



be ye **reconciled** to God

2 Corinthians 5:20

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then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." II Corinthians 5:20



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And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.

Joshua 4:20

When Israel left Egypt and crossed the Red Sea, it was in fear and trepidation as they saw the terror of the Egyptian army. The arm of the Lord, however,

was at hand to deliver them from death as they saw the waters of death close in on their enemies. They had left their old place and their old life - one of slavery and bondage in Egypt - and were moving on to the Promised Land, but, because of their sin and unbelief, they had to walk 40 years in a dry and arid desert wilderness. Even then, they still beheld the goodness of God for their preservation as a nation.

Then they crossed another body of water - the River Jordan. Though relatively small, it was yet a significant crossing because the waters of the Jordan, overflowing at that time of the year, opened also to allow the children of Israel to cross over into the Promised Land. There, they set their feet on Gilgal, the first place in the Promised Land. The first and

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great General Joshua did was to ask for 12 stones to be pitched in Gilgal. A site of any significant event in the life of the Israelites was often indicated by a monument to remember the great work that God had done for them.

The Lord has done great works for us, has He not? The twelve stones served to remind the Israelites of the goodness of God and His Promises. What work has God done that we should remember?

We need to remember our salvation. This was the place where Christ won the victory for us. This was where our sins and shame was removed and dealt with. This was where Satan had to flee, and where our soul was set free from sin and death. This was where our relationship with Christ is eternally secured and our Spirit forever joined to the Heavenly family. What a day of joy for us and for the angels of Heaven. Scripture declares there is joy over one sinner that repenteth! We need to remember our salvation as it encourages us in our despair, strengthens us in our trials, cheers us in our dark moments and lifts us up when we fall. Remembering our salvation helps us to know that we are mere pilgrims in this world and we are just passing through. The things we have here and the possessions we gather here are merely temporary. We have a far more glorious inheritance awaiting us.

We need to remember our Saviour. The Canaanites were an idolatrous people but when they heard that the people of the God Who opened the Red Sea were coming, they trembled. They could not have crossed the Red Sea and then the River Jordan without the aid of GOD - the Lord

Jesus, our Saviour. Our Saviour is such a wondrous gift to this world and to us. He came to show us how to live, how to love and how to lead a life that is glorifying to God. His life inspires us, His love encourages us and how he led His life challenges us to be more and more like Him. As the Israelites stood and pitched the stones at Gilgal, they were not merely remembering the opening of Jordan but *"That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever."* (Joshua 4:24)

We need to remember our sanctification. Twelve stones represented all of Israel - the twelve tribes. Similarly, it represents our completeness in Christ. As we progress into the Promised Land, we are to allow God to sanctify us and change us into his likeness. The children of Israel would face giants and enemies in the Land. We, too, will face giants and enemies in our Christian life. Yet, we are equipped with the Holy Spirit and His Word to lead and guide us, to strengthen us in the way and to help us overcome our sins, ourselves and Satan.

Are we, as we stand at the threshold of Jordan and look at our "Promised Land," be unable to go across with the authorities and the giants in the land or with our sins and unbelief? Will our unwillingness to go across in the name of the Lord stop us? With faith in His will and obedience to His word; with love for each other and strength for the word; with concern for our young ones and consideration for the weaker Christians, will we remember and go forward as the children of Israel did? Let us remember our God and love our brethren so that we truly roll off the reproach of Egypt and move on

thought of the week

What is the reproach on your life that is still clinging on to you?

Will you let Christ remove it?

memory verse

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him...

1 Kings 18:21

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Turn to: **Joshua 5:1 - 9**

Numbers 14:33-34 And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

Hebrews 3:12-13 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

John 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Turn to: **John 1:12; John 10:27; Romans 8:37, 38**

Joshua 2:10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

Romans 10:2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

Matthew 22:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.

