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To The Stuff God Wants Sacrificed**

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God's _____ Falls On Those Who Keep 10
Commandments 1 & 2 & which fulfills Matt. 22:36-39

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Will Christians Recommit To A Christian America By ...**

**1 Corinthians 15:58
ESV Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable,
always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the
Lord your labor is not in vain.**

The _____ Are “Stand-In-The-Gap” _____



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WWII Was Started & Perpetuated By Nations that Ascribed God-Like Status To Their Leaders

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Worthless Fellows Put Entire Cities At Risks

Vs. 12 Worthless = good for _____

Vs. 14 mandates “Due _____” of a fair trial

Vs. 15 mandates _____ punishment

Deut 13:12-15 False Prophets Are Public Enemies

_____ enemies commit treason against the nation, and as _____ were to be put to death. False prophets of spiritual fornication promote ...

a) _____ & denial of God’s Sermon On The Mount, to be bitter over the sins of people who died hundreds of years ago!

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5But that prophet or ... dreamer ... shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion (_____ against God’s _____ & lawful authority) against the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt & redeemed (_____) you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge (_____ up & exterminate by fiery consumption) the evil from your midst.

Option = Either destroy the _____ prophet or God destroys your _____

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Christ says When the Holy Spirit comes, He will glorify me.

John 16:15 Jesus says, the Holy Spirit discloses what is of Him.

— **Everything that belongs to the Father is Mine. That is why I said that the Spirit will take from what is Mine and disclose it to you.**

Acts 1:8 The Holy Spirit Empowers Us To Witness of Christ

— **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

Matt 28:19 The Great Commission is to make Disciples of God, The Father, Jesus, God The Son, and God The Holy Spirit

Romans 15:19 Paul preached the gospel of Christ, not the cult of Mary or saints, etc...

— **Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.**

John 14:21 We are to love Christ, not Mary!

— **Whoever has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. The one who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him.”**

John 3:35

The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.

Slide 2) Deut 13: 4-5 (ESV) Deceived Dreamers Divert Us From God

4You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him

and hold fast to him. 5But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

Slide 3) Deut 13: 6-8 (ESV) Love God More Than Any Human Relation

6“If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or your daughter or the wife you embrace or your friend who is as your own soul entices you secretly, saying, ‘Let us go and serve other gods,’ which neither you nor your fathers have known, 7some of the gods of the peoples who are around you, whether near you or far off from you, from the one end of the earth to the other, 8you shall not yield to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor shall you spare him, nor shall you conceal him.

Matthew 10:37

ESV — **Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.**

NIV — **“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.**

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NAS — **“The one who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and the one who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.**

Keep the Greatest Commandment: Matthew 22: 36-38 Because

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- a) the national stakes are so high and failure is extremely devastating
- b) God is egotistical and needy and wants our complete attention
- c) God is Holy and the consequences of disobeying Him are incredibly painful
- d) False gods are demonic and require practices that are extremely destructive to humans and society.

Slide 4) Deut 13: 9-11 (ESV) Excommunicate Those Who Exchange God

xxxx **9**But you shall kill him. Your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people.

10You shall stone him to death with stones, because he sought to draw you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. **11**And all Israel shall hear and fear and never again do any such wickedness as this among you.

This models how God will expel into eternal damnation those who exchange His glory to worship other things.

Romans 1:23

Context Rom 1: 18-23 **18**For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. **19**For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. **20**For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. **21**For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22**Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

23and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

One must suppress truth to worship other gods.

Rom 1: 24 - 27 explains the devastating consequences for societies that do not keep His Word & Commandments prominent in the public sphere.

24Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, **25**because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

26For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; **27**and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

GLORY = the manifestation of God's divine quality of splendor and honor, infinite, intrinsic worth (substance, essence) of brightness. The majesty which belongs to Christ; and α. the kingly majesty of the Messiah, to which belongs his kingly state

As we are made in the image of God, when we violate His Commandments, we exchange the essential dignity of being made in His image for the created thing — which of the most part is the image we make of ourselves. Today our society openly violates Genesis 1 & 3 that God made us male and female. Romans 1: 24 - 27 says those who carve up their bodies trying to recast themselves after an image of their own making, suffer the due penalty of the error in their own bodies.

Psalm 106:20

They exchanged their Glory for the image of a grass-eating ox.

Jeremiah 2:11

Has a nation ever changed its gods, though they are no gods at all? Yet My people have exchanged their Glory for useless idols.

Acts 10:12

It contained all kinds of four-footed animals and reptiles of the earth, as well as birds of the air.

Acts 17:29

Therefore, being offspring of God, we should not think that the Divine Being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by man's skill and imagination.

9But you shall kill him. Your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. 10You shall stone him to death with stones, because he sought to draw you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 11And all Israel shall hear and fear and never again do any such wickedness as this among you.

Israel Exchanged The Glory of God for the Created Thing

Why Does Paul Tell the Church to Deliver Someone to Satan?
(1 Corinthians 5)

Throughout this passage Paul exhorts the Corinthian church to excommunicate this man, a church member who claims to be a brother in Christ.⁴ Consequently, chapter 5 is one of the most significant NT passages for three interrelated theological issues: excommunication, church membership, and congregational church government (I list those three issues from what is more explicit in Scripture to less explicit).⁵

Paul rebukes the Corinthians and commands them to correct their error. Paul first rebukes the Corinthians with a rhetorical

question. In contrast to how they are being arrogant, they should mourn over the man's publicly scandalous and characteristically unrepentant sin, which entails that they should remove the incestuous man from their church.

