

LORD, THE ONE YOU LOVE IS SICK!.

JOHN 11:3 SO THE SISTERS SENT WORD TO JESUS, "LORD, THE ONE YOU LOVE IS SICK." BEFORE I LOOK AT THE SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY, I WANT TO LOOK AT THE THINGS THAT WERE HAPPENING IN THE JEWISH HOMES AT THE TIME THESE WORDS WERE SPOKEN, AND LAST WEEK IN JEWISH HOMES AROUND THE WORLD.

AGAIN I WILL SAY THAT WE ARE ON A TRIP WITH THE LORD, A JOURNEY THAT STARTED ON THE MOUNT OF ACCESSION AND ENDS AT THE RESURRECTION. HERE THIS DAY WE WILL SEE A TYPE OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE SOUL. THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY WILL COME LATER. THEIR TORAH READING WOULD HAVE BEEN;

EXODUS 40:34-38 THEN THE CLOUD COVERED THE TENT OF MEETING, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE TABERNACLE. ³⁵MOSES COULD NOT ENTER THE TENT OF MEETING BECAUSE THE CLOUD HAD SETTLED UPON IT, AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLED THE TABERNACLE. ³⁶IN ALL THE TRAVELS OF THE ISRAELITES, WHENEVER THE CLOUD LIFTED FROM ABOVE THE TABERNACLE, THEY WOULD SET OUT; ³⁷BUT IF THE CLOUD DID NOT LIFT, THEY DID NOT SET OUT-UNTIL THE DAY IT LIFTED. ³⁸SO THE CLOUD OF THE LORD WAS OVER THE TABERNACLE BY DAY, AND FIRE WAS IN THE CLOUD BY NIGHT, IN THE SIGHT OF ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL DURING ALL THEIR TRAVELS.

THE GLORY OF GOD

EXODUS 15:1 THEN MOSES AND THE ISRAELITES SANG THIS SONG TO THE LORD: "I WILL SING TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS HIGHLY EXALTED. THE HORSE AND ITS RIDER HE HAS HURLED INTO THE SEA.

EXODUS 15:6 "YOUR RIGHT HAND, O LORD, WAS MAJESTIC IN POWER. YOUR RIGHT HAND, O LORD, SHATTERED THE ENEMY.

ROMANS 6:4 WE WERE THEREFORE BURIED WITH HIM THROUGH BAPTISM INTO DEATH IN ORDER THAT, JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD THROUGH THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, WE TOO MAY LIVE A NEW LIFE.

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, OLD COVENANT GOD WAS GLORIFIED IN DEALING WITH A FEW INDIVIDUALS, BUT MANLY DEALING WITH THE NATION OF ISRAEL. THEY SANG PRAISES ABOUT HOW. HE HELPED THEM IN A BATTLE, CROSSING A SEA, LEADING THEM BY CLOUD DURING THE DAY AND FIRE AT NIGHT. HE DISPLAYED HIS POWER AND HIS GLORY WHEN THREE REQUIREMENTS WERE MET; THE PEOPLE WERE FOLLOWING HIS TEACHINGS, WHICH IS RECOGNIZING THAT HE HAD A CLAIM ON THEM. THEY HAD A NEED FOR HIS HELP, AND THEY KNEW THAT THEY COULD NOT ACCOMPLISH THE THING THAT NEEDED DONE WITHOUT HIS HELP SO THEY CALLED UPON HIM.

TODAY WE HAVE A NEW COVENANT. IT IS A COVENANT THAT GOD MADE WITH HIMSELF; FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT. THIS COVENANT EFFECTS THE INDIVIDUAL, YOU, ME, OUR NEIGHBOR, OUR FAMILY MEMBERS.

SO, LET US SEE WHAT THIS GLORY IS REALLY ABOUT! THIS GLORY OF THE NEW COVENANT!

LET ME AGAIN SAY THAT WE ARE ON A TRIP, A PATH AND THAT PATH WILL SHINE THE LIGHT OF GOD UPON OUR LIVES.

