

# The War College

## Trumpet W1

### INBREEDING, CULLING, AND THE CHURCH

3 pages

If some of you comrades have no interest in animal-husbandry subjects like *inbreeding*, please bear with me. I'm going to show you that inbreeding is more than just another example of the fallacy of "common knowledge" ...we're going to see how the truth about inbreeding ("doth not even nature itself teach you") and the *culling* that must accompany inbreeding *can be applied to Christianity in order to help us avoid apostasy*. And that will help us realize *why* the gates of hell want us to think inbreeding is bad. In retrospect we'll be able to, once again, marvel at the *amazing consistency* of God's creation – all of His truths *really do* complement each other.

I have made this relatively-minor essay the first in the series of War College Trumpets because I'm going to build upon and apply some of the things revealed herein to subsequent trumpets. In this trumpet I'll also define certain terms such as "Recessive genes" that will be used later. Let's begin.

At Canaan Farm many years ago when Robin and I first decided to get livestock, we accepted our responsibility as husbandmen by learning about animals and how to care for them. We selected Horned Dorset sheep, Nubian dairy goats, and Buff Orpington chickens because their traits appealed to us and suited our intended style of husbandry. In most books on caring for animals, we were constantly told inbreeding is bad and dangerous – so stay away from it. Imagine our surprise when we heard from other shepherds in our area about two elderly shepherds who believed in *inbreeding* their sheep. The amazing thing, we were told, was their sheep were in great demand by other shepherds because the sheep were so consistently flawless and because inbred sheep have a high concentration of good genes. If that were true, I asked, why didn't everybody inbreed? The answer was that those two men were having some success with their flocks *now*, but they were "living dangerously" because at any moment their ewes could start having lambs with two heads, three eyes, and three legs.

Along with the fact that the two shepherds were breeding excellent sheep, there were several factors that helped convince me to research inbreeding:

- The two inbreeding shepherds were both retired college professors.
- As a Bible believer I had already learned to be somewhat skeptical of "common knowledge", and my continuing studies would eventually result in the quote, "**To run with the majority during the race of life is to be mediocre all of the time and wrong most of the time.**"
- Many of the more successful shepherds were using breeding programs with various names such as "line breeding" that were really inbreeding with a few inconsistencies thrown in.
- Adam's generations, Noah's generations, and Abraham's generations inbred. And most old-time animal husbandry involved inbreeding because of geographic isolation and the absence of suitable transport for most poor farmers.

I didn't just research inbreeding at the library. I phoned the two retired professors (who lived hours away in opposite directions) and set up appointments for Robin and me to visit their farms and discuss inbreeding. They were amazed and delighted that after all these decades *somebody* wanted to actually sit down and rationally talk specifics. Both professors were intelligent, articulate, most knowledgeable, and very helpful. After fully teaching us that successful breeding (from the standpoint of genetic consistency) must include proper culling, they warned us to be careful about what we said around most shepherds because their retorts would make us no longer respect them as *knowledgeable* husbandmen...and if we tried to help them learn, we'd be disappointed by their slothful reactions and would only convince them we were "inbreeding weirdoes." What I learned from my studies and the two visits was fascinating, not merely because – once again – common knowledge was wrong, but because it turns out the Lord knew what He was doing when He (beginning with Abraham's selecting a wife for his son from among his close relatives) advised the Hebrews to only marry among themselves and to shun pagans.

Inbreeding is incest. It is when you find a stud ram you really like and try to develop a flock that is "made in his image." You do that by having him breed his sisters and daughters and granddaughters and great-granddaughters for as long as he lives. (You could also inbreed by simply "closing your flock" by never bringing in rams or ewes from other flocks, and by letting your rams and ewes breed each other randomly. But this random method would take longer to produce results.)

Incest has gotten a bad reputation for a reason – it tends to force undesirable genetic characteristics to manifest themselves. For example, let's say you have a flock of Horned Dorset sheep and you've heard inbreeding will give them crumpled horns and spots of dark wool. Undesirable traits are produced by "recessive" genes, which are genes that usually don't show up, such as crumpled horns in sheep, and perhaps a "history" of diabetes or heart disease in your family. If you do not inbreed, the recessive genes will *tend* to stay hidden...and you'll only have a crumpled horn (or heart disease in your family) show up every second or third generation. That's right, "outcrossing" (the opposite of inbreeding), which means you go buy a stud ram every two or three years from some other flock so he won't be related to your ewes, will *tend* to "mask" the recessive genes...and bad traits *usually* won't show up. But your flock (and your family) will still have those bad recessive genes in their genetic mix...and in random generations those bad genes will show up.

To review: Outcrossing will *tend* to avoid having problems with recessive traits like crumpled horns and heart disease. It does so because outcrossing tends to favor the good (dominant) genes and subdue the bad (recessive) genes. But the recessive genes are still there in some steep and they can be genetically passed to their offspring...and will randomly show up via crumpled horns every now and then.

**Inbreeding** has the opposite effect on recessive genes; it tends to force the recessive genes to surface. That means initially you'll have more lambs born with crumpled horns and dark spots in their wool. What are you going to do with those sheep with undesirable characteristics? You're going to *cull* them from your flock by turning them into food or selling them. And the lambs that were born looking good (no horn or wool problems) *might* not have any recessives in their genetic mix – because the inbreeding didn't force anything bad to appear...this time. So you'll use them as breeders, but you'll need patience; it'll take several generations of inbreeding and culling to expose and eliminate the recessive genes from your flock. When that is accomplished, no matter which rams and ewes mate, all of their lambs will be pure; you have eliminated the recessive genes from your flock. As long as your flock remains closed it will remain genetically pure and have no problems.

But if you one day go out and purchase a big, good-looking ram from *another* flock so you can use him as a stud, all of your inbreeding and culling will go out the window because the new ram has an unknown genetic mix. For a generation or two you may be pleased. But one day you may have a lamb with hip dysplasia, or a bad under-bite, or something else that shows you've now got unknown recessives lurking in your flock. And the only way to eliminate them is to start over by closing your flock, inbreeding, and culling the undesirables.

Interestingly enough, animals have their own way of culling – which tends to preserve their breed traits: It's called *survival of the fittest* (which is considered by evolutionists to be a "proof" that The Creation never happened). How do animals cull themselves? They *kill* the recessive genes. For example, if you buy two dozen mail-order white chicks, the chicken hatchery wants you to fall in love with and buy more breeds of chickens, so they include in the perforated shipping box a "bonus" specimen of a different breed – such as a cute little black chick. When you go out to the barn and check on the chicks, you'll sometimes notice that when the black chick walks by the white ones, the whities will peck on the black one *simply because he is different from the majority*. And one day you'll find the black chick lying face down, dead, feathers messed up, and covered with little specks of blood from the constant barrage of pecks.

Knowledgeable livestock breeders and Bible believers who have studied to shew themselves approved unto God will be distinct minorities that are *different* from the masses. Bible believers can be compared with the little black chick: the ignorant Christian majority will pick on Bible believers in little "civilized" ways in an unconscious survival-of-the-fittest effort to defend their ignorance, and to spread their Recessive genes. The Bible tells us how to protect ourselves from the fate of those poor picked-on black chicks...it's called *separation* – stay away from those in the apostate majority.

One of the shepherd/professors we visited (from whom we bought sheep and bees) actually went to the Isle of Guernsey in the English Channel to visit dairymen: In the old days the Guernsey breed of dairy cows originated because the geographic isolation of the island (difficult to get stud bulls on small boats) forced the farmers on Guernsey to inbreed. Genetics also explains how Noah, with relatively few animals aboard his ark, could have populated the globe with all the different animal breeds we have today: Just a few mongrel dogs, for example, when turned loose on the earth would have eventually through inbreeding and geographic culling produced many dog and wolf breeds. (Now you know why there are so many different breeds of sheep and cows; it's because of natural inbreeding due to geographic isolation. Just look up a list of sheep breeds and notice that *many* of the breed names are geographic regions.) Today dog breeders are continually producing new breeds by using inbreeding and culling to first isolate the kinds of genes they want and then to purify the breed until the Kennel Clubs are satisfied with the stability and reliability of the new breed. New strains of corn (and apples, and *everything*) are developed in the same way: Mix some strains that have qualities you like, and then use inbreeding (manual pollinating) and culling of the results until you have reliable strains.

That's an abbreviated sketch of inbreeding. It doesn't tell the whole story, but you've got the general idea. Inbreeding is widely understood and used all over the world. In fact, just about the only people who don't understand how useful and helpful inbreeding can be are *the majority!*

There are reasons tradition has given inbreeding a bad reputation:

- The love of money: It's cheaper to outcross and sell expensive puppies to people who want good-looking animals (that may or may not end up with hip dysplasia), and also to sell cheap puppies to families that don't know or care if they're ugly (that may get hip dysplasia), than it is to take the time to inbreed and cull in order to develop a truly pure, healthy breed. (Most "purebred" animals today are not genetically pure.)
- Culling is thought to be "unfair and cruel" by many lightweights.
- Outcrossing *initially* causes "hybrid vigor" (larger animals and crops than normal), so you get to sell more product.

Other info we learned, including how the show rings at our summer county fairs are ruining the purity of our "purebred" livestock; about hybrid vs. open-pollinated crops; what horror the professor learned on the Isle of Guernsey; what the modern agricultural schools were teaching his son; what the huge international seed, chemical fertilizer, and chemical crop spray companies are doing to agriculture; and how the professor's old-fashioned farm sailed through a recession even as he watched his modern-farm neighbors go bankrupt was all fascinating in the context of this discussion...but I'm going to move on and show how inbreeding and culling apply to the Bible and Christianity.

We've seen that inbreeding forces recessive genes to manifest themselves more quickly. I'm going to capitalize *Recessive genes* whenever I use the term in reference to God's people/the church. For example, incorrect doctrines and evil ideologies can be hidden among church members for years because Christians do not have the kind of close-knit, intimate, Bible-based relationships and in-depth discussions and studies that would more quickly expose church members who are lazy, uncaring, unmotivated, or believe in doctrines and ideologies that are subversive to Biblical Christianity. These "Recessive genes" would tend to become apparent if Christians "inbred" by having *verbal doctrinal intercourse* via serious, in-depth, Bible-oriented fellowship.

Since these “Recessive genes” are bad and harmful to the doctrinal wellbeing of the church, they need to be eliminated. That’s where culling comes into play. Culling in the OT eliminated Christians who were polluting the church with Recessive genes / subversive ideologies. Examples of culling include God drowning all the leavened Christians with The Flood; King David executing the young man for harboring a belief in *regicide*; God executed Hananiah for creating doubt about the inerrancy of the word of God as spoken by Jeremiah; the Jews executed any of their own children who hadn’t grown out of their willfulness and rebelliousness by the age of 16; and the church used stoning to cull members guilty of various infractions of the law.

God also instructed his OT saints to avoid Recessive genes by inbreeding / only marrying other Hebrews. Another facet of inbreeding/culling is *separation/shunning*. God told His people to *separate* themselves from pagans and to *shun* bad Christians and to utilize church discipline if necessary.

The proper use of close Christian fellowship (inbreeding) and church discipline (culling) would have produced good, strong, doctrinally-pure church members whose Biblical outlook on life *repelled* them from carnal Christians and pagans and made them seek the haven of the company of good Christians.

But, alas, the majority of OT and NT saints are not good, salty Christians who have kept our churches doctrinally pure and spiritually strong. Our churches have become Recessive-gene breeding grounds for born-again, upstanding, morality-worshipping, tithing, hypocritical Pharisees. In other words, the slovenly “deadwood” in our churches you might ordinarily point to as the problem – *aren’t*...because those slovenly pewsters aren’t really a *doctrinal* threat (but they should be made to get with the program or get out because, as we say on the farm, *they’re taking up room at the feed rack*...room that could be used to feed sheep who want to grow and become active *salts* with *savor*). The true doctrinal threats in our churches are often the Bible-thumping pillars because they tend to be leaders who can influence and leaven all but the few true Bible-based warriors. The reason modern Pharisees survive and thrive is our churches don’t have enough true warriors (defined as doctrinally-mature Swordbearers) to start and sustain the kind of daily, between-services, doctrine-based fellowship and Bible studies and discussions that will eventually expose the tradition-loving, Bible-hating Pharisees (like Christ did) and cause them to pack up and *git!* I hate to keep repeating myself, but *for Jesus’ sake* I’m going to say it again: Just like at the First Coming when the very people who were looked up to as Bible-believing pillars of the church turned out to be the blind who were leading the ignorant slothful majority of pewsters to hell with them; so too is that true today.

Another undeniable truth is *a large church isn’t a sign that it’s a good church*: A good and effective army isn’t the one with a *few* seasoned veterans and *many* unmotivated sloths taking up room at the feed rack; it’s the one with a majority of true warriors and a few motivated, eager, actively-participating-and-growing recruits.

A quick comparison of proper livestock management and proper church fellowship:

LIVESTOCK: Use inbreeding to ensure that the flock remains closely related, thus exposing undesirable traits (recessive genes).

CHURCH: Use separation to ensure close fellowship, thus exposing undesirable traits and doctrines (“Recessive genes”).

LIVESTOCK: Use culling to eliminate animals with undesirable recessive genes for the present and future good of the flock.

CHURCH: Use church discipline to eliminate Recessive genes and enforce proper Biblical doctrine and conduct for the good of the church.

LIVESTOCK: Eventually the flock will be almost free of recessive (undesirable) genes, and it will therefore breed true to form with only minimal culling required to keep it that way – and the breed thrives.

CHURCH: Eventually the church will be populated by dedicated Christians with proper doctrine, which will make it easier to expose and deal with occasional tares and wolves in sheep’s clothing – and the church survives the war.

All of this shows God knows what He’s talking about in the Bible when He advises us to fellowship with those who are believers and doers of the word, to be separated from those that walk in darkness, and to not spare the rod of discipline in the church.

It’s time to get into the meat of this War College material, starting with Trumpet W2.

***“Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.”***

## Trumpet W2

### A REVIEW OF CHRISTIAN WARFARE AND THE LORD’S STRATEGY OF REARGUARD ACTION

5 pages

Lk 14:31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

Satan was not foolish enough to go to war unless he had such huge advantages that convinced him he could win against The Mighty God. You already know from *The Age of Reason* about the dangerous instinctive appeal of the evil of equality and its offspring of carnality and Reason, but the following verses suggest that the doctrine of devils, equality, is so *aggressively potent* that it *cannot* be stopped:

1 Cor 5:6 Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

Lk 13:20,21 Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Mat 16:6,12 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven...Then understood they how that he bade *them* not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine...

If the Bible is correct (and we know it is), and the Devil's leaven *will* leaven the whole lump, that can only mean the gates of hell *will* prevail over the church...*unless*... (Note: This verse does *not* say the Devil will win the war, it says his leaven cannot be stopped. That fact was crucial when God developed His strategy and tactics.)

In this War College Trumpet I am going to let Biblical history demonstrate just how serious, dangerous, difficult, and deadly this war is, which will show *why* the Lord has been using a strategy of *rearguard action* ever since the beginning.

**Rearguard action: The utilization of defensive and/or delaying tactics, often involving heavy casualties, by a retreating army desperately trying to protect itself from defeat or annihilation by an overwhelming force.**

In the next Trumpet, W3, I'll use Scripture to describe the proper tactics given to us by the Lord that are appropriate for a rearguard action designed to enable the church to *endure* to the end *in spite of heavy casualties*.

### **ADAM AND EVE: The Retreat Begins**

Gen 3:22,23 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil...Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden.

In order to win the war, God issued literal instructions to Adam about the forbidden fruit. In a nutshell that's the pattern we need to follow: God is the Authority, He does the thinking, He tells us what to do, we do it. It could not be simpler.

Satan, in order to prevail, wants to reverse all of that: We are our own authority (not God), we do our own thinking (instead of complying with the literal word), and we do what we think is right (establish by our fruit that we are independent and evil).

When Eve told Satan what God literally said, Satan attacked her literal interpretation by responding with theology's mantra, "Yea, hath God said...", and then he offered a "better" interpretation that was more appealing...and Eve accepted it. Satan then overturned Adam's authority by getting him to carry out the will of his servant, which is the democratic process.

To review, right at the beginning of the war Satan successfully introduced leaven to the lump by:

1. Using theology's Reason to undermine faith in the literal accuracy of the word of God.
2. Using democracy to empower the will of the people.

### **DAY ONE: The Christian Holocaust of Adam's Generations**

Gen 6&7 God looked upon the earth, and, behold...all flesh had corrupted his way...the waters of the flood were upon the earth... And all flesh died...and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark.

God told His first patriarch, Adam, to be fruitful and multiply in order to populate the church with soldiers. By the end of the Day, however, Satan had so leavened God's church that only eight people were put aboard the ark. We are not told *how* God's people were leavened, but whatever it was caused God to react with deadly wrath...and He drowned everybody.

Shepherds know how to cull undesirable sheep in order to preserve the integrity of the flock, and the Good Shepherd wisely culled all of the leaven and started over with a new lump/patriarch.

### **DAY TWO: The Culling of Noah's Generations**

Gen 17:7,9 I will establish my covenant between me and thee...to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee...And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

God told His second patriarch, Noah, to be fruitful and multiply in order to repopulate the church with soldiers. By the end of the Day, however, Satan had so leavened the lump of God's people that He decided to divide the human race and start all over with a new patriarch. We are not told *what* leaven made God react so dramatically by culling both Adam's and Noah's generations, but a little later we'll get our first clue from what happened to Moses, and another clue from what happened to Christ.

### **DAYS THREE & FOUR: The Pruning of Abraham's Generations**

Rom 11:11-22 Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but *rather* through their fall salvation *is come* unto the Gentiles...if God spared not the natural branches, *take heed* lest he also spare not thee. Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *his* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

Jn 15:1,2,6 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away...and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned...because of unbelief they were broken off...

God gave the generations of Abraham, His third patriarch, the Old Commission to be fruitful and multiply in order to repopulate the new lump/church with soldiers. He also gave them the written Old Testament.

Some tactics used during this period include:

- **Inbreeding.** All informed shepherds know how valuable inbreeding is (see Trumpet W1) in order to preserve the integrity of the flock. (Doctrinally, I'm including *close Christian fellowship* and *separation* as part of inbreeding. (Again, see Trumpet W1.) God advised His Hebrews to only marry among themselves, to take precautions if they married pagans, and to kill all pagans who lived close to Israel. This was designed to keep leaven out and to expose members of the church who had been leavened (with "Recessive genes").
- **Culling.** The death penalty (including the up-close-and-personal gruesomeness of stoning) was required for a number of transgressions (including some that were "trivial") in order to drive home the importance and necessity of obeying the literal word of God.

On AOR page H2-4 we covered The Grapes of Wrath, which describes an attempt by God's people to dethrone Moses and institute a Christian democracy. An interesting facet of this episode is the fact that God was so angry He came very close to cutting off His people and starting over – again – by making Moses the fourth patriarch (a new lump). Could it be that history repeats itself – especially in the Bible? Could it be that the generations of both patriarchs, Adam and Noah, who also incurred the wrath of God, did so because they were leavened by the principles of democracy as had been done when God's people turned against Moses? *Could it be that the democratic process that toppled Adam in the garden established a pattern that has been repeated in every era and to all patriarchs or to their generations?* Possibly, especially if we include the fact that the generations of Abraham had become so leavened by the time of the First Coming that in a democratic action Christians forced Pontius Pilate to release Barabbas and crucify the fourth – and last – patriarch, Christ. And could it be that NT Christians in a democratic action will elect the Antichrist?

Equality-based democratic action also incurred God's deadly wrath during Korah's uprising (AOR page H2-5) when He killed 15,000 Christians in an effort to make us zero in on why He culled them so we might not make the same democratic mistake. It seems, though, that equality and democracy are such Naturally-powerful ideologies that, in spite of God's sudden and dramatic mass cullings, and in spite of all He has put in His Holy Bible (covered in part in AOR D25, *Damnable Heresy*), today's NT church/lump has swallowed equality and democracy hook, line, and sinker.

### **KING SAUL THE SUBVERSIVE VS. KING DAVID THE SINNER**

We've already noted that by modern Christian standards King Saul's transgressions (1 Sa 15) made him a Boy Scout when compared with the multiple major sins committed by King David. And yet God quickly dumped Saul and retained David. *Any* sin, whether it is considered to be major or minor, makes us sinners in need of forgiveness. Even though both Saul and David were sinners, and even though on the surface David seemed to be worse, there was obviously *something* that made Saul's sin unforgivable in the Lord's eyes.

Saul's confession and request for forgiveness were rejected because what he had done was *subversive*. The definition of subvert may be applied to allegiance to a government, nation, or sovereign; or it may be applied to a person's character, values, or faith:

**Subvert: *To intentionally or unintentionally pervert, corrupt, or undermine at a foundational level, often covertly.***

When Saul rejected the authority of the literal word of God and yielded to the democratic voice of the people, he was accepting and unknowingly attempting to spread a type of leaven that Biblical history, God's deadly reactions, world history, and modern "Christian" beliefs reveal to be an especially dangerous and subversive leaven. Ordinarily we might not pay too much attention to the sin of democracy and its associated principles, but the fact that God Almighty unerringly reacts with swift, uncompromising condemnation makes us put democratic principles on the list of *damnable* heresies. There is something about democracy that is so diametrically opposed to Godly order and authority and to the welfare of the church, and history reveals democracy to be such an appealing and rapidly-spreading ideology/leaven, that we must accept the fact that God treats democracy and its principles as *subversive* leaven, and we must incorporate that into our discernment/doctrinal thinking.

David's sins were fundamentally different from Saul's (*if we look at them from the perspective of authority*) because David's sins were not *subversive*. When David committed adultery, for example, it wasn't because he thought adultery was the way life ought to be. In other words, his sin was never any kind of challenge to God's will and way because David knew it was wrong. He was like a child who hopes he can get away with disobeying his parent, but when caught he confesses and cries and says he won't do it again. In David's case, *parental authority and rules were never questioned or challenged*. I say again, David's transgressions were not a threat to God's authority because his sins did not tempt anybody to think adultery and murder were good and should no longer be sins. But Saul not only thought trying to change/"improve" God's literal word, and accepting the "goodness" of the principles of democracy were good and better than God's way, he *publicly* accepted them and therefore was unwittingly *subverting authority* (similar to Martin Luther's nailing his *Ninety-five Theses* to the church door).

While we're talking about King David, and in case you think I'm making too much of the subversive nature of theology and democracy by highlighting the fact that they undermine Biblical/God's authority, let's examine something David did (2 Sam 1 and AOR page H2-7). David never politically or militarily lifted a finger against King Saul. When a young man saw Saul commit suicide, he hoped to gain David's favor by claiming to have killed Saul himself. Even when David knew the man had not killed Saul, David had him executed "merely" for treating the authority-overthrowing concept of regicide as legitimate or acceptable. I put *merely* in quotes because you and I have been *subverted* into focusing on the man's lie *as if that were his main/only sin*. I think we can agree that when we're in "Sunday school" we can see why David and God would execute the man...but in "real life" we probably would *not* execute him. That means we have a big problem – subversive leaven. We don't understand and appreciate how critically-important and necessary to this war and to daily life authority is. David didn't just have a superficial intellectual acceptance of the importance of authority; *it was a fundamental part of his character*. This

incident helps reveal *how deep* David's understanding of the Bible (and therefore his relationship with God) was. David actually understood who and what God is, and therefore Godly authority *all the way down the chain of command* was life and death to him (Rom 13:1,2; Eph 5:22-24; 6:1-7).

### HANANIAH AND THEOLOGY

On AOR D22-10,11 and D23-7 we compared Hananiah (who told everybody that Jeremiah's message from God was not God's word) to modern Enlightened Christians (who use layman's aids to spread the heresy that the inspired and inerrant word of God does not exist). How did God react to Hananiah? He killed him. How would David have reacted? How would we have reacted? If we don't want to be culled we need to understand *why* God killed Hananiah so we might not make the same mistake via today's popular heresy of *Yea-hath-God-said* theology: God killed His servant, Hananiah, for subverting His authority by "correcting" His word/getting people to doubt His word. The kind of *Yea, hath God said* rebellion that God says Hananiah was teaching must be added to the list of *subversive* heresies – in spite of the fact that theology's skepticism about the Bible is so rampantly-popular today. In Sunday school we can easily see why God treats it as rebellion and witchcraft: Theology/philosophy is such a Naturally-powerful ideology that it has not only subverted the necessary foundation for faith (the Bible), but it has blinded Christians to theology's damnable and undeniably-appalling track record, and blinded them to the fact that they have foolishly emulated Eve by thinking "higher textual criticism" is "a tree to be desired to make one wise, so they partake of the fruit thereof, and do eat, and give also to other Christians with them, and they do eat"...and so the subversive leaven continues to be spread *inside the church* by modern Hananiahs.

