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From the Pastor's Desk:

HOPE YOU ALL HAD A HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Our family had a very nice family gathering with all the usual turkey, dressing, and other complimentary dishes, including some good venison meat I prepared. This year, a friend gave us a free range turkey and that was an added blessing. But the greatest blessing for Martha and I was that we would have most of our family there with us and have some good fellowship. Unfortunately, our second son, Sean and his wife, Deanna, could not make it this year because of heavy snow fall in the mountain passes between North Idaho and the Seattle area where they live. It is most gratifying to see that our older children have grown up and are starting to see the greater value of the true Christian faith. No, they're not as perfect as I or Martha are (ha, ha, ha) but we are seeing encouraging progress.

Strange as it may sound, we actually believe that the hard economic times that we are facing nationally, have actually helped many people, including our children to take spiritual stock of their lives, and have driven them to seek the Word of God in a more mature way.

Thankfully, we are not in the same living conditions as our Pilgrim Fathers who had to endure many physical perils of

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life both during their torturous voyage across the belly of the Atlantic waters, and their planting upon the shores of Plymouth Rock and looking their last upon the Mayflower as it passed into the faded light of the voyage back home. It took great faith and a strong determination to move forward building their new settlement and learning the need to work together and stay within the same faith as that of our Israelite Covenantal Fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This also means that they had to truly be a "THANKFUL PEOPLE." They survived because of their reliance on God and their thankfulness for the smallest of blessings.

It could be argued that God Almighty whittled out the unthankful among the Pilgrims and Puritans, as He whittled out the idolaters and corruptors when Moses descended from Mt. Sinai, or when God whittled down the men of Gideon from 32,000 down to 300. In fact, as many of you know, the Puritans had witnessed division within their ranks concerning their view and duty as to how they should respond to the Anglican Church. One group believed that they had a moral duty to purify the Anglican Church from within, the other group believed that they had to remove themselves, thus, they were labeled as "Separatists." Quite literally, when the Pilgrims landed upon the shores of Plymouth Rock, they did so according to Biblical authority in a document known as, "The Mayflower Compact," for "THE GLORY OF GOD."

But the Pilgrims did not start off with financial or physical success. In fact, the Plymouth colony's population stagnated, and the area they had settled in was relatively poor in resources and there was no harbor. They had to brave many dangers and uncertainties that most modern people of today's comfort could scarcely endure. The term "Brave New World" most certainly applied to them and the conditions God Almighty used to shape and mold them into

His Christian Body Politick.

In a way, the fact that God Almighty has often chosen a small "Body Politick" to work with toward achieving His Sovereign goals towards the establishment of the Kingdom of God, thrills my soul. I do thank and praise Him that I am a Saxon (son of Isaac), though I am nothing without the blessed mark of Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior upon me. I praise God that I have been well taught and instructed concerning the Anglo-Israel Covenant truth, and though this relatively small band of Israel Covenant People have been persecuted and attacked in various ways over the years in an attempt to silence this Biblical truth, I, as well as many others of you, remain most thankful for Christ's Providential Hand bringing us to this blessed truth and involving us in this blessed work of His Stone Kingdom that America's Promise Ministries plays a humble role.

ARE YOU READY FOR 2012?

Depending on who you talk to these days, the year 2012 will be a year that will range anywhere from presumed Myan calendar impending doom in which (some believe) the world will come to a dreadful end, to the other group of thought, that the "blessed hope" of the reevaluation of the Iraqi dinar will come to pass. The thinking on the Iraqi dinar by many people is that since the Iraqi dinar was valued at over three dollars prior to the fall of Saddam Hussein, and that after the American government seized control of Iraq, the dinar fell in value to mere pennies compared with sizeable dollar amounts, that the dinar will revalue at a considerable higher value than they purchased it for.