Proverbs 4:18 The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

John 11:1-44 Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. . . . ³So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."
⁴When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." ⁵Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. . . .
¹¹After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up." ¹²His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better."
¹³Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. ¹⁴So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." . . . ²¹"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." . . . ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹"Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." ⁴⁰Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

First we are told that Lazarus is sick - Lazarus is a type of natural man.

Natural Man - does not know the Joy of the Lord

Judges 9:13 "But the vine answered, 'Should I give up my wine, which cheers both gods and men, to hold sway over the trees?'"

John 2:3 When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

Sin is a sickness that has robbed man of his original health

John 4:46 there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum.

The invalid shows us that man has little or no strength against sin.

Romans 5:6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

John 5:7 "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

The multitude showed the destitute of man with out Christ is weak and can not overcome.

John 6:5 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"

The followers of Jesus on the sea shows the danger that man is in before Christ comes to them.

John 6:18 A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough.

The blind man demonstrates that man can not perceive his own danger and his effect on others

until the Savior comes to him.

John 9:11 He replied, "The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see."
Jesus says, "I am the resurrection"

TWO KINDS OF RESURRECTIONS

SPIRITUAL RESURRECTION

EPHESIANS 2:1-6 AS FOR YOU, **YOU WERE DEAD** IN YOUR TRANSGRESSIONS AND SINS, ²IN WHICH YOU USED TO LIVE WHEN YOU FOLLOWED THE WAYS OF THIS WORLD AND OF THE RULER OF THE KINGDOM OF THE AIR, THE SPIRIT WHO IS NOW AT WORK IN THOSE WHO ARE DISOBEDIENT. ³ALL OF US ALSO LIVED AMONG THEM AT ONE TIME, GRATIFYING THE CRAVINGS OF OUR SINFUL NATURE AND FOLLOWING ITS DESIRES AND THOUGHTS. LIKE THE REST, WE WERE BY NATURE OBJECTS OF WRATH. ⁴BUT BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT LOVE FOR US, GOD, WHO IS RICH IN MERCY, ⁵MADE US ALIVE WITH CHRIST EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN TRANSGRESSIONS--IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED. ⁶AND GOD RAISED US UP WITH CHRIST AND **SEATED US WITH HIM IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS IN CHRIST JESUS,**

EPHESIANS **5:14** FOR IT IS LIGHT THAT MAKES EVERYTHING VISIBLE. THIS IS WHY IT IS SAID: "**WAKE UP, O SLEEPER, RISE FROM THE DEAD, AND CHRIST WILL SHINE ON YOU.**"

We will deal with resurrection of the body later on in our journey to the resurrection of Jesus..

This morning I want to deal with Spiritual resurrection which Lazarus is a type of.

Jesus says to the sinner "**Lazarus, come out!**"

But the church has forgotten these words, But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days".or all his life.

EPHESIANS 4:21-24 SURELY YOU HEARD OF HIM AND WERE TAUGHT IN HIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRUTH THAT IS IN JESUS. ²²YOU WERE TAUGHT, WITH REGARD TO YOUR FORMER WAY OF LIFE, TO PUT OFF YOUR OLD SELF, WHICH IS BEING CORRUPTED BY ITS DECEITFUL DESIRES; ²³TO BE MADE NEW IN THE ATTITUDE OF YOUR MINDS; ²⁴AND TO **PUT ON THE NEW SELF, CREATED TO BE LIKE GOD IN TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS.**

SO THE CHURCH DOES NOT HEAR THE WORDS OF JESUS OR UNDERSTAND THEIR IMPORTANCE.

⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "**Take off the grave clothes and let him go.**"

You and I are a "Royal Priest Hood" we have been called to take part in this role. Take the grave clothes off of the New Born Creation of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:10 AND HAVE PUT ON THE NEW SELF, WHICH IS BEING RENEWED IN KNOWLEDGE IN THE **IMAGE OF ITS CREATOR.**

JAMES 1:17-27 EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE, COMING DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF THE HEAVENLY LIGHTS, WHO DOES NOT CHANGE LIKE SHIFTING SHADOWS. ¹⁸HE CHOSE TO GIVE US BIRTH THROUGH THE WORD OF TRUTH, THAT WE MIGHT BE A KIND OF FIRSTFRUITS OF ALL HE CREATED. ¹⁹MY DEAR BROTHERS, TAKE NOTE OF THIS: EVERYONE

SHOULD BE QUICK TO LISTEN, SLOW TO SPEAK AND SLOW TO BECOME ANGRY, ²⁰FOR MAN'S ANGER DOES NOT BRING ABOUT THE RIGHTEOUS LIFE THAT GOD DESIRES. ²¹THEREFORE, GET RID OF ALL MORAL FILTH AND THE EVIL THAT IS SO PREVALENT AND HUMBL Y ACCEPT THE WORD PLANTED IN YOU, WHICH CAN SAVE YOU. ²²DO NOT MERELY LISTEN TO THE WORD, AND SO DECEIVE YOURSELVES. DO WHAT IT SAYS. ²³ANYONE WHO LISTENS TO THE WORD BUT DOES NOT DO WHAT IT SAYS IS LIKE A MAN WHO LOOKS AT HIS FACE IN A MIRROR ²⁴AND, AFTER LOOKING AT HIMSELF, GOES AWAY AND IMMEDIATELY FORGETS WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE. ²⁵BUT THE MAN WHO LOOKS INTENTLY INTO THE PERFECT LAW THAT GIVES FREEDOM [LIBERTY], AND CONTINUES TO DO THIS, NOT FORGETTING WHAT HE HAS HEARD, BUT DOING IT--HE WILL BE BLESSED IN WHAT HE DOES. ²⁶IF ANYONE CONSIDERS HIMSELF RELIGIOUS AND YET DOES NOT KEEP A TIGHT REIN ON HIS TONGUE, HE DECEIVES HIMSELF AND HIS RELIGION IS WORTHLESS. ²⁷RELIGION THAT GOD OUR FATHER ACCEPTS AS PURE AND FAULTLESS IS THIS: TO LOOK AFTER ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR DISTRESS AND TO KEEP ONESELF FROM BEING POLLUTED BY THE WORLD.

LAW OF LIBERTY

WHEN A FATHER, MOTHER, OR LEADER OF ANY KIND LOOK ABOUT AND SEE THE THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING, BOTH GOOD AND BAD, POSSIBLE DANGERS, AND MAYBE ITEMS OF BENEFIT, THEY WANT TO PASS THIS BEHAVIOR ON TO OTHERS. AT TIMES, THIS WILL BE IN THE FORM OF RULES. SELLING THE RULES TO THOSE THEY ARE IN CHARGE OF IS OFTEN DIFFICULT. IT IS SOMETIMES HARD FOR THE PERSON WHO IS TO FOLLOW THE RULE TO UNDERSTAND IT IS FOR THEIR GOOD. COME STRAIGHT HOME AFTER SCHOOL, DO YOUR HOME WORK, EAT YOUR FOOD, BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU CROSS THE STREET.

THAT IS WHAT THIS LESSON IS ABOUT TODAY.

JAMES WRITES HERE EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE, COMING DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF THE HEAVENLY LIGHTS, WHO **DOES NOT CHANGE LIKE SHIFTING SHADOWS.** ¹⁸HE CHOSE TO GIVE US BIRTH THROUGH THE WORD OF TRUTH, THAT WE MIGHT BE A KIND OF FIRSTFRUITS OF ALL HE CREATED.

JAMES POINTS OUT THAT THE LAW OF GOD IS PERFECT AND WHEN IT IS FOLLOWED IT **BRINGS FREEDOM AND LIBERTY.**

WHEN GOD GAVE THE LAW BEING WRITTEN ABOUT HERE TO THE PEOPLE THEY DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND IT. AT FIRST THEY WERE EXCITED ABOUT IT, BUT IN A SHORT TIME THEY RESENTED IT.