### DAYS FIVE & SIX: The New Testament Era

**Mt 12:30** He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

**Rev 3:15,16,19** I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth...be zealous therefore, and repent.

**Lk 18:8** ...when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

I have been told that I'm "making Christ look like a loser" by teaching about His rearguard strategy; that "retreating" and "losing" are distinctions without a difference. I beg to differ: There is a huge difference. To stand and fight a battle when a retreat is tactically and strategically more advantageous would be foolish – especially if the cost of winning the battle caused the war to be lost (a Pyrrhic victory). I grant, however, that the first Four Days of the war were dismal because it looked like the Devil could do nothing but win and the Lord could do nothing but retreat and regroup. But when the New Testament came out on Day Five the Devil suffered massive setbacks and the Lord's rearguard action was shown to be brilliant, masterfully-complex, and preplanned. Part of the brilliance revealed by the NT was that the OT, which had appeared to be incapable of slowing the Devil's advances, was actually a brilliant, highly-effective defensive maneuver. The OT turned out to be like a left jab that seems to be ineffective...until the shockingly swift and powerful right cross reveals the left jab to have been a highly-effective feint or setup. Some of the things that changed and that we learned when the NT came out:

- The NT revealed that our "vengeful" God is actually loving, merciful, and forgiving.
- The NT plainly revealed the doctrine of expediency. And it shewed expediency to have been part of the OT, too – something that was understood by David when he ate the shewbread. (What a great Christian and ensample David was!)
- During the time of the First Coming whenever the theologians tried to justify their tradition-based doctrines by tripping up the Word of God and exposing Him as fallible, they failed. The Lord always prevailed by sticking to the literal word of God – thus becoming an example for us. Did the theologians learn and repent? No. It appears they were reprobate, incapable of repentance. That's why the Lord correctly said they were of their father the devil and were blind leaders making their pewsters twofold more the children of hell than they were themselves. They were *subverted*...just like Hananiah.
- (Today whenever theologians have tried to justify their tradition-based doctrines by claiming to have *finally* found an error in the AV1611 (and thereby exposing it as fallible like all the modern versions) they have failed. The literal words in the KJV always prevailed by proving to be inerrant. Have theologians learned from the truth and repented? No. It appears they are modern Hananiahs teaching rebellion by subverting faith in God's holy, infallible word.)
- Satan thought he could use the OT law (because the law only *condemns*) to win the war. After all, he had all good saints in history safely locked up in Abe's bosom. And the last nail in the coffin (he thought) was crucifying Christ. But the condemning nature of the law was a feint, left jab, a sucker punch – because when Christ died, satisfied the law, and imputed it to His church all prisoners in Abe's bosom were released. The death penalty (both the crucifixion and the OT law) that had *seemed* to help Satan's cause, proved to be a huge setback.
- Christ did not restore worldly dominion, so His people are free to concentrate on the doctrinal wellbeing of the church.
- God's people used to be concentrated within the tiny nation of Israel. Today the church exists as unleavened individuals and small groups who are scattered all around the world.
- All the previous patriarchs were replaced by The Patriarch, Christ. But Christ was crucified before He could marry and multiply...so I'll deal with His patriarchy in another section.

- The Old Commission was replaced by the Great Commission, which I'll deal with in another section.
- The practice of Inbreeding among God's people remained, but *physical* inbreeding vanished (along with the Old Commission) and therefore the emphasis today is on *doctrinal* intercourse via close Bible-oriented, iron-sharpeneth-iron fellowship. More on this later.
- The death penalty part of culling vanished and today the emphasis is on church discipline, separation, and shunning. More later.

### **THE PATRIARCH**

During the OT era the church came from the physical loins of Adam, Noah, and Abraham. I say again, the church grew because those patriarchs had children.

Christ was crucified before He could physically reproduce. That was by design: He no longer wants the tactical predictability of physical reproduction; He gives the new birth to whomsoever He will in whatever corner of the globe He deems fit for the war.

And since for the first time in history we Christians have no idea if the Lord will give the new birth to our children or not, He has advised us to not marry so we can devote more time to the Great Commission in order to find His sheep so we can fellowship, exhort, and grow.

### **THE GREAT COMMISSION**

God got rid of the Old Commission to be fruitful and multiply because He is now producing Christians whenever and wherever He decides. An example of this can be seen on Mars Hill:

In Act 17 Paul at first blush (with his cryptic **hath made of one blood all nations of men**) seems to be going along with the modern tradition of trying to convert the heathen by getting them to say the sinner's prayer. But then he goes against modern tradition by saying, **That they should seek the Lord, if "haply" they might feel after him, and find him.** Notice Paul is *not* telling anybody to "repent" or "make a decision" to "become a Christian." He says he is talking to those people who, *if they happen* to already *feel after Christ* are then spiritually drawn to Christ by doing two things, 1) *seek*, and then 2) *find*. (That goes along with all the Scripture that tells us, "*seek*, and ye shall *find*"; "enter ye in at the strait gate: for...narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and *few* there be that *find* it.") After saying that, Paul *walked away*...and was later *found* by those who "happened" to not only feel a supernatural attraction for The Patriarch Who birthed them, but also were not deterred from "seeking" Him by the thorns and cares of the world.

**Act 20:28-31** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock...to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that...I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

**Heb 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.*

### **INBREEDING/CLOSE FELLOWSHIP**

The only kind of inbreeding we practice today is Bible-oriented intercourse. Not only does this kind of iron-sharpeneth-iron fellowship help us learn and grow into the kind of disciplined warriors who have confidence in each other as true comrades-at-arms, but it also encourages young and weak Christians to study, toe the line, and grow so they can join the ranks of those who are doctrinally-mature doers of the word. This intimate Christian fellowship also forces "Recessive-gene" false doctrine and slovenliness to surface so they can be appropriately dealt with.

### **CULLING/CHURCH DISCIPLINE/SHUNNING/SEPARATION**

The death-penalty type of culling is gone in this NT era, but we are still ordered to use separation, shunning, and church discipline. (I'll deal with these in Trumpet W3.)

### ***"Pass...in...Review!"***

The main points I attempted to make with this historical overview are:

- The Devil has been very successful against the church from the very start.
- Two of Satan's most effective doctrines, and the two that have elicited the largest displays of anger from the Lord, are the two that most effectively subvert His authority: theology and democracy.
- Because the Devil's doctrines (his Recessive genes, his subversive leaven) cannot be stopped, the Lord's strategy has always been a rearguard action/retreat *in order to slow the Devil's unstoppable advance*.
- The purpose of the rearguard action is an obvious one – win the war. How do we win by retreating? We do so by taking up *time*. The Devil must prevail against the church, he must leaven the entire lump, within *seven Days* (seven thousand years). Under each of the patriarchs the Lord has waited *as long as He deemed necessary* before He stepped in, culled His church, and started anew. I say again: The reason the Lord waited until the church in

Noah's day was completely leavened except for the eight people He put on the ark is obvious – He knows that's the only way His church can endure all the way to the bitter end of the seven-Day war.

**Mat 24:22** except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

The Lord always waits until the last minute *because He must stall as long as possible in order to make it to the end of the seventh Day.*

My last reason for writing this overview of the war is *perspective*. This overview will help you understand *why* my next trumpet on New Testament tactics makes sense, *how* those tactics fit into the Lord's rearguard strategy, and how *necessary* the tactics are in order to effectively protect ourselves from the irresistible power and appeal of the subversive leaven that now permeates the church.

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***“Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.”***

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## Trumpet W3

### TACTICS FOR NEW TESTAMENT WARFARE

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#### **“Beware the leaven of the Pharisees.”**

Loins girt about with the warfare perspective of Trumpet W2, including how dangerously-potent the Devil's subversive leaven of theology and democracy have been and are, and therefore how appropriate and necessary the Lord's strategy of rearguard action has been and is, we turn our attention to some important and necessary New Testament tactics the modern church tends to ignore.

Because history repeats itself, and because we're in the dark last days, the church as a whole is apostate. The most telling and glaring evidence of that is the sad fact that the respectability among Christians of research-based knowledge has displaced the respectability among Christians of Bible-based belief, which has caused widespread acceptance of *Yea, hath God said* theology and its heretical teaching that God's inspired, inerrant Scripture no longer exists and we have only corrupt Bible manuscripts and corrupt Bible versions. And this heresy/leaven is so subversive it causes the amazing, Reason-refuting, inescapable, and miraculous inerrancy of the King James Bible to have no effect on these apostates (which is why God says these people are “subverted”).

Being close to the end, and the fact that the church/lump is so full of leaven, should add to our sense of urgency...

**Heb 10:22-25** Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering...And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works...exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

The urgency of “and so much the more” exists and is given relevance by *the amount of leaven in the church* in the last days...and we don't want to be among those that fall by the wayside. In order to introduce the NT tactic of staying away from subverted Christians, I'll open with these verses (I've underlined some things I want to emphasize):

**Mt 10:5-17** Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and...And into whatsoever [**Christian**] city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. And when ye come into an [**Christian**] house, salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. And whosoever [**Christian**] shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that [**Christian**] city. Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of [**Christian**] wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of [**Christian**] men...

**Mt 18:15-17** Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

**1 Cor 5:6-13** Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?...I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat...Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

**2 Cor 6:1,14,17** We then...beseech *you*...that ye receive not the grace of God in vain...Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?...Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*...

2 Tim 3:1-8 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come...Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away...Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth...men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove *them*.

2 Tim 2:24-26 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but...In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth...*that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil...

2 Thes 3:14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

Tit 3:9-11 But avoid...contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

### FIRST TACTIC: Doctrinal Fellowship

During the Old Testament this would have included inbreeding – marrying only fellow Christians/Hebrews. But God no longer gives the new birth to the offspring of Abraham; His Great Commission has replaced His Old Commission, which means today we have no idea where on earth some (previous) pagan is going to wake up with a new, compelling spiritual hunger for Jesus Christ and the Bible. The fact that in this NT era God isn't supposed to give the new birth to the people of this nation or that race or that family makes it more difficult for the gates of hell to leaven Christians – because they pop up in unpredictable locations.

When NT Christians, who have been advised by God not to marry, do so anyway and have families they have put themselves outside the protection of Scripture. They may be married to a pagan spouse, an Enlightened Christian spouse, and have pagan kids. And they'll take those people to church, turn them into "born-again Christians" via the "sinner's prayer", and therefore contribute to the leaven in the church by having their unsaved family members (who are therefore 100% carnal...*but nice!*) more effectively leaven the church because they're wearing sheep's clothing and are able to avoid being exposed because the "fellowship" in the church focuses on morality, conservative political and social current events, and other worldly topics.

Ideally, close, Bible-and-doctrinally-oriented "inbreeding"/fellowship would – like physical inbreeding – force the Recessive genes (false doctrine, carnal Reason-and-Enlightenment-based beliefs, lack of interest in Scripture, not believing the inerrant word of God exists, etc.) to reveal themselves so the church could help, discipline, or shun the leavened person. Close fellowship is the best way to find out if church members are pagans, Enlightened Christians, or lazy Christians. It is, therefore, essential.

### SECOND TACTIC: Culling

This refers to all methods used to rid the church of leaven, and it includes teaching, rebuking, church discipline, and shunning. These NT methods are supposed to be done by *us*, and they replace things God did in the OT: The Flood, the division of the human race, fire from heaven and plagues and the earth swallowing bad Christians, stoning, and the death of Hananiah. These methods of culling have always been critically-important parts of the war because they increase the *time* it'll take for the leaven to infect the whole lump. Legal, NT methods of ridding the church of leaven must be resurrected because they are essential rearguard tactics.

### THIRD TACTIC: Separation

This is your main tactic, comrade. The church is so leavened – indeed, subverted – it is likely you have been unable to find a suitable local congregation. That means you will not use the first tactic above, fellowship, *within* a church; instead, you'll use fellowship to identify the doctrinal purity or lack thereof of various Christians you meet. And because you are not part of a congregation the various methods of culling are also largely inapplicable, inappropriate, and unavailable to you. That means you'll have to be like Paul on Mars Hill and in Tit 3:9-11 above – walk away! In our era of apostasy separation is the most effective way to avoid subversive leaven. I've only listed (above) *some* of the NT verses on the subject of getting away and staying away from leaven-carrying-and-spreading Christians. You need to keep this separation topic in mind when reading the NT.

This is not to say you should not have lunch with a Christian when you meet one in obedience to the Great Commission's commandment to feed God's sheep. It means you should utilize doctrinal fellowship during that lunch to find out if he's leavened or not. If he is, try to help him. For example, if he uses a modern Bible version you'll suspect him to be either a young ignorant-but-eager-to-learn Christian, an older ignorant-because-he-doesn't-care Christian, or a subverted Christian. A very short discussion will allow you to identify him. If appropriate, offer him some fundamental truths about the existence of the inerrant word of God in order to see if he reacts with Reason or with faith in God. (Pay attention to the word *faith* in the NT; it's *everywhere* because it *must be* an integral part of our walks.) If he reacts like he's hungry for God's truth, disciple him. If he continually ignores the all-important-and-telling issue of inerrancy by cowardly trying to change the subject to the ERROR manuscripts such as the corrupt Dead Sea Scrolls (which have done *nothing* to correct the errors in the modern versions); or the slanderous homosexuality of King James and his translation committee; rabbit poop, the word *Easter*, the name *Lucifer*, the fact that some scholars think a better translation of the word *deep* would be "average-sized puddle";...and other "errors", patiently try once or twice – in accordance with your orders in Tit 3:9-11 – to get him to remain focused on the Scriptural importance and critical relevance of the KJV's inerrancy. If he dodges the subject a second time, finish your lunch and politely let him know you do not fellowship with born-again Christians who do not believe God's inspired, inerrant word

– as defined *by Him*, not by *theology* – exists in any Bible on earth. I repeat God’s commandment to you again: walk away and do *not* fellowship with him...no matter how nice and “Christian” he is in other respects.

Whenever people argue with you about the inerrancy of the KJV by referring to the ERROR manuscripts, or by “preferring” the NKJV, or by saying something positive about theologians, their reaction is based upon a deeply-fundamental *inability to put faith in what God says* about Himself and His word. That lack of faith is all you need to know. It means either 1) they are not born again and cannot have Biblical faith, 2) they are too young and/or weak to stand up against tradition and Reason, or 3) their faith has been subverted. When you and I, for example, first heard about the KJV’s miraculous inerrancy our reaction was to “seek”...and the Good Shepherd rewarded our Bible-based reaction by making sure we “found” His inspired word. I say again, brother, our response was *not* to balk and bluster and argue against the existence of God’s inerrant word. Our response was *not* to talk about manuscripts, preferences, or theology – *none of which has anything to do with anything God says in His holy word!* Our reaction was *not* to balk at the very idea that God Almighty actually did with His word exactly what He said He’d do. But apostate Christians, *because they do not have that invisible foundation of faith do react in those pig-headed ways; their unbelief is revealed by their lack of faith-based fruit.* And *that* is how we know it’s time to stop casting pearls before swine and to politely walk away.

It is telling and important that you and I, when we first heard about God’s inspired, inerrant word actually existing, did not react with the butts and foot-dragging and arguments so prevalent among today’s Christians. It is noteworthy that we reacted with simple, innocent childlike *faith* that caused us to *diligently seek* (Heb 11:6) info that quickly revealed the startling difference between the inerrant KJV and the awful errors of all the modern versions. We understood the KJV’s inerrancy was God’s signature, His *proof* that He really has done what He said He’d do – that He is not the inept bungler theology tries to make Him with all of its *Yea, hath God said* subversive faith-destroying leaven. Always keep that fact in mind, brother: The faith-based way we reacted is the exact opposite of the unbelief-based way apostate Hananiah Christians react. Nobody had to argue with us, beat us over the head, or shove anything down our throats – *because as faith-filled believers we were drawn to the God-glorifying truth of the uniquely-miraculous inerrancy of His word.* (*He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!*) That difference is important; it epitomizes how we can know when to *walk away* from NT brethren. Do not let the respectability of theology or the widespread acceptance of error-filled Bible versions lure you into thinking you’re being a hateful jerk when you walk away from seemingly-nice Christians. If they are not supernaturally impressed with the demonstrated fact that God really has preserved His all-important and necessary word *they are subverted.* Obediently *walk away!*

The modern church’s doctrinal apostasy has caused it to think you should “lovingly” continue to fellowship with the unfruitful and unrepentant works of darkness in the hopes of bringing light to their lives. But the Bible makes it very clear that you are not to argue, debate, bicker, or politely discuss anything with them after the first and second admonition...unless their hunger makes them come find you and confess they can no longer “kick against the pricks” and want to learn more from you about how the Scriptural trait of *inerrancy* clarifies and simplifies the Bible version issue, makes the ERROR manuscripts irrelevant, identifies the modern miracle of the true word of God, shows that God is alive and well, glorifies God, affirms and justifies our faith and belief, and bolsters our confidence and joy as we earnestly quarantine ourselves from subversive leaven by obediently declining to fellowship with and steadfastly refraining to cast our pearls before our beloved brethren who are, apparently, casualties of war. *Faith* in God allows us to *believe* what He *says*. *Obedience* to what He says results in our *walking away* in order to avoid the invisible subtlety of subversion that will eventually leaven the whole lump and make us casualties (except those days were shortened just in the nick of time by God). According to the Bible we are fighting to preserve the doctrinal purity of a church that is already populated by *disease-carriers* who do not know they’ve been infected by highly-contagious ideology that they think is right and good and “Christian.” *Obediently avoid them like the frighteningly-infectious plague they are, brother!* Let them that have ears to hear, hear...and the ones that don’t – shun *for the church’s sake!* The church *cannot* endure to the end unless we warriors obediently utilize God’s clearly-worded and necessary rearguard tactics *in order to avoid literal annihilation.*

There is another reason separation from subverted brethren is important. If we do not obediently separate ourselves we are showing the Lord that fellowship with apostates is so important to us we’re willing to disobey Him in order to do it – even though doing so increases our exposure to infectious leaven He has told us to avoid. In addition to His being offended by our disobedience and hurt by our demonstrated preference to be with His enemies, the Lord may *withdraw* Himself from us because He so dislikes leaven – such as the harlot-members in 1 Cor 6:15-20. The Lord tells us to come out from among them so we won’t touch the unclean...because if we obey He blesses us with fruit and growth and more of His help in the war. But if we hang around apostates He won’t hang around with us because we offend Him in more ways than we can understand. Therefore in order for us to be holy vessels the Lord can use for the good of the church, we must stay clean by obediently shunning apostate members of His church.

As His selfless soldiers we must not let what we think is right and good cause His literal, plainly-worded orders to be of none effect: Ours is not to Reason why, ours is but to [obediently] do and die [to self] in order to hear Him say, Well done, thou good and faithful servant.

### LIST OF DAMNABLE HERESIES

You must obediently carry out your plainly-written orders from God to use polite-but-firmly-unyielding separation and shunning in order to avoid being contaminated by the carnal appeal and inexorable spread of “Recessive leaven.” Do not fellowship with infected Christians. Do not talk, text, or email with them. Do not dine with them. Do not work out with them. Do not attend “Bible” studies with them. Do not disobediently go in among them, but rather obediently shake the dust off your feet and come out from among them. I say again, if you fellowship with NIVers you are giving tacit approval to, and therefore *propagating*, the worst and most destructive leaven on earth – Satan’s *Yea, hath God said* teaching that subverts the sole foundation of the holy Christian religion...the existence of the inerrant word of God. No inerrant Bible means *faith will die.*

Which doctrines should you put on your list of damnable heresies that you use as reasons to break fellowship with born-again Christians who are pleasant people you enjoy being around? You should top your list of subversive heresies with these two dangerous, highly-contagious heresies:

1. **PRO-THEOLOGY/ANTI-KJV ONLY.** Study the Bible version issue in depth, understand the supreme importance of the KJV's *inerrancy*, and how and why submitting to the KJV as the inspired word of God demonstrates faith, belief, and humility, and how it glorifies God as truthful and all-mighty. And examine what is behind theology's heresy that says we should redefine *word of God* because God failed to preserve His inerrant Scripture for us: unbelief, lack of Scriptural faith, acceptance of Reason, and stubborn, prideful refusal to apply to their doctrines the KJV's inerrancy and Hananiah's rebellion against God. Over time you'll understand how Scripturally important the issue is, and your experiences with modern theologian Hananiah-wannabes will show you 1) why God simply killed Hananiah, 2) why the Bible says to *avoid subversive leaven like the plague*, and 3) why the Bible uses a shocking word like *subverted* when talking about *saints*...and why shunning them is so critically necessary to the survival of the church. My use of the term "KJV only" includes taking it literally...which is but another way of saying God gave us Bible study (2 Tim 2:15), and Satan gave us *theology* (Gen 3:1). Let me try to illustrate the unique authority of the KJV:
  - **Muslims believe** in their doctrine and their Allah. Their belief is based on *faith* in the fallible writings/flawed foundation of the Koran. Verdict: Just another superstitious religion because their faith and belief are baseless.
  - **Non-KJVers believe** in their doctrine and their Jesus. Their belief is based on *faith* in the fallible writings/flawed foundation of the NIV, NWT, BOM, NKJV, NAS, and other ERROR manuscripts. Verdict: Just another superstitious religion because their faith and belief are baseless.
  - **KJVers believe** in their doctrine and their Jesus. Their belief is based on *faith* in the inerrancy/sure foundation of the AV1611. Verdict: The one and only pure religion on earth because it's the only one whose faith and belief are wholly based on truth.
2. **PRO-EQUALITY/DEMOCRACY.** I often lump equality, freedom, and other sacred principles of pagan Greek philosophy under *democracy* because democracy illustrates how blind and devoted to all of these anti-Bible principles we were before the Lord opened our eyes to the importance of taking His word literally. *Democracy* helps bring home the dangerously-appealing contagion of Reason-based leaven. And it does so better and more clearly than the KJV issue. I'm not sure why that is, especially since the inerrancy of the literal KJV is the more important issue. I say that with confidence not only because over time my Biblical maturity and understanding showed me how the Scriptures and faith and feeding and doing go together, but also because the inspired, inerrant word of God is of absolute importance because it is the only bedrock and source of our faith and confidence in God and what He says. Acquiring that depth of understanding about the KJV requires time and a certain amount of growth. But my experiences have also shown that understanding the unscriptural nature of democracy is fairly easy to do. I've been surprised at how quickly some Christians openly accept democracy as anti-Bible, perhaps because I had to wrestle with the issue. Another reason the KJV is the more important issue is we only learn how evil the principles of democracy are when we accept the literal accuracy and authority of God's word. And because many Christians readily accept democracy as evil, and because I've never known any theology-oriented modern-version-espousing Christians to repent by applying the KJV's inerrancy in order to identify it as God's inspired word, I believe the anti-KJV leaven to be much more subversive, dangerous, and possibly *permanent/fatal* than equality and democracy. So, even though I am definitely and correctly adding equality/democracy to the list because of how dangerously appealing it is, and how subversive it is to authority, and how God has reacted to it with deadly violence, I want to be clear that it's not even close to being number one on the list.

My published list ends there; you add to your list on your own. Yes, there are other doctrines on my list, such as denying the divinity of Christ, and believing in evolution over Creation, over which I'd break fellowship with Christians. But *only the KJV* has the authority to teach those truths (and the acceptability of using the name *Lucifer* and the word *Easter*, and the existence of the gap, the Deep, unicorns, devils, the lake of fire, etc.) because only the KJV exhibits God's unique signature of *inerrancy*. Theology's futile attempts to use the known corruption of the ERROR manuscripts to justify doctrines such as Christ is not divine, the Deep does not exist, etc., is an ipso facto demonstration of spiritual blindness. And to refer to Dante's use of the name *Lucifer*, or to the Latin Vulgate's use, or to refer to any other ERROR manuscripts (including the Textus Receptus) *while cowardly ignoring the authority of the wording in the inerrant KJV* is an astonishing demonstration of *just how subversive* Lucifer's leaven is. Walk away!

Sins such as murder and adultery are not subversive, so you do not have to break fellowship with any repentant King Davids you may encounter. You may consider other doctrines as damnable heresies and add them to your list, such as that in modern cults that say incomprehensible gibberish is Biblical tongues. I avoid gibberish-talkers not because I think *pretending* and *lying about Almighty God* are particularly subversive, but because those are people of low character whose consciences seem to have been seared as with a hot iron.

Speaking of cults, beware of Christians who are also "patriots" who claim the American Constitution and/or the Declaration of Independence are divinely inspired. Technically, such Christians are not a cult because they aren't religions – they are merely individuals. But because of what the Bible says about Reason and its offspring (democracy, theology, etc.),

believing those governmental documents to be sacred and divinely inspired *elevates them to a status superior to the Bible* because they exalt and “Christianize” philosophy and contradict and nullify/override everything the Bible says.

Accepting and defending the inspiration and inerrancy of the King James Bible is not merely “important”, it is *necessary*. Christians who think it’s just “important” are the ones who think the KJV is just “better” than the other versions. They need to evaluate all that the KJV’s unique *inerrancy* means. Its inerrancy establishes it as God’s preserved, inspired *truth*...which in turn establishes the KJV’s unique and supreme *authority*...and those two are absolutely *necessary* if the church is to resist the subversion that is turning Christianity into just another religion. Tolerating Christians who insist on using modern corrupt versions is helping to spread theology’s heresy that God’s word no longer exists, which subverts 1) faith, which is the foundation of everything in Christianity, 2) the Bible as the way God communicates with us, 3) the doctrinal authority of the Bible, and 4) the necessity of Bible study.