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Excommunication. A local church removes a person from its membership and does not let him celebrate the Lord's Supper with them. The church does this when the church can no longer affirm that a professing believer is a genuine believer. This is the final step of corrective church discipline.⁶ Matthew 18:15–17 presents four steps of corrective discipline: (1) a fellow church member confronts a professing believer privately; (2) a small group confronts the professing believer privately; (3) a church member notifies the church about the situation; (4) the church excommunicates the unrepentant professing believer. First Corinthians 5 begins with the final step in Matthew 18 because (1) the church already knows about the incestuous man's sin; (2) he is unrepentant; and (3) his sin is so scandalous that it undermines his claim to be a brother (i.e., the church cannot publicly affirm that he is a genuine believer).⁷

Church membership. A local church publicly affirms (as best they can discern) that a person is a genuine believer; that church promises to oversee that person's discipleship; and that person promises to follow Jesus faithfully as part of that local church (which includes submitting to the church's elders). Three perspectives show why church membership is important: (1) It helps a church's elders know for whom they will give account to God. (2) It helps a church's members mature as Christians and enables them to practice church discipline on fellow members (1 Corinthians 5 presupposes church membership, because a church cannot practice church discipline without it). (3) It helps the world know who professing Christians are. Submitting to a

church is not like joining a club; it is more like an embassy in a host nation declaring that a person is a citizen of its home nation. A church declares that a person is a citizen of God's kingdom.⁸

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Congregational church government. What distinguishes different views on how to govern the church is the determination of who holds final authority: the bishop (episcopal), the presbytery (presbyterian), the elders (elder-rule), or the congregation (congregational). While godly, mature Christians disagree on which model is most biblical, I think the most biblical polity is elder-led and congregation ruled.⁹ This model is very different from a modern democracy, in which leaders represent the people and the people make demands on the leaders with the threat that they will vote them out of office; it is more like a combination of a monarchy (Jesus is the King), a senate (elders lead), and a democracy (members vote on certain important matters).¹⁰ I believe 1 Corinthians 5 supports congregational church government because Paul appeals not directly to the church leaders but to the whole church to excommunicate the incestuous man. Some might retort that in chapter 5 the church is merely to carry out what the apostle Paul has already decided for them (v. 3). But Paul supports his argument with a principle: "Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?" (v. 12b). The church as a whole—not just the leaders—is responsible to practice church discipline. Paul uses the case of the incestuous man to train the church in how to act responsibly on their own in the future.

Carry Out the Judgment

Why should the Corinthians remove the incestuous man from among them (v. 2c)? Because Paul has already judged him. Paul has done so as if he were physically present in Corinth even though he is not. Consequently, the Corinthians must carry out this judgment when they assemble.

Verses 3–5 are a single sentence in Greek. Based on form it could be translated as follows, starting with the end of verse 3 (with the words in bold being the main clauses):

I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing [that] when you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, [along] with the power of our Lord Jesus, you [must] deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, [in order] that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. It is possible that the two phrases after "deliver this man to Satan" indicate two purposes, but it is more likely that the first indicates a result and the second a purpose. That is, they must deliver this man to Satan with the result that [Gk. eis] his flesh will be destroyed for the purpose that [Gk. hina] his spirit may be saved.¹¹

A local church delivers a person to Satan when it excommunicates an unrepentant professing believer from that church. As God's dwelling place by the Spirit (3:16–17; Eph. 2:22), the church protects its members from Satan's sphere, but when a church can no longer affirm that a professing believer is a genuine believer, it must return that person to Satan's sphere, which includes every other unbeliever. Satan is "the god of this world" (2 Cor. 4:4; cf. Luke 4:5–6; John 12:31; 1 Tim. 1:20; Eph. 2:2; 1 John 5:19).¹²

The contrast between "flesh" and "spirit" in 1 Corinthians 5:5 is apparently between a person's sinful disposition and a person apart from that sinful disposition (cf. 3:1). Ideally, excommunicating an unrepentant professing believer is ultimately remedial: it has a specific result (destroying that person's sinful nature—similar to Gal. 5:24—such that the incestuous man will repent of his sexual immorality) and a specific purpose (so that God will save him). 5:6 Paul again rebukes the Corinthians (cf. v. 2b). Then he gives a reason their boasting is not good: "a little leaven leavens the whole lump."¹⁴

Leaven is not identical to yeast, which was "foreign to ancient baking" (BDAG, s.v. ζύμη). But it worked like yeast does today: adding a little leaven (i.e., a small bit of fermented dough from

the previous batch) to a new batch of dough made the whole lump of dough ferment and rise.

Leaven here symbolizes evil in the church, specifically the incestuous man (v. 1). God's church must be unleavened or pure. Tolerating unrepentant sexual immorality ruins the whole church's purity. Unchecked sin can quickly spread, like cholera or Ebola.

Notes:

BDAG, s.v. ἔχω 2a.