Hopes are high in this money transformation because Obama is bringing most of the troops home at the end of this year (this month) and Iraq will soon have to operate on

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its own currency, the Iraqi dinar, and they certainly cannot do so at it's under valued rate. Some people believe that if the dinar RV's (or revalues), that this would signal the fall of Mystery Babylon, in that Iraq is the former location of old Babylon. There are many factors evident in this whole scenario concerning the Iraqi dinar that could be explored in this discussion, but it is not my intent to cover every detail, as I am aware that some of you do not care about this particular subject or what might happen if the Iraqi dinar RV'S. But if it does, this will have a tremendous impact upon our economy and world affairs. Prophetically, the dinar could represent the drying up of the Euphrates River that flowed under the old Babylonian Empire. The same river used by the Medes and the Persians to invade Babylon and bring about its fall. Could the Iraqi dinar precipitate the fall of Mystery Babylon? Some believe that the proverbial **"handwriting is on the wall."**

It is interesting to note that the oil production of Iraq is ever increasing and the wealth or GDP of Iraq is steadily improving. Recent statistics show that Iraq holds more than 112 billion barrels of oil and has the world's second largest proven reserves. The country also contains 110 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. All good reasons to be hopeful that the Iraqi dinar will bounce back and be very profitable for those who own this greatly undervalued currency.

Now, I believe that Yahweh God is Sovereign over all things. While I understand the role the International bankers and Globalists play in the manipulation and control of markets, and especially the money markets, God Almighty obviously holds total control over all things, including the financial future of all. In other words, as Christians, we should be at peace with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Providential Work no matter what direction the money markets of the world may unveil positively or negatively.

Our real emphasis for 2012 should be the same as past years if we are seeking the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and we are motivated by the leading of the Holy Spirit. Of much higher value than any form of money, including gold and silver, is LOVE, more specifically, the Love of God, for, GOD IS LOVE the Scriptures tell us. As a Christian, I do my best to seek the Truth in Love and to share this Truth and Love with others, because hate, anger, and bitterness clouds our understanding with fleshly emotionalism. The women's liberation and other associated groups are militantly engaged in this type of self-diluted deception.

Worldly men of fleshly appetites can be equally problematic when they profane the marriage covenant. This is an equally dangerous form of liberalism. But many families have been broken up by this false misleading form of liberalism that vaunts itself and all of its self serving demands upon the family and society. Women have a Biblical, wonderful, blessed place in the family unit and as Christians, we should seek to be do everything within our power through the leading of the Holy Spirit to uphold the Christian family AND THIS WILL BE ESPECIALLY VITALLY IMPORTANT IN THIS COMING YEAR 2012.

You see, a vital aspect of the Kingdom of God is the Christian family unit or government. If we are not faithful in the family government in which we have been placed, are we not endangering our place and position within the Kingdom of Heaven? Now, please notice that I did not say "salvation" that is a blessed gift of the Lord Jesus Christ, for salvation is of the Lord and His atoning blood. As far as ruling and reigning with Christ in His coming Kingdom, this is not a given, but a place we run for that will most certainly be weighed in the balance of how we rule within the family and LOVE we hold in this endeavor.

Matthew 25:21

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Luke 16:10-13

10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

"The problems we face today exist because the people who work for a living are outnumbered by those who vote for a living."

A STUDY IN HEBREWS

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(Part Three)
by Pastor Barley

Hebrews 1:1-2

1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds...

Hebrews was written to and for God's elect people. Its general subject is the significance of the sacrifice that our Lord Jesus Christ made upon the cross. It is addressed especially to those believers who waver and hold lightly their special high calling. In verse 1 of Hebrews 1, it tells us that God Almighty spoke to our fathers by the prophets. Let me assure you that He is speaking to "the fathers" of today as well. Biblically, fathers have, and carry the responsibility of instituting, building and administering God's Divine Will. The call to establish and implement righteous order is upon "the fathers" but their minds must be renewed and their ears must be tuned unto the Holy Spirit. How is the Holy Spirit doing this? One way that He speaks with us is by the Living Word (Jesus Christ) and His Resurrection power to revive, transform, and quicken our ears to hear what unregenerate man cannot.

As the Word of Yahweh, the preincarnate Christ spoke in various ways through our forefathers and the prophets, so is the resurrected Word speaking to us today. Many times we separate ourselves from our fathers, the fathers of Israel, by thinking of them as centuries old and detaching ourselves from them. We find it hard to relate to them or their experiences because we live in a very different societal

environment today. We think ours is a more materialistic world, but they were flesh and blood just as we are, and their hearts were just as materialistic as ours are. We face many of the same problems, the same temptations, and the same concerns that our fathers – the patriarchs of old – faced in their day. Therefore, we must not separate ourselves from our fathers of Israel, but try to understand where they made their mistakes and learn from them. These Hebrew prophets and patriarchs played a vital role in the declaration, preservation, and propagation of Yahweh's plan for the ages. Consequently, it behooves us to study their utterances and to open our ears to the voice of God as He spoke through them for our learning and for the increase of our faith.