I could go on but I think I’ve made my point (repeatedly). Trumpet W2 showed this war is so stacked in the Devil’s favor that he cannot be stopped – his leaven is inexorable. But his leaven can be slowed. That’s why the Lord has used mass cullings and started over with fresh lumps. There will be another new beginning at the Second Coming. But in order for the church – you and me, brother – to survive until then without being leavened we *must* take the Lord’s NT tactics seriously. I think the fact that the Lord is using rearguard tactics is itself sobering and frightening, but when you add to it how quickly *and completely* the generations of the various patriarchs were leavened, it takes scary to new levels because it makes it look like the *majority* of born-again saints in the church have *always* become casualties. And the NT tactics of retreat/walk away/shun/don’t stand and argue...*run*/don’t even eat with them all stress the fact that our job as NT vessels is not to live and strive among them hoping to make them better, it’s to *come out* and stay away in order to preserve our doctrinal purity so we don’t become disease-carriers, too.

Rev 18:4 Come out of her, my people...that ye receive not of her plagues.

*“Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.”*

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## Trumpet W4

### HOW TO DEFEND THE AUTHORIZED 1611 KING JAMES BIBLE

6 pages

The vast majority of Christians who believe in the heresy of evolution have never seriously researched the evolution vs. creation issue, which reveals them to be appallingly stupid. Yes, I deliberately used the word *stupid* rather than *ignorant* for a reason. Their near-zero level of knowledge *does* qualify them as ignorant, but that ignorance is dwarfed by their stupidity...because any Christian who has an appointment to stand before the Lord at Judgment and has “decided” – *without looking into it!* – to reject what God says and replace it with an unproven theory that is not only rife with major problems and contradictions, but was dreamed up by carnal unbelievers is a very stupid person and a subverted Christian.

But *what*, you ask, made them accept evolution if they never even read anything about it? Their descent into apostasy was caused by the foundational bedrock of Christianity crumbling away beneath them: their belief in the existence of the inspired word of God was undermined by the widespread acceptance of a plethora of modern versions that – *in spite of the fact that they are all full of errors* – were exalted and touted by theologians as “more accurate” and “more reliable” than the *inerrant* King James Bible. That’s why, when you ask Christians how they selected their Bible version they’ll tell you it was because they prefer to sing “My country, this is about you” rather than “My country, ‘tis of thee”; or a friend recommended it; or they liked the maps; or any number of mindless trivialities. *Not a single one of them even mentions the author of the Bible, God, or the one distinguishing trait of His holy word, inerrancy!*

We King Jamesers are Bible believers. People who use the NIV, NAS, etc., are not Bible *believers* – they are Bible “correctors” (or, as they like to call themselves, “garbage-can Christians”). I put *correctors* in quotes because in over 150 years of “correcting” the KJV theologians have only accomplished two things:

1. They’ve turned out so many corrupt versions (e.g. NIV, NKJV, NAS, RSV, ESV, NLT, CEV, the FUV, and AOV) that most born-again Christians today do not believe *inerrancy* exists in any Bible version on earth. That has caused most churches, mega churches, and denominations to go down the tubes.
2. They’ve “validated” and given “respectability” to such a wide range of possible meanings to the dead-language words in old corrupt manuscripts that scores, if not hundreds, of cults have popped up – all basing their “doctrines” on one of the above versions as occasionally modified by one or more layman’s aids. And guess what? *All* other churches, mega churches, and denominations do the exact same thing!

Why do modern-version-using Christians call themselves “garbage-can Christians”? Because they are blind. They don’t actually use the terms “garbage-can versions”, “garbage-can Christians”, and “dumpster-diving Christians”, but those terms actually do come from one of their own arguments:

Theologians cannot deny the embarrassing fact that every modern version they’ve produced is full of errors. Neither can they deny the embarrassing fact that all of the old Greek and Hebrew manuscripts (including the much-ballyhooed-but-useless Dead Sea scrolls) are full of errors. And theologians cannot deny the embarrassing fact that they’ve been proven wrong

every time they've claimed to do what no one had ever managed to do before – find an error in the KJV. In an attempt to sidetrack Christians from those revealing, undeniable facts theologians invented an argument that would (they incorrectly thought) justify the use of their error-filled modern versions. Their brain-dead argument says:

“It is perfectly OK for us to use the ERROR manuscripts and the error-filled modern versions, and it is perfectly OK for us to refer to them as ‘God’s word’...because *they contain – somewhere among all the leaven – God’s inspired truth*. After all, *even garbage cans contain – somewhere among all the trash – food*. Therefore we think Christians can find good meals in the ‘garbage cans’ we’ve published and recommend.”

Dumpster-diving Christians are well aware of the above theology-defending argument that likens modern versions to garbage cans...and they frequently use it themselves. In other words, the terms “garbage-can Christians” and “garbage-can versions” originated from theology’s own words when attempting to defend and promote its corrupt fruit. There are three problems with theology’s logical-sounding argument:

1. *Nothing* in that argument is based on or agrees with anything God says in His holy word. In fact, that typical argument *contradicts everything* God says about His word. I say again, nowhere does God ever liken His Holy Bible to a *garbage can* that – if we scrounge around in the filth long enough – we’ll find the unleavened word He has preserved for us.
2. If theologians are correct and their “garbage-can versions” (as they label them) are in fact “better, more-reliable meals” than the KJV, and are therefore healthier for Christianity, why hasn’t Christianity gotten better in the last hundred years? The fact is, ever since theology started recommending that its garbage-can versions replace the inerrant KJV, and ever since theology started telling KJVers to use *Yea, hath God said* layman’s aids to “correct” God’s word, Christianity has fragmented and apostatized into churches and cults filled with pagans and subverted Christians who do not have the faith to believe God’s word (as He defines it) actually exists. I say again, comrades: come out from among subverted Christians and touch not their unclean garbage-can versions.
3. Even if theologians are correct and their garbage-can versions do “contain” (mixed in with all the trash) the actual words God preserved for us, it’s *still* up to us to decide which words we think are trash and which are truth: Self is firmly on the throne, which is why so many theologians and layman’s-aid-toting preachers and pewsters “agree to disagree” about the words they “prefer” – which completely destroys the *authority* of God’s word, undermines *faith*, breeds false doctrine and rebellion, and *defrauds* the church...which is *fornication* and *blasphemy against the Holy Ghost*.

But don’t you KJVers start patting yourselves on the back. Part of the reason theology and its corrupt Bible versions have succeeded in destroying faith in the existence of God’s word is too many ignorant, half-assed KJVers main “knowledge” consists of their denomination’s party-line pro-KJV rhetoric. These semi-KJVers fellowship with NIVers because they all agree to let each other spout off about their pet doctrines – because none of them cares enough about anything to study, understand, and then *stand for* the inerrant KJV and *stand against* the spreading subversion of theology’s modern versions.

There are only two ways to defend God’s Authorized Bible. And, not surprisingly, both of them glorify and exalt *Him* – not *man*. The first is *inerrancy*, and the second is *obedience*.

## 1. INERRANCY

There is no other foundation for doctrinal Christianity, and there is no other foundation for our faith, hope, belief, and *confidence* during our daily walks and struggles than the Bible. (I downsized the foundation of our faith to illustrate how important (*not!*) God’s word is to most Christians.) The still small voice of the Bible has been obscured by the cacophony of modern stupid distractions such as theology, morality, tradition, Reason, democracy, politics, science, social issues, the pursuit of money, materialism, and Self. That’s one of the reasons the Bible says in 1 Thessalonians 4:11

### study to be quiet

Ever since the mid-to-late 1700s when Christians first began to publicly rejoice and acknowledge the unique inerrancy of the KJV, *unbelieving theologians* (yes, the two words are redundant) have targeted it with the same aggressive, faithless hatred with which Hananiah attacked Jeremiah. But no matter how many hundreds of “errors” they and scientists and historians and archeologists loudly and confidently claimed to have found in God’s Book, and no matter how many born-again Christians were subverted by those false claims, the Authorized 1611 King James Bible miraculously (but very quietly) distinguished itself as the only book or manuscript on earth with God’s *mark*, or *signature*, or *fingerprints* by which His faithful sheep have known His voice – *inerrancy!*

I say again with pride and awe and humble thanksgiving: God’s preserved, inspired, holy Book that He exalts above His name (Ps 138:2) did something miraculous: With absolutely no help from man’s knowledge and research and scholarship it proved itself to be uniquely *inerrant*. That is important because *inerrancy* is the only trait by which we may identify and distinguish *God’s Book* from all the *pretenders* recommended by modern, loudmouthed, and obnoxiously-irritating-but-*petty* born-again Hananiahs. I said *petty* but I could have said *impotent* or *cowardly* – they all apply.

(I’m sure you can identify with the righteous anger, indignation, and contempt that are probably oozing from my words, comrade, because you have had to put up with the same tired tactics from these well-intentioned-but-blindly-faithless unbelieving brothers and sisters whose own impotent frustration when they’re around Bible believers quickly manifests itself

when they realize *nothing* they say or do can move the faithful off of the solid rock of *inerrancy*. But this parenthetical insert exists because I do not want you to get the idea that I stand toe-to-toe with these subverted apostates screaming and intellectually slugging it out. No. As you already should know from the Bible, and may remember from the previous Trumpet, W3, the NT tells us our enemies are they of our own house; they are apostate born-again Christians attempting to spread their subversive *Yea, hath God said* leaven. We are commanded not to condemn them, but we are told to know them by their faithless fruits, forgive them, love them, and pray for them because one day they may turn out to be prodigal sons who repent, seek-and-find us (Act 17:27,33,34), and thank us for our Scripture-based love, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness that they might repent and be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (2 Tim 3:13-17). After one or two admonitions if they have demonstrated no faith-based hungering and thirsting for the manna and milk of God's word, I politely break fellowship with them – as I am commanded to do (Tit 3:10). I do *not*, either because I like them and want to help them, or because I'm angry and so full of pride I want to out-argue them, stay and discuss, bicker, or reason with them from the Scriptures. To do so would be disobediently rejecting the wisdom and inerrancy of God's literal NT commandments. And I have sinned that way: I've gotten so wrapped up in the debate and how clearly-brilliant my Scriptural arguments were that I've still been at it after 30 admonitions! *And none of them worked!* (Of course, that's beside the point: had the 5<sup>th</sup> admonition worked, I'd still have been a rebellious sinner.) If they are not KJVers and demonstrate their blindness and their lack of faith by being unmoved by the miraculous *inerrancy* of the KJV, politely *walk away!* If they lack the basic, fundamental necessity – *faith*, they will be unable see and truly believe anything, which is why we are supposed to walk away.

You will find all modern *Yea, hath God said* Hananiahs will use the same tired and cowardly tactics. Let me summarize some of their responses when they try to equivocate with Bible believers:

- When you point out that the man of true Biblical faith accepts God's definition of His word as *inerrant* they'll stupidly ask, “Where does the Bible say the KJV is inspired and inerrant?” You reply, “I could give you a basic 'here a little, and there a little' Bible lesson about what God says about His word and how to recognize it, but I'm not going to let you change the subject from the 400-year proven *inerrancy* of the KJV: Have you managed to do what no man has ever done – find an error in the KJV?”
- When he runs from that question by saying, “Yeah, but what about the Dead Sea Scrolls? The King James translators only had a fraction of the old manuscripts we have today, so how can the KJV be better than the modern versions?” You should not waste your breath telling him no recently-found manuscripts, including the Dead Sea Scrolls, have corrected *any* of the errors in the modern versions. I say that because *he already knows that!* He doesn't really want to discuss the crappy Dead Sea Scrolls; he is merely using the same tactic that low-life, lying gibberishers use: he'll keep throwing different things at you in an effort to find one to which you do not have an answer and therefore rocks you back on your heels. Then he'll get all smug and act as if your not knowing about the Dead Sea Scrolls somehow means he's right about...well, about *something*. Therefore, comrade, don't waste your breath about the Scrolls – repeat the Bible believers left jab: “I could give you a basic lesson about the subject you just tried to introduce, but that subject is trivial, irrelevant, and unhelpful when trying to identify God's word. The only thing that has relevance to the Bible version debate is *inerrancy*, so please don't try to change the subject from the 400-year proven *inerrancy* of the KJV: Have you managed to do what no man has ever done – find an error in the KJV?” (By the way, there is no right cross: because these are enemies of our own house – subverted Christians: we are commanded to shun them by lovingly walking away.)
- When he replies by saying, “Yeah, but there's not a single old manuscript we've found so far that justifies the KJV's saying Elhanan killed Goliath's brother! The reading in the KJV doesn't exist; the translators made it up, which is why they put it in italics!” You could reply by pointing out that he's not only trying to change the subject (again!) from the KJV's inerrancy, but he's trying to get you to treat old corrupt manuscripts – which disqualifies them from being the word of God – as if they are somehow more authoritative than the miraculously-inerrant KJV. But if you were to say, “Hey, buddy, try to stay focused on the subject of the KJV's inerrancy instead of shooting yourself in the foot and making yourself look brain-dead by pointing out that we have a *CORRUPT MANUSCRIPT* that says Elhanan killed Goliath on the one hand, and we have the *INERRANT* KJV that says Elhanan killed Goliath's brother on the other hand...and you have chosen to go with the *corrupt* one!!! Do you have any idea how idiotic and faithless you're going to look when you stand at Judgment before The Mighty God who exalts His holy word even above His name? I say again, pal, the issue you're supposed to discuss is the fact that no proven errors have ever been found in the KJV. And lots of proven errors exist in the old manuscripts and the modern versions translated from them. So, as God's faithful children who are told to know them by their fruit, do we use the inerrant KJV as the standard by which everything is judged, or do we decide to go with *known corruption* by trying to somehow use those leavened tomes to make the unleavened KJV look bad? Choose you this day whom ye will serve, but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord in accordance with His inerrant word.”
- He'll probably respond (using words less obvious than I've selected) by saying: “No, no! I'm not claiming the ERROR manuscripts or the modern versions that come from them are inspired and inerrant, I'm just saying scholars have agreed to use the corrupt manuscripts to denigrate the KJV because the KJV must have come from – and therefore must be judged by – the *ERROR* manuscripts; because if the KJV did not come from man-made ERROR manuscripts it must have come from...well, it's just not Reasonable to think God made the inerrant KJV pop into existence, or that He would inspire fallible sinners like the KJV translators to produce His

**inerrant word.**” You now know by his own testimony that he is *subverted*. He does not believe God has preserved His inerrant word for us. He thinks, therefore, that we should – without God’s permission/authority – *redefine* Holy Bible as “**nothing but a corrupt translation**”. As you and I *walk away* from that subverted apostate brother, we’ll shake our heads and discuss the amazing fact that he was, like a wolf confronted with a brightly-burning torch, afraid, unable, and unwilling to do anything but slink away from the topic of the KJV’s inerrancy; he *always* changed the subject by trying to treat the very manuscripts he knows are rotten to the core *as some kind of corrupt “authority”*...and then pointing out that when the KJV says Elhanan killed Goliath’s brother, that reading in the KJV is different from the one in all the manuscripts we’ve found so far. Therefore, he makes this “logical” conclusion:

- The KJV is ***not the same as***, and is therefore ***different from the ERROR ms/modern versions...***
- Therefore the KJV is ***the same*** as the ERROR ms/modern versions – ***corrupt!***

While we’re on the subject of inerrancy, let me deal with some “errors” and show why they are not errors. If theologians say rabbit “cud” and “unicorns” are proof that the KJV has errors, I’ll quietly nod my head and admit I’ve never seen a rabbit chew its cud and I’ve never seen a unicorn – but I’ve never seen heaven or hell, either...and I’m going to stick with *thus saith the Lord*. If they tell me believing in unicorns makes me look like an idiot, I’ll respond with something like, “Hey, guys, I’m just a chump like you; doing the best I can with whatever smarts God has given me. And since you and everybody else have failed to find any provable errors in the KJV, and since the KJV’s unique inerrancy makes it *the issue* – not rabbit cud and unicorns – stop wasting everyone’s time talking about things that are not provable and either show me one provable error in the KJV, or admit the KJV’s inerrancy makes it the only manuscript on earth that fits God’s definition of His living word.”

They have never been able to stand up and face that brightly-burning torch. And that inescapable and embarrassing fact *really* wounds their pride. So they attempt to change the subject by saying history has no evidence that Cain and Able ever existed; astronomers have no evidence that the sun ever went backwards; and one of the “accepted” definitions of the ancient Hebrew word *deep* is actually “a puddle small enough that a man can step over it.” Yes, they know by now that we aren’t impressed by their unscriptural rejection of the Bible and their illogical logic. For example, they use this “logic”:

- The Greek in the corrupt ERROR ms says ***black***.
- The KJV says ***white***, therefore the KJV has an error.

You already recognize this “black and white” example uses the same flawed, contradictory “logic” as the earlier “not the same as” argument, but let’s show more ways they’ve gone wrong:

- Based on the “a corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit” wisdom from God, the good fruit of the inerrant KJV did not come from the corrupt ERROR ms. You do not get inerrancy from corruption.
- Another piece of evidence that the KJV did not come from the ERROR ms is the fact that it has a number of readings that do not appear in any of those ms...or any ms on earth. In spite of that fact, theologians still like to *claim* the KJV was translated from those ms...but those ms themselves have shown theology’s claim to be nothing but the *wishful thinking* of blind men whose claim that the word of God doesn’t exist has always been refuted by the miraculously-inerrant torch of the AV1611.
- The Bible says God’s word is inerrant. The KJV has successfully withstood all of theology’s attempts to prove it has errors. It is therefore, to the best of our knowledge, the only inerrant Bible ms on earth, which makes it, to the man of Biblical faith, the inspired word of God. And that shows why theologians haven’t been able to prove the KJV came from any of the corrupt ms – *it didn’t, it came from God!*
- And that brings us back to the issue of inerrancy: In order to prove the KJV did not come from God, theologians will have to find a provable error in it. And since nobody can prove a negative, trying to prove unicorns never existed is impossible. And trying to prove the KJV really did come from manuscript X and therefore its reading should say *black* has also proven to be a dead end for theologians because there is no proof that the KJV came from any known ms on earth, including any in the so-called Textus Receptus family. And that’s always the cycle of events when “discussing” the existence of God’s word with issue-dodging wolves in sheep’s clothing.

The position of Bible-believing Christians is really very simple: because of our faith in God we actually *base our thinking* on what the Bible *says*. We begin by believing the inspired word of God has been preserved for our use today. Therefore, looking around at all available ms in order to see if any manifests itself as divine by its fruit of inerrancy, the KJV is the only one that qualifies in every respect.

And the position of Bible-rejecting Christians is also very simple: because of their self-reliant dependency on Reason, research, and knowledge they don’t begin by *believing anything*; they wait to see where the evidence leads them. And even though trying to know them by their roots by tracing Bible translations all the way back to the original autographs has huge gaps and abruptly ends 1,500 years too soon, based on the known corruption of every Bible ms they’ve managed to find...*except one*, they’ve illogically chosen to ignore that miraculous exception, to illogically exalt the ERROR ms, and to illogically use them to illogically conclude the preserved, inspired, inerrant word of God does not exist...*even though the inerrant KJV is right under their incredibly-long noses!* In other words, in spite of the fact that all versions of the Bible say God’s preserved, inerrant word *does* exist, and in spite of the fact that the inerrant KJV is proof that God did exactly what He said He’d do, subverted

apostates *ignore all of that* and claim the ERROR ms prove God is either a liar or an incredibly inept bungler. And even though they will not ever come out and word it as plainly as I have, we know that is exactly what they think about God and His word *because of their fruits*: They refuse to live by *thus saith the Lord*...as proven in AOR.

In sum, *inerrancy* is the main way to promote, exalt, and defend the King James Bible. When it comes to the Bible version issue and finding the true word of God, *inerrancy* is not only **the** issue, it is the **only** issue. Never, *ever* leave God Almighty's signature trademark of *inerrancy* out of any discussion with anybody about the amazing truth of His wonderful, inspired, written, living, literal word.

## 2. OBEDIENCE

The second way to defend the KJV is to obediently *reprove/instruct* them one or two times (according to the situation and their attitude using some variation of the above blue text) and then (if they have not reacted positively to the existence of the inerrant word of the living God) *walk away* and politely-but-firmly shun them by letting them know the NT commands you to have no fellowship with Christians who are subverted...and the biggest heresy you know of is attempting to undermine the one and only foundation of Christianity's faith and doctrine by rejecting the inerrancy of God's word. And since God is *truth*, He views the modern versions as abominations because of the falsehoods in them and because those corrupt versions are *Yea, hath God said* weapons that are subverting faith in Him and His word. Therefore, tell people who stubbornly cling to Bible versions *they know are corrupt* that you are one of those who obediently submits to and glorifies God by fellowshiping not just with KJVers, but with KJVers *whose fruit demonstrates their active, growing relationship* with the living Word of God via His living word.

I've already covered this NT tactic of shunning subverted Christians in Trumpet W3, so here I'm going to cover some of the reasons behind that tactic of separation.

It turns out the word of God discerns and identifies believers and unbelievers:

**Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

The above verse starts out saying it is talking about the *living* ("quick") word (which rules out corrupt Bible versions), and it goes on to say it ignores the carnal old-man body by going straight to the soul and spirit in order to discern the true intentions of our hearts. *That* is why Paul *walked away* on Mars Hill; *that* is why God commands us to do the same when we find ourselves in the presence of a subverted apostate: The living word of God is the *real* evangelist (not us), and if Christians we witness to properly love the Lord, they *will seek* Him by hungrily gravitating toward His KJV. And no thorns and snares they encounter along the way will stop them because the Good Shepherd has ways to *Husband* His young devoted wives in order to ensure they *find* Him via the strait gate.

That means we need to stop using tradition's method of evangelizing ("Go use clever words and emotions if possible, and beat 'em over the head if necessary...*but get 'em into the church!*"); and begin obediently using God's method (like Paul did on Mars Hill): Plant the Seed of the living word...and then based on their reaction either continue *feeding His hungry sheep* or *walk away*. Notice that method is basically the same as how we're told to deal with subverted Christians (such as non-KJVers): Admonish them once or twice (plant the Seed of the living KJV)...and then based on their reaction either continue *feeding His hungry sheep* or *walk away*.

In this NT era we've confused God's job and our job.

**God's job** is to use the Holy Spirit and His living word to motivate and guide His faithful sheep who hear His voice. He'll make sure the Seed of His word bears fruit in the hearts of those who love Him enough and are servant enough to *do* His word. The Lord can use people and events and His still small voice to train up His children in the way in which they should go. Notice the following Scripture says the same thing: Christianity isn't based on being *persuaded by people*, it's about being *persuaded by the Bible*:

**Lk 16:27-31 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have [the Bible] Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not [the Bible] Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded [by anyone], though one rose from the dead.**

**Heb 4:2 ...but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.**

**Our job** depends on whom we're with:

1. Motivated Christians: Plant the Seed. Then, based on their good reaction, fellowship with and disciple them.
2. Apostate Christians: Plant the Seed one or two times. Then, based on their (usual) reaction, *walk away* and have nothing to do with them.
3. Unknown people: Plant the Seed. Then, based on their reaction, feed or walk.

Do not think our job is to *convince/force* Christians that the inerrant word of God exists in the KJV. We don't want to risk the welfare of the church by possibly dragging subverted Christians into our midst. Our job is to show them the difference

between the word of God and the word of translators and then step back and let the word of God discern the thoughts and intents of their hearts. If they are faithful, humble believers who are seeking the Truth they will have the same Christ-honoring reaction you and I had – they will simply jettison the modern versions and go with the KJV. But if they “choose” a version that makes Christ a liar and His Book corrupt, they do so because the word *choose* involves Self...and they want Self to remain on the throne. For you and me *there was no “choice” to make*: we merely accepted and submitted to what God has obviously provided for us.

Our job is to go through life bearing precious seed...and then be on the lookout to see if we need to *feed* or to *walk*. The arm of flesh has failed us, and we need to get back to depending on the Lord to do His job of working in people’s hearts. And we need to keep in mind *why* He orders us to walk away and shun apostates: The Devil’s subversive leaven is so attractive and so powerful it cannot be stopped, and our job is to stay away from it and pray and fast and be doers of the word in order that we may grow strong and resist being infected by the plague spreading throughout the church and the world around us.

If that means stop attending your church, do it. If that means your only Christian fellowship is with the Lord via His Book, or with one or two others, so be it.

**Heb 11** ...they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth...they desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly...Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt...They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of the earth.

I say again in case you haven’t gotten it yet: The Devil is no longer using *swords* to *slay* us; he’s using *ideology* to *subvert* us. That does not mean just because you know the Enlightened principles of theology and democracy are evil, and it doesn’t mean just because you know the KJV is the word of God you can disobey the Bible and go in/stay in among them and touch the unclean thing and not be leavened by it. No, soldier; your job is to obey our King whether you like and understand His orders or not.