DURING OUR COUNTRY'S FIRST 100 YEARS WE WERE ALSO EXCITED ABOUT THE LAW OF GOD. WE INCLUDED IT IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF MOST OF OUR GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS INCLUDING THE SUPREME COURT. MOST COUNTY COURT HOUSES DISPLAYED THE LAW AND THEY WERE PART OF THE DECOR IN MOST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS ROOMS.

TODAY OUR COUNTRY IS LIKE THE NATION OF ISRAEL THAT HAS GONE ASTRAY, LIKE THE TEENAGE DAUGHTER OR SON THAT TURNS TO THEIR PARENTS AND SAYS, "YOU WOULD NOT ASK ME TO BE IN AT TEN O'CLOCK IF YOU LOVED ME, YOU ARE DOING THIS BECAUSE YOU HATE ME" MOST CHRISTIANS ARE SHOWING THAT THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE LAW BY THE ACTIONS IN THEIR PERSONAL LIVES, THEY GOVERN THEMSELVES BY INFERIOR LAWS, LAWS CONTRIVED BY THE CHURCH AND/OR GOVERNMENT. THEY SOMEHOW BELIEVE THESE LAWS ARE SUPERIOR TO THE PERFECT LAW DESCRIBED BY KING DAVID. SECONDLY, MANY OF TODAY'S CHRISTIANS HAVE

CHOSEN TO BELIEVE THEIR PASTORS AND TEACHERS WHO HAVE TOLD THEM THAT THE OLD COVENANT LAW, CALLED THE TEN COMMANDMENTS WHICH JESUS KEPT, WAS SUPERCEDED BY A HIGHER NEW COVENANT LAW. IT IS TRUE THAT THE NEW COVENANT SUPERCEDED THE OLD COVENANT BUT AS WE SHALL SEE NINE POINTS OF THE LAW ARE PART OF THE NEW COVENANT AND IT IS THIS **THAT GIVES FREEDOM AND LIBERTY.**

SO LET US LOOK AT THE LAW. IN THESE VERY VERSES THAT TALK ABOUT LIBERTY, JAMES ALSO HAS THIS TO SAY, "EVERYONE SHOULD BE QUICK TO LISTEN, SLOW TO SPEAK AND SLOW TO BECOME ANGRY,"²⁰ FOR MAN'S ANGER DOES NOT BRING ABOUT THE **RIGHTEOUS LIFE THAT GOD DESIRES.**²¹ THEREFORE, GET RID OF ALL MORAL FILTH AND THE EVIL THAT IS SO PREVALENT AND HUMBLY ACCEPT THE WORD PLANTED IN YOU, WHICH CAN SAVE YOU.²² DO NOT MERELY LISTEN TO THE WORD, AND SO DECEIVE YOURSELVES. DO WHAT IT SAYS."

GET RID OF ALL MORAL FILTH AND THE EVIL THAT IS SO PREVALENT.

ACCEPT THE WORD PLANTED IN YOU.

HERE ARE THE CLUES WE NEED TO GAIN POWER FROM THIS SCRIPTURE. THERE IS NO NEW COVENANT LAW THAT SUPERCEDES THE OLD COVENANT LAW, BECAUSE THEY ARE ONE AND THE SAME LAW. THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT COVENANTS, AND ONE REPLACED THE OTHER, BUT THERE IS ONLY ONE LAW. THE OLD COVENANT WAS BASED UPON FORCED COMPLIANCE TO THE LAW THAT HAD BEEN CARVED INTO STONE, MOTIVATED PRIMARILY BY FEAR AND REQUIRED REGULAR YEARLY SACRIFICES WHEREAS, THE NEW COVENANT IS BASED UPON VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE TO THAT SAME LAW WRITTEN ON HEARTS AND MINDS, **MOTIVATED PRIMARILY BY LOVE:**