For parallels in Jewish and Roman literature see Paul Hartog, "Not Even Among the Pagans' (1 Cor 5:1): Paul and Seneca on Incest," in *The New Testament and Early Christian Literature in Greco-Roman Context: Studies in Honor of David E. Aune*, ed. John Fotopoulos, *NovTSup* 122 (Leiden: Brill, 2006), 51–64.

See Clarke, *Secular and Christian Leadership in Corinth*, 73–88. Cf. "among you" (5:1, 2, 13), "old leaven" (5:7, 8), "anyone who bears the name of brother" (5:11), and "those inside the church" (5:12; lit., "the ones inside"; the ESV adds "the church" for clarity). The woman is probably part of "the ones outside" (cf. 5:12–13)—that is, not a church member—because Paul does not rebuke her.

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See Jonathan Leeman, *Church Discipline: How the Church Protects the Name of Jesus*, 9Marks (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012); Jonathan Leeman, *Church Membership: How the World Knows Who Represents Jesus*, 9Marks (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012); Jonathan Leeman, *Don't Fire Your Church Members: The Case for Congregationalism* (Nashville: B&H Academic, 2016); John S. Hammett and Benjamin L. Merkle, eds., *Those Who Must Give an Account: A Study of Church Membership and Church Discipline* (Nashville: B&H Academic, 2012); Mark Dever and Jonathan Leeman, eds., *Baptist Foundations: Church Government for an Anti-Institutional Age*

(Nashville: B&H Academic, 2015); Jeremy M. Kimble, *40 Questions about Church Membership and Discipline*, 40 Questions (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Academic, 2017).
Corrective church discipline confronts sinning church members. Formative church discipline teaches and exhorts them. Corrective is negative; formative is positive. Both are part of making disciples.

Cf. Leeman, *Church Discipline*, 63: "When a sin is so deliberate, repugnant, and indicative of a deep doublemindedness that a congregation is left unable to give credence to a profession of repentance, at least until time has passed and trust has been re-earned, it should proceed with excommunication, determining to test for repentance after the fact."

For the embassy analogy see Leeman, *Church Discipline*, 40–41; Leeman, *Don't Fire Your Church Members*, 168–169. I offer this qualification: a church can be robustly healthy under any of these models of church government, and a church can be pitifully sick under any of them. What is decisive is not a church's polity but whether godly, humble, qualified men are leading the church.

Cf. Leeman, *Don't Fire Your Church Members*, 10–12.

Cf. Fee, *First Epistle to the Corinthians*, 230.

Cf. Derek R. Brown, *The God of This Age: Satan in the Churches and Letters of the Apostle Paul*, WUNT 2.409 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2015), 140–151.

A proverb Paul also uses in *Galatians* 5:9.

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Slide 5) Deut 13: 12-15 (ESV)

Entire Cities Experience Consequences

12If you hear in one of your cities, which the LORD your God is giving you to dwell there, 13that certain worthless fellows have gone out among you and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known, 14then you shall inquire and make search and ask diligently. And behold, if it be true and certain that such an abomination has been done among you, 15you shall surely put the inhabitants of that city to the sword, devoting it to destruction, all who are in it and its cattle, with the edge of the sword.

Our cities today, led by idol worshipping Catholics, are infested with BLM and ANITFA, whom fit the Bible's describes of **WORTHLESS**. (scoundrels, useless, good for nothing, destruction, wickedness (often in connection with 'iysh, 'ishshah, ben, etc.) -- Belial, evil, naughty, ungodly (men), wicke

Webster's 1828 **BE'LIAL**, *noun* As a noun, unprofitableness; wickedness. As an adjective, worthless; wicked. In a collective sense, wicked men.

These prophets of spiritual fornication want us to ..

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- d) VIOLATE Ten Commands 1 & 2 and follow the religions of socialism, communism, etc...

Devoting = c 15c That is, setting apart (devoting) as an offering to the Lord (for destruction)

Slide 6) Deuteronomy 13: 16-17a (ESV)

Destroy What God Devotes To Destruction X

16You shall gather all its spoil into the midst of its open square and burn the city and all its spoil with fire, as a whole burnt offering to the LORD your God. It shall be a heap forever. It shall not be built again. 17None of the devoted things shall stick to your hand, that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger

Slide 7) Deuteronomy 13: 17b-18 (ESV)

God's Compassion Falls On Those Who Keep 10 Commandments 1 & 2

17b ... and show you mercy and have compassion on you and multiply you, as he swore to your fathers, 18if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, keeping all his commandments that I am commanding you today, and doing what is right in the sight of the LORD your God.