Romans 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

James 4:2 yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

Isaiah 59:1 - 2 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: / But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

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FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

PASTOR'S WHO PREACH RIGHT BUT DON'T FOLLOW THROUGH



The following statement is similar to many others I have received over the past few years: "Our pastor is a true man of God. He has been preaching strong from the pulpit on worldly living, such as music and dress, but it doesn't appear to be penetrating the people's lives. Only one or two show up for soul winning. Even the youth pastor and teachers and deacons don't participate. The youth pastor does not preach separation from the world. Most if not all of the youth in the church are worldly and are being fed CCM and secular music at home. There is no dress code and it seems the clothes are getting worse and worse. I am afraid if I let my children participate in the youth program that they will be influenced in a negative way. I feel like out of the entire church, there are only a very few people who understand or even care about the biblical position I am taking. I'm afraid that if the preacher pushes too hard, they will boot him out." **REPLY FROM BROTHER CLOUD:** Since I do largely agree with the statement that "everything rises and falls on leadership," much of the problem in the situation you have described must fall at the pastor's feet. Preaching right and strong is a good and necessary thing, but it isn't enough. The Word of truth and holiness must be exemplified in the lives of the pastors and their families and in the lives of the teachers and workers. It must be modeled by high standards for officers and workers, supported by direct confrontation of sin, and enforced by discipline. It's not enough to preach God's Word from the pulpit; church members must be dealt with one-on-one. The preacher is to warn and teach EVERY MAN (Colossians 1:28). A pastor can't force every church member to be faithful and to dress right, etc., but he can require this of those who represent the church in a leadership or ministry capacity. If the pastor preaches against immodest dress and contemporary, worldly music and exhorts the people to faithfulness, but allows his own wife and children or his teachers and deacons to dress immodestly and to listen to worldly music and to be unfaithful, his preaching will be sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. As for losing people, I would rather have 20 church members who love Christ and want to obey Him than 200 half-hearted Laodiceans. God

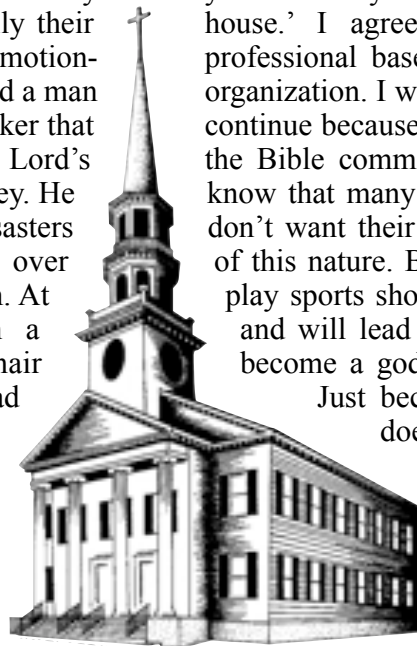
ANOTHER ISRAELI MINISTER CALLS FOR BUILDING THE THIRD TEMPLE

Uri Ariel has become the second Israeli government minister in a year to call for building the Third Temple. Speaking at an archaeological conference near ancient Shilo, where the Tabernacle was located in the day of Samuel, Ariel said, "We've built many little, little temples [referring to synagogues], but we need to build a real Temple on the Temple Mount" ("Minister Calls for Third Temple," *The Times of Israel*, July 5, 2013). Ariel, Israel's Housing and Construction Minister, is a member of the Jewish Home party. In 2012 Zevulun Orlev, another Jewish Home MK, called for rebuilding the Jewish Temple, though he acknowledged that removing the Dome of the Rock and al-Aqsa Mosque would mean that the "billion-strong Muslim world would surely launch a world war." It will probably be up to the antichrist, who will come on the scene as a man of peace and a great world problem solver, to make the building of the Third Temple possible. When he shows his true colors, he will sit in that temple and require the world to worship him. "Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).

can bless and empower the 20 far more than the 200. What Gideon needed was an army of true soldiers more than a multitude of nominal ones. As for church finances, God will always take care of those who honor Him and His Word (Matthew 6:33). God isn't dependent on any big tither who stands in the way of His holy business.