THE WRITER OF HEBREWS PUTS IT THIS WAY; FOR FINDING FAULT WITH THEM [THE OLD TESTAMENT ISRAELITES], GOD SAID ... I WILL MAKE A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH: ... FOR THIS IS THE [NEW] COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL ... I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MIND, AND WRITE THEM IN THEIR HEARTS: AND I WILL BE TO THEM A GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE TO ME A PEOPLE. (HEBREWS 8:8-10) SO THE WORD THAT IS PLANTED IN US IS THE LAW OF GOD. AND IF WE WOULD APPLY IT, IT WOULD GIVE US LIBERTY. WE MUST NOT THINK THAT THIS MEANS THAT IT WOULD SET US FREE FROM OUR SINS, ONLY THE BLOOD OF JESUS CAN DO THAT. AND WHAT WAS IN THE OLD

TESTAMENT LAW;

EXODUS 20:3 "YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.

DEUT. 6:5 LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.

JESUS THE ARBITRATOR OF THE NEW COVENANT HAD THIS TO SAY WHEN ASK THIS QUESTION:

MATTHEW 22:37 JESUS REPLIED: " **'LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'**

HOW DOES THIS BRING LIBERTY?

IF WE LOVE GOD AND SEE HIM AS OUR CREATOR, WE WILL NOT BELIEVE SUCH THINGS AS DARWIN'S THEORY THAT SAYS WE ARE HERE BECAUSE THE SELECTION OF THE STRONGEST. IF WE ALL BELIEVED THAT LIFE IS SACRED WE WOULD NOT HAVE ALL THE KILLINGS AND MURDERS THAT ARE HAPPENING IN OUR TOWN. WE WOULD HAVE LIBERTY TO GO ANYWHERE IN ANY TOWN, AT ANY TIME. OUR CHILDREN WOULD SEE THAT IN THEIR ANCESTRY IS GOD, NOT A MONKEY - THAT OUR ACTIONS SHOULD REFLECT WHO WE REALLY ARE.

WHAT ABOUT THE SECOND PART OF THE LAW -

EXODUS 20:4-6 "YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF AN IDOL IN THE FORM OF ANYTHING IN

HEAVEN ABOVE OR ON THE EARTH BENEATH OR IN THE WATERS BELOW. ⁵YOU SHALL NOT BOW DOWN TO THEM OR WORSHIP THEM; FOR I, THE LORD YOUR GOD, AM A JEALOUS GOD, **AND THE NEW TESTAMENT SAYS -**

2 COR. 6:16 WHAT AGREEMENT IS THERE BETWEEN THE TEMPLE OF GOD AND IDOLS? FOR WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD. AS GOD HAS SAID: "I WILL LIVE WITH THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM, AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY WILL BE MY PEOPLE."

THE LAW SAYS THAT I AM TO HAVE NO IDOLS, HOW DOES THAT GIVE ME LIBERTY. IF WE KEEP GOD FIRST IN OUR LIFE WE WILL NOT BECOME OBSESSED WITH THINGS THAT ARE DESTRUCTIVE. I SHOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE THINGS IN MY LIFE THAT MAKE MY LIFE PLEASANT. BUT FOR MANY THEY BECOME AN IDOL AND THEY TAKE OVER A PERSONS LIFE., THEY BECOME MORE IMPORTANT THAN GOD, THE PERSONS FAMILY AND FINALLY THE PERSON THEMSELVES.

IF I HAVE NO IDOLS, THEN NOTHING POSSESS ME. I AM AT LIBERTY TO ENJOY WHAT I HAVE AND GOD SAYS HE WILL LIVE WITH ME AND WALK WITH ME.

WHAT ABOUT THE THIRD ARTICLE OF THE LAW

EXODUS 20:7 "YOU SHALL NOT MISUSE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD, FOR THE LORD WILL NOT HOLD ANYONE GUILTY WHO MISUSES HIS NAME.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

ROMANS 2:24 AS IT IS WRITTEN: "GOD'S NAME IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU."

COL. 3:8 BUT NOW YOU MUST RID YOURSELVES OF ALL SUCH THINGS AS THESE: ANGER, RAGE, MALICE, SLANDER, AND FILTHY LANGUAGE FROM YOUR LIPS.