TODAY'S MESSAGE & SLIDES

Slide 8) Message Map: Deut 13:1-18

Discovering Deuteronomy's Divine Duties #13

“Worshipping In Spirit & Truth Secures National Sovereignty”

- 1) **Deut. 13: 1-3** If We Love God, We Lift Up Christ. If We Love Religion, We Lift Up Other Things, Aka “Idols”
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Slide 9) Part 1)

If We Love The God Of The Bible We Lift Up The Lord Jesus Christ

John 16:13-14 13...when the Spirit of truth comes,14He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you

L = Listen to what the Bible says

O = Obey what the Bible says

V = Validate by practicing what the Bible says

E = Endure, despite opposition against what the Bible says

Deut 6:5, Deut 11:30, Deut 20:30, Deut 23:5, Deut 30:6 & 16, Joshua 22:5 & Matt 22:37

Love The Lord Your God

Deut 6:5 Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with ... your soul and with all your strength. Deut 12:

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Deut 20:30 love the LORD your God, listen ... his voice, and hold fast to him

Deut 23:5 However, the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam because the LORD your God loves you and turned the curse into a blessing for you

Deut 30:6 The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts ... your descendants, so that you may love him with all your hearts

Deut 30:16 love the LORD your God, ... walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands

Joshua 22:5 love the LORD your God, ... But be very careful to keep the commandment and the law

Matt 22:37 'Love the Lord your God with ... your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

Slide 10) Deut 13:1-2 Signs & Wonders Are No Assurance That One Is Serving Christ (Ex. 7:12, Matt 7: 21-23)

When Deut. 13:1 says 1“... a prophet or a dreamer ... gives you a sign or a wonder, 2and [it] comes to pass, and if he says, ‘Let us go after other gods,’ which you have not known, ‘and let us serve them,’” it means...

Ex. 7:12 is true each of Pharaoh’s sorcerers and magicians cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs.

Matt 7: 21-23 21“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ 23And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

Slide 11) Not All Signs & Wonders Are Of God

When Deut. 13:1 says 1“... a sign or a wonder, 2[that actually] comes to pass” it refers to ...

A **SIGN** is a **MIRACLE** that provides **EVIDENCE**, a signal given as an omen or an omen given as a signal or flag = to draw our attention to

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Slide 12) Lawless & Sinful People Can Perform Signs & Wonders

Matt 7: 22-23 ²²On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not **PROPHECY** in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many **MIGHTY WORKS** in your name?'
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Slide 13) Part 2) Deut. 13: 3-5 God Warns Us To Keep Worship Pure To Protect Our Nation

Psalm 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage

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⁵But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because **he has taught rebellion** against the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst.

A **sign** was some event foretold by the prophet, and the occurrence of which was a token that something else which he announced would happen or should be done (cf. 1 Samuel 2:34; 1 Samuel 10:7-9; 2 Kings 19:29; Isaiah 7:11-14; Isaiah 38:7; Mark 13:4, etc.). **A wonder was a miracle, the performance of which gave proof of a Divine commission** (cf. Deuteronomy 4:24). These signs, it is assumed, should come to pass; nevertheless, **the people were not to listen to the man who gave them to go after other gods. The mere fact that he sought to persuade them to forsake the worship of Jehovah was sufficient to prove him an impostor**; for how could one who sought to seduce the people from God be sent by God? **The sign which was given to authenticate such a message could only be one of those "lying signs and wonders after the working of Satan," by which his emissaries try to deceive and mislead; and was permitted by God only that their fidelity to him might be tested and proved.**

They had already received God's message; they had his word; and no teaching which contravened that, however apparently authenticated, could be from him, or was to be accepted by them (cf. Jeremiah 29:8; Galatians 1:8, 9; 1 John 3:1, etc.). Come what might, they were to walk after Jehovah their God, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and serve him; and cleave unto him. The false prophet, as a public enemy and a suborner of treason against the King of Israel, was to be put to death; and so the evil would be put away from among them.

Slide 15) God Empowers False Prophets Because ...

God tests the quality of faith, not the quantity to which we will sin. He tests to see if ...

- a) we will live by every word of God
- b) we stubbornly kick against the pricks and goads God uses to direct us
- c) we harden our hearts, as the pharaoh of Exodus did, and God does not stifle (**STIFFENS**) our resolve to go our own way.
- d) we will persist in deception and go to Hell any wild way you wish!

Slide 16) Deut 13:1-5 False Prophets Are Spokespersons Who Lead Us Astray

False Prophets Parade about as ...

- **Politicians** who devalue, debunk & vote in opposition to what the Bible teaches
- TV **Personalities**, who promote sin as progressive freedoms
- **Purveyors** of the Daily Horoscope
- **Psychics**, Tarot Card Readers, Ms. Cleo

Slide 17) Part 3 Worthless Fellows Fuel Faith in False Gods

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Deut. 6: 4 “**POLY-Theism**” Is More Problematic & Deceptive than Atheism

WWII Was Started & Perpetuated By Nations that Ascribed God-Like Status To Their Leaders

Imperial Japan elevated its emperor to god status, making it easier for his high command to justify anything and

everything. In the interwar years, Japanese authorities began reversing liberal policies on religious activity. **By the late 1930s**, as Princeton University’s Sheldon Garon details, **the regime was regulating religious activity, ordering religious groups to correct “discrepancies between their teachings and the imperial myth,” and subordinating all faiths to the cult of the emperor.**

Likewise, **the Nazi regime desired “a complete extirpation of Christianity,”** as the U.S. government concluded after combing through Nazi records, but “considerations of expediency made it impossible” to do so in one fell swoop. So **Hitler employed a policy of gradualism: lying to church leaders about the Nazi program and then lying about church leaders to the German people, abrogating laws protecting religious independence, seizing control of church institutions, shuttering religious schools and seminaries, declaring certain denominations illegal, fomenting violence against church leaders, sending anti-Nazi church leaders to concentration camps and murdering others.**

The Soviet Union – an enemy-of-my-enemy ally during the war – **rejected religion altogether, purged those who refused to genuflect to the state and elevated government above all else. Vladimir Lenin, founding father of the Soviet Union, viewed religion as “a powerful and ubiquitous enemy,”** Johnson writes.