The issue in the Bible is neither God nor the existence of God. The issue is authority. We learn about authority from the word of God. People who get their “beliefs” from sources other than the inerrant literal word of God have all kinds of different gods they call “Jesus.” That’s why the real Jesus Christ exalts His word (not garbage cans) above His name (Ps 138:2); He and His living word are indistinguishable and inseparable, which is why His Book says the same things about the Word of God as it does about the word of God. Therefore, the key to true Christianity is not “the Lord Jesus Christ” (because there are many false Christs among us); the key to true Christianity is that which He exalts above His name – His Authorized 1611 King James/Jacob (Ps 24:6) Bible – *because there is only one inerrant Bible manuscript on earth with the authority to describe and reveal the true Christ*. That inerrant Bible is His inspired Sword, and its inerrancy is its own proof that the KJV is the inspired word of God with His authority behind it, which is *absolute* authority – and to deny that is to subvert His authority and rebel against Him. The KJV’s inerrancy also emphasizes the importance of interpreting it literally, which will lead us in the paths of righteousness and rightly-divided doctrine for His name’s sake. And that miraculously-unique inerrancy gives us the confidence to admonish our brethren who are unintentionally undermining faith in God and the Christian religion by using corrupt Bible versions.

The paragraph above is a fairly good summation of W2, W3, and this trumpet. It shows why I said in W3 that the subversive leaven of equality/democracy was nowhere near as harmful as Christian Enemy Number One: *Yea, hath God said pro-theology/anti-KJV only*:

**“So, even though I am definitely and correctly adding equality/democracy to the list because of how dangerously appealing it is, and how subversive it is to authority, and how God has reacted to it with deadly violence, I want to be clear that it’s not even close to being number one on the list.”**

And the paragraph not only shows why the heresy of theology/anti-KJV is number one on the list of subversive leaven, but it shows why Christian fellowship should not be around “Jesus Christ” (which one?), it should be around the inerrant KJV (which *reveals* the one true Christ, is its own *proof* that the word of God exists and the KJV *is* that word, has the *authority* to teach doctrine, and is *exalted* by Christ above His name). The bedrock of our faith, therefore, is not “the Bible” (which one?); it is the miraculous AV1611, which, against all odds and against all Logic and theological Reason is a *unique original* because it is the only manuscript on earth with God’s signature trademark on it – inerrancy.

In sum, our defense of the KJV is not like the baseless, blind allegiance Mormons have to their BOM, and JW’s have to their NWT. Our use of the KJV isn’t like the modern Christian churches that use modern Bible versions because they “prefer” them. And our promotion of the KJV isn’t like the idiotic “Logic” theologians use when recommending their favorite modern versions: **“I think this version more faithfully preserves the corruption of the ERROR manuscripts than do the other modern versions recommended by many other theologians and scholars.”** Our stand is on the KJV for one reason and one reason only – its inerrancy.

***“Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.”***

## Trumpet W5

### WINNING TACTICS FOR YOUNG SOLDIERS

6 pages

I often stress that success in this war requires being a doer of the word. But being a doer requires *knowing* the word so you know what to do, and young Christians may not have mastered the Bible yet. So, in an effort to help new Christians get started I'll go over some of the things I've done over the decades in order to protect myself from distractions, temptations, my deceitful heart, slovenly Christians, etc.

When the Lord gave me spirit life I suddenly had a hunger: I wanted to know about Him. The first thing I did was read my Bible version (RSV) from cover to cover. I didn't study it; I just wanted to know what it said...and didn't say. I did it so I'd have a complete foundation; I didn't want to begin building before I'd read the whole Bible because I thought that might be putting the cart before the horse. I also read a couple of books about Christianity and the historical reliability of the Bible.

I was a Roman Catholic, so I naturally began attending Catholic nighttime "Bible" studies. I was shocked to find out I already knew more about the Bible than the nuns who taught the classes. I was disgusted by the "nothing-is-definite, what's-your-opinion?" view of the Bible. Any questions I asked produced mushy, frustrating non-answers. Over time this built up until one night as my wife and I were walking out of the church after another "Bible study", I realized I was almost trembling with some weird feeling that the Roman Catholic Church was evil. I have no idea what it was. I'd never experienced anything like it before or since. It may have been merely a reaction of intense dislike for the mentally undisciplined amateurish floundering of the Bible study, but my revulsion was directed at the RCC as an institution – not just at the Bible classes. I said to my wife, "I don't know why, but we're never coming back to the Catholic Church."

A few days later some independent fundamental Baptists knocked on my door, and I ended up joining their church and being baptized because it was a "Bible believing, Bible preaching, Bible teaching church." I was hungry, I was looking for food, and I couldn't get enough.

I had so many questions that I kept a little spiral notebook and pen in my shirt pocket so I could keep track of them. During sermons when the preacher said things, out came the notebook and questions were written down. I researched everything. I went to the library, bought and borrowed books, began studying issues in depth such as creation vs. evolution, and the Bible version issue. I was there for all events every time the doors of my church or other affiliated churches in the region opened. I even helped my church picket a local drive-in theater for showing X-rated movies. I went to Christian seminars in big cities. I went on an archeological dig with a creationist Christian who turned out to be a fraud. The pastor was so delighted to have a young, eager Christian on his hands that he began a "pastor-to-people hour" every Wednesday before the evening service. He'd answer written questions that were passed up to him. Well, I didn't know Christianity wasn't all open and above-board; I thought it was OK to ask questions about anything. The week before, the pastor had shocked and offended some pewsters by calling on an older woman during a church service to lead the church in prayer. She did, but she was visibly upset because she and a number of the older Christians thought women were supposed to remain silent in church. Out came my spiral notebook, I researched the issue, and submitted a question about it during pastor-to-people hour. I honestly thought there might be something in the Bible I'd missed and the preacher would teach us about the topic. *Wrong!* He crumpled up my question, addressed another one, and terminated pastor-to-people sessions. That was one of my earliest lessons that modern Christianity is not open and above board, does some things that are un- and anti-scriptural, and cannot defend itself against what the Bible says.

Two of the most important things I did during my short (less than two years) stay in the church were to master the Bible version issue and gain a wealth of knowledge and experience about modern Christianity – good and bad. The most important thing was not going out and buying a KJV, the most important thing was mastering the Bible version issue. Lots of lousy Christians use the KJV and say it's the inspired and inerrant word of God. But I wanted to know if they were Scripturally correct or not. Once I understood the Bible version issue, it was thrilling to know the inspired word of God actually exists today. I was also amazed to see that God has preserved it in such a way that faithless Christians can't see that it exists, but to faithful believers it's as simple as letting the literal written word of God point out that *we find His word by its fruit of inerrancy*. I realized I now had a sure foundation upon which to build, and as long as I stuck with what the Bible said, I was sticking with Almighty God Himself.

My wife and I got rid of our TV because we realized it was an unnecessary distraction and time-waster: we needed to master the Bible, and that was our top priority. We were learning rapidly, and that milk and meat was satisfying my need to feed. Unfortunately, other Christians in our church felt a different need – the need to ridicule us for getting rid of our TV. Our pastor even made sarcastic remarks about us *from the pulpit!* The pastor was increasingly uncomfortable in my presence because of his pastor-to-people embarrassment, his dread whenever he saw me pull out my spiral notebook during sermons, and a number of things I found out that were going on in church. I was vaguely uneasy about all of this because it didn't seem to be the way Christians were supposed to be. One day while doing volunteer work at the church I asked the preacher a question during a casual conversation. I said people always said we were *supposed* to "grow spiritually", but I'd never heard anyone teach how we achieve growth, so could he teach us about it someday during Sunday school or during a sermon? He didn't say anything. But that Sunday he delivered a red-faced, screaming sermon about how the pastor is God's man and *nobody tells him what to preach!* Well, I can be kind of slow sometimes, but I realized he was wasting everybody else's Sunday simply because he was afraid to say something to me man to man.

The next most helpful thing in that Baptist church was the experience I gained. The Lord allowed me to see, do, and learn an awful lot about modern Christianity. I eventually had to leave because my open, honest, and idealistic belief that Christianity was supposed to be in accordance with the Bible was causing me to be disappointed, disgusted, and offended by

what I learned about “reality.” By the time we quit attending that church a short time later, I had learned three things. 1) I needed to master the Bible because I had more questions than modern Christianity had answers. 2) With the inspired word of God as my textbook and the Comforter as my tutor I had all the tools I needed. 3) Modern Christianity was in very bad shape, so I needed to protect myself from leaven and isolate myself from irritants.

We moved to a farm out in the middle of nowhere. This was physical separation. This was my creating an environment for myself that allowed me to dedicate myself to the kind of intensive study I felt *driven* to do so I could expeditiously master the Bible.

Now I’ll go over some of the daily-routine things that have helped me and have become part of my life. And I’ll make some recommendations I think you should follow in order to protect yourself from well-intentioned mistakes. In no special order:

- Boot camp. As a beginning Christian you should be smart enough to know how ignorant – and therefore *vulnerable* – you are. You should have a disciplined “boot camp” mentality by putting your energy into studying and learning...while deliberately avoiding confrontations and disputes with other Christians. I say again, for all you know I may turn out to be a nutcase and you may be glad later you didn’t go around spouting off at the mouth before you found that out. Children should be seen and not heard, so spend your time studying instead of running your mouth. Suggestions:
  - Insert a sheet of paper into AOR at every doctrinal chapter, or get a loose-leaf notebook with section dividers labeled with doctrines and topics. Study AOR completely, carefully, twice. Look up all of the Scripture and do any side-studies that may interest you. Take notes, write word definitions, results of word studies in a concordance, Scripture references, reminders, thoughts, questions, and anything else that might help you.
  - Even if you’ve already read the trumpets, now that you have AOR under your belt, read them again with the Lord slowly and thoughtfully. Christianity is largely *cerebral* (there’s the rub!) because learning correct doctrine takes time and experience...and those experiences must be Scripturally evaluated in order to make corrections and adjustments along the way. Add to your notes as you see fit.
  - Putting AOR and the trumpets aside, *study* the Bible all the way through twice. Keep in mind the doctrines and other things you were taught by the well-intentioned but *fallible* yours truly so you can build upon the things you confirm and discard the things you can’t. Pay close attention to the exact words God put in His Book. Add to your notes as you see fit. Study *dutifully* as an obedient soldier should; *patiently* because when we sit at the Lord’s feet He has His own perfect timing for things; *expectantly* because the Holy Spirit *will* answer your prayers for knowledge, growth, understanding, and wisdom; and *thanksgiving* because...well, because of *everything, brother* – as you will understand and appreciate more and more as time goes by. Your organized studies will help your learning, and your confidence will grow. And your organized notes can be very helpful over the years when you want to refresh your memory about something, or when you want to share some stuff with other Bible believers.
  - During boot camp (which may take two years, more or less), you may elect to continue going to your church if you attend one. You may elect to continue fellowshiping with other Christians you know. And you may decide to continue friendships with pagans. Nothing wrong with that. In fact, that’s a lot better than shoving your throttles up into full afterburner and going to war with people over some of the stuff you’ve learned. You will probably benefit from some gentle *discussions* with Christians about some issues you care about. For example, you may want to discuss the KJV’s inerrancy and other Bible version issues with people in order to see for yourself how they react and what they say. But I say again, be very careful to make your first two years meditatively, academically, and quietly *cerebral*; do not try to become an action hero who goes out and tries to “improve” Christianity by kicking ass. Keep your mouth shut, your eyes and ears open, and carefully evaluate some of the Scriptural wisdom of the rearguard tactics discussed in these trumpets.
  - When you finish boot camp you’ll find that not much will change. Boot camp is merely the beginning of a Bible-based relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and that will *never* end. The direction of your life will depend on what gates and trials the Lord puts before you, and how you respond to them will depend on how mature and pure your inner sanctum (the Lord, His Book, and you) is. For example, if fear or lust or pride get the better of you at times, *respond like David did* by honestly repenting, learning, and making sure you’ll never repeat that sin. The fact is, the road to becoming a mature Christian warrior is no different from the road walked by mature Christian warriors: Daily Bible study, constant fellowship with the Lord, and using your inner sanctum to evaluate any and every situation in your life. That’s all I’m doing right now: I’m trying to serve and glorify God and edify my fellow servants in accordance with His Instruction Manual. As we mature our daily routine of tending to the Lord remains the same. But as we learn, falter, repent, grow...and *mature* our decisions get better and our service more selfless. And eventually we realize we’ve increasingly developed a burden to help our comrades, so we begin ministering to the needs of the church.
  - “Action addicts” and “learning junkies”: Eph 2:1-3: And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind... (1 Thes 4:11): And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; Because you learned a lot in a short time by studying AOR, you may now experience “learning withdrawal”. The mental stimulation, *the excitement of learning* as you went through AOR the first few

times may cause you to now – as boring day after boring day rolls by – feel *restless*. Some people are action addicts, and they wrongly crave the excitement of constantly debating doctrine by going in among apostate Christians. Some people are learning junkies, and they hope to duplicate the high they had when studying AOR, so they begin looking for more knowledge. I can't say learning is bad...but be careful not to get sidetracked by trivialities in the “ever learning” rut, and be careful not to put well-intentioned Christian authors like me between you and the Lord and His Book. Concentrate on *your* relationship with the Lord (day after week after month after year after decade of daily time with Him during Bible study/reading, and 24/7 with Him in your inner sanctum) so *He* can shape you into the kind of vessel He wants you to be. Train yourself to quietly and patiently and faithfully sit at His feet via endless sessions in His Book accompanied by confessions, thanksgivings, questions, praise, word studies, note-taking, essay writing, etc. That is *exactly* what His Book tells you to do...and it really does work, and it really is worth it. One way to read **study to be quiet** is: “If you spend your time studying the Bible, it will keep you in life’s slow lane away from the constant time-wasting barrage of worldly distractions that appeal to **the desires of the flesh and of the mind.**” Looking back I wish I’d avoided some of the distractions along the way that I now realize were nothing but *well-intentioned trivial wastes of time*. I was spiritually young and ignorant and had no big brother to disciple me, so with this ministry I’m trying to be an help who is meet for you. Bottom line: It may sound trite, but only what’s done with and for the Lord is satisfying in the long run.

- “Practice daily with the guns.” You are training for spiritual warfare. The Bible is your weapon. Read and/or study it every day. Without fail. It is your daily bread. You need it. Just do it. It is an extremely important part of your relationship with the Lord. It gives Him opportunities to increase your knowledge, understanding, and strength. Do not let Him and yourself down: read the Bible every single day for the rest of your life. If a day ever comes when you decide to skip your Bible reading, you must first commune with the Lord and let Him know what it is on your agenda that is so important that you won’t have time for His Book today. Yes, some days your reading will be boring. But some days your reading will unexpectedly turn into a feast, and you may spend many hours feeding. Even if you don’t feel motivated to read, do it anyway out of a sense of duty. The Lord will note your unflinching dedication and your obedience, and He will reward you.
- “Pick out the biggest and commence firing!” The best way to master the Bible (after you’ve read it straight through a couple of times) is to master specific doctrines one by one. Pick the big ones, the important ones, and the ones that most interest you first. Take notes. Write down things as you run across them that you want to look into someday. As you go through the Bible make side lists of “here a little, and there a little” verses that deal with various topics so you can group them by subject and therefore easily find them later. Use a concordance to do word studies and find verses. Make lists of helpful verses. (Study habits like these made it a lot quicker when I wrote AOR to know which verses to reference.)
- Come out of the closet. When having normal everyday conversations with people, saved or not, I encourage you to mention the Bible or the Lord. Don’t force it. Let it be a natural reference having to do with whatever you’re talking about. It can be something as simple as, “Well, we know we all go back through Noah”; or “The Lord hasn’t given us any rain in quite a while”; or “I happen to know about that because I’m a Bible believer”; or it may be something more in-depth depending on the circumstances. As your Bible knowledge and Christian experiences that result from being a doer of the word increase, you’ll be amazed at how many times Biblical stuff comes to mind. By speaking up you’ll learn there’s nothing and nobody to be afraid of. And sometimes you may be delighted that you’ve just met a fellow Bible believer.
- If lukewarm Christians or pagans think you’re a wild-eyed, drooling fanatic, you’ll gradually learn *it doesn’t matter and you don’t care!* And if somebody ever says something derogatory about you or Christianity or the Bible (they usually say nothing), you’ll quickly realize they’re not a threat: they’re lightweight airheads firing blanks...and they probably already know that and therefore have no desire to match wits with a Swordbearing front-line Christian warrior. But if they actually do get all emotional and attack Bible believers and the word of God *do not stick around and cast your pearls before swine – walk away*. If you’ll resist those urges to stay and argue and defend yourself and the Bible, and if you’ll subdue *self* by obediently walking away you’ll realize later that *what they think* really doesn’t matter and *you really don’t care*.
- Be increasingly picky with your social life (it’ll automatically happen as you mature and walk more closely with the Lord). Be polite and casually friendly with everybody, but don’t fellowship with pagans who can’t resist badmouthing Christians, and don’t fellowship with Christians who aren’t interested in the inerrant Bible. Make your socializing routinely include the Bible. If that causes you to end up with no friends, it’s only because they’ve turned out to be the kind of people you do not want to be around. People are dangerous because peer pressure is a powerful force. Be very careful with people; they can be very bad for you. This is not to say you won’t maintain good relationships with job bosses and fellow employees – you will, and you should. But do not get your back up when they say the kinds of stupid, carnal, Enlightened stuff they typically say. Remember, some dogs bark a lot. It’s a nuisance, but it’s not a big deal. It isn’t your job to shut them up, your job is to “study to be quiet” by coming out from among them so you can be in a Biblical environment of peaceful green pastures and still waters. Be disciplined; be *in control* of yourself at all times and in all environments, and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall be with you.
- If you have a pagan spouse and children, or if you have a pagan girlfriend, or if your parents and brothers and sisters are unsaved you may find that it can sometimes be easier getting along with pagans than with tradition-bound loudmouthed opinionated Christians. If that is so, and your unsaved loved ones – like your loyal and beloved pet dog – want to be around you (1 Cor 7:13) and are content with your being a Bible believer you do not have to avoid them; it is perfectly OK to have pagans in your life and to love them – as long as they cheerfully accept you as a Bible believer.

- Develop a 24-7-365 relationship with the Lord. Talk with Him about everything. Think about His word and about matters Christian. Thank Him for times when a cloudbank, or fall leaves, or falling snow, or a cool breeze that billows your sweat-soaked shirt out from your back, etc., make you have one of those timeless moments that stick with you forever. If you're carrying a bucket of gravel up to the barn and you stumble and spill it in the deep lush grass by the spring, and you feel your fatigue spilling over into senseless anger...fast (as in *not eating*) from your impatience. Tell the Lord you're tired, you hate little detailed penny-ante work, but you're going to get down on your hands and knees and pick the gravel, one by one, out of the grass and refill the bucket. And you're doing it for Him because you want it to symbolize the kind of servant you want to be for Him: patient, humble, disciplined, and happy to do whatever task no matter how distasteful you may think it is. Just *be with* Him. You'll find out *He's good to be with*.
- Pray. Ask Him to help you love Him, serve Him, learn His word, and be more patient. Everything. Prayer is just a more specific talk with Him – as opposed to the constant communing with Him every day such as above when picking up gravel. Be careful when you pray not to be selfish. Pray for the church. Be strong; admit to times when you fret or falter, but tell Him you'll never quit on Him. Be honest and humble in your prayers. Don't BS Him with "Christian rhetoric" because He's *way* ahead of you and will not be fooled or pleased. Use your prayer time to honestly and objectively review how you've been performing. Thank Him for growth, and ask for more. Don't be afraid to talk honestly about the possibility that He may want you to suffer horribly one day – like Job. Yes, you're afraid to bring up stuff like that because you don't want to give Him any ideas. But He doesn't work that way. Your prayers should be part of your relationship, and your relationship is a journey whose objective is your becoming the kind of faithful servant He delights in and can count on for *anything...forever*. Quick example: As a young Christian I wanted to know what tongues is. So I Naturally and carnally conferred with flesh and blood by asking preachers and reading books about it – and all of them danced around without properly pointing to Bible verses that actually *described* miraculous tongues. Finally one day, frustrated and at my wits' end, as a *last resort* (!) I took it to the Lord in prayer: **1 Cor 14:34,35 Let your women keep silence in the churches...And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home.** I knelt at a chair in my living room, confessed my lack of faith, told the Lord I couldn't find the answer, and asked Him to help me. And then I waited. **Ps 27:14 Wait, I say, on the LORD.** A few days later while studying the subject in the Bible (again), the Lord opened my eyes to the fact that His truth is revealed by paying close attention to what His *literal* word actually *says*...as well as what it doesn't say. By opening my eyes to the necessity of taking Him literally at His word, the Lord taught me about tongues...and about how to avoid being blinded by tradition from then on.
- In addition to paying attention to the exact words God put in His Book, keep in mind *cause and effect* when studying the Bible. Many people incorrectly treat the Bible as if it's merely a collection of "Sunday-school stories" whose inconsistencies with Enlightened doctrines should be ignored. But the Bible is 100% true, and it talks about real people in real situations. Keeping that in mind as you study will help you pay attention to *cause and effect*. For example:
  - God *really did* get so upset that He killed Korah, Dathan, and Abiram when they tried to "reform" Moses and his brother. *Why?* And God *really did* get so upset with King Saul that He rejected him as king for "merely" heeding the voice of the people. *Why?* When using cause and effect to figure out why, you'll find the events have something in common, *authority*: Korah wanted to overthrow Moses' autocratic authority and create a democratic government; and Saul wanted to surrender his autocratic authority by creating a *de facto* democracy. By treating these and other events in the Bible as real we find they were caused by threats to the absolute authority of single-headed rule, which resulted in God's seemingly over-the-top anger. Upon examination you'll realize the *literal* word makes it look like God wants His people to submit to their rulers *no matter what those rulers say!* You'll find that to be interesting, and will tuck it away in your mind to see what else you might come across in the Bible (such as Mt 23:1-3 and 1 Pet 2:13-18) that supports this idea that is so offensive to modern "Christianity" and society. You'll add the above Scripture to your Bible study notes under a growing section called "authority" or "government". After you've carefully, patiently gone through the Bible a few times and verified your doctrinal lists are complete, you'll be forced into deciding if you're going to live by the traditions of men or if you're going to live by *Thus saith the Lord*.
  - God *really did* get so upset that He killed Hananiah when he used Satan's *Yea, hath God said* theological skepticism to undermine the authority of the word of God. That, too, is added to study notes concerning theology, faith, belief, the truth of every word of God, the subject of *inerrancy* and how it *requires* taking the Bible literally, the topic of rebellion/witchcraft (as applied to Saul in 1 Sam 15:22,23 and to Hananiah in Jer 28:16; 29:32), and other topics that bear on the Bible version issue in order to see if believing Bible study by taking God's inerrant King James Bible literally will result in seeing more of God's truth as revealed, supported, and verified by the wonderful *Comforting* consistency of the Bible.
  - Cause and effect also help us eventually build upon our framework of increasingly-correct doctrine (which makes us jettison tradition's incorrect doctrines) in order to better and more clearly understand *how and why, at a fundamental level, theology, modern Bible versions, layman's aids, etc.* are subversive: they undermine faith in God and His word by attacking the inspiration, literal inerrancy, reliability, and *authority* of the Holy Bible, which makes Christians think believing Bible study is folly because God's word no longer exists. And our growing understanding makes us increasingly aware of the fact that Satan has successfully used theology as a Trojan horse to bring Reason into the church. And then we look at cause and effect again: How has this happened and why are most Christians so unaware of all of this? The answer: It's because *our tactics* have not been Biblical; instead of letting modern dumpster-diving Christians know they are subverted, and instead shunning them because the Bible

literally says to come out from among them by *walking away*, we have continued to fellowship with them...which allowed them to remain unaware that we believe them to be *apostates* who lack the foundational faith to believe God's word exists, and are therefore blind to the meaning of the miraculously-unique inerrancy of the KJV. I say again, instead of politely and lovingly *shunning* the Hananiahs in our midst, *we have befriended/defrauded them!*

- Get up early. If you get up early you'll always have time to read and study the Bible – because the rest of the world will be asleep and therefore won't interrupt you. I got up today at 0430 in order to write this trumpet. Sometimes I get up earlier, sometimes I don't get up until 0600. But the Bible is always the first thing I do every day. A good side benefit of getting up early is it'll help you become more disciplined.
- Cultivate the soil of your heart and humble your soul with fasting. Do things that will eliminate distractions and temptations. Establish habits and routines that are good for you. Just make up your mind and do them. They may seem like big deals at first, but when you do them you'll realize how screwed up we are by not having a deeper understanding of the "all is vanity" in Ecclesiastes. When you fast, ask the Lord to help you translate the fasting into the kind of dedicated discipline that will help you avoid temptations, be a faithful doer, and endure trials. No, you don't really understand *how* "cultivating" things like fasting positively impact our hearts and souls any more than I do. But do 'em anyway, soldier, because they're in our Weapons Manual and we *believe* He's looking for warriors who promptly carry out His orders – whether we understand everything about them or not. *Faith* is the victory.
- Get your life and your household under control. Don't be enslaved by debt, be an expert who's known for dependability at work, and rule well your own house.
- More on **study to be quiet (1 Th 4:11)**: Make sure you have times when you are surrounded by peaceful order and quiet. So many people these days spend their days in noisy chaotic hustle and bustle. They've got the TV always on as "background noise", or the radio, or some modern music device, and they often can't hear you because they've got ear buds in their ears. They also have so many activities, hobbies, and pastimes that they simply have no time to sit in a quiet place and just let their minds rest. I routinely sit quietly and let my mind wander: daily tasks, worries, memories, people, Scripture, Christianity, and – always – my relationship with the Lord. It is not unusual for good things to "occur to me" during these quiet times. I often attribute those thoughts to the still small voice of the Comforter, which is also common during Bible study and Bible-oriented discussions with Christians. That suggests these "study to be quiet" sessions can be fruitful parts of our daily walks. My main point: The busy, chaotic, noise-filled lives so many people seem to have these days may be harmful if we don't deliberately take the time to "study to be quiet" in order to mull things over with the Lord so His still small voice has an opportunity to shepherd those with ears that hear.
- Make "disciplined" your middle name. Do not allow or tolerate laziness, slovenliness, or procrastinating in your life. Reading the Bible every day, getting up early, and fasting are good ways to make self-discipline part of your character. Be on time and in other ways be dependable. Stand up straight, tuck in your shirttail, pull up your pants, comb your hair, don't drag your feet, look people in the eye, be honest and truthful. Look like the squared-away, elite Christian soldier you are or are in training to be. Be proud of your Christian character, and live and walk and talk in such a way that you can stand unashamed and unafraid before a mirror, your comrades, and your enemies – like Christ did before Pontius Pilate. I say again, *be disciplined*.
- Be strong. You'll need to be strong if you're going to be a doer. The best way to be a doer is to *address your fears*. Are you afraid to turn down your neighbor's dinner invitation because he and his wife are low-life scumbags and you've been afraid to openly be a Bible believer around them? Get off your butt and go tell him. It doesn't matter if you're humble with him and confess that you feel bad about the kind of Christian you've been and are in the process of repenting, or if you curtly decline his invitation and don't care if his feelings are hurt or not. Your *personality* isn't important; getting your life in order so you can quickly grow into a strong and dependable warrior is. The best way to grow stronger is *be a doer of the word*.
- There are things in the Bible that I won't mention to you. They aren't big enough deals for me to preach them. But they have become part of *my* relationship with the Lord. In a way they're personal; they're things I came across in His Book that I made part of my life because I think my Husband appreciates them and I *want* to please Him. I could open the Bible and show you why I do them, but I won't. I want you to develop your own relationship with Him based on whatever things in the Bible impress themselves upon you. Don't be afraid to develop *your* relationship. Don't be afraid to be different from me.
- Fear is a big impediment to Christian growth. And many Christians increase their fear and timidity by trying to conform to some "image" of what a Christian should be. The way they dress, their vocabulary, their tone of voice, and their personalities are all calculated to project that mythical "Christian image." But they end up being insecure and shallow because they know they're phonies putting on a pious act. Don't get sucked into that trap, brother. If you'll take the above actions to heart in order to preserve and protect your environment so you can avoid or overcome the temptations, pitfalls, and trials that are part of our Christian walks, you'll grow rapidly. Humility will help. *Be yourself*. Let your daily relationship with Christ shape you. Have the personality and the character He gives you via the experiences and trials and temptations He deems fit to put into your life. Being yourself will help you during those times when standing alone on Scripture becomes necessary. And it *will* become necessary. How will being yourself help? Because being a humble, submissively-obedient, no-BS Bible believer every day in every way will gradually become more and more entrenched into your character, into who you are. And therefore when temptations and fears try to get you to stray, the selfless love

for the Lord that is the foundation of your Christian character and that grew every time you served Him, will keep you in line. I say again: Being the kind of Christian I've described above will quietly result in your relationship with – and love for – the Lord to deepen. And as you mature you'll be able to see that love manifest itself...well, in so many ways I can't even *begin* to list them.