IT SEEMS THAT THE LAW WE ARE TO FOLLOW IS QUITE CLEAR, HOW WOULD EVERYONE FOLLOWING THIS LAW GIVE US LIBERTY?

IT WOULD MEAN THAT WE COULD ALLOW OUR YOUNG CHILDREN TO WATCH WHAT EVER WAS ON TV, LISTEN TO ANY PIECE OF MUSIC OR GO TO ANY MOVIE.

TEACHERS AND SCHOOL GROUND MONITORS WOULD NOT BE SHOCKED BY WHAT THEY ARE HEARING. IF THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY ALL, I WOULD ALWAYS BE AT LIBERTY TO SAY THE WORDS THAT ARE IN MY MIND, NO MATTER WHERE I MIGHT FIND MYSELF, BECAUSE MY MIND REPEATS THE THOUGHTS AND WORDS THAT IT HAS BEEN FED.

WHAT ABOUT ARTICLE FIVE?

EXODUS 20:12 "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER, SO THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG IN THE LAND THE LORD YOUR GOD IS GIVING YOU.

EPHESIANS. 6:2 "HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER"--WHICH IS THE FIRST COMMANDMENT WITH A PROMISE—

COL. 3:20 CHILDREN, OBEY YOUR PARENTS IN EVERYTHING, FOR THIS PLEASES THE LORD.

WHAT WOULD THIS DO TO GIVE US LIBERTY.

WHEN I WAS A YOUNG BOY I LOVED TO SEE CHILDREN RAISED IN THE SOUTH OR TO AN HISPANIC FAMILY TALK. WHEN THEY WERE SPEAKING TO AN ADULT, IT WAS ALWAYS, YES SIR, NO SIR, YES MAM, NO MAM. THEY WERE TAUGHT TO SHOW RESPECT TO ELDERS.

WHAT IS IT LIKE TODAY, AFTER WE HAVE REMOVED THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FROM THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN. THE LARGEST GROWTH IN CRIME FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS HAS BEEN WITH THOSE BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWELVE AND TWENTY THREE.

WHEN WE LOVED THE LAW WE HAD PEACE WITH OUR CHILDREN AND THEY HAD PEACE WITH EACH OTHER. TODAY THEY ARE AFRAID TO GO TO SCHOOL AND WHEN AN ELDERLY PERSON

ENCOUNTERS THREE OR FOUR OF THEM ON THE STREET OR IN A MALL, THEY FEAR WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN TO THEM.

WOULD IT NOT BE GREAT TO ONCE AGAIN HAVE THE LIBERTY TO LOVE OUR CHILDREN AND BE LOVED BY THEM.

THE NEXT LAW

EXODUS 20:13 "YOU SHALL NOT MURDER.

OUR LAW TODAY,

1 JOHN 3:15 ANYONE WHO HATES HIS BROTHER IS A MURDERER, AND YOU KNOW THAT NO MURDERER HAS ETERNAL LIFE IN HIM.

SOUNDS LIKE THIS LAW IS STILL TO BE IN FORCED. .

WHAT IS THERE ABOUT THIS LAW THAT EFFECTS OUR LIBERTY

AGAIN, WHEN I WAS A YOUNG MAN , CHILDREN PLAYED OUTSIDE IN A EMPTY LOT UNTIL DARK WHEN THE ADULTS CALLED THEM IN FOR BED AND THE ADULTS ROCKED ON THEIR FRONT PORCH OR TALKED OVER THE BACK FENCE. THE MURDERS WERE LOCKED UP BEHIND BARS, TODAY THE PEOPLE OF GOD ARE LOCKED UP IN THEIR HOMES WHILE THE MURDERS ARE OUT IN THE STREETS. WE DON'T KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS OR THE CHILDREN THAT OUR CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL WITH. TO HAVE THIS LIBERTY, THE LAW MUST ACCOMPLISH ITS PURPOSE, FOR ALL OF MANKIND TO LOVE HIS NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF.

THE NEXT COMMANDMENT IS PRACTICED BY SO FEW.

EXODUS 20:14 "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.