Virtually the entire clergy corps of the Russian Orthodox Church was liquidated or sent to labor camps in the 1920s and 1930s. “By 1939 only about 500 of over 50,000 churches remained open,” the Library of Congress reports.

Although Josef Stalin, in the grimmest days of World War II, permitted the practice of religion to rally the Russian people, it was a self-serving – and short-lived – response to an existential

threat. As evidence, in 1953, Stalin ordered more than a million Soviet Jews deported to Siberia. They were spared only by his death.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PROFESSOR WILLIAM INBODEN notes that “every major war the United States has fought over the past 70 years has been against an enemy that also severely violated religious freedom.” He sees a clear “correlation between religious persecution and national-security threats.” Indeed, today’s worst violators of religious liberty represent the most serious threats to U.S. interests.

North Korea stands out “for its absolute prohibition of religious organizations and harsh punishments for any unauthorized religious activities,” the State Department concludes. “Thousands of religious believers and their families are imprisoned in penal labor camps,” according to the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), which consigns North Korea to the lowest tier – the bottom eight – on its ranking of religious freedom. The religious are “arrested, tortured, imprisoned and sometimes executed.” Some 300,000 North Korean Christians have disappeared since the end of the war.

A special United Nations panel finds in North Korea a “complete denial of the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.” State-sponsored crimes include “extermination, murder, enslavement, torture, imprisonment ... persecution on political, religious, racial and gender grounds.”

Recognizing the “many parallels” between North Korea and Nazi Germany, panel chairman Michael Kirby concedes, “I never thought that in my lifetime it would be part of my duty to bring revelations of a similar kind.”

China also ranks in the very worst level on USCIRF’s review. According to USCIRF, “independent Catholics and **Protestants**

face arrests, fines and the shuttering of their places of worship.” Tibetan Buddhists, Uighur Muslims, practitioners of Falun Gong, folk religionists and Protestant house-church attendees are subjected to “jail terms, forced renunciations of faith and torture in detention ... Protestants and Catholics who **refuse to join the state-sanctioned religious organizations continue to face severe restrictions... and property destruction.”**

Consider what’s happening in Wenzhou, a city in eastern China “known for its relaxed ties between church and state,” The New York Times reports. Too relaxed, it turns out. Xia Baolong, a regional Communist Party leader, saw a massive spire atop a new church and ordered government authorities to bulldoze the entire place of worship. A dozen other churches in the region were then forced to remove their crosses or face demolition. Importantly, Xia is a close ally of Xi Jinping, China’s president.

Or consider the story of Bishop Cosma Shi Enxiang, who recently died after 60 years in prison. His crime: refusing to renounce his allegiance to the Vatican – and refusing to bow to Beijing’s illegitimate form of Catholicism. (Perhaps just the opposite is true, considering the Pope’s visit to China)

According to a 2015 Freedom House report, “hundreds of thousands” of religious adherents – many of them guilty of “simply possessing spiritual texts in the privacy of their homes” – were sentenced to labor camps or prison.

According to the State Department, Beijing prohibits teachers and civil servants from worshipping at mosques, fines individuals “for studying the Quran in unauthorized sessions” and positions the Chinese flag on mosque walls “in the direction of Mecca so prayers would be directed toward them.”

Moving from an atheist dictatorship to a fundamentalist theocracy, the picture in Iran is not terribly different. Iran is also ranked in the lowest tier on the USCIRF’s review of international

religious freedom. The Iranian regime is in the midst of what USCIRF describes as “systemic, ongoing and egregious violations of religious freedom, including prolonged detention, torture and executions.”

According to the State Department, the Iranian government “deems conversion from Islam to be apostasy” (punishable by death), bars non-Muslims from engaging in public religious expression (punishable by death), bans the Bahá’í faith from public pensions and imprisons Christian church leaders for spreading “anti-regime propaganda.”

Considered “illegal networks” and “Zionist propaganda institutions” by Tehran, house churches are regularly raided. According to USCIRF, “Christians, particularly evangelicals and other Protestants, are subject to harassment, arrests, close surveillance and imprisonment.”

Shiite theocrats and Sunni autocrats may have different interpretations of the Quran, but the results are largely the same. Like Iran, Saudi Arabia is consigned to be the lowest tier on USCIRF’s survey. Saudi Arabia is a place where “not a single church or other non-Muslim house of worship exists,” where promoting “unbelief” is a crime, where even private religious practice is not protected, according to USCIRF. Worse, high school textbooks “teach hatred toward members of other religions,” promote violence “against apostates,” and label Jews and Christians “enemies.”

According to USCIRF, religious freedom in Pakistan has “hit an all-time low due to chronic sectarian violence” targeting Shiites, Christians, Ahmadis and Hindus (actions for which the Pakistani government is not necessarily responsible) and due to the fact that “the Pakistani government failed to intervene effectively” to protect these groups (inaction for which it is very much responsible). For example, when suicide bombers attacked a church in Peshawar, killing 100 people, and mobs rampaged through Christian villages in Punjab, destroying at least 100 homes, “few, if any, perpetrators were held to account.”