You are a child of God Almighty in a weed- and leaven-infested, pitfall-filled, dangerous war. Your job is to mature and bear fruit. Part of your job includes taking the above steps to protect your flanks and cover your six so your little environment can be a fertile, weed-free, *peaceful* garden of Eden where you won't have to spend all your time and energy fighting barbs and arrows. If you don't successfully get through training/childhood you'll never be a good combat soldier/adult. So take your training seriously and help it be fruitful by doing the above steps. One day you'll be glad you did.

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***“Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.”***

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## Trumpet W6

### A TALE OF TARES AMONG US

3 pages

Much of this essay is conjecture, therefore I'm not dogmatic about it. But even though the Bible does not come right out and say some of this stuff, it does fit with and explain much of Scripture. And because this narrative helps us get a glimpse at how desperate this war is, I want it to make you think about how important you and your submissive obedience to the literal word of God are to the welfare of the church. I'm going to draw upon the info covered in earlier trumpets in order to paint a broad picture of the war and why certain things happened. This topic goes along with the fact that the Lord knew a rearguard action was the only way the church could endure to the end and win the war, and it not only gives a possible explanation to some perplexing wording in the Bible, but the explanation – because it makes sense – is but another indication that we are to use a literal interpretation of the Bible.

Since you take the Bible literally and realize the Lord carefully selected each word, have you ever wondered why the Lord chose a specific “*three* measures of meal” rather than a more general “a measure” or something similar, and how it might apply to both the KOG and the KOH?

Lk 13:20,21 Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Mt 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

In my narrative I'm also going to draw upon some of the stranger things in the following verses:

Gen 6:2-4 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose...There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown.

1 Jn 3:12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one...

Gen 19:1-7 And there came two angels to Sodom at even...and Lot seeing *them* rose up to meet them...And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night...But before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sodom...called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot...said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.

Jn 8:41,44,47 Ye do the deeds of your father...Ye are of your father the devil...He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.

Mt 13:24-40 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn...He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

Mt 10:16,17 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men...

Mt 7:15,16 ...which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits.

Jn 2:24,25 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

Lk 18:8 ...when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Mt 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Let's begin.

What if the Devil really did consummate his union with Eve (as we discussed in *AOR*), and thereby introduced some kind of "fallen seed" to the physical genetic mix of the human race that makes or tends to make us more receptive to ideology that is pro-theology and anti-God/authority? Would that mean the Lord meant it literally when He told the evil Pharisees they were "of their father the devil"? Could the Bible be referring to the Devil's "recessive genes" in Cain when it says Cain was "of that wicked one"? And could more "wicked seed" have been added to our human gene pools when the devils took human wives?

Obviously, there are other ways to explain "recessive genes" and "leaven" and "of your father the devil." For example, those things could simply mean "doctrinally corrupt", or "subverted with Reason, theology, equality, democracy, etc.", or they could be referring to some unmentioned spiritual corruption. That gives us four possible explanations...but I'm going to explore only one of them – a physical genetic "recessive gene" implanted in Eve by the Devil. The Bible does make it clear, after all, that *somehow* the physical kingdom of heaven and the spiritual kingdom of God can and do interact with and affect each other.

Why did Cain go bad? Did he inherit that recessive gene from his parents? Is that why he received a "mark"? We don't know, the Bible doesn't say. But we do know some form of evil leaven quickly spread until all of the first patriarch's generations were corrupted, which caused God, for the good of the church, to step in and use the Flood to cull everybody.

God then told the second patriarch, Noah to be fruitful and multiply. The generations of Noah were also quickly leavened, causing God to step in and divide the human race into saints and ain'ts.

God gave the third patriarch, Abraham, the Old Commission to be fruitful and multiply. And via Moses He also began giving Abraham's generations the Old Testament. In order to protect His people from the corrupting recessive genes that infected so many of Noah's generations, God told Abe to inbreed. That would not only prevent His people from bringing more recessive genes into Israel via infected pagans, but the recessives already there would be exposed by inbreeding and close fellowship. That's one reason God gave His people the death penalty – it would cut off recessive genes. And that's why God told parents to carefully watch their children: If any of them weren't bearing proper fruit by the time they were 16 those recessive-gene-carrying children were to be executed to prevent them from spreading that leaven via ideology and physical reproduction.

And that's why God had His people annihilate so many pagans who lived near Israel; He was eradicating recessive genes that could infect his people.

When Christ showed up He pointed out that some of the Pharisees (and therefore others among the Hebrews) had inherited this recessive gene and therefore could not heed the word of God and be good Christians. In fact, so many Christians of Abraham's generations had been infected by their parent's marrying pagans and by not culling among themselves properly that the Lord saw it was necessary for the good of the church and the war to cull His leavened people and start over with the New Testament and with Himself as the fourth – and True – Patriarch.

Did you catch it? The generations of the first three physical patriarchs were so completely leavened they had to be cut off. *That's* where the "three" measures of meal came from. And they had the leaven initially introduced to them by a "woman" – Eve.

When the Fourth Patriarch looked around at the whole world He saw that there were not enough people left who weren't infected with recessive genes. That meant He could not win the war if He selected somebody new to be a physical patriarch. If He did that His new church would – because you cannot tell people are "of the Devil" by looking at them – actually hurt itself if it tried to use the Old Commission by marrying people who had a much higher chance of carrying the Devil's genes. That meant the Lord *had* to not only get rid of the Old Commission's mandate to have children, He had to – for the good of the longevity of the church – advise His NT saints to not marry anybody, "Christian" or pagan, because the odds were they were carrying recessive genes. That would prevent His NT saints from unintentionally populating their churches with the invisible genes of that Wicked One. *That's* why God told us not to marry and have kids – there are way too many infected people and way too few uninfected people on earth to safely marry anybody and physically reproduce.

We cannot tell who these infected people are, but they're everywhere. We are sheep among wolves...and many of the wolves are in our churches wearing sheep's clothing. That means the Devil's recessive genes pollute human beings in such a way that the Lord either cannot give them the new birth or if He does those tainted saints are more prone to subversive ideologies. And infected people do not know they're infected: That's why many of today's "Christian" tares/children of the Devil are just as enthusiastic about "Christianity" and "Bible" study as are Muslims about their religion.

But the Lord does know who's infected and who's not. That's why He took over as Patriarch – He will select individuals *anywhere on earth* who are "clean" and give them the new birth. And if His people live in accordance with the Bible they probably *won't get married*. And that obedience to the Bible helps the church because it avoids the *high probability* that we're

going to marry pagans (no matter how many times they said the sinner's prayer, made a profession of faith, or were baptized) and *unknowingly add modern Pharisees to the church who will further subvert it.*

This underscores how absolutely necessary it is for us to obediently implement the Lord's NT warfare tactics of *inbreeding* (close doctrine-oriented fellowship) in order to expose infected people by their fruit; *culling* (church discipline, rebuking, shunning); and *separation* (using the Great Commission's mandate to use the word to find and feed God's sheep...and have no fellowship with pagans and subverted Christians). And this also highlights the fact that these tactics *must* be used if the Lord's strategy of rearguard action is to succeed. I say again, brother, *obedience* on our part is essential if the church is to endure to the end. In fact, *even the very elect* among us *will not make it* if the Lord doesn't step in (like He did with the Flood, the Division, and the NT) and "shorten" the last days...because the leaven cannot be stopped.

### JONAH AND THE WISE MEN

Is there Biblical precedence for the Lord giving the new birth to anybody He chooses around the world? Yes. He apparently gave the new birth to a number of Gentiles in Nineveh. And then – foreshadowing the NT's Great Commission – He sent Jonah there to preach the gospel to "feed my sheep." And if the "wise men" are any indication, the seed of the word Jonah planted in Nineveh accomplished God's will and produced faithful saints who played an important role in Jerusalem and Bethlehem at the First Coming.

Other born-again Gentiles in the Bible such as Lot, the Roman centurion, and the Syrophenician woman indicate that the True Patriarch always knew one day He'd have to open the gospel to the whole world in order to find enough unleavened people who could stand in the gaps.

### THE MILLENNIAL REIGN

Just before the Second Coming the Lord will step in and "shorten those days" in order to rescue the few remaining faithful from being leavened. And at that point the whole population of the earth will be so polluted with the Devil's recessive genes that the Lord will be unable to find enough saints to carry on the war during the final thousand years. But He has already planned for that...which is why He is going to *resurrect* His faithful from earlier in history whose obediently-submissive lives enabled them to "keep the Sabbath."

The Devil will be locked up for most of those thousand years. How that might affect the spread of his recessive genes is irrelevant because our job of submissive obedience will remain the same. It seems likely, however, that Reason, carnality, *Yea, hath God said* theology, equality, freedom, and democracy will still bring some of us down, and those leavened saints will rally around Satan when he is released.

The final cleansing, the final culling, the Final Solution will be by fire. At that point we'll have no more leaven, recessive genes, or equality to worry about.

But that's more than a thousand years away, and if we're going to safely endure to the end we're going to have to get serious about the deadly contagion of whatever kinds of leaven are out there. In practice it does not matter if this narrative is pretty close to the truth or if the only leaven out there is equality and doctrinal related – because 1) it's still highly contagious and deadly, 2) the only way to identify it is to be Bible-expert enough to correctly "know them by their fruits", and 3) be submissively obedient enough to *walk away*.

This is a huge, involved, and deep subject. And it requires some Biblical maturity because it takes some things in nature and compares them with some seemingly-strange things in Scripture...so we can marvel at the apparent consistency of it all. As you well know, I believe we should take the Bible literally. Yes, there *are* valid figurative applications for some of the above verses. But those figurative applications, unlike the literal applications, haven't even come close to explaining and tying a number of things in Scripture together. As a result most of those verses are swept under the rug by today's churches. I think that's a mistake. Even if we don't accept the above as a proper application of the literal word of God, we should still profit from it by talking with the Lord about how this war may be a *lot* more involved and may be going a lot worse than we thought. And then we need to gird our loins because the Tribulation is coming, and some of the things that happen then are going to be weirder than the above...because this war really does involve both spiritual and physical beings.

*We are at war!* And it doesn't look to me like it's going very well.

Let them that have ears that hear, hear.

***"Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight."***

## Trumpet W7

### MAKING THE WORD OF NONE EFFECT

5 pages

Mk 7:13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition,

Heb 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.

Ac 15:24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls...

2 Tim 2:14,17 ...charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. And their word will eat as doth a canker...

The above verses illustrate something important about the word of God: It can be made unprofitable and of none effect because it is not a magic, all-powerful fix. With that in mind, I'm going to talk about one facet of the battle of words that has me worried.

The Lord has chosen to communicate with us through His written and spoken word (Bible reading/study and preaching/fellowshipping around the word). Words are important because they go into our brains and combine to gradually form and instill the invisible building blocks of character (who we are, beliefs, doctrine, faith, etc).

When we hear or read carnal words *of the world*, those evil words are evaluated in our brains, compared with what we've learned from the Bible, and rejected. In other words, the word-evaluation process that goes on inside our brains is an important defense against the onslaughts of the world. But "progress" in our modern society is helping the Devil use subtlety to subvert us.

The Appalachian Mountain region of the United States was home to the classic "hillbillies." These men and women tended to reject change from the "outside world", and therefore remained the way they'd always been. When they were hired by local employers their managers found it was difficult to change them...because they didn't go to Shakespearean plays. (Bear with me.)

Before Queen Elizabeth's reign in England, public plays had religious themes in order to help reinforce proper Christian ways of thinking and living. But Queen Elizabeth wanted to secularize society by introducing people to the new Enlightened ways of thought. So, among other things, she allowed the content of plays to become carnal, to be about secular human feelings of right and wrong and love and fairness and justice. In other words, even back then, intellectuals understood that there were a number of tools with which society could be programmed, manipulated, propagandized, and brainwashed. Social results of the secular plays weren't very impressive, but every little bit "helped."

The Appalachian hillbillies could not be re-programmed by plays because plays weren't available. But when the radio came along it was believed it would modernize hillbillies by entering their homes and minds. However, the effectiveness of the radio at reprogramming people was found to be – like plays – minimal.

And then television was invented. (Fasten your seatbelt, brother.)

The appeal and success of television was phenomenal. Even among the hillbillies TV antennas began sprouting from the old busses, trailers, and cabins they lived in. And with dramatic speed hillbillies conformed to the modern world. They bought toothpaste ("You'll wonder where the yellow went, when you brush your teeth with Pepsodent!"); got haircuts and bought hair tonic ("Brylcreme: She'll love to run her fingers through your hair."); saw the girls flocking around the guy with a sea bag over his shoulder, so they shaved and bought *Old Spice* or *Burma Shave*; etc. They saw the beautiful people on TV and wanted to look like them, talk like them, and have the things they had.

In the 1950s Walt Disney revolutionized TV and marketing with its TV series (and then movies) about Davy Crockett. Stores were suddenly inundated with consumers clamoring for coonskin caps and other Crockett items. It was impossible for Disney and the stores to keep up with demand – everything sold out as soon as it went onto the shelves. (Today marketing schools still study the phenomenal demand for consumer goods the Crockett series created.)

In 1960 Richard Nixon and underdog John Kennedy debated on TV during the presidential campaign. Kennedy had a fresh shave and wore clothing that looked better with the stage backdrop than those worn by Nixon. Kennedy won the debate and election because he looked better on TV than Nixon.

Sociologists were intrigued by the fact that hillbillies' resistance to social change was penetrated by TV – but not radio; they were intrigued by the avalanche of sales created by the Crockett TV shows; and they were intrigued by the Kennedy TV debate success based on *appearance* rather than *content*.

They found out that when people read (books) or hear (radio) words, their brains deal primarily with words; our brains must process/analyze the words in order for us to understand their meaning. During that process pre-existing belief and value systems are involved in the analysis...which allows people to filter out and reject content that conflicts with their beliefs. Something similar happens in real life (plays): our natural aloofness from strangers makes us tend to be more critical of what they say. But when people see and hear something on TV, the "on-guard effect" of real life is relaxed, which allows other powerful subliminal forces to dilute, bypass, or nullify the brain's value system filters. The meaning and evaluation of words takes a back seat to *gut reactions based mostly on what is seen*, somewhat on *tone* of voice, and little on the actual meaning of the spoken words. That's why TV did to hillbillies what radio had failed to do. That's why people suddenly became brainwashed zombies who had to rush out and buy coonskin caps, and Air Jordan sneakers, and old yeller dogs, and bikinis, etc: They didn't *decide* to do those things; they were *socially programmed* to do them.

When information got out about visual images having the ability to subconsciously program people, conspiracy theorists came out of the woodwork: Drive-in theaters were accused of brainwashing people into buying food and drink by inserting single-frame pictures of beverages and food into the movies; liquor ads were thought to insert naked-women shapes into the photo patterns of ice cubes in drinks in order to make men like the advertised brand of booze. But that's not how TV and movies affect people. They do so with *content* and *appearances*: The husband and father is made to look like and act like a brutish, heavy-handed thug. The wife and daughter are nice-looking people who fearfully cower in the presence of the dad. And when he beats the daughter it is for dumb reasons and it is brutally mean...and we instinctively – little by little – side with the no-spanking crowd because of our Natural affinity for what we think is right and good.

Let me word that differently: When we read about how brutally mean God was to huge numbers of men, *women*, and *children* in His Old Testament, we tend to give Him the benefit of the doubt. But when we see a similar scenario in a movie, we tend to blame the brute no matter how Scriptural his actions may be. TV and movies tend to brainwash us because our *eyes* tend to feed our gut reactions, which then tends to overpower/bypass our normal ability to intellectually analyze the words and principles involved. This process is more pronounced in people who tend to be more *emotional* (usually women, but men are

becoming more like women these days), and in people whose value systems aren't yet fully developed (usually children and teens, but adults are becoming more like kids these days), and in people with poor reading skills.

This process of bypassing value systems even in many adults is made clear when, after the movie, people are asked to judge what they saw. And when the scenes are played back so the *dialog* can be analyzed, these adults are often surprised not just that they reverse their judgments, but that *they had no idea what the dialog actually said and meant during the movie!*

Because we are all affected by our fallen, carnal natures, we instinctively identify with and like resisting authorities in movies – especially when the actor is told to pretend to be a brutish dad. This instinctive resistance to authority is why all young children *automatically* backtalk and sass their parents (TV or no TV). But spanking has always (in the past) taught children to subdue their carnal instincts and respect authority. Therefore, early TV black-and-white shows reflected societal values, such as *Father Knows Best* and *The Ozzie and Harriet Show*. Today's TV shows reflect how authority has been reduced to the point that it is actually despised, which symbolizes how people treat God: Either there is no father on the show (symbolizing atheists) or he is a brute (people think God is harshly unfair) or the dad is a humorous bumbler manipulated by his wife and kids (representing the "loving God" of modern apostate Christianity).

This change in society was hastened when transistor radios and music records leavened children right under their parents' noses. The themes of rebellion against authority, premarital sex, and illegal drugs instinctively appealed to immature children and hormone-driven teens whose inner value systems hadn't yet matured and therefore couldn't effectively and completely filter out that musical propaganda with its catchy beat and rhyme. In 1962, for example, a hit song, *He's A Rebel*, reached #1 on the charts. Some lyrics:

**See the way he walks down the street ;  
 Watch the way he shuffles his feet .  
 My, he holds his head up high  
 When he goes walking by, he's my guy.  
 He's a rebel and he'll never ever be any good.  
 He's a rebel 'cause he never ever does what he should.  
 But just because he doesn't do what everybody else does,  
 That's no reason why I can't give him all my love.**

Forty-two years later, in 2004, that brainwashing bullshit was ranked #263 on a list of the 500 *greatest songs of all time*.

Oh, how things have changed. Today you can't find a TV show in which the kids treat their parents (and therefore God) with anything but sullen, disrespectful contempt. That filth goes straight into *who our children are* by bypassing their still-developing value filters, and it makes them think submissive obedience isn't "cool." Today you can't find a show that isn't about messed-up, rebellious, promiscuous kids, drug addicts, alcoholics, homos, criminals, etc. The bad guys are so popular today that not only have they become huge hero-stars in movies, but there are even shows in which the main characters are married parent/mafia bosses...or school teacher/parents who are lying, murdering, low-life manufacturers of illegal drugs.

Young people today grew up with all of those influences easily bypassing their almost non-existent value filters. And because their moronic parents learned from – *nowhere authoritative!* – that the spanking commanded by God in His Bible is "cruel and wrong", young people never had respect for authority (including God Almighty) become part of their inner makeup. Etc., etc., etc. Therefore, young people today look, and dress, and mark their bodies in such ways that they look like airheaded ghou-wannabes. The bottom line: Society is gone, brother. And it isn't going to get better.

I have realized over the decades that people used to "do what they were *supposed to*." For example, people went to church because they were supposed to. People disciplined/spanked their kids because they were supposed to. Kids treated adults in general and authorities in particular with respect because they were supposed to. Today "supposed to" has vanished. Why did it exist more when I was young than it does now? That's easy: *authority* existed and was respected back then. But as authority has been *subverted*, "supposed to" has crumbled away because without authority *chaos* reigns. I say again, "supposed to" gets its *supposed* from *authority*. The gates of hell haven't just been subverting Christians – *everybody* is being liberated from authoritarianism in society; we're free to do what we want, which is covetousness. "Supposed to" is gone, and it isn't coming back.

Another facet of modern society that *somewhat* hinders Christians' ability to effectively study the Bible is the fact that in recent decades reading skills have diminished greatly. I say *somewhat* because the Holy Spirit still helps sincere Christians when they study His word. But because many Christians are poor readers and have poor reading comprehension, they are less inclined to study the Bible. Today if people with poor reading comprehension do read, they usually read for entertainment rather than to learn. The U.S. Army years ago even had to hire comic book publishers to draw comic-book tank manuals because our modern American soldiers can no longer read and comprehend arms manuals.

Also, Christians with poor reading comprehension who *need* and *should* spend *more* time in the word are likely to hurt themselves by spending *less* time in the Bible, and *more* time being "entertained" by TV and the Internet.

As noted above, the word of God is not magic, and it can be and is made of none effect every day in many ways in the lives of many Christians. There *is* a war going on. There *are* casualties in war. If Christians don't wake up they will fall by the wayside. They need to cull some of their activities and begin reading and studying the Bible every day. But *most Christians can't do that!* And even if they could, studying and mastering the Bible is just the *preparation* for the mandatory second part – being a doer of the Bible. The *test* of our Christianity, our *duty* as Christian soldiers, *isn't to learn* the Bible – *it's to do the Bible*.

As the above info (that only scratches the surface) shows, modern spiritual warfare has gotten sophisticated. Today there are high-tech ways the world can penetrate our defenses and turn us into carnal, conservative, church-going, morality-

worshipping *casualties*. Serious Christians need to do whatever things are necessary (such as control their environment) in order to make the Bible their life, their world, and their reality. If they don't, the word of God will remain of none effect in their lives.

If you think I've been too biased in presenting the above info, read this: It is a compilation of quotes from a long, well-written, in-depth treatise on the mechanics of how *pictures can bypass and subvert our value systems without our conscious awareness/participation*:

**“Words** (spoken, heard, written, and read) require conscious, deliberate analytical thought. But **pictures** (of all kinds) have the ability to cause *perceptions* that are seldom the result of conscious, deliberate thought; these perceptions simply *happen*, and are the unsolicited result of prolonged or repeated exposure to pictures that are depicted in certain ways. It is not *what* is depicted that gives pictures the power to influence our perceptions of the world, but *how* they are depicted. In fact, pictures have the capability to

- enlist or erode loyalties,
- reinforce or undermine our values,
- and strengthen, create, or even *destroy* existing beliefs, convictions, and attitudes.