Moving to Chapter 2 of Hebrews, we are given a warning.

Hebrews 2:1

1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

The counsel here is to be more committed to our faith. There is always room for improvement and growth, but a lack of commitment to the teachings given to our forefathers and to our prophets causes that commitment to slip. So many Christians pass off the covenants, laws, and promises of God as if they were just idle words. They treat these guideposts lightly. But the God-given inspiration that our fathers received was for our spiritual progression..

Do we Christians really value and cherish what we believe, or do we take it for granted and hold it casually? Many of us merely give lip service to our faith and our commitment. Each of us has room to grow, and perhaps we have let a lot

of things slip, but we must guard our faith as carefully as if we had a briefcase in our hands containing a million dollars. We would guard that briefcase very, very carefully. Perhaps we need to re-evaluate our priorities and our values because a million dollars will not buy us salvation or a place within the Kingdom of God.

Work and effort are not bad qualities, and they far outshine sitting around and just wishing upon a star. Certainly we are saved by Grace, but Grace is not inactive or void of principle or sound Biblical direction. The key to understanding Grace is to understand that it is outside of our carnal will, but reaches into the Divine where we live, move, and have our being within THE LIVING WORD. Therefore, we need to guard our faith as a glorious Divine duty and not let it slip or let it out of our grasp. When our commitment slips, it allows outside influences to interfere and weaken our faith. Anger is a good example of weakness because anger unleashes the tongue. The tongue can lead even the most committed Christian into trouble. We must be on guard against unprincipled, undisciplined behavior because our actions and our behavior have a profound effect upon our faith and the faith of others.

We should be uncomfortable when our faith and our behavior begin to slip. If we acknowledge that we are uncomfortable when we fall short of our behavior as Christians, it is a good sign because it reveals that we are aware that our commitment needs strengthening. We are spiritually maturing when we listen to His voice within us and learn to make improvements in our behavior. When we hear His voice within us, it is because He is writing His law upon our hearts and our conscience bears witness to it by causing discomfort when we slip. This is a major theme in

the book of Hebrews – the purification of the saints by His fiery law ignited by the Holy Spirit – our ultimate path to our renewal as the Sons of God.

Hebrews 2:2-4

2 For if the word spoken by angels [messengers] was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;

3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

Our forefathers, the prophets and patriarchs, were messengers of the Word. That Word is steadfast, and as it becomes engrafted into our hearts and we become one with that Word, we become steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” (1 Cor 15:58).

These next verses reveal that our destiny is in His hands.

Deuteronomy 33:1-4

1 And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

2 And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them.

*3 Yea, he loved the people; **all his saints are in thy hand**: and they sat down at thy feet; every one shall receive of thy words.*

4 Moses commanded us a law, even the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

Here we are told that Yahweh God has a hold on His saints, that His saints are in His hands. If we will but read and listen to what the Scriptures are telling us, we will see glorious purpose and order in God's great plan of the ages. These verses, along with many other Bible passages, unveils our Sovereign God's intent and purpose for His creation. I *could not* be anywhere else, doing any other thing than what I am doing right now because God Almighty planned for me to be here ministering to you through these words. And with equal purpose and plan, our Everlasting Father has a purpose for each and every one of His chosen. Our Father does not waste His time making poor choices; He chose us with a Divine Purpose in mind.

In the foregoing verses, "*Moses commanded us a law, even the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.*" This, in many cases, is what is referred to in the New Testament as the "*angels [messengers] giving the Word unto the fathers.*" The Word, His law, that was given unto the fathers was of such a high order that most Christians are unable to conceive it. It is powerful because it reveals His nature and His character to us. The inherent attributes of His law have the power to change us. That is why it is called "a fiery law." It will burn away every drop of our rebellious ways and replace it with His "fiery, purging, refining" Agape Love, that will amazingly transform this creation from the bondage of death and corruption.

Deuteronomy 33:2

2 And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: **from his right hand went a fiery law for them.**

God's law was present in the Garden of Eden; it has always been a part of God Almighty dealing with His Adamic people. God's law was that knowledge of good and evil spoken of in the Garden. If we did not have that knowledge, where would we be today? Humanists war against His law as if it were something terrible, and there is even abasement of His law within Christian churches.

