostasy means to forsake (renounce) the faith and leave the truth of God for another way that is not truth
- Example; to follow the plan of salvation (Acts Chapter 2:38) having the revelation of salvation and that God is one and his name is Jesus; but to turn to another faith that is not truth- even opposed to this truth

To speak against the Son of man (which is humanity) can be forgiven

- But to speak against the Son of God (which is the Holy Ghost ... which is our redemption ... which is our salvation ... which is our inheritance and eternity in Heaven)
  - This can never be forgiven; for those have left their inheritance in such a way that they can never be renewed
  - These are blotted out of the book of life; as it is written

➤ **Saint Matthew chapter 7 verses 21-23**

- 21 - Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

- 22 - Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
- 23 - And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me: ye that work iniquity.

Brothers and sisters; you can pray for anyone on the planet; but we can never pray for the apostate, God will not hear for they are blotted out once they apostatize themselves. Just a few references **1 John chapter 5 verse 16; Hebrews chapter 6 verses 4-8; 1 Timothy chapter 4 verse 1-2; Titus chapter 1 verse 15.**

So be at peace (in Jesus name) if this thought has crossed your mind (that you might have done the unforgiveable); know this, those who are truly apostate have no desire for truth (they are blind and deceived to believe a lie – and their conscience is seared), and they would avoid this very series like a plague. They are too busy saying (and sowing) rumor to hinder, injure, hurt the innocent. And this is the heartache of God; for the apostate work to turn others from the truth of God with their delusions to a lie.

But know this; for Saints who struggle with sin from time to time; or maybe just have some hard days and seasons where seemingly God cannot hear you anymore ... if you are here or listing to the recording (and believe this truth with all your heart) and you feel that tug at your heart from the LORD to draw ever closer to him then there is no apostasy in you.  
Be at peace in Jesus name

Our caution is reiterated about the mark of the beast

- “Brothers and sisters; it is IMPOSSIBLE; for any who are full of the Holy Ghost and fire to be deceived and take the mark. It is simply not possible.
- But our duty is to live a life of perpetual repentance and to stay full of the Holy Ghost (vessel full of oil).”