FAITHFULNESS TO THE HOUSE OF GOD

The following is adapted from "Faithfulness in God's House" by Pastor Terry Coomer, www.fortheloveofthefamily.com -- "Obviously, there are emergencies where a person must be out of church, but I have found that people who are loose with their attendance on the Lord's Day always have spiritual issues and generally their family and children suffer. (They are emotion-led rather than Bible-led.) Years ago, I had a man in our church who worked for an automaker that paid double time for working on the Lord's Day. He did this many times for the money. He had two children who grew up to be disasters and he spent that money many times over getting them out of the jams they were in. At the end of his life, suffering from a debilitating disease, he was wheelchair bound. He told me, 'Pastor I wish I had never done that by working on Sunday; I lost my children and look at their lives!' Folks, the last six months of his life he sat in a wheelchair looking out a window crying over his family. All his children were interested in was how much money they would get when he died! He had raised selfish children. In the past I was the publisher of a newspaper, a top



executive in our company, and had several people working for me. I made sure our employees understood that we do not work on Sunday. A pastor friend used to say, 'There are other people who can do that job and God can provide a job for you so that you do not have to be out of God's house.' I agree. When I got saved I played professional baseball in the San Francisco Giants organization. I was a pitcher, but I knew I could not continue because they play baseball on Sunday and the Bible commands me to be in God's house. I know that many people in a sports-oriented world don't want their children to miss out on activities of this nature. Being unfaithful to God's house to play sports shows lack of spiritual understanding and will lead to a stolen heart. ... When sports become a god, spiritual disaster takes place. ... Just because others make poor decisions does not mean that I should. I should want my children to grow up and walk with God, but this will not happen if willful sin is in my life. God blesses faithfulness; He does not bless slothfulness. 'Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful' (1 Cor. 4:2)."

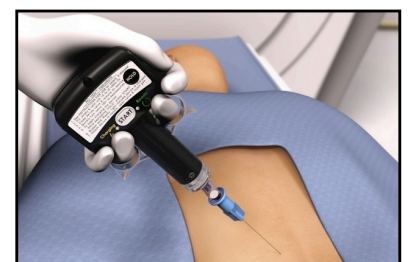


KNOWLEDGE SHALL INCREASE

About 2,500 years ago, during the Persian Empire, an angel told the prophet Daniel, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" (Daniel 12:4). We are seeing a dramatic fulfillment of this in our day. Recent inventions include the following:

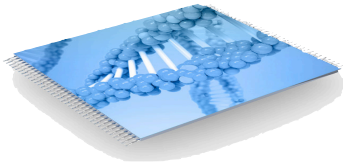
Intravenous oxygen injection. Scientists at Boston Children's Hospital have invented an injection filled

with gas-filled microparticles that delivers oxygen directly into the bloodstream for patients who cannot breathe, reducing the incidence of organ injury and cardiac arrest. Animals have been kept alive without breathing for 15 minutes (*Medical News Today*, July 1, 2012).



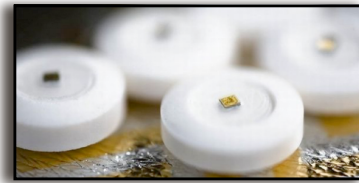
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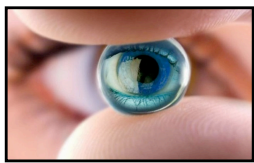
Advanced biological computer. Israeli scientists have developed an advanced molecular computer built entirely of biomolecules, such as

DNA and enzymes, that can manipulate genetic codes (“Technion Scientists Develop,” *Israel National News*, May 23, 2013). The biological computer can perform long division of binary numbers and can do iterative computation, which means it uses output as a new input for subsequent computations.



Ingestible computer pills are set to go mainstream in 2014.

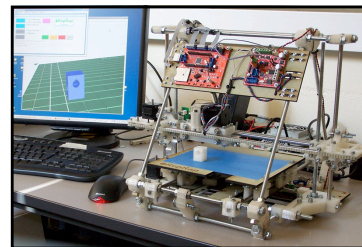
“The smart pills are actually tiny robots that travel through your digestive system and monitor how everything works, from your vitals to blood flow to temperature in real time. They wirelessly transmit results to a cell phone app, body patch or website. Proteus Digital Health is one startup that’s working on an ingestible computer ... Its pills use stomach acid for power instead of batteries” (“We Will Soon Be Swallowing Computers,” *Business Insider*, June 24, 2013).



FDA-approved bionic eye.

The FDA has approved a first generation bionic eye system that will regain some degree of sight to some blind people (“Can a Bionic Eye See,”

Popular Science, May 20, 2013). The system isn’t like normal vision, but it has made it possible for test patients to see black and white and discern shades of gray.