Why is there condemnation of God's law? This is incomprehensible because He gave it to us to help us; in fact, the Psalmist David describes the law as a light. Yes, it can be used as a rod without mercy among people who do not understand it and who do not know Christ, but it is more than a rod. The Apostle Paul tells us in the Book of Romans, Chapter 7, verse 14, that the law is spiritual, but it is even more than that.

Galatians3:24

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

This law that most Christians and humanists alike trample upon and want to put away, is the very tutoring that brings us, the sinners, to Christ. We hear, **“We want Jesus to fill our hearts, we want to come unto Christ, we want to be one with Jesus.”** How are they going to do this without accepting and understanding His law? It is essential light we need in our schooling and it shows us we are incomplete without Christ within us. Fundamentalist ministers make altar calls every Sunday for sinners to come down to the altar and accept Jesus Christ as their savior. However, they never tell their parishioners by what standard they became sinners.

If the law has been done away with, there can be no sin. It is

through the acknowledgement and understanding of God's law that the sinner knows that he has fallen short of the glory of God. The law is the schoolmaster that brings us *all* to Christ, and there is a purpose in that. It is analogous to attending school and receiving an education. But do we stop there? God has a purpose in using His schoolmaster to provide us with an education. It does not end with recognizing His law, for we must live by that Word of right and wrong and put this schoolmaster education to use. A lot of us receive that education but we stop right there and do not proceed with the Holy Spirit led "education." Our true spiritual education, including that of Father Abraham is that which leads us to Jesus Christ, the Author and Finisher of our faith.

He is training us for reigning; we need to understand that. And the training is always centered around and directed by the transforming Word of God. It behooves us to get as much understanding of this Word as we possibly can and be obedient to it as Abraham was. Notice that Abram's obedience was the reason for Yahweh's blessing.

Genesis 22:10-18

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his

horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

14 *And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.*

15 *And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time,*

16 *And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:*

17 *That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;*

18 *And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; **because thou hast obeyed my voice.***

As an aside, notice verse 11 says “*And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven...*” and then in verse 16 that same angel of the LORD called unto Abraham and said, “***By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD** [Yahweh]....” That identifies the angel of the LORD as Yahweh, the great “I AM.”.*

All nations of the earth are blessed when Israel obeys God’s voice. There is a powerful, glorious, and righteous outcome when we obey His voice. Just think of the cause and effect of those words: “***Because thou hast obeyed my voice.***” What a tremendous message. Imagine being in Abraham’s shoes! It might be difficult to do but imagine that you are Abraham and that you are obeying strictly because you believed Yahweh. God Almighty rewarded Abraham’s faithfulness, and Abraham learned to live by his faith. Faithfulness is

more than belief; it is faith in action. Abraham performed a work that backed up his faith in the Author and Creator of all things.

Abraham looked forward to the fulfillment of the promise that the Angel of Yahweh was giving him – something that he would not see in his lifetime. That took a total commitment of faith, and upon that faith, he acted to show Yahweh his faithfulness. One element of that promise was that his seed would be multiplied as the stars of the heaven and the sand of the sea, and that his seed would possess the gates of his enemies. That promise has been fulfilled. It is a tremendous blessing and the ramifications of its significance affect us today.

If you took the Christian Anglo-Israel people completely out of the world, the world would lose much needed light, for Israel was to be a *“light unto the nations.”* Admittedly, our sins and lack of godly moral discipline have made us weak, and it is evident that America is no longer serving God as a Christian nation. However, our God remains on point, and He will fulfill His covenants through Israel. The fulfillment of His covenants should strengthen our faith and not allow it to slip because it confirms that God is still working His covenant purposes. Not only is He working out His purpose nationally in and for Israel, He is working out His purpose for you and I individually and for the whole world.

Judges 2:1

1 And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.

Again, recognize that the angel of Yahweh is one manifestation of the Word, the Communicator, through which Yahweh speaks to man. God never lies and will never break His covenants with us. This strengthens our faith because God Almighty has been faithful to His word. It is essential that we understand this. That which He has promised, He has accomplished and will yet accomplish.

Judges 2:2-8

2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this?

3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.

4 And it came to pass, when the angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept.

5 And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

6 And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land.

7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel.