THE NEW LAW IS VERY CLEAR

1 COR. 6:9-11 DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT THE WICKED WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD? DO NOT BE DECEIVED: NEITHER THE SEXUALLY IMMORAL, NOR ADULTERERS NOR MALE PROSTITUTES NOR HOMOSEXUAL OFFENDERS

WHAT HAS THE ABANDONMENT OF THIS LAW MEANT TO OUR SOCIETY?

WHEN WE USED TO SAY EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL, ONE NATION UNDER GOD I GRADUATED WITH A CLASS THAT ALL MY PEERS HAD TWO PARENTS.

TODAY, THIRTY PERCENT OF ALL AMERICAN FAMILIES - AND 63 PERCENT OF THE NATION'S BLACK FAMILIES - ARE HEADED BY SINGLE PARENTS, 45 PERCENT OF THESE FAMILIES LIVE BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL.

IN A SURVEY LAST SUMMER, ONLY 32 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE ASKED, THOUGHT THEY NEEDED TO BE MARRIED TO LIVE TOGETHER, TO PRODUCE CHILDREN. THE REPORT WENT ON TO SAY IT MATTERED LITTLE WHETHER THEY WERE CHURCH GOING PEOPLE OR NOT. BOTH GROUPS FELT THE SAME .

PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR LIBERTY AND BECOMING SLAVES TO POLITICAL PARTIES AND GOVERNMENTAL BODIES BECAUSE WE NO LONGER HAVE MOTHERS AND FATHERS AS A UNIT COMMITTED TO RAISING THEIR CHILDREN. SO THE SINGLE PARENT MUST VOTE FOR THE PARTY THAT WILL GIVE THEM THE MONEY THEY NEED TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN. IT DOES NOT MATTER WHAT ELSE THE PARTY OR GOVERNMENT BODY DOES, THEY HAVE NO FREEDOM TO MAKE A DECISION BASED ON ANY OTHER ITEM BUT THIS. IF WE COULD ALL OBEY THIS LAW WE WOULD GIVE FREEDOM BACK TO PARENTS TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN.

THE NEXT POINT OF THE LAW IS BROKEN BY EVERY LEVEL OF SOCIETY.

EXODUS 20:15 "YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.

EPHESIANS. 4:28 HE WHO HAS BEEN STEALING MUST STEAL NO LONGER,

THIS LAW IS SO IGNORED THAT THE NATION HAS LITTLE UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS. THE GOVERNMENT STEALS FROM THE PEOPLE. DURING THE FIFTY TWO YEARS THAT I HAVE VOTED FOR CONGRESS SO THEY COULD DO THEIR BEST TO HELP THE PEOPLE THEY REPRESENT THEY HAVE RAISED THE MINIMUM WAGE \$9,063.00 A YEAR TO HELP THOSE THAT NEED HELP THE MOST IN OUR SOCIETY, OVER THAT SAME PERIOD OF TIME THEY HAVE RAISED THEIR SALARY \$102,000.00 A YEAR. COMPARE \$9,000 TO \$102,000. WHO IS BEING SERVED HERE? MANAGEMENT STEALS FROM THEIR STOCK HOLDERS AND EMPLOYEES. WE HAVE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF COMPANIES WITH THEIR FRIENDS AS THEIR EXECUTIVE BOARD PAYING THEM MILLIONS OF DOLLARS A YEAR WHILE THEIR COMPANIES ARE GOING BROKE AND OUT OF BUSINESS. WHILE AT THE SAME TIME THEY ARE FIRING SUBORDINATE FOR MAKING SMALL MISTAKES. AND EMPLOYEES ARE STEALING FROM THEIR EMPLOYERS. THE WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORTS THAT SEVEN CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR SPENT ON AN ITEM IN A MAJOR STORE IS TO COVER THE LOSE OF ITEMS STOLEN BY EMPLOYEES.

.WHAT ABOUT TRUTH?

EXODUS 20:16 "YOU SHALL NOT GIVE FALSE TESTIMONY AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.