“These picture-induced perceptions work by lingering on the periphery of attention where they quietly prey on our belief systems by nibbling away at and eventually seducing the senses *without ever having been subjected to direct attention and critical thought*. That is how and why the subliminal illocutionary [Remember this word; I had to look it up in the dictionary, and I'll use it again in other trumpets.] impact and effect of pictures – even those which depict radically different values from those currently held by the viewers – can cause gradual revolutionary changes: they do so stealthily, implicitly, and without the conscious participation of the audience. These are usually not deliberate attempts at subversion on the part of the picture creators; they are often merely unconscious side-effects or manifestations of their own existing belief systems. In other words, the subversive effects of pictures aren't the result of malicious or deliberate acts on the part of the picture creators, they merely *happen* because they subconsciously come from *who they are*.”

History shows it has always been fairly easy to program Christians into doing the exact opposite of Scripture. For example, because the issue in this War is *authority*...not *right and wrong*, God's people used to believe the Lord requires us to submit to all authority, even *froward* authority. The Bible has always been very clear about that:

**1 Pet 2:18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear;  
not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.**

They had also been taught that even “minor” displays of rebellion such as *clamoring* is a sin:

**Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour,  
and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:**

But British Christians in the American colonies before the American Revolution, based partly on Paul Revere's engraving of Sam Adam's incorrect depiction of the “Boston Massacre”, decided to reject 1 Pet 2:18 and Eph 4:31 by rising up against their own government that they'd been told was froward, and they began clamoring for a revolution. Why did they ignore their Bible-based values? Largely because of a picture (and a Tea Party and a brain-dead essay called *Common Sense*)! In fact, if you do some research, you'll find that Paul Revere's highly-inaccurate engraving is today admired as the most successful piece of propaganda in American history. That picture “validated” Sam Adams' “news account” and helped bypass Christian value filters and convince God's people it was now OK to ignore certain things He plainly says in His holy and inerrant word and to make clamoring against and rebelling against froward governments a modern “Christian” tradition that has made parts of the Bible of none effect. That's why you've *never* heard a single sermon telling you clamoring and rebelling against evil governments is a sin against God. (! I say again, !!) And that's why when you read those verses (and others like them) *those commandments of God have absolutely no impact!* Tradition/brainwashing/peer pressure are extremely effective weapons against holy Scripture – to see living proof you have only to look in a mirror: Are you looking at someone who used to not only *believe* in the “sacred” principles of democracy but also thought *they were Scriptural*?

Visual images, particularly TV and movies, have the ability to reprogram people...as is summarized here:

TV and movies, by utilizing appealing and unappealing clothing, facial expressions, body language, music, dialog, tone of voice, etc., and by scripting situations in order to make audiences like and accept or dislike and reject things, can actually *bypass* the analytical thought processes by which our brains normally analyze words in order to understand their meaning and see if those words agree with or offend the value systems we've built up over time via parental upbringing, church sermons, Bible study, etc. In other words, TV and movies have the ability to make us “emote” – to have gut-level reactions that are based on a combination of emotions, visual and auditory inputs (auditory does not include *words*, it refers primarily to music, tone of voice (aggressive, pleasant, screaming, pleading), crying, laughing, etc.) that produce responses inside of us in areas of our minds that are past (beyond) our mental value-system filters. In this way visual images can be used to quickly program/influence us without having to intellectually prove or disprove anything by interacting with our value-system filters.

And then there's this quote about current trends in delivering information using TV and the Internet:

Video and graphics are replacing the printed and spoken word in news and advertising because the printed word is no longer the best, the most efficient, or the most effective way to get your message across in

this world where so much information is coming at us. Graphics and video convey more information more quickly and more convincingly.

Knowing the above info and the info in Trumpet W9, and taking into consideration the decreasing level of literacy in society, religions today have decided these image-based brainwashing techniques should be used to teach religion and values. To this end they have begun utilizing movies with religious themes and flash-card-like still pictures with storylines. They do not have malicious intentions. They are merely reacting to a number of facts:

- Many people today are almost functionally illiterate: they have a hard time *comprehending* both written and spoken words, and have difficulty trying to pay attention even to short sermons.
- Using words to teach takes time because of the above bullet and because words (written and spoken) must first be interpreted, analyzed, understood, and evaluated before they are accepted and incorporated into our value systems.
- Time is money. And the love of money is the...
- Using visual images is quick and efficient: In short order we can have lots of people (even functional illiterates) in our pews who are social and religious activists clamoring against the government and demanding a return to traditional morality.

Having read *AOR* you know why *clamoring* makes the last bullet bad. But I'm going to show why I think the bullet-4 *technique* is also bad.

The Lord is the Word of God. His holy Book is the word of God. He has ordered us to read, study, learn, eat, meditate on, obey, do, and live the Bible. And He has told us to use His word, in both written and spoken form, to teach others. Armed with what you've read above and in the previous trumpet, you now understand that the preceding sentences in this paragraph involve intellectual interacting with the value filters in our brains – rather than gut-level *emoting*. Let me show you why that may not only be important, but *crucial*, and *necessary*. Carefully read this Scripture. It is the apostle trying to earnestly convince us (almost pleading) that he actually, really and truly did see and hear with his own eyes and ears the amazing things that are written in the New Testament. I have added underlining as emphasis, but I want you to slowly and carefully read the Scripture and add your own vocal intensity and emphasis as if John is speaking directly to you and he thinks or suspects that you may be a little bit skeptical about some of the amazing things about the Lord in the Bible. It may help if you mentally insert the emphatic word, *really*, before each underlined word:

**1 Jn 1:1-5** That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you...

When the Bible says *word* it is referring to both written and spoken Scripture. But when the Bible capitalizes *Word* it is referring to the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Notice how similar the first few verses in 1 John 1 above and John 1 below are:

**Jn 1:1-14** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not...He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

(They are wonderful verses. And powerful. Amen.) Now I want you to think about the interesting wording in 1 John 1:1. John says they actually saw Christ the Word with their eyes (as in reading the Bible); they actually heard Christ the Word with their ears, and they actually "handled" Christ the Word with their hands. John is saying those three things convinced them that all the stuff in the Bible is true. Could it be that our Creator and Saviour calls Himself the "Word of God", and calls His Book the "word of God" for a reason? Could it be partly because He wants us to get to know Him like His apostles did – by "handling" Him?

**Jn 20:27-31** Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

And could "handling" Him include eating His flesh and drinking His blood, which are actually learning and doing the words in the Bible? Of course it could. Now, you've already learned some of this in *AOR* chapter D9, *How To Grow*, but I'm going to bring in this modern stuff about using TV and movies to bypass our brain's value-analyzing filters.

Let's say two guys, Mutt and Jeff, get saved. Mutt is a *wannabe* Christian (as defined in Trumpet B8), and Jeff is an *idealistic* Christian (B8). Neither of them is well-educated; their reading and verbal comprehension is limited, which curtails much of the intellectual stimulation they could ordinarily have via reading. Therefore they forego intellectual stimulation by turning to TV, movies, and the Internet so they can "emote" on a gut level. But now that they are saved and want to serve the Lord they look for a church. They end up in a mega church because it has a new program that uses big, full-color story cards and Christian films to teach them "doctrine" and how "good" Christians should live. Very quickly our two heroes stop "cussing", get haircuts, tithe, buy jackets and ties, wear patriotic lapel pins, begin attending all kinds of "Christian activities", become social and political activists, etc.

Mutt is happier'n a pig in puke. But Jeff isn't content; he's...well, he's *hungry*. But he has no idea how to explain his discontent or what he wants. And he has no idea the Holy Spirit also tried to make Mutt discontent – but for various reasons Mutt ignored the still small voice, returned to his vomit, and says to his fellow pewsters, "*Stay in the picture, bra!*"

To make a long road to real Christian growth short, Jeff does the right thing by either 1) studying the Bible (because in spite of his poor reading skills he finds that somehow he's finding the peace that passeth all understanding – he's being *fed*); or, 2) he joins a good Bible-preaching, Bible-teaching church (for the same reason); or, 3) he begins fellowshiping and studying the Bible with a couple of other *idealistic* Christians (for the same reason). He goes on to master the Bible and become a lifelong doer of the word who says to his fellow pewsters, "*Stay in the word, brother!*"

Jeff responded to the subtle promptings of the Holy Spirit because he loved the Lord more than he loved self. Could it be that the Lord wanted Jeff (and us) to – like the apostles – get to know Him personally by "handling" the word of life? Could it be that by reading and hearing the *words* in God's Book, we are somehow in our brains' intellectual value-analyzing centers not only getting to know the Lord but also incorporating Him (eating His flesh/bread/manna and drinking His blood/milk/water) into who we are so we gain the strength to endure to the end no matter what trials and tribulations we may suffer along the way? Yes, because we already know that by *doing the written word* we are actually following Christ Himself.

Could it be that, because the image-and-emotion-based brainwashing programs used by modern churches bypass that vital "word-handling" process, those programs actually make us nothing but clean-living followers of self/men who lack the spiritual strength to endure to the end?

Could it be that God designed His word to be a two-edged sword that He uses to reveal the thoughts and intents of our hearts? Could it be that carnal Christians like Mutt prefer churches with emotional soap-opera sermons because their god is their belly and emotion-based feel-good sermons feed their self-oriented flesh; but good Christians like Jeff prefer Scripture-based sermons because they feed the spiritual new man rather than the flesh of the old man?

I think so, brother. I think there are good reasons our Creator chose to hide Himself from insincere Christians *behind words they don't/can't quite get*. But with *sincere* Christians who *feed* on His written *words* He not only reveals Himself, but somehow when those Christians interact with and do His word they are getting hands-on experience that gives them the same passionate confidence John has in the Scriptures above.

And that's why when the Lord's prayer says, "Give us this day our daily bread", it isn't really referring to *physical* food – because that would contradict the Scriptures that tell us to spend some days fasting from physical food. I say again, we are *never* told to fast from the mental and spiritual fellowship we have when we feed on the word/Word of God. If we lazily and disobediently try to get to know the "picture of God" rather than the "word of God", we are not feeding, fellowshiping, or growing.

***"Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight."***

## Trumpet W8

### THE TROJAN HORSE EVE LET IN: THEOLOGY

**"A man's foes shall be they of his own household." (Mt 10:36)**

3 pages

God's people lost the very first battle in the Bible. It was fought over the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and the battle is important not just because it is among a number of other "firsts" in the Bible, but because it is an epitomized blueprint of the War: It shows what God wants us to do, and it shows how Satan tries to "help" us serve God.

God's weapon is His literal word. Properly using His Sword requires submissive obedience to what it literally says. God literally said, *Don't eat the forbidden fruit*. No theological analysis was required; it was a no-brainer for Adam and Eve: *Don't eat the fruit!*

Satan isn't an idiot; he knows the Lord's literal, inerrant weapon isn't mighty just because it exists, it is mighty because of what the Holy Spirit does behind the scenes when believers faithfully do what the Bible says. The problem Satan faced was the fact that God is our arm of strength, and He doesn't require much of His people: all they had to do was exactly what He said – a duty that merely required submissive obedience, not brains. Again, that *simple obedience* was important not because of the action in and of itself, but because it would cause/allow the Holy Spirit to become involved. *That* was what Satan had to prevent. Hmm, how could Satan defeat the church without letting the majority of Christians know what was happening? Being obvious by asking Christians to oppose God wouldn't work because even carnal Christians aren't *that* stupid, so Satan had to come up with a way to make the Sword of the Lord – His inerrant literal word, which is the only weapon the church has – of

no effect. The Sword of the Lord is the one and only “gate” by which Christians can access God’s help. But that gate is strait and narrow because it is only opened if:

1. Christians have what Eve didn’t – enough *faith* to believe the literal *Thus saith the Lord*, and
2. do what Eve didn’t – do exactly what God said...as if He really is God Almighty, and we really are His humble, faithful servants who live not by bread alone, but by every word of God.

*Faith is the victory!* So all Satan had to do was undermine faith and belief in the literal truth of God’s word *while making it look like theology was helping the church*, thus making well-intentioned Christians think theology was their *friend* because its tools were helping them serve and please God by figuring out what He *really meant* to say...instead of obeying what He literally *said*.

That’s why Satan invented theology. He wants well-intentioned leavened Christians to subvert the church from within by convincing other well-intentioned Christians that theology is not only their friend, it’s a much-needed ally because it’ll help them figure out “what God really meant”. It’s as simple as that. Theology could not exist and would have no purpose if Christians had the faith to believe what God said about His word. If faith and belief in God and His word are present, they allow the Holy Spirit to make His Sword *efficacious*. Therefore, in the garden Satan needed to convince Christians that using their God-given brains was the true key to success – not simple obedience.

Eve could not refute Satan’s Reason-based theology: Knowing what things were good and what things were bad really did seem like a good way to please God by being smart enough to do “good” (rather than being faithful enough to simply do what He *says*). Satan’s theology took advantage of a simply-worded Bible verse about good and evil that seemed puzzling: Even today most theologians, preachers, and pewsters have *no idea why* God would consider it bad to have a knowledge of good and evil. So theology convinced Eve to find a deeper, better meaning behind God’s words. But theology failed mankind; God really did mean what He *literally* said, so the Lord had to accept defeat by kicking Adam and Eve out of the garden of Eden.

History has shown Eve to be a type of well-intentioned-but-subverted modern Christians whose respect for theology has caused them to reject faith in God and His inerrant literal word by trying to figure out what He “really meant to say”. And history has shown Adam to be a type of half-assed KJVers whose tolerance for theology and modern Bible versions has allowed a huge percentage of Christians to be completely unaware that a single Book (the KJV) and its adherents (Bible believers) are under a relentless assault by Enlightened theologians and modern-version-using Christians. KJVers should make it loud and clear that the ERROR manuscripts and the versions that come from them are *dangerously subversive* and those who use them will not enjoy the fellowship of Bible believers. *Walk away*.

I say again in case I haven’t made it obvious enough: Well-intentioned KJVers have, via their silence and their willingness to tolerate and fellowship with born-again brothers who use modern versions and/or layman’s aids, created a subversive “peace, peace, when there is no peace”. That peace has allowed many of our brethren to not even know God’s household is divided into two groups:

- The larger group does not believe God’s inerrant word exists in any Bible version or manuscript on earth, and therefore relies on Reason and research via theology to establish doctrines and to determine how we should live and serve God.
- The smaller group accepts the miraculous and unique *inerrancy* of the AV1611 as God’s proof that He really has preserved His word for us, and KJVers therefore rely on faith and the Holy Spirit via Bible study in order to make the literal word of God our sole authority in all matters of faith and practice.

All Christians need to know that the term *Bible believer* is synonymous with *KJVer*; they need to know all Bible believers reject *theology* as evil and subversive; they need to know all Bible believers live by every literal word of God; and all Christians also need to know Bible believers do not fellowship with non-KJVers or with those who espouse theology and use layman’s aids. KJVers are always *nice* to their subverted brethren, and are always ready, willing, and able to help them understand the reasons the Bible version controversy exists, but Bible believers will not go in among them and fellowship with unclean dumpster divers.

*Way* too many Christians have no idea that the Bible version controversy exists or what the issues are. They don’t know “the original autographs” don’t exist, they don’t know modern-version-using preachers have *redefined* God’s word because they reject the existence of God’s word as the Lord defines it, they don’t know why their layman’s-aid-using brethren are pompous fools, and they don’t know that when theologians are asked what theology (as opposed to *Bible study*) has revealed that has actually helped Christianity they babble and sputter and can only come up with inconsequential trivialities. If KJVers would make it very clear that theology and Bible study are at enmity with each other more of our brethren will want to look into the issue and many – like we were – will be drawn to the Light. A couple of examples:

A 48-year-old Baptist pastor with a wife and daughter was looking online for graphics he might use. As a KJVer he found some wallpapers he liked at TheSwordbearer.org. At first he didn’t pay attention to the doctrinal stuff because he told me he thought it’d be the same stuff he was already preaching. But my pro-Bible-study / anti-theology stand made him wonder what could possibly be wrong with theology...and he began to read some of the online chapters, was drawn to the Light, and then *studied* The AOR. Once he understood the Reason-based nature of theology and how it undermines faith, he carefully used Bible study to examine his doctrinal beliefs...and like the Bereans in Act 17:10,11, faithfully based his doctrines on *Thus saith the Lord* rather than on what his denomination had taught him. The point: His stumbling across someone who is clearly opposed to theology helped him. He had never heard *anybody* do that before and had therefore erroneously thought theology was a good part of Christianity.

Second example: Many Christians who visit TheSwordbearer.org are intrigued by the undeniable fact that the Bible version controversy (*Is the Bible the inspired, inerrant word of God...or is it “just a translation”?*) always focuses on the KJV

and *never* on other versions. Others are surprised to learn that the modern versions say Elhanan killed Goliath. Others are curious about why those stupid rabbits are all over the web site. Others are surprised to learn that all modern Bible versions are full of errors – they had previously (like you and I did) ignorantly assumed all Bible versions are inerrant and pretty much the same. These brothers and sisters are often surprised, delighted, encouraged, and strengthened when they understand the doctrinal significance and importance of the KJV's unique inerrancy.

Why are so many Christians as ignorant as you and I were about the two very-different groups in Christianity? *Because they didn't need to decide which group they should join!* They thought we were all Christians and all Bible versions were OK to use. They thought KJVers were a just little too biased and narrow-minded, just like they knew there are Christian groups that espouse various issues that they tend to grouse about every now and then. But the existence of the inerrant literal word of God is not a trivial issue: The miraculous inerrancy of the literal words is what sets the KJV apart, gives it its unique authority, and proves God is not the inept bungler that theologians claim He is. If there were other ways to get to know God and learn how to please Him the Bible version issue would lose its importance. But there isn't any other source of God's truth than His holy Bible, and that fact gives the KJV-against-the-world issue the utmost importance. I say again, the only way we know God's word really does exist, and the only way we know the KJV is His word, is the fact that only the KJV is inerrant.

Christians need to know an important division exists in Christianity over the existence of the word of God. The fact that the few who are already aware of the division and think it exists merely because KJVers are but one of many hobby-horse groups in our midst is sad testimony to the fact that Satan's tactics have been so effective that *even KJVers have begun treating theology and modern versions and layman's aids with respectful tolerance!* That has got to stop, brother! Our born-again brethren who lack the faith in God to believe His word exists today – as proven by the KJV's inerrancy – must be politely shunned. If KJVers would do those things, naively-ignorant Christians (like you and I were) will quickly become aware that “an elitist group of fanatics” thinks God's inspired and inerrant word still exists. And they will (like you and I did) wonder *what's wrong with thinking God's word exists?* And many will (like you and I did) “*seek*” ...and the Good Shepherd – always true to His literal word – will make sure they *find*. Some of them will turn away and depend on theology; but some who have ears that hear the Good Shepherd's voice will glorify God by embracing faith-based Bible study and will mature into always ready, willing, and able Bible believers.

In order for Satan to win the war all he has to do is get the church to not submit to the literal word of God. The very first battle the church lost to Satan was in Genesis when he undermined the literal truth of the word by inventing Greek/theological skepticism: *Yea, hath God said?*

I wasn't specific enough when I said earlier that theologians can only babble and sputter about inconsequential trivialities when asked how theology (as opposed to *Bible study*) has actually helped Christianity. That statement also applies to modern version users, and to anybody who lacks the Christ-honoring faith to actually *believe* Bible study. You have completed The Swordbearer Bible study and have therefore seen how the amazing literal words in God's inerrant Bible reveal God's truths and doctrines and show how apostate Christianity has become. But Christians who reject the existence of God's word (by redefining it as “*corrupt translation*”) are blind and ignorant. Therefore they Naturally will applaud the following radical changes theology has made to Christianity and society:

1. Theology caused many Christians to think old manuscripts that are so corrupt they don't even agree with each other should be accepted (even in the absence of any authoritative decree) as some weird kind of “final authority”. I say weird because *what the manuscripts actually say* is overruled and rewritten to agree with what modern Christians *think*.
2. Modern corrupt Bible versions that are known to be the fallible words of man are blasphemously called “God's word.”
3. Modern Bible versions are so bad that even ignorant, airheaded lightweight Christians think they can quickly and easily make “improvements” to them by casually consulting a layman's aid.
4. The three points above collectively establish the shocking-but-undeniable fact that theology has created such uncertainty that the real “final authority” in modern Christianity isn't old manuscripts, or theologians, or modern “better, more accurate” Bible versions – *it's Self!* This point is supported by the fact that outrageous Bible versions like the *Queen James Version* and the *Inclusive (egalitarian) Version* are all produced by theologians who have been relatively conservative when using the humanistic tools of theology to bring about change. (In support of that statement I refer you to point 6, which contains – in the eyes of God and all unEnlightened Bible believers – changes wrought to Christianity and society that are far more subversive than these outrageous-but-laughable attempts to legitimize homosexuality and bestiality. I say again, the actual impact of the *Queen James Version* and the actual harm it does to Christianity will pale in comparison to the widespread subversion caused by “respectable” versions like the NIV, NAS, and ESV.)
5. Another fruit from the evil tree of theology is the plethora of modern cults: *They all use the humanistic tools of theology to justify their existence!*
6. The items on the following incomplete list will also be touted by theologians and Enlightened Christians as examples of how theology has introduced “beneficial changes” to Christianity and society: equality, Reason, democracy, capitalism, freedom, etc., etc.

The sad fact is theology has made theologians so faithless, carnal, and blind that none of them had any idea that Satan, by using the exact same tactics he used on Eve, deceived all of them into being modern exact copies of Eve by swallowing the exact same lie that evil is really good and good is really evil. And based upon that evil foundation, theology subverted the doctrine of authority and replaced it with “right and wrong”.

The list of evils in the above point 6 should be enough to convince you why we must *not* be at peace with or tolerate theology, theologians, the ERROR manuscripts, modern Bible versions, or layman's aids: They have subverted modern Christians to the horrible extent that those blind souls will agree with, preach, and defend to their deaths most of the above cancers that have been and are killing Biblical Christianity by using *Yea, hath God said* to subvert faith in *Thus saith the Lord*.

Theology and its tools have done *nothing* but defraud the church. That is fornication, and it is blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. We *are* at war, and the church is being damned from within because our foes are they of our own house. Subverted brethren and their evil tools *must* be shunned so ignorant Christians (like we were) who have *some* faith left will see that the issue of the existence/non-existence of God's word has divided God's house against itself...and then they can look into the issues (like you and I did) and find out about the miraculous and unique inerrancy of the KJV so the Good Shepherd can lead those with ears that hear His voice out of darkness into the Light of His word. I say again, if they have not yet been subverted they will respond to God's beacon of Truth just like you and I did.

We can only win the War if the Lord fights for us. And He will *not* do so if we do not have enough faith in His omnipotence to glorify and trust Him by humbly submitting to His literal words – whether we fully understand them or not. When Satan said *Yea, hath God said*, he was not (on the surface) trying to get Eve to disobey and displease God, he was attempting to appeal to her Reason in order to help her come up with a “better, more accurate” translation that was closer to what God actually meant to say – but didn't. Modern subverted Christians and theologians have learned *nothing* from the first battle our church lost in the garden of Eden...and therefore history is repeating itself.

In these dark last days of the New Testament era God has ordered us *not* to go in among them and fellowship: After the first and second admonition, *walk away!*

***“Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.”***

## Trumpet W9

### BROTHERS-AT-ARMS: Receiving the Holy Ghost

5 pages

In this trumpet and in the next two, W10 and W11, I'm going to emphasize the commonly-known fact that we cannot win this war unless the Lord fights for us. We already know the Bible is His Sword, and we already know we are to be doers of His word, but I want to emphasize *why* our being doers of His word is so critically important: *Being doers of the word is a prerequisite to the Holy Spirit's involvement*. The Holy Spirit's part in the war is often misunderstood and misrepresented today, but it's really pretty simple: He/They (the Trinity, our plural God) will do His part if we will do our part.

The Holy Spirit uses His literal words in His Sword to shepherd us. That is an important fact, so I'll take a minute to show how Charismatics and other gibberish-talkers try to get you away from taking God *literally* at His word. As you read, I want you to think about how common it is for people today to *profane* God's Holy Bible by treating it as if it were merely the word of fallible man, and they do so without realizing they are committing *fornication* and *blasphemy against the Holy Ghost* by subverting both the word of God and faith, which happen to be the two absolute necessities for Christianity itself and for fighting the good fight. Here are some quick examples of things gibberish-talkers (and others who focus on the Holy Spirit) like to preach. (The following is gleaned from their web pages...emphasis is mine.)

The Scriptures and how to study them: As the woman pastor of this church I accept the Scriptures as the revealed, inspired Word of God, and as the all sufficient and infallible rule of faith, conduct, and practice as long as what it says is not contray [sic] to reason. The King James version of the Bible will be the one we use just simply because it has been my companion for many years. The King James version goes back to the early copies and closely coincides with the manuscripts of the Dead Sea Scrolls. There are many ways to study the Bible but our fundamental endeavor will be to try to understand the spiritual message because God is a Spirit, and those that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit [sic (we *must* be careful with words)] (Jn 4:24) and in Truth. It is so easy to look at the literal word of God, but because that often ignores reason and love we must look beyond the literal to the spiritual message of Truth taught by the Holy Spirit Himself.

The Evidences of Salvation and the Baptism in the Holy Ghost: The inward evidence to the believer of his/her salvation is the direct witness of The Spirit (Rom 8:16). All Believers are to ardently expect and earnestly seek the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. This wonderful experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 2:38; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9.) This Baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues [sic] as the Spirit gives utterance, and by the subsequent manifestation of spiritual power.