Vladimir Putin’s Russia is a second-tier regime on the USCIRF rankings, among the 26 worst governments when it comes to religious freedom. The State Department cites Russia for “imprisonment, detention and degrading treatment of members of religious minorities.” The Russian government arbitrarily imposes restrictions that infringe on the rights of various Muslim sects, Christian denominations and other religions. A new blasphemy law curtails “the freedoms of religion, belief and expression,” according to USCIRF, which adds that the Russian government prosecutes Muslims without evidence, issues baseless fines against Protestant churches, and denies permits to Mormon, Armenian Catholic and Muslim houses of worship. INBODEN’S CORRELATION between religious persecution and national security is striking. The unsavory regimes noted previously, along with the transnational movements detailed ahead, represent some of the Pentagon’s gravest worries.

The United States is just a hair-trigger away from renewed hostilities with North Korea. China (in cyberspace and the South and East China seas), Russia (in cyberspace and Central and Eastern Europe) and Iran (in the Persian Gulf, Damascus, Baghdad, Manama and Sana) are waging proxy wars against the United States.

To be sure, both Saudi Arabia and Pakistan are technically, nominally, allies. But it pays to recall that Saudi Arabia is “the most significant source of funding to Sunni terrorist groups worldwide,” according to State Department cables. For years, Osama bin Laden hid in plain sight in Pakistan. Also, Pakistan’s intelligence agency midwived the Taliban, which made common cause with al-Qaida.

Beyond the boundaries of any regime, transnational groups target faith freedom.

The Afghan Taliban, for instance, ordered Hindus to wear special identity labels, destroyed ancient statues of Buddha, executed those belonging to opposing sects of Islam,

considered evangelism a “severe crime” and imprisoned foreigners who talked about Christianity. The Pakistani Taliban has targeted Christian churches. A 2001 attack killed 15, a 2002 attack killed five and wounded 45, and a 2013 bombing killed 81.

In short, no one should have been surprised when the Taliban allowed bin Laden to use Afghanistan as a launching pad for his war against civilization. The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, were the natural endpoint for such a monstrous movement – or perhaps we should say “midpoint.” After all, the Islamic State has pushed the jihadist war on civilization to new lows.

ISIS (whose adherents are Sunni Muslim) has summarily executed hundreds of Shiite Muslims in Iraq, set fire to “apostate” homes across Syria and Iraq, executed independent imams and Yazidis, subjected Yazidi women to “systematic rape and sex slavery,” according to the Kurdish government, and orchestrated mass beheadings of Egyptian Christians. ISIS has given Christians a choice to convert to Islam, pay extortion to remain Christian or face execution. And in its self-styled capital of Raqqa, Syria, it has installed sharia law, complete with public executions in the town square.

This is the enemy the United States has been fighting – not by proxy but at close range – for 14 years. But America is not at war with Islam. In the past quarter-century, U.S. forces have rescued Muslims in Kosovo and Kurdistan, Somalia and Sumatra, Kuwait and Kabul. However, the United States is at war with those who would force people to submit to Islam or any other faith. Now, as in Roosevelt’s day, Americans long for a world where neither government dominates religion (like the People’s Republic of China) nor religion dominates government (like the Islamic State or the Islamic Republic of Iran).

THERE’S A PARADOX at work here. Regimes that have no respect for religion naturally see no limits on their power and no

moral constraints on what they do. Since they believe nothing is above the state, they can rationalize everything they do in the name of the state or the fatherland or the revolution. Consider Hitler, Stalin, Mao and the Kim dynasty. Yet regimes and groups at the opposite end of the spectrum – those that see themselves as exponents of a religion and instruments of their god – end up at the very same destination. Since they believe they are acting on behalf of their god, and since nothing is above their god, they can rationalize everything they do in the name of their god. Consider ISIS and al-Qaida, Hezbollah and Iran.

This isn’t to suggest that the United States should go to war against every enemy of religious liberty, but Washington needs to be on alert when interacting with the enemies of faith freedom because even on those occasions when they share America’s interests, they never share America’s values. They are not friends of the United States and are not to be trusted.

As President Ronald Reagan once said, “It is difficult to imagine that a government that continues to repress freedom in its own country, breaking faith with its own people, can be trusted to keep agreements with others.”

Put another way, now is not the time to cut deals with Tehran, take Putin at his word, avert our gaze from the latter-day gulags in North Korea and China, or breezily conclude that we’re “turning the page on a decade of war” – especially given that the enemy in this war is still viciously fighting and still violently opposed to religious pluralism.

Instead, leading policymakers should draw attention – relentlessly and repeatedly – to assaults on religious liberty. The White House should shame regimes that can be shamed, isolate the shameless, help willing governments back on a pathway to respecting human rights and provide a platform for persecuted peoples.

“A little less detente and more encouragement to the dissenters,” Reagan concluded, “might be worth a lot of armored divisions.”