Rocket parts are being created with 3D printing technology.

NASA has 3D-printed an injector to deliver liquid oxygen and hydrogen gas to a rocket engine’s combustion chamber (“NASA tests 3D-printed rocket engine fuel injector,” *BBC Technology News*, July 15, 2013). The goal is to create a technology that astronauts could use in space to build replacement parts.



3D object generated using brain waves. A Chilean tech company claims to have created the first physical object using a brain computer-interfaced with a 3D printer (“Mind Control,” *Fox*

News, May 23, 2013). The object resembles the arm of a toy robot.

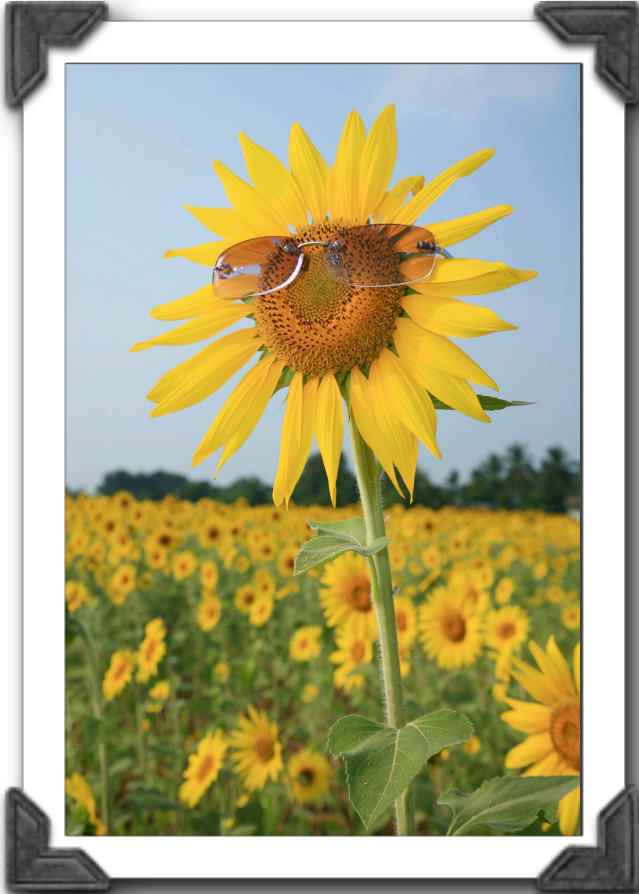
THE SOLUTION TO DEPRESSION

The following is excerpted from John Phillips’ commentary on Psalm 119: “My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word” (Psa. 119:25). “There can be little doubt that the psalmist was in the grip of deep depression. He was flat on his face in the dust. He had come to the end of himself and his own resources. At this point our society would advise us to see a psychiatrist, seek professional help. ... The psalmist makes a different suggestion. He says to the Lord, ‘Quicken Thou me.’ He was going to air his problems all right, but he was going to take them to the Lord. He was going to seek a counselor--the counsel of the Word of God. There are very few problems in this life that cannot be solved by a thorough-going, honest exposure of one’s life to



the Scriptures. To do that is the greatest therapy in the world. The psalmist asked God to ‘quicken him,’ that is, to put new life into him. What he needed was a stiff dose of Scripture, taken with a mixture of faith, every day. Try it. Read your Bible consistently. Say with Samuel, ‘Speak, Lord, Thy servant heareth.’ The Bible is a book of people and principles. Sooner or later, God will confront us in the pages of His Book with the basic cause of our problem and with His inspired, infallible solution to that problem. The psalmist had discovered the best way of all to handle depression. But we must be prepared. The Bible will not hedge or redefine sin. It will put its finger unerringly on the sin question, frequently at the root of other problems of life.”