Does the Bible really say women shouldn't preach? No! The real meaning of the Bible will only be clear if we allow The Holy Spirit to work in us! Let The [sic] Spirit of God guide you as you think about the fact that the Bible mentions women prophets several times! (Ex 15:20; Jud 4:4; 2 Kin 22:14; Luk 2:36-38; Acts 21:8-9; Acts 21:17-18). The New Testament's literal restrictions on women preachers, pastors, and congregants don't apply to any New Testament women today because Scripture plainly says “there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal 3:28), and “there is no respect of persons with God” (Rom 2:11). Keep this equality of all believers in mind and let The Holy Spirit lovingly teach you that the literal meaning of 1 Tim 2:11-14 is misleading: “Let the woman learn in silence

with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.” Also open your heart to The Holy Ghost and be freed from 1 Cor 14:34,35: “Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but *they are commanded* to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.” Many preachers have been misled by the literal meaning of those verses, but the love and power you get from the anointing of the Holy Ghost will override what those verses say by letting the anointing guide you in accordance with 1 John 2:27: “But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”

I find the above to be so appallingly un- and anti-Scriptural, faithless, and destructive of faith and the Bible and Christianity that I normally wouldn't pay it much attention. But because most Christians agree with the above view of God's words (which in turn leads to a variety of false doctrines) I'll use the above as an example of how careful we must be about doctrine. In other words, if we don't find out the doctrinal beliefs of fellow Christians (and “Christians”) we cannot know if they need to be helped or avoided. Let's compare the above false – indeed, *subversive* – teachings about the Bible and the Holy Spirit with what God actually says about the Holy Ghost and about *how* and *when* He ministers to us when we do take Him literally at His word.

### **THE SCRIPTURAL WAY TO RECEIVE THE HOLY GHOST**

The Bible is often vague about the Holy Ghost. Combine that with the sad fact that many people do not believe the Bible and therefore do not accept what it actually says when they try to formulate doctrine, and you'll realize why so many churches teach so many different things about the Holy Spirit and how to be baptized in Him. Let's examine some verses.

**Ac 19:2** He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

The above verse and many similar verses make people think some ceremony (such as physical baptism) or special “blessing” will give them the Holy Ghost. But these verses never actually say anything specific. Most people agree the Holy Spirit did certain things such as little flames sitting on the heads of Christians and miraculous tongues in order to show early NT Christians that God really had ended the OT era, and that Christians who would now be widely scattered around the world instead of bunched in one nation like Israel, *would not be alone*; the Comforter would shepherd those who remained faithful to the word of God.

**Act 5:32** And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

God gives the Holy Ghost to *obedient* Christians. But is there any specific act of obedience we need to do to get the Holy Ghost?

**1 Cor 6:19,20** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

**1 Cor 12:3** Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

The above verses appear to be talking about Christians who have done nothing but faithfully try to submit to the word of God...and are therefore indwelt by the Comforter. But is there something we're supposed to do to initially get the Holy Ghost to indwell and empower us?

**2 Cor 13:14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

“The communion of the Holy Ghost.” Hmm, we *commune* with each other around the word of God. But so far the Scriptures aren't telling us *how and when* the Holy Spirit comes to us. But that changes in John chapter 14. I'll put the bulk of Jn 14 here so you can reference it when I make comments about it:

**Jn 14:6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

- 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.  
 14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.  
 15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;  
 17 *Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.  
 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.  
 19 Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also.  
 20 At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.  
 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.  
 22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?  
 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.  
 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.  
 25 These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you.  
 26 But the Comforter, *which* is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.  
 27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

- Verses 7-11 above in Jn 14 deal with two members of the Trinity.
- Verses 15 & 16 begin to provide the info we're looking for. If we do the specific action of keeping His commandments, the Father will give us the Comforter. And once we get the Comforter, He may (not *shall*) abide with us forever. The word *may* suggests that under certain unmentioned circumstances the Holy Spirit may leave us. We'll keep that thought in mind as we proceed, and then in the next trumpet look at blasphemy against the Holy Ghost – which is *fornication*.
- V.17 appears to be using the same type of “Trinity language” as the earlier verses above, but this time it says the disciples already know the Holy Spirit because *He is already dwelling with them (in the person of Christ) and shall be in them (in the person of the Holy Ghost)*.
- V.18 confirms that Christ in the above verse was saying He and the Comforter are members of the Trinity. And applying everything this chapter literally says about the Trinity (such as, “he that hath seen me hath seen the Father”, and *the Comforter will come/I will come/the Father and I will come*, etc.) we see that because the three persons of the Trinity are all one, and because those three are involved with the word of God, we begin to see how all-important He/They consider His/Their word.
- V.21 says those who keep the word of God are those who love Him. And then after the colon Christ says He will manifest Himself to those who “love Him” (which was defined before the colon as *those who keep His commandments*).
- In v.22 Judas (not Iscariot), drawing on Christ's earlier statements that “the world” wouldn't see or know Him, asks *how* Christ will manifest Himself to His people but not to the world. This was Christ's chance to explain that the way He/the Holy Ghost would manifest His arrival/presence would be to make His people dance around, roll on the floor, and start speaking gibberish. But He didn't say that; He said He'd do it in a different way, and that way was so subtle and non-dramatic that Charismatics and Judas (not Iscariot) *missed it!*
- In v.23 Christ “answered” Judas' question by patiently *repeating* a third time what He'd said earlier *twice*. That means Judas *already had the answer and missed it!* Christ's answer to Judas' question consists of three pieces of info: 1) those who love Him 2) are those who keep His words 3) which results in the Lord manifesting Himself to them. Verify that by comparing this verse, 23, with a careful reading of verses 15-21. The salient points being:
  1. In verses 15 & 16 He says the first time: love me, keep commandments/word, Comforter comes/manifests.
  2. In verse 21 He says the second time: love me, keep commandments/word, we come/manifest.
- V.24 says Christians who aren't doers of His written words *do not love Him*.
- V.26 says the Comforter/Holy Ghost will help us remember the word and teach us the word. Notice in this verse that “all things” is defined as “whatsoever I have said.” This is consistent with His Great Commission in Mt 28 and Mk 16: The “all things” in Mt 28:20 is defined as “whatsoever I have commanded you.” And Mt 28's *teach all things* is shown to be synonymous with *preach the gospel* when compared with Mk 16:15. And then when we keep in mind the

Comforter's job description (ministering the word of God to doers of the word) in Jn 14 above, we can see in Mt 28:20 Christ's "I am with you alway" shows He and the Comforter are one.

Jn 14 is important because it tells us *when we get the Holy Ghost*: It happens when we are proper *doers of the Bible* (see also Ac 5:32). Jn 14 also points out that *the Holy Ghost's job is not* to help us *ignore/revise* what the word of God literally *says* (as gibberish-talkers and layman's-aid-toting theologians claim), His job is to *bring to our remembrance* what the Bible says.

But now let's look at what Jn 15:26 says:

**Jn 15:26** But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

Jn 15:26 is important because it puts the info we learn in Jn 14 and other places into proper perspective. By that I mean it tells us to focus on Christ. The verse specifically mentions God the Holy Ghost and God the Father...and then tells us *not* to focus on them because both the Comforter and the Father want us to zero in on Christ. That message is supplemented by Luke 9:

**Lk 9:33-36** And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said. While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone...

As a brief aside: You can easily recognize various cults by whom they glorify. The Bible tells us to focus on Christ, but many cults don't do that:

- Gibberish-talkers ironically contradict the Holy Ghost by emphasizing the Holy Ghost. I say ironic because the Bible makes it clear that the Holy Ghost's job is to emphasize *Christ*. Gibberish-talkers also undermine the importance of the actual words in the Bible by promoting their foolish nonsensical tongue trilling.
- Jehovah's Witnesses ironically contradict Jehovah by emphasizing Jehovah. I say ironic because Jehovah tells us to zero in on *Christ alone*.
- Catholics don't zero in on anybody: not wanting to leave any bases uncovered they exalt Jesus, Mary, Joseph...and more saints than you can shake a stick at – including some who never existed like "Saint Christopher". In fact, Muslims in Southeast Asia recently won a court case against the Vatican because Rome was trying to gain converts by advertising that Catholics also worship Allah.
- Mormons say Jesus is not God.
- Many Christian denominations, mega-churches, and cults also do not worship Jesus; they worship "Jesus". The true Jesus of the Bible warns us that there would be many false Christs among us. How can that be? Modern Christians who do not know the true word of God is available think all we have is corrupt manuscripts and corrupt Bible versions. Therefore they carnally, logically, and Reasonably use theology's "ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" to invent erroneous doctrines and beliefs that result in the many different "Christs" of today.

The physical act of baptism in water is a ceremonial act of obedience that symbolizes the legalities of our being reckoned to have died with/in Christ. His death is the sacrificial atonement for our sins. Then we symbolically rise from the water/grave to walk in newness of our spirit life by learning the Bible and obediently applying it to our lives. Physical baptism is a one-time ceremonial and symbolic act.

Once we begin faithfully submitting to the Bible by being doers of the word and not hearers only, the Holy Spirit begins His work of Husbanding us in order to teach and train us to be obedient wives He can actually depend upon to faithfully serve Him anytime, anywhere, and no matter what He wants of us (e.g. Job). In other words, the *real* baptism of/in the Holy Spirit is an ongoing growth process (see Rom 6) during which our Parent / Guardian / Comforter lovingly trains us to be soldiers He can count on to fight the good fight. I say again, as good as physical baptism is (the ceremonial act of obedience), it is just a prelude to the real and important lifelong baptism when the Lord trains us to make Rom 6 part of who we are. (Training is required, not just *teaching*, because Rom 7 is a reality for all of us.)

If you think about the big picture you'll understand how important *and how* (relatively) *trivial* our lifelong acts of submissive obedience are:

- As important as physical water baptism is as a symbolic beginning, it pales in comparison with the ongoing process of becoming a mature and confidently-obedient servant of Christ. Now I'll reword that in order to make clear this paragraph's opening sentence:
- As important and necessary as our lifelong doing the word is, what we do pales in comparison with what the Holy Spirit does behind the scenes in relation to those acts of submissive obedience. That in no way means we can slack off; our acts of obedience are part of our growing love for the Lord, and they are physical prerequisites to His spiritual involvement in the war.

But our understanding of this topic cannot be complete if we don't include *faith* in the big picture: "Matt Seven" (our AOR character from Mt 7) did all of the above Scriptural works...*to no avail!* The missing ingredient was proper *faith*. Why do I say "proper" faith? Because although *faith* and *belief* are essential to Christianity and to fighting the good fight, they are difficult to understand. For example, the Bible says **faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Ro 10:17)**. Matt Seven and many other OT saints heard the word preached many times, and *if* Ro 10:17 had said "and hearing the word of God" you'd think they'd gain faith. But they didn't gain faith, which makes us ponder God's use of the word "by". The reason Matt Seven didn't grow in faith is because somehow he didn't have faith/belief:

**Heb 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.**

Therefore, when today's Christians who do not by faith believe what God has said about His word, that lack of "proper" faith makes the mighty Sword of the Lord of no effect *because faith and works and belief are synonyms* (AOR p.H1-2) *and are prerequisites to the Holy Spirit's behind-the-scenes involvement*. I think "**by the word of God**" above means the Holy Ghost uses the amazing, inspired, inerrant word of God to discern if the hearer has "proper" faith or not...which is similar to what this verse says is done by the word of God:

**Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

Keeping in mind that *water* in the Bible is associated with the Holy Ghost, look at these verses that are interesting because they not only also say "**by the word of God**", but they seem to go along with what I've been saying about our lifelong baptism/immersion in the word/water/Comforter as He leads us into maturity:

**Eph 5:23,25-27 ...Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body...Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

Having the big picture in mind about how this war is properly fought, we see that, as important and necessary as our acts of obedience are, they are but the tip of the iceberg; what the Lord then does is how the war will be won. We are pawns on a spiritual chessboard. The Lord cannot force us to move; He puts gates/"circumstances" before us in order to direct our paths. If we truly do use His word as a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path to go through the right gates He'll use those gates to maneuver us to victory. That doesn't mean He won't need to sacrifice a pawn every now and then for the good of the war and church, but ours is not to question why, ours is but to do and die to self daily in order to **press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14)**.

The reason we want to receive the Holy Ghost is so we can learn and grow and become better vessels for His use. All three members of the Trinity are involved in delivering and ministering the word to us. And they come to us and feed us and guide us when They discern that we are properly-faithful doers of the word. The Lord is our arm of strength...*but only if we faithfully and obediently use His Sword*. We cannot be good soldiers if we aren't good servant-wives, and we shall lose the war if the Lord doesn't fight for us. His only weapon is His inspired, inerrant Sword, but the Sword of the Lord is ineffective if He isn't wielding it. Therefore the true value of our being faithful Swordbearers who glorify Him by humbly doing His word is *in making His Sword available to Him so He can use it* behind the scenes as He sees fit. *Our doing* is what makes the word of God efficacious in this war because that's when the Lord fights for us: Our doing the word triggers His involvement, and *His involvement* is what wins the war.

**Ex 14:13,14 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.**

**2 Chr 32:7,8 Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for *there be* more with us than with him: With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles.**

**Ps 20:6,7 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand. Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.**

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross.  
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.  
Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you; ye dare not trust your own.*

***"Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight."***

## Trumpet W10

### BROTHERS DISARMED: Losing the Holy Ghost

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In the previous trumpet we used the context of receiving the Holy Ghost to examine the importance and necessity of God's involvement in our lives and development. In this trumpet we'll continue examining God's involvement in the war, but we'll do so in the context of losing the Holy Ghost. And just as we saw in the previous trumpet, and just as in life and in the war *everything always revolves around the word of God*.

#### THE POWER BEHIND THE SWORD OF THE LORD

We've seen that all three members of the Trinity are involved in ministering to faithful believers who are doers of the word, which underscores the importance of the word. The following verses show that the Trinity also uses the words in the Bible to judge those who were *not* faithful doers:

**John 12:48-50** He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

Use the below verses to think about *why* the word of God can be such a powerful mentor, parent, shepherd, friend, and comforter, and think about why we'll be victorious in this war if we internalize God's words by making them part of who we are: *God* will arrange "circumstances" or "gates" in our lives that, assuming we deal with them Scripturally, will lead us along paths of righteousness for His name's sake:

**2 Pet 1:8,10-12** For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ...Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things...

Now read the below Eph 3 prayer as an addendum to the above verses, and consider this paraphrase: "May you doers of God's word be strengthened by the Holy Spirit's word-centered ministry so your faith and love mature, and you grow into the kind of *comprehension* (synonym: *know*, as in "I never *knew* you" in Mt 7 and in Trumpet Bravo 10) all mature saints acquire about how hugely glorious, fulfilling, and satisfying (*above all we ask or think!!*) it is to walk with the Lord." The vague reference to vast behind-the-scenes spiritual stuff that is part of this war helps us see how necessary it is for us to draw upon the Holy Spirit's "power that worketh in us" by faithfully using the literal tactics in His Weapons Manual.

**Eph 3:14-21** For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

The above verses build upon 1 Cor 2, which says God hides His glorious truths behind the spiritual veil of the literal written word of God (as contrasted with the well-intentioned words of theologians). The mysteries behind that veil are only revealed by the power of God when the Holy Ghost ministers to us via His word – not the word of theologians who err by substituting worldly wisdom for faith:

**1 Cor 2:1,4-7,11-13** And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom...And my speech and **my preaching was** not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but **in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.** Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world...But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*...But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God...For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

These verses give us a glimpse at why the Bible says things like the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, the Lord is our arm of strength, and the word of God is our Sword: *We only win the war if the Lord fights for us*. And, because of the rules of war He and Satan agreed to, He *must* fight in strict accordance with the Bible – which means He *cannot* do the above sets of verses *unless we are strict doers of His word*, which includes His orders about when to *retreat*. This war is all about the

Lord and His word; you and I are mere foot soldiers, servants, whose job is extremely simple to understand: *do what He says* – no matter what we *think*. The battle in the garden of Eden showed us that God wants us to be humble *servants* who faithfully and submissively do what He says, and Satan wants us to be “*good Christian heads*” who rely on man’s wisdom to decide what God *really* wants:

- True Bible **believers** are humble, submissive housewives who, if they will learn anything, ask their Husband to reveal it.
- Bible “**correctors**” are liberated, independent, equal, rebellious shrews who rely on Self by consulting flesh and blood if they want to learn anything.
- Bible **believers** are armed with the faith-based Sword of the Lord and are therefore shepherded by the behind-the-scenes power of the Holy Spirit’s ministry.
- **Theologians** rely on dumpster-diving research, which means they are not only unarmed, they are contributing to the widespread disarming of the church and are keeping God out of the war. They do not have God’s Sword; indeed, they don’t think it exists. Therefore they are not faithful Swordbearers: There is no faith-and-belief-based submissive obedience to God’s word, so their works are *not* delivering the Lord’s Sword to Him to use in the war. That means they are preventing both the church and the Lord from properly fighting the good fight because the one and only weapon in this war is the Sword of the Lord.

Now I’ll illustrate why faith, belief, truth, and doing are so important and necessary to our being proper Swordbearers whose works deliver the Sword of the Lord to Him so He can use it in this war:

NIV, NASV, etc: 2 Sam 21:19 ...and Elhanan...killed Goliath...

NIV, NASV, etc: John 11:35 Jesus wept.

NIV, NASV, etc. Jn 5:4 [Blank, or it has brackets, parentheses, footnotes, or asterisks that say it shouldn’t exist.]

Apostate Trojan-horse Christians want to destroy your Biblical faith and replace it with Greek Reason because they think God’s word (as He defines it) doesn’t exist. Here’s what happens when they read, preach, do, and live their lives in accordance with their modern versions:

- When they read 2 Sam 21:19 they don’t believe it because they think it’s wrong, and that error proves it’s not God’s word. When they read Jn 11:35 they think it’s fairly accurate, but they do not think it’s God’s word because they read something somewhere that claimed it really should say “wept bitterly”. When they see Jn 5:4 it doesn’t bother them because *nothing* is God’s word. They don’t preach 2 Sam 21:19 because they don’t believe it. They preach Jn 11:35 because they think it’s fairly accurate, but they don’t believe it’s God’s inspired, infallible word – and that unbelief renders *all* verses in modern versions (including factually-correct verses) of none effect.
- When they refer to their modern version as “God’s word”, “Holy Bible”, “Scripture”, etc., they are being two-faced equivocators. That is not honest, it is not Godly, it is not Christian, and it suggests something in their character makeup is Pharisical.
- When they tell you no Bible version on earth is God’s word because they all contain errors, and you reply that the KJV has no errors, they will reply that 2 Sam 21:19 in the AV1611 is an error because the reading doesn’t agree with the “authoritative reading” in what they refer to as the “Word of God” / “the original autographs” / the ERROR manuscripts! They are being hypocrites because, first, they know the “originals” don’t exist. And second, even though they just told you the Elhanan error in the NIV proves it isn’t God’s word, they do not hesitate to ignore the exact same Elhanan-killed-Goliath error in the ERROR manuscripts and hypocritically treat those corrupt manuscripts as the authoritative word of God that should be used to “correct” the errors in the KJV and all other Bible versions!
- When you refer to their correct statement that the Elhanan error in the modern versions proves they are not God’s word, and then ask theologians how they can use the “correcting authority” of the ERROR manuscripts in 2 Sam 21:19 to correct the 2 Sam 21:19 error in the modern versions, they will start sputtering. So you try to make your question clear by asking, “Since the Elhanan error in the modern versions disqualifies them as the authoritative word of God, why doesn’t the exact same error in the ERROR manuscripts disqualify them as the authoritative word of God? In other words, how can one ‘Elhanan killed Goliath’ error correct another ‘Elhanan killed Goliath’ error?”
- Now that you have used logic to pin them down, theologians will be forced into losing face and admitting they are hypocrites when they refer to the ERROR manuscripts as “God’s word” and use them as “correcting authorities” that “prove” the correct reading in the KJV is incorrect! You may be so shocked and appalled by their deceitfulness, hypocrisy, evasiveness, inconsistency, and illogical betrayal of the very Reason they claim to live by that you’ll spend time in the Bible researching and thinking about faith, belief, eyes and ears that see and hear, and how many times those things are connected by *doing* the word of God to the behind-the-scenes ministry of the Holy Ghost that you’ll come away – as I have – realizing there is a lot more to faith, belief, hearing, and the truth, spiritual power, and *necessity* of the word of God as He defines it than modern Christians think.

- When you pin them down and they're forced into admitting the ERROR manuscripts are *not* God's word, they will admit they do not think God's word exists *as He defines it*. When you review their above contradictory, evasive, unscriptural, hypocritical, deceitfulness in order to show them they have chosen to live in darkness and cynicism they will eventually say something like, "It's not our fault! It's God's fault; He's the one whose word no longer exists because He's the one who failed to preserve it! We theologians are *trying* to cover for Him by 1) making *ignorant* Christians think the word of God exists, and 2) by making *informed* Christians think it honors and glorifies God to revise and downgrade the definition of His word to 'word of man', 'corrupt translation', 'corrupt-but-authoritative old scraps of manuscripts', and 'scraps of food picked out of garbage cans'."

Some thinking points:

1. The *inerrancy* of the word of God is how we know which Bible version is of God (apply Jer 28:9). This (the true word of God) is the necessary starting point and foundation for Christianity...
2. ...because it engenders and feeds and increases that all-important ingredient, faith (see Heb 4:2), which in turn...
3. ...gives us eyes that see and ears that hear as the Holy Spirit does His job of helping the seed of the word grow and bring forth fruit/maturity in our relationship with the Lord...
4. ...by allowing us to build a Scripturally-correct framework of doctrine that allows us to recognize and get to know and serve (through ever-faithfully doing the word) the true God (Jer 9:24).
5. The Hananiahs among us who promote theology and error-filled modern Bible versions are spreading the subversive leaven that *God's word* (point 1) *no longer exists*; which destroys faith (point 2); which makes the word of God / the work of the Holy Ghost (point 3) of none effect; which allows well-intentioned-but-false theology-based doctrine to create false Christs (point 4).

Now we can better understand why Hananiah's blasphemy/rebellion/witchcraft against the word-promoting work of the Holy Ghost was not forgiven by God.

Over time as your Biblical understanding broadens and deepens you'll arrive at the point where you understand how devastatingly subversive theology is to faith, belief, the word of God, and Christianity. You'll also see that theology helps the Devil because inside many Christians when the seed of the word of God is sown and heard, it may immediately spring up, but then thorns grow up and choke the word and the word becometh unfruitful and no longer efficacious because the behind-the-scenes work of the Comforter stops. This theological subversion is so effective it has defeated millions of Christians today, which illustrates why God killed Hananiah and why He orders us to *walk away* after the first and second admonition.

### **FORNICATION AND BLASPHEMY AGAINST THE HOLY GHOST / SON OF GOD**

Fornication is the only sin that justifies divorce. Fornication is defrauding the church. And fornication is blasphemy against the Holy Ghost / the son of God (not the son of man). Because the Holy Ghost / son of God minister to faithful doers of His words, any Christian who profanes/speaks against the words of God is fornicating/defrauding the church and blaspheming the Holy Ghost / the Word of God.

*Why* is speaking against the Holy Ghost blasphemy...but speaking against the Son of man (not God) isn't? In order for blasphemy to be worse when it's against the Comforter than when it's against the Lord Jesus Christ *there has to be some kind of difference between the two*. We know from Jn 14 and other places that Christ and the Holy Spirit are the same because they are God/part of the Triune Godhead. And *that* makes us zero in on God's literal wording, *the Son of man*. The mortal Christ came to be despised and rejected and sacrificed. But the divine Christ is the same as the Holy Spirit, and we learn in the Bible that the Holy Spirit's job is to exalt the word of God in order to feed, instruct, exhort, rebuke, correct, and guide us in such a way that we emphasize the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, Husband, Shepherd, and God. *Why* does the Comforter exalt, teach, and bring the words of God to our remembrance? *Because in order to discern the real Christ from all the false Christs that are so prevalent in today's apostate "Christianity" we must go by "Thus saith the Lord."* That's why God exalts His *word* (which reveals the true Christ) above His *name* (which teaches us nothing): *His word is the church's only weapon...but only if our faith and works trigger His participation*. The literal words allow us to learn correct doctrine, bolster our faith, and know and serve the true Saviour, which is absolutely essential to winning the war. And *that* is why "speaking against" the Holy Ghost is blaspheming the "word of God" (not the Word of God" – see Titus 2 below). And *that* helps us begin to glimpse the big picture behind *why* God killed Hananiah for blaspheming, for teaching rebellion, which is witchcraft against God (Jer 28:15,16) by undermining the Holy Ghost's work of exalting the word by using *Yea hath God said* theology to destroy faith by casting doubt on the existence and inerrancy of the literal word of God.

**Mt 12:31,32** Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost [whose ministry is to use the word to glorify God in the name of the Word/son of God/Christ Jesus] shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man [the mortal Christ, not the divine Christ/the Word], it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost [whose ministry is to use the word to glorify God in the name of the Word/son of God/Christ Jesus], it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the *world* to come. [The mortal Christ (son of

man) came to be abused, crucified, and then go back to heaven; therefore blaspheming Him is forgivable. However, blaspheming the immortal members of the Trinity (such as the son of God) will not be forgiven because their purpose is to minister the word of God to us...and the word is absolutely critical and necessary to the war because it is our only weapon.]