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Slide 18) Deut 13:12-15 Deut 13:12-15 Worthless Fellows Put Entire Cities At Risks

¹²“If ... in one of your cities... ¹³certain worthless fellows ... have drawn away the inhabitants..., saying, ‘Let us ...serve other gods,’..., ¹⁴then you shall inquire ... diligently. And ... if it be true and certain that such an abomination has been done ...¹⁵you shall surely put the ... city to the sword, devoting it to destruction, all who are in it and its cattle.

Vs. 12 Worthless = good for **NOTHING**

Vs. 14 mandates “Due **PROCESS**” of a fair trial

Vs. 15 mandates **CORPORAL** punishment

Slide 19) Deut 13:12-15 False Prophets Are Public Enemies

PUBLIC enemies commit treason against the nation, and as **TRAITORS** were to be put to death. **False prophets of spiritual fornication promote ...**

- a) **UNFORGIVENESS** & denial of God’s Sermon On The Mount, to be bitter over the sins of people who died hundreds of years ago!
- b) serving the human god of **SKIN** color, rather than the immortal God of **SOULS**
- c) **EXCHANGING** the **PEACE** of Christ for the Chaos of **PERSECUTING** each other for past societal practices
- d) Violations of Ten Commandments **1 & 2**

Our cities today, led by idol worshipping Catholics, are infested with BLM and ANITFA, whom fit the Bible’s describes of

WORTHLESS. (scoundrels, useless, good for nothing, destruction, wickedness (often in connection with 'iysh, 'ishshah, ben, etc.) -- Belial, evil, naughty, ungodly (men), wicke

Webster’s 1828 BE'LIAL, noun As a noun, unprofitableness; wickedness. As an adjective, worthless; wicked. In a collective sense, wicked men.

Slide 20) Deut 13: 5 & 10 God Relates Rebellion To Slavery

⁵But that prophet or ... dreamer ... shall be put to death, because he has taught **rebellion (REVOLT** against God’s **SOVEREIGNTY** & lawful authority) against the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt & redeemed (**RANSOMED**) you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall **purge (CLEAN** up & exterminate by fiery consumption) the evil from your midst.

Option = Either destroy the **FALSE** prophet or God destroys your **SOCIETY**

Slide 21) Part 4) We Can Live in Rebellion or as One of the Redeemed Rescuers

Deut. 13: 16-18 the Purpose of Purging Iniquity Is To Purify Politics To Prevent Them From Polluting Paradise!

We Can Live in Rebellion or as One of the Redeemed

Slide 22) Map: God uses Assyria to discipline the No. Israeli Kingdom (NIK- AKA: Ephraim), which is conquered by Assyria from 734-724 B.C.

Assyria threatens the So. Israeli Kingdom, but God prophesies through Isaiah - saying, “No You Won’t.” God provides an amazing Divine Reversal of Circumstances that preserves the nation!

Slide 23) Map: Babylon conquers Assyria & inherits the No. Israeli Kingdom (NIK) Jews & In 586 B.C. Babylon Conquers the

So. Israeli Kingdom. The So. Israel kingdom fails to worship & trust God only & they get taken into Babylonian slavery

Slide 24) Map: In 539 B.C. The Medio-Persians Conquer Babylon & in 536 B.C. Persian King Cyrus Commissions Israel to Return to Jerusalem

In Cyrus Isaiah 44-45 Ezra 1:1-4

& 2 Chron 36:22

- **In Approx. 730 B.C. Isaiah 44:28 & 45:1-3 prophecies of Cyrus. This was about 150 years before Cyrus was born, and almost 200 years before Cyrus's army fulfilled the prophecy by conquering Babylon!**
- **In 2 Chron 36:22-23 Cyrus Honors The God of The Bible & Releases The Israelites to Return To Jerusalem to Rebuild The Temple**
- **2 Chron 36:22-23** ²²Now in the first year of **Cyrus king of Persia**, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, **the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus** king of Persia, so that **he made a proclamation** throughout all his kingdom **and also put it in writing:** ²³Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, **'The LORD, the God of heaven**, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he **has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem**, which is **in Judah**. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the LORD his God be with him. Let him go up.'"
- Note: Cyrus calls says Jerusalem is in Judah. "Judah is the name of Southern Israel Kingdom, which now will be reunited with the No. Israeli Kingdom (NIK) as "Israel, whose capital is Judah."
- **Ezra 1:1-4 also gives details of how God used Cyrus to restore Israel.** ¹In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: ²"Thus says Cyrus king of

Persia: The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. ³Whoever is among you of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and rebuild the house of the LORD, the God of Israel—he is the God who is in Jerusalem. ⁴And let each survivor, in whatever place he sojourns, be assisted by the men of his place with silver and gold, with goods and with beasts, besides freewill offerings for the house of God that is in Jerusalem."

Slide 25) DeuT. 13: 16-18 Don't Cling To What God Wants Cleaned

Those Who Are Redeemed & Discipled To Be Clean Don't Cling To The Stuff God Wants Sacrificed

False Prophets tell us to **CLING** to what God wants sacrificed!

Destroy What God Devotes To Destruction

16You shall gather all its spoil into the midst of its open square and burn the city and all its spoil with fire, as a whole burnt offering to the LORD your God. It shall be a heap forever. It shall not be built again. 17None of the devoted things shall stick to your hand, that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger

God's **COMPASSION** Falls On Those Who Keep 10 Commandments 1 & 2 & which fulfills Matt. 22:36-39

17b ... and show you mercy and have compassion on you and multiply you, as he swore to your fathers, 18if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, keeping all his commandments that I am commanding you today, and doing what is right in the sight of the LORD your God.