PLANTS FOCUS LIGHT



The following is from *Creation Moments*, May 21, 2013: “In many ways, a plant is like a machine that changes the energy of sunlight into food energy that is needed by the rest of the living world. The energy which runs the plant is light. Now, if you were going to design a better, more efficient plant, how might you do it? Obviously, one way to improve a plant would be to create one that can do its job with less light. But remember, the plant cannot store more energy than it receives. And if the plant was too sensitive to light, a strong dose of sunlight could kill it. The obvious solution is to outfit the plant with tiny lenses which focus even dim light into the chemical centers where photosynthesis takes place. Due to man's ignorance, modern science has often regarded plants as if they were simple, unsophisticated forms of life. Now scientists have discovered that many plants do indeed have special cells which focus and concentrate the available light into the very centers where it is needed. One plant's shaded leaves were found to intensify available light by 26 times. And if the light gets so strong that it could damage the leaves, the light is focused onto cells which can absorb the extra light. Plants are much more complex, higher-performance living things than we ever suspected. Plants incorporate designs based on a highly sophisticated knowledge of both chemistry and physics. What a wonderful witness they are to our Creator!”



CONCLUSION:

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 Exhortation 2: "The Reproach Removed?"

Passage: _____

introduction

- I. The word reproach means to hold in _____ , to charge with fault in a _____ language, to treat with _____ , an object of _____
- II. When we become _____ , God has rolled off the reproach of your past life off you.
- III. When we are depressed, discouraged, disillusioned, we are _____ .

Why do some of us, as Christians, still have the reproach of Egypt?

- IV. When we anxious and worried, we are _____
- V. God gives grace for us _____ by _____

I. Because We Fail To Recognize Our _____ In Christ

- A. We are the _____ of God
- B. We will never _____
- C. We will never _____ from the _____ of God

II. Because We Fail To Realise That God's _____ Is With Us

- A. Why do some people not able to see God's power in their lives?
 1. They do not base their faith on what God _____ , but what they _____ they should do. They have _____ in _____
 2. When the word of God is taught to them, they did not _____ it.
 3. Because _____ in the Bible is always an _____ word.

III. How do we realize God's _____ in Christ to help us overcome?

- A. By _____ in God based on the _____ of who He is.

IV. Because We Fail To _____ Our _____ With God

- A. We need to deal with the _____ , _____ , _____ and any _____ that will hinder God from removing this Reproach from our lives
- B. We need to start _____

Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

Psalms 126:5-6 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Colossians 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

leaving Egypt

moving on

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“This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you”

Joshua 5:9

We're so glad you're here!

We are truly blessed by your presence with us today as we celebrate our fourth anniversary!

May the Lord speak clearly to each one and we hope you'll know what He wants you to be doing through His Word today!

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DETACH ALONG LINE

my**commitment**

We're all forgetful people, but don't forget what God has spoken to you today. Write something simple that you can commit to do in your life from the messages today and put this slip in a place that will remind you of what you have committed to do.

by God's grace, i commit to:

...from 21 July 2013 onwards

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"Be reconciled to God"
1 Corinthians 5:20

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
	Outreach Efforts (SEM)	Outreach Efforts (YIS)		Rivers in a Dry Place	ABC Youth	Sunday Bible Hour Sunday Worship Service Mandarin Service

"All weekly activities running normally!"

get in touch!

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weekly activities

Sunday Services

Children's Bible Hour 09:30AM
Sunday Bible Hour 09:30AM
Mandarin Service 03:30PM
English Worship Service 11:00AM

Routine Weekly Activities

Faith Bible Institute
Mondays, 07:45PM

"Rivers in a Dry Place"
Fridays, 08:00PM

Ambassador Youth
Saturdays, 10:30AM

For more information on our weekly activities, visit our website at www.ambassador-baptist.org

Outreach Efforts

SEMBAWANG
Person-in-Charge: Bro. Robert
Tuesdays, 08:15PM

YISHUN
Person-in-Charge: *We need one.*
Wednesdays, 08:15PM

prayer requests

- Holiness of life to God and Man
- The various ministries
- For God's leadership in the transition of Ambassador Baptist Church to a Discipleship church
- Souls to be saved, baptized and added to the church in 2013
- Bro. Terry's palliative care.
- Sis Kym's parents' salvation
- Sis Lydia's parents' salvation
- The LAMBS program

the old testament in 9 months

- JUL 22** Exodus 33-35
- JUL 23** Exodus 36-38
- JUL 24** Exodus 39-40
- JUL 25** Leviticus 1-4
- JUL 26** Leviticus 5-6
- JUL 27** Leviticus 7-8
- JUL 28** Leviticus 9-11