8 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

I encourage you to read this chapter in Judges, because it speaks of the judgments of God, which are always corrective in nature. God Almighty pronounces that He will use circumstances and conditions including the enemies of Israel

to be a thorn in Israel's side. He does it to awaken and discipline His people. Parents discipline their children to motivate them to obey. Therefore, when we see the enemy within our land today, and we see them ruling over us, know that God Almighty has placed them in positions of authority for our discipline and growth. Therefore, when we see ungodly presidents, congressmen, judges, and assorted bureaucratic thorns of the flesh working their oppressive corrupt ways, continue to trust God and know that things are going "wrong" exactly as God has planned, and that ultimately it is for our good.

Israel is still blind today, and our ears are dull of hearing. It is very sad when a person does not hear the Holy Spirit, when a person neglects reading God's Word, and when a person does not understand the power and the importance of faith based prayer. When we close our ears to His Spirit, our insight and discernment will begin to dry up. The Comforter/Advocate is **always** with us. He is always there whether we listen or not. Many people are experiencing deadness within their lives because they neglect God's Word. Our forefathers were blessed when they obeyed God's Word. Even when they did not understand it fully or they understood it incorrectly, when their heart was right God Almighty continued to bless them. There are people today who do not know that we are Israel and the national application of that message, they only know the personal salvation message. Nevertheless, they are far more blessed in their lives because they are faithful and committed to what they *do* understand.

In the life of each individual, it is in both small and great temptations that God Almighty will try His people. For instance, honoring Jesus in your attitude and the way you respond to others, standing firm on the principles and laws of

God, and being an accountable Christian parent and righteous steward of family, business, church, and community. Now, lest we forget, I will repeat, Jesus Christ is the Author and Finisher of our faith. He is Sovereign over our salvation and He is the Sustainer of our faith, but in this, our Savior moves upon our heart to do His good will as we live by faith.

Returning to Hebrews, Chapter 2, notice that it says “...*the word spoken of by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence.*” Therefore, the Scriptures ask, how shall we, the people of the Covenant, “...*escape if we neglect so great a salvation*”? All of us by our faithfulness confirm this salvation because it is essential to who we are. However, we invite Divine chastening when we “neglect so great a salvation” by being unfaithful and double-minded. Let us review these verses:

Hebrews 2:2-8

2 For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;

3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak.

6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:

8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

Verse 5 tells us that “...unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come ...” Verse 6 asks the question, “What is man, that thou art mindful of him?” Then verse 7 says “Thou madest him [man] a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands.” Adam was commissioned to have dominion over God’s creation, a position not afforded angels. Man has a dominion calling, but only under the authority of Jesus Christ. However, through the fall, Adam became subject to death, which causes him to sin. Therefore, his dominion mandate was not without Divine restrictions and regulation. When Christ redeemed us, we became His bondservants. We are in subjection to Him, and He is teaching us line upon line, precept upon precept. We are as little children as He trains us to reign with Him.

Some Bible students arrive at the point where they think they know it all. There are other students who are simply floating along in their study of the Holy Bible, unable to decipher the difference between man’s religious thoughts and the truth of God’s Word. This has manifested itself as a great cloud of ignorance in Christian Israel today. Conversely, there are other students who hear the gospel and who are really intent upon letting the Holy Spirit guide them. Most of them have no idea of how blessed they are. Many of you know and understand this already. For those students who really strive

to listen to Holy Spirit, there is assurance in I John:

1 John 3:1-2

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

What a tremendous promise. “It does not yet appear what we are going to be.” As the world looks at us today, it really does not appear what we are going to be. Nevertheless, we need to understand the love that our God has had for us down through the ages. When you understand this great promise, it will give you much more grace and the peace that passeth all understanding. It also will instill in you the patience and faith to know that God is not through with His work in you yet. You will very soon discover that there is much to be learned. None of us have all the answers. He is not through with any of us. The gifts and callings of God are *not without repentance*; repentance is required.

1 Corinthians 2:9

9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Think on this – and dwell upon it. Our eyes have not seen nor have we heard, nor has it entered into our hearts the glory that is yet to be revealed to those who LOVE HIM. The glory that is yet to come is far beyond and greater than our physical senses can feel or imagine.