ROMANS 13:9 THE COMMANDMENTS, "DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS," IS INCLUDED IN THIS ONE RULE: "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

THE PROSECUTORS IN CALIFORNIA SAY THAT PURGERY DURING A TRIAL IS SO COMMON IT IS HARD TO KNOW WHO IS GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY WITH OUT SOLID MATERIAL EVIDENCE. YOU CAN NO LONGER BELIEVE WHAT PEOPLE WILL TESTIFY TO.

AND NOW THE LAST PART OF THE LAW

EXODUS 20:17 "YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S HOUSE. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE, OR HIS MANSERVANT OR MAIDSERVANT, HIS OX OR DONKEY, OR ANYTHING THAT BELONGS TO YOUR NEIGHBOR."

AND IN THE NEW COVENANT, DO NOT COVET,

IF I COVET SOMETHING THAT I DO NOT HAVE, IT MEANS I AM NOT HAPPY WITH WHAT GOD HAS PROVIDED ME. SO FOR ME TO HAVE LIBERTY IN THIS AREA, I MUST BE PLEASE WITH GOD AND HIS PROVISIONS. I MUST BE CONTENT WITH MY LIFE.

JESUS INFORMED US " IF HE SHALL MAKE US FREE, WE SHALL BE FREE INDEED" - JOHN 8:36. THAT FREEDOM BEGINS WITH SALVATION IN JESUS AND IS PRESERVED BY OUR OBEYING HIS PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY.

BUT WE ARE WARNED ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE ALLOWED THE LAW OF GOD TO BE TAKEN OUT OF OUR PUBLIC ARENA,

2 TIM. 3:2 PEOPLE WILL BE LOVERS OF THEMSELVES, LOVERS OF MONEY, BOASTFUL, PROUD, ABUSIVE, DISOBEDIENT TO THEIR PARENTS, UNGRATEFUL, UNHOLY,

TODAY IN OUR COUNTRY ONE OUT OF EVERY SEVENTY PERSONS ARE IN PRISON. WE NO LONGER LIVE IN THE COUNTRY THAT OUR FOREFATHERS FOUNDED. TODAY WE HAVE LAWS THAT OPPOSE THE GOD OF OUR FOREFATHERS, THE GOD THAT THEY SAID GAVE US THE RIGHT TO START THIS COUNTRY. AND BECAUSE WE HAVE CHOSEN TO DISREGARD GOD IN OUR SCHOOLS, OUR GOVERNMENT AND OUR BUSINESSES GOD IS CHOOSING NOT TO BLESS US AS HE ONCE DID. WHAT IS THE ANSWER, DO WHAT KING DAVID AND PRESIDENT WASHINGTON SAID TO DO, EMBRACE THE LOVE OF GOD BY LOVING HIM WITH OUR WHOLE HEART, MIND AND STRENGTH. LOVE THE SON THAT HE GAVE TO SET US FREE FROM THE FEAR OF DEATH AND FOLLOW THE LAW

THAT HE GAVE TO KEEP US FREE FROM DAILY HARM IN OUR LIVES. FIRST BE TRUE TO OURSELVES, ASK , HOW AM I DOING, THEN OUR FAMILY, THEN OUR CHURCH FAMILY, AND THEN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

ONE DAY EACH OF US WILL STAND BEFORE JESUS, WILL THIS BE HIS QUESTION TO US, SIMILAR TO HIS QUESTION TO PETER,” ANDY DID YOU LOVE YOUR SIN MORE THAN YOU LOVE ME, OR DID YOU WANT THE ACCEPTANCE OF MAN MORE THAN MY TRUTH?”?

WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT HE THAT IS IN US, IS GREATER THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD. WILL WE OBEY THE LAW OF GOD OR NOT? WILL THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, THE LAW OF GOD, HAVE A PLACE IN OUR SCHOOL, IN OUR PUBLIC SQUARE, OUR GOVERNMENT, OUR LIVES? WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, IN A COUNTRY OF THE PEOPLE , FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE IT IS OUR CHOOSE.