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Slide 26) America Needs A Divine Reversal

Will God Move To Rescue? Or Is God Done With Us!

Will Christians Recommit To A Christian America By ...

- **Reconnecting to the Puritan Historical Body of Christ (PHBC's) through whom God started our beloved USA**
- **Becoming Ten Commandments 1 & 2 advocates who help the deceived people who call themselves "Christians" to realize that only the Bible defines who the true Christian followers of Jesus are.**
- **Becoming Biblical Basis of Bill of Rights Advocates — as that is the only message that connects us to our Biblical foundation**
- **Advocating 3BR to overcome the false doctrine of "separation of church and state."**
- **Understanding that the 1st Amendment means Biblical Christianity is the national conscience of America to guide our perspective for how society administers freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to assemble and freedom to redress the government for grievances.**
- **We practice Biblical Christianity publicly per 1-4 of The Ten Cmd's**
- **The Bible guides what we administer as appropriate and inappropriate free speech**
- **The Bible guides why we assemble to have Bible studies, prayer and accountability groups and worship services - not to assemble as ANTIFA & BLM to tear down what God has blessed other others to have built!**
- **The Bible guides our understanding of how to redress the gov't violating His Ten Commandments against we-the-people!**

Graphic of Child: They Are After Me. You need to be in he way! Society & the children need us because they can't stand up to adults themselves:

Will God move to rescue Or is God done with US?

7 Motivational Slides (for silent reflection)

- **5000 people line up to donate to a child with a rare cancer**
- **Lowe's employees repairing a broken wheel chair**
- **Mute girl gets glitter and smiles for the first time.**
- **Denmark woman adopts dying abandoned Nigerian child**
- **Man with heart transplants walks his donors daughter down the isle**
- **fire fighter who rescued baby attends her HS graduation**
- **premature twin hugs his weaker sister, and her heart stabilizes and her body temperature rises to normal!**

Slide 27) 1 Corinthians 15:58

ESV Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

NIV Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

NLT So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

BSB Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast and immovable. Always excel in the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

NKJB Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

NAS Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

NAS 1995 & 97 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

Amplified Bible Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord [always doing your best and doing more than is needed], being continually aware that your labor [even to the point of exhaustion] in the Lord is not futile nor wasted [it is never without purpose].

Slide 28) Map Of America & Graphic O Child

The **Redeemed** Are “Stand-In-The-Gap” **Rescuers**

Graphic of Child: “In reality they’re not after you; they’re after me. You need to be in the way!”

All America’s Children Are At-Risk!

All America’s Christians Are On-Deck!

Will Christians Recommit To A Christian America By ...

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Will We Step Up To ReEstablish These Principles In America?

- **If not you then who?**
- **If not now then when?**
- **If not “by my Spirit, says the Lord then how**
- **If not by “My people who are called by my name then who else?**

Let us be “Steadfast, Immovable & Abounding”

Slide 29-30) Let’s Pray

Dear God, thank You for Redeeming us by the Work You Finished through Christ on the Cross Who shed his blood for the payment of our sins, so You can forgive us.

Please help us honor that sacrifice and our redemption by being people who love You and the Word through which You reveal Yourself.

Help us live out the legacy You worked through Your Historical Body of Christ that Birthed, expressed and codified in America's Founding Documents Your Will for mankind's civic freedoms.

Please work in us and make us the kind of people whom You can use in such a time as this to re-establish Your Biblical values into our society.

We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen!

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Slide Xx) Let's Pray 1

Lord, we thank you for your amazing word that teaches us how to worship You in Spirit and in truth!

Give us grace to walk in obedience to your will. Give us the mind of Christ to serve you, according to Your will.

Confirm and Comfort us with Your Presence, and make us more than conquerors, through Christ Jesus, who loves us! Use us to serve you for the salvation of souls and restoring our beloved USA to once again submit to You!

In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen!.





Anne’s LCF Opening 6-4-24

Welcome to LCF on this sunny Saturday evening! We are glad you are joining us to worship the God of the Bible, and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Tonight we continue our series “Investigating The Insights of Isaiah, and will see in chapter 63 that for both us and Israel that What God starts in and through us us by grace only can be maintained by us resting in God’s grace.

Before we worship in God’s Word, let’s turn our hearts to prayer, and then worship in song!

Suggested Prayer:

Lord, we come before You in Jesus’s name, and we turn this service over to You. Please meet each of us in worship tonight and speak to our hearts from Your Word. Build us up and grow us in Christ, through this service we pray.

And all God’s people say, Amen!



Mark’s Introduction To Today’s Scripture Reading

Tonight we continue our series “Investigating The Insights of Isaiah, and will be in chapter 63, with a message about “What God Starts In Grace Must Be Maintained By Us Relying Upon And Resting In God’s Grace.”

Before Pastor Earl lead us through Isaiah 63, let’s read its 18 verses together from the slides on the screen.

As we read today’s Scripture slides, I’ll read the slide headers, and then we’ll read the passages together.