1 Corinthians 2:10

10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

In our fleshly bodies with our carnal minds, we are unable to see or hear or even conceive the things that God has prepared for us. However, because of His love for us, He has revealed them by His Spirit. And, if we do not listen to that Spirit and do not let it guide us, we are trying to discern the things of God with nothing but our own carnal (enmity with God) mind. Do you remember earlier that I said God Almighty still speaks to us today? How does He speak to us? When you repent, pray earnestly, study diligently, and work faithfully, you become open to His leading. His leading is usually heard within by that still small voice that guides you in making decisions that are in keeping with His law *and* His mercy. You must begin with God's law because His law is always our schoolmaster that points the way to Christ the Redeemer. Once you have done your homework by searching the law and seeking out what Jesus has done, humbly ask for His guidance and patiently wait for His Holy Spirit to guide you.

When Christ ascended to heaven following His resurrection, He sent the Holy Spirit as the Advocate or Comforter to assist us in our development. Our Advocate intercedes *for* us and speaks *to* us. Often times our carnal minds hear or interpret incorrectly, and we make mistakes. However, the more we participate in humbly seeking His leading, the path becomes clearer and more blessed and spiritually transforming. We learn to be patient, to be forgiving, to be merciful. Learning to listen is a process just as our development as Sons of God is a process. It takes time to

learn to weed out what our carnal thinking tells us to do and to wait for Him to guide us. We must be totally honest with ourselves when it comes to discerning between His desires and our desires.

We cannot give up on ourselves in our development as the Sons of God or as one who can correctly hear and discern Holy Spirit's leading. Sometimes my carnal self would like to give up, but because of the understanding I have of the Scriptures I cannot. The promises are sure, the rewards are too great. I plead with you not to give up on yourself either. We all have lots of faults and failures, but we cannot give up on the Holy Spirit working in us.

1 Corinthians 2:11-16

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

*16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ.***

The Apostle Paul says that we have the mind of Christ. We

have this great blessing, this great inheritance, but many people miss it and do not understand it. We get caught up in the day-to-day activities of this life and forget about it because, as Paul stated, “*man knoweth the things of man,*” and are spiritually void because they remain in the “natural,” and do not advance to the supernatural. When you get caught up in anger, frustration, hate, resentment, negativity, or concern over what someone may have said to you or about you, let it go. Get out of that natural, carnal mindset because the natural man cannot understand the things of God. Get into the mind of Christ, and let the mind of Christ transform you. Use the mind of Christ to rise above the natural man. Doing so will give us power – the power to overcome. That is the greatest “positive thinking” message you can capture, and we little understand it.

The major theme in the Book of Hebrews is our salvation wrought by Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Based upon what we have studied thus far it is obvious that there is more to salvation than meets the eye. The salvation that Christ has given us is transforming us, and we need to yield to that transforming power of the Advocate.

Republican Jewish Coalition Bars Ron Paul from Presidential Debate, Saying He's too "misguided and extreme"

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Wednesday, Dec. 7, the Republican Jewish Coalition will host a presidential-candidates forum featuring Michele Bachmann, Herman Cain, Newt Gingrich, Jon Huntsman, Rick Perry, Mitt Romney, and Rick Santorum. Not invited is the GOP candidate currently polling around third in New Hampshire and second in Iowa: Rep. Ron Paul (R-Texas). The explanation: Because the organization - as it has stated numerous times in the past - "rejects his misguided and extreme views," said [RJC Executive Director Matt] Brooks:

"As Americans who are committed to a strong and vigorous foreign policy, we are deeply concerned about the prospective presidential campaign of Congressman Ron Paul. While Rep. Paul plans to run as a Republican, his views and past record place him far outside of the Republican mainstream. Throughout his public service, Paul has espoused a dangerous isolationist vision for the U.S. and our role in the world. He has been a virulent and harsh critic of Israel during his tenure in Congress*.

I'D SAY THAT REP. RON PAUL IS IN GOOD COMPANY, AS THESE SAME JEWS HATED AND REJECTED JESUS CHRIST. WELL, THAT'S ALL THE ROOM I HAVE IN THIS NEWSLETTER, HOPE IT IS A BLESSING TO ALL OF YOU AND LET US GO INTO THIS NEXT YEAR WITH PRAYER AND FAITH IN CHRIST OUR BLESSED REDEEMER AND HIS KINGDOM. – AND PLEASE DO REMEMBER US IN YOU TITHES AND PRAYERS ~ **PASTOR BARLEY**