1 Tim 1:12,13 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry; Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

Heb 8:4-8 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened [and therefore no longer ignorant], and have tasted of the heavenly gift [of the word], and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost [by doing the word], And have tasted the good word of God [God's Scripture is *always* involved; note it says *good*, not *garbage*], and the powers [behind-the-scenes spiritual activity] of the world to come, If they shall fall away [from the good word of God after having tasted it / partaken of the Holy Spirit's ministry], to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God [which makes the sin unforgivable blasphemy] afresh, and put him [the word-ministering Trinity] to an open shame. For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: But that which beareth thorns and briers [after receiving the good word of God] is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned [and this divorce is only permissible for the sin of fornication / blasphemy against He who ministers the word to us].

Heb 10:28,29 He that despised Moses' [written word] law died without mercy [because their sin was fornication / blasphemy / speaking against the Sword of God] under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God [not man], and hath counted the blood of the [new written word] covenant, wherewith he was sanctified [partaker of the Holy Ghost via the word], an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? [Whose job is the word.]

Fornication is defrauding the church. Attacking the validity of God's word undermines faith and thereby blocks the ministry of the Holy Spirit, which is both fornication and blaspheming the Son of God (not man). We and the Lord *must* fight the war in accordance with the rules/words in God's Book. Even when Matt Seven was a "doer" of the true word of God his works were actually "iniquity" because those well-intentioned works were not *complete* or *whole* because they did not contain the p.H1-2 synonyms such as faith, belief, and true love. But *surely* Matt thought he loved the Lord! Yes, but his love did not contain the H1-2 synonyms, which meant God's words were thorn-choked and no longer internalized parts of who he was (as described in Trump W11); those good words of God moved back out to his "periphery", which made their use nothing but tinkling cymbals and lip service (1 Cor 13:1-3). That weakened his inner word-based framework that filters out verbal and written words that are contrary to Bible-based beliefs, which (as we move into modern times), combined with the harmful *illocutionary impact* (Trump W7) of the constant barrage of images in today's electronic media, and rendered Matt vulnerable to leaven on both flanks. God's word must be internalized so it can be the "whole package of synonyms" so the Lord can fight for us and not only preserve His words in our hearts but also cause them to bear fruit an hundredfold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. Beware of modern dumpster-diving Hananiahs who are undermining faith and belief in the literal character-building fruit-producing inerrant literal words God gave us. There is no greater sin than undermining faith in God and His word.

Now I'm going to cherry-pick some info from Titus chapter 2, so you may wish to consult the full chapter to see if I'm wresting Scripture or if I'm applying the Scriptures in a way that conforms to the Scriptures above. My point is to show that it is not wresting Scripture to say Christians who subvert faith in God's word are, in fact, blaspheming the Holy Ghost / fornicating / defrauding the church by committing a crime more heinous than that of the Pharisees when they nailed our Lord to the cross.

#### Titus 2:

- 1 **But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:** [Sound doctrine is based on the word of God (v.5), and teaching and doing correct Bible-based doctrine is "adorning" God's doctrine (vv.3,10).]
- 2 **That the aged men be...sound in faith...** [In addition to the inerrant word of God being absolutely necessary in order to formulate correct doctrines, Christians absolutely need Biblical *faith*; without faith nothing is efficacious because God isn't pleased, isn't glorified, and doesn't work behind the scenes for us.]
- 3 **The aged women likewise, that they be...teachers of good things;** [It is not good to teach things that are bad, that undermine faith, that say God's inerrant word doesn't exist, and it's not good for doctrines to be formulated in accordance with theology and society's latest revisions to morality, scientific "findings", and Reason-and-equality-based good intentions.]
- 5 **...that the word of God be not blasphemed.** [Actions, teachings, and doctrines not in accordance with / not based on the literal written words of God are blasphemy against the word of God, which undermines the authority of God Who gave us His word so we could properly bear His Sword (by *doing*) so He can fight for us behind the scenes. This series of events – 1) pleasing God with faith in the word, and 2) then pleasing Him by doing His word with synonyms, combine to 3) trigger His active involvement – lets us see why Hananiah's blasphemy against the

Holy Ghost when he used *Yea, hath God said* theology to undermine faith in the literal truth and reliability of God's word caused the Lord to kill him: *faith and doing can move mountains in the war because they get the Lord involved*, and without Him the war is lost.

7 ...in doctrine *shewing uncorruptness*... [Uncorrupt doctrine is based on the inerrant word of God. Today's corrupt doctrines are based on theology's garbage-can versions and layman's aids.]

10 ...that they may *adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things*. [God does not say "most things", He says *all* things, and ignoring that fact is suicidal...as Hananiah found out the hard way. When modern Christians say God's inerrant word no longer exists and therefore we must scrounge around in garbage cans looking for scraps of the bread of His word *they are adorning nothing*; they are *blaspheming* God and His word, and they are committing *fornication* by *defrauding* the church.

15 *These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.*

If anybody disagrees with the above and says theology's anti-KJV crusade isn't fornication, isn't blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, isn't resulting in false doctrines, isn't undermining faith, and isn't helping Satan prevail against the church, you probably ought to issue a first and second admonition and – depending on his answers – *walk away*, for he is *subverted*:

1. First admonition: "Knowing the foundational necessity of faith and the word of God, what sins do you think are more harmful to Christianity than the sin of claiming God's word – as He defines it – no longer exists? After all, sins like murder, homosexuality, and adultery are never going to subvert the church because they'll always be sins. Your answer, sir?"
2. Second admonition: "I see you carry the NASV. When you went shopping for a Bible you had to choose between the KJV and the NASV. Knowing that over the last several hundred years the KJV is the only Bible version or manuscript on earth whose *inerrancy* has caused a significant portion of born-again Christians to accept that inerrancy as God's Scriptural proof that the KJV is His inspired word, and knowing that nobody has *ever* claimed the NASV to be God's inspired word, and knowing that *everybody* knows the NASV is full of errors...*what possessed you to eschew the KJV and get the NASV?!*"

Closing note: In general, I think I'm preaching to the choir about the Bible version issue. And therefore I worry about belaboring the point and repeating myself too many times. However, many KJVers don't hear this stuff and don't spend a lot of time thinking about it. The result is they don't *really* understand this topic's breadth and depth and multi-faceted importance. For example, some of the facets include:

- The *meaning* of the KJV's inerrancy.
- The reality and necessity of faith, works, and the other synonyms in conjunction with the true word of God.
- The word of God is our only doctrinal source and foundation.
- The word of God is the only weapon the Lord and we Bible believers have in this war.
- The real power behind God's Sword is – not surprisingly – God.
- *Yea, hath God said* theology really has been one of the Devil's main Reason-based tactics since the garden of Eden.
- The reason theology's pro-ERROR ms / anti-KJV *Yea, hath God said* arguments are so hypocritical and contradictory is simple: theology is based on false assumptions and outright blasphemous lies because its foundation is *human Reason*; whereas Bible believers' pro-Bible-study stance is based on the *fact* of inerrancy and *faith* in our mighty Saviour.
- In addition to eroding faith and belief, *all* facets of theology undermine authority: God didn't do what He said He'd do, His word isn't as reliable as we once thought, therefore we can't take Him literally at His word and must figure out what He might have *meant to say*. That caused doctrine to no longer be written in stone because the words in the Bible can no longer be taken literally, and therefore doctrine changes in accordance with what *we* think. With the authority of the Bible subverted, which is our *only* source of doctrine and the church's *only* foundation, Christianity is set adrift and morphs into just another humanistic religion. And with the authority of the Bible subverted, which is our *only* weapon, the church is *disarmed* – which prevents God from fighting for us.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received *it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*

***“Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.”***

## OUR WAR IS ALL ABOUT WORDS

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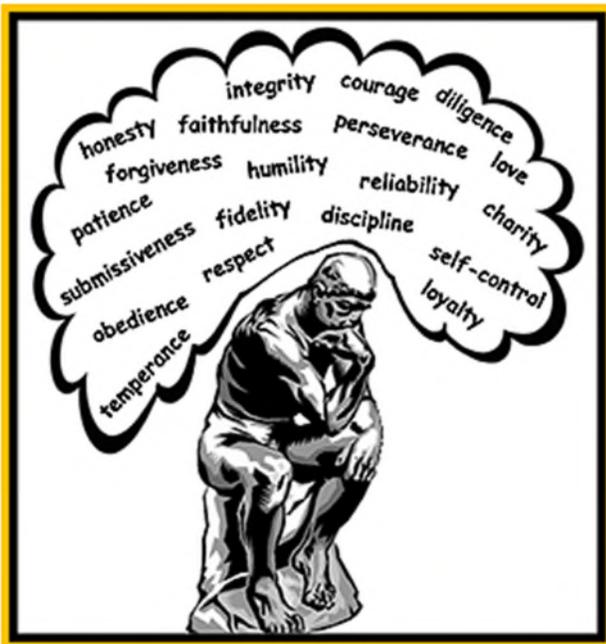
This trumpet is part review and part points to ponder. And it is an attempt to praise and glorify God by trying to glimpse – through a glass darkly – some of His power and authority and why His name is **The Word of God.**

### OUR WORLD AND LIFE OF WORDS

In the beginning was the Word. And the Word spoke the worlds into existence, and without Him was not anything made that was made, for by Him all things consist.

When we are born, we are born into a life of words. At first it's simple; our parents teach us our names, what yes and no mean, and how to use words to communicate. But then it gets more difficult; our parents tell us to do things we don't want to do, they tell us to stop doing things we want to do, and they add words to our vocabularies that they want to become parts of our *character*, parts of *who we are*. Some of these words include *behave*, *obey*, *self-control*, and *patience*, and they are in direct conflict with our Natural carnal childish selfishness...and we find ourselves involved in a conflict between mere *mental concepts* and physical reality. As we see it, the words our parents are forcing upon us are not "real", they are just invisible outside concepts or meanings; but our carnal feelings and wants, on the other hand, *are* real and persistent and important to us. So we attempt to live in accordance with our very real Self rather than in accordance with mere *words* our parents seem to like.

This juncture during our formative years is very important because if we are to be successful in secular life we must be able to subdue Self and live by words, and if we are ever born again we'll have to let "mere" words rule our lives and cause us to die to Self daily. If our parents spank us we tend to get off to a good start in life. If parents don't spank they assume they can accomplish the same thing by reasoning with their children. The flaw in that is the use of "mere words" (that aren't yet real to children and therefore exist only out on their periphery) is actually harmful because 1) children do not yet have the depth of *character* (internalized words) needed to *appreciate and value* those qualities, and 2) undisciplined kids quickly learn how to use lip service and lies (because they, too, are "mere words") to their advantage. For example, babies (who have no vocabulary) and young children learn that crying and temper tantrums can be used to manipulate their parents. (When my siblings and I'd try that tactic my dad would give us a stern look and say, "If you keep that up I'll give you something to cry about.")



As the illustration shows, character-defining words exist out on the periphery of our being. We know they're there and we know what they mean...but they're "out there", and Self is "in here". And during our formative years the best, fastest, and most effective way for those "mere words" out on our peripheries to be *internalized*, to become *part of our character* is via the rod of correction. As children we have neither the *depth of character* nor the *experience-based understanding* we need in order to appreciate the value and importance to life of those "mere words." But we *do* understand pain, and it's a great motivator...so we quickly take the *external* physical discipline imposed upon us by our parents and we turn it into *internal* self-discipline and use that new control to be more obedient, honest, patient, etc. One of the most important words/concepts we learn during this process (even if it is unspoken) that we carry throughout life is *authority*: As we grow we correctly walk the straight and narrow "because Mommy said", then "because teacher said", then "because it's right" (which usually refers to morality, tradition, denominational doctrines, etc.) As years and experiences go by, our growing understanding combines with what character we have and we find ourselves *appreciating* the life of a "straight-arrow goody two-shoes" and begin to voluntarily internalize more and more of those good words out on our periphery. And if we're born again the seed of the word

of God that is sown in our hearts tends to fall on fertile ground because we quickly understand the authority of *Thus saith the Lord* outweighs morality, Mommy, tradition, theology, and even Self. This path produces humble servants whose faith in God causes them to recognize the KJV's inerrancy as God's trademark...and they begin lives of doing what He says.

Unprincipled people without self-discipline aren't stupid, so they talk the talk by rendering lip service to the peripheral words of character. But when nobody's looking, fear and temptation cause them to yield to Self. And if they're born again the seed of the word of God that is sown in their hearts tends to fall on shallow soil because Self is still the *real* authority in their lives. This path results in Reasonable Christians who haven't *internalized* the principles behind *inerrancy*, *truth*, and *God*...so, at the deeply-fundamental level of inward-directed well-intentioned Self (rather than outward-directed service to God) they "worship" "exalt", and "glorify" God by "correcting" what He says as if He is a below-average fourth-grade student and they are teachers who use red circles and exes and cross-outs to "correct" His spelling and grammar and factual mistakes in His essay homework.

It was good for you and me to have our vocabulary and grammar corrected by our teachers because we were embarking on a life of *words*; it was good for us to learn to be proficient with words so we could read, hear, understand, and analyze the millions of words we'd encounter in life. *Words* would gradually shape the character of our souls, our intellect. The kind of people we turned out to be would depend on which words were and were not internalized. Those words that were internalized formed the framework of our character, the basis of our values and beliefs, and became the primary determinates of our words and actions. Yes, even before the Lord gave us spirit life, *words* and our relationship with words became a primary determinate of our course through life.

### OUR SPIRITUAL WAR OF WORDS

1 Cor 1:17,19-21,25-27 For Christ sent me...to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words [theology], lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect [lack of faith]...For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise [theology], and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent...hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world [such as theology's contradictory, evasive, unscriptural, hypocritical, deceitful speech and error-filled fruit]? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom [theology] knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching [faith in the word] to save them that believe...Because the foolishness of God [e.g. the inerrant AV1611] is wiser than men [theology's corrupt versions]; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, *are called*: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world [faith] to confound the wise [Reason]; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world [e.g. faith] to confound the things which are mighty;

Isa 55:8,11 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts, neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD...So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void [it will discern the thoughts and intents of the heart, true faith, etc.], but it shall accomplish that which I please [via the Comforter], and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it [as in Jn 14 below].

Jn 14:10-26 ...the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works [He did the works in Christ]...He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; [how do we do greater works? It's because...] because I go unto my Father...And...the Father...shall give you another Comforter [we don't do the big behind-the-scenes works; they're done by the Comforter]...*Even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive...I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you...If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father...and we will come unto him...the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you [it's always about the word].

He 4:1,2,11,12 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 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*... Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Heb 6:4-8 For *it is impossible* for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift [of the word], and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame. For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.

What happens to born-again saints who tasted the “good” word of God (“good” means God’s inerrant Bible, it does *not* mean theology’s corrupt garbage-can versions) if they shall fall away by rejecting the existence of God’s word like Hananiah did? In that case they no longer “partake of the Holy Ghost” and no longer “receiveth blessing from God” because they have committed blasphemy against the Trinity’s ministry of using God’s word to husband us wives (He 6:4-8). You’ll notice the above verses don’t actually say blasphemy against the Holy Ghost, but they do say these faithless fallen brethren, “whose end is to be burned” “made dead to themselves the Son of God” – and we learned earlier that speaking against the Son of man can be forgiven...but *not* speaking against the Son of God / the Word of God / the word of God / the Sword of the Word because in order to win the war the Trinity must exalt the inerrant Bible above the name of Jesus in order for Him to actually be the Great God Almighty.

This topic helps illustrate why I prefer to refer to myself with the specific term Bible believer instead of the term *Christian*, and why I always say, A man’s relationship with the Bible is an exact picture of his relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Today’s Enlightened Christians have *no idea* how important the written word of God is to all three members of the Trinity – and why it is so important that The Godhead exalts it above the name of the Son of man. And not knowing why the Bible is so important to God, Christians also have no idea why it is so hugely important to Satan...and why it *should* be all-important to Christians.

Those of you who have done word studies that compare what the Bible says about Jesus Christ with what it says about the words in the Bible know the Word of God and the word of God are synonymous. Christ is also called “the voice”, and *the*

*voice walks* (Gen 3:8). Christ “the voice” *speaks* and can be *seen* (Rev 1:12,13) and *heard* and *handled* (1 Jn 1:1), and the “*voice*” of God is synonymous with the “*written*” word (cp. Deu 28:45,58). The Word was in the beginning, and was not only with God, He was God. All things were made by Him; the Word spoke the worlds into existence, and by Him/His word all things consist. The Word became flesh in two ways: 1) He became true man, 2) He became our true manna from heaven when we “eat His flesh” by *doing* His written words in His Bible. In sum, God has chosen not only to identify Himself as the Word, but He has chosen to do everything in this war with His *words*, and *that* makes His Sword all-important to Him and to us.

You know from some of the earlier trumpets that word usage is under attack. Even Christians who are good with words and have excellent reading and hearing comprehension are vulnerable on a subliminal level to some of today’s methods of visual communication and entertainment. Ratings and advertising revenue are causing intelligent, comprehensive, informative news coverage to wane, as more people watch 15-second TV and online video clips because people prefer the visceral reaction to visual stimuli (a non-intellectual gut-level emotional response) over the intellectual attention and concentration required to read and hear and evaluate *words*. Part of the problem is the news writers and reporters reveal by their vapid reporting (their *words*) that their inability to effectively *inform* isn’t so much because of their poor grammar and choice of words, it’s because the reporters’ inability to mentally process, understand, and evaluate the *words* they received from scientists, government officials, politicians, etc., renders them incapable of realizing their questions weren’t answered, their follow-up questions were useless, and their reporting conveys *nothing*...and leaves the discerning reader/listener frustrated. This state of affairs bothers me – not because I really care about the news, but because I’m worried about Christians (who grew up in our “modern” world) who pick up the Bible and have little experience and understanding about the very medium of communicating (words) that God *is* and that He has chosen to be our schoolmaster and Sword and source of faith and doctrine. For example, every now and then I run across something a “respected” theologian has written on certain topics and doctrines, and I realize he, too, *isn’t very good with words*. I’m not talking about his foolish use of Greek and Hebrew, I’m talking about his inability to read a simple Bible verse and understand what it specifically *says* as well as what it *doesn’t* say. And because he doesn’t think the words should be taken literally he cannot use and profit from “breadcrumb trails” and cause-and-effect. Therefore he is less capable of realizing the verse doesn’t say what tradition told him it says, can’t build correct doctrine, and doesn’t *know* (via the “two-way street”) the Lord Who only manifests Himself to proper *doers* who have “Rahab’s faith.”

Yes, I am aware that the Comforter can and does open our understanding even if we’re not English teachers. But the downhill slide of Christianity appears to be linked to the fact that modern Christians don’t like *reading*. Reading Christian material, highlighting sentences, writing notations, and discussing it with comrades (communion) helps us focus, understand, and *learn* as the Comforter does His behind-the-scenes *works* and makes the fishes and loaves multiply in our hearts, minds, and lives. And all of that “handling the word of life” has the additional benefit that it *takes up time in our days* – time that we’d otherwise squander on things like 15-second video clips whose “illocutionary impact” can be (from a Biblical perspective) harmful and subversive. In fact, the more my understanding increases, the more I get horrible glimpses at how all-inclusive the Devil is in his use of almost everything in society to undermine faith and belief. I even told one faltering brother (who was having such a hard time dealing with outside distractions that he had little time left for Bible reading/study) that he needed to lock himself in the bathroom if necessary to get away from distractions. The reason everything in life (that isn’t glorifying God and edifying His church) is vanity and vexation of spirit is because those pursuits take us away from our relationship with the Lord via His word. If a Christian isn’t comfortable with words (and therefore may not have built up a value framework/filter of internalized words) he’s more likely to respond to the gut-appeal of electronic media which was created for the carnal masses.

### THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT CARNAL:

#### How God’s Spiritual Words Become Efficacious

Heb 11:1-3,6,8 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear...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...By faith Abraham, when he was called...[by the Word of God] obeyed...

The inerrancy of the King James Bible *only* has import and significance to born-again saints who have Biblical faith. Biblical faith consists of beliefs based upon the written words of God. A careful reading of the above Scripture shows how interdependent *faith* and the words of God are. For example, the word *substance* means *that of which a thing consists*, and it usually refers to things that are *physical*. The word *evidence* means *proof; ground for belief*. But since words are not physical; and since anybody can say anything, true or false; how can words in the Bible become *efficacious*? *Efficacious* is defined as *the power or ability to produce a desired change, result, or effect*.

The words in the Bible are different from “normal” words out in life because first, truly submitting to the Bible requires dying to self, and second, we generally don’t have authorities like parents beating us into submission to the Bible. But when we were kids if we had parents who beat us into taking words from the periphery and internalizing them, our character, self-discipline, and understanding of authority combine to help us more quickly begin the process of internalizing the “mere words” in the Bible. However, with words in the Bible it’s much more complicated than that. The following is an incomplete list of factors that enter into our Christian growth, our internalizing the very words in the Bible that most Christians only pay lip service to:

- The words in the Bible are not the usual words of worldly wisdom; they are somehow connected to the Holy Spirit and to “power”: 1 Cor 2:1-7,10-14. Carefully read v.4&5 and apply what they say about *faith* to theology (“the wisdom of men”) and to the inerrant KJV (“the power of God”). And carefully note that the power and involvement of God/the Holy Spirit depends on the *words* being *His*.

- Faith. The 1 Cor 2 verses say our faith should *not* have that worldly stuff (theology/men’s wisdom) as its foundation, our faith is to be based on the *substance* and the *evidence* of God’s invisible words that have the power to create and sustain the universe. But beware: the Bible says even though God’s word is “quick and powerful”, and even though the OT Jews regularly heard Bible preaching, their lack of Biblical faith caused the word to not profit them because the power of the word of God is dependent upon the Holy Spirit’s getting involved (as in Jn 14)...and He doesn’t get involved if our hearing isn’t “mixed with faith” in the “words” we hear (Heb 4:1,2,11,12). In other words, if we do not think the words in the Bible that we preach, hear, and read (even the KJV) are God’s inspired, inerrant words, that lack of *faith* makes us guilty of *unbelief* – and the word of God is no longer efficacious because the Comforter refuses to utilize His power to help those “periphery words” be internalized. That is one of the reasons modern garbage-can versions are subversive to Christianity – *faith isn’t efficacious if it is based on a disbelief that the words are God’s words*.
- But even if we believe the words are God’s, the Comforter doesn’t get involved unless we obediently combine our Biblical faith with *doing* the word. In other words, the Sword of the Lord (also called the Word, the word, and the Holy Spirit) really does discern our thoughts and intents and He withholds His “power” and His “efficaciousness” if He doesn’t think we are contributing to the cause of Christ, glorifying His words, and furthering the war effort. The seed of His word accomplishes what He wants, and if He doesn’t see the right kind of soil in our hearts, He will not allow the seed to germinate and bear fruit. If the soil is sterile, rocky, and thorny (made up of the words of men’s wisdom), no fruit is produced. But if the soil is – via faith and belief – made up of *organic matter* (the Word/word become flesh, Christ’s flesh, the manna from heaven) the Comforter causes the seed to grow and bear fruit as long as we continue to *eat* the word by being proper doers.
- The verses used to support the above contribute to the overall big picture that this war isn’t dependent on *us*; the Lord is our arm of strength and He will win the war if we properly manifest Christ in us, the hope of glory. We do that by being faith-filled servants who *believe* everything He *says*...and do it.

### CONSUMMATION VIA THE WORD OF GOD

In Trumpet B10 I discuss the fact that being proper doers of the word is a two-way street; it allows us to “know” God and it allows Him to “know” us. We’re now going to look at an interesting application of the fact that *knowing* and *consuming* are synonyms.

At Judgment Matt Seven is told by the Lord he can be put away/divorced because He never *knew* him. Let’s look at it this way: The Lord is the Word, and the Word became flesh/the word of God. Those words are spirit and they are life...and at first they reside *without* us, they reside out on our periphery. The Lord has told us He/the Comforter will come to us and be in us if we love Him by being faithful doers of the word. Therefore, when the seed of the word/Word gets inside us and germinates and grows and becomes part of who we are, we are becoming “one”/“one flesh” with Christ, which may be at least part of our process of *consummation*.

Matt Seven and Heb 6:4-8 above show it is possible to be a born-again Christian who partook/had the Comforter indwell him...and still lose it. Does that mean consummated unions are terminated by the death of one of the parties (Rom 7:2), as in “crucified to himself the Son of God” (not man, which means we’re talking about blasphemy/fornication) and therefore the bad saint is going to be “burned”/made *dead* in the lake of fire? Also, if the “consummation” process of taking the words of God from our periphery and incorporating them into who we are is as complex and as dependent upon various prerequisites as the above discussion of faith and belief suggests, could it be that the two-edged Sword of the Word of God discerns when the intents of our hearts are half-assed and when they’re fully committed...and He therefore withholds the consummation from non-committed brides such as Matt Seven?

Could it be that good saints at Judgment will be told by our Husband that He has already consummated the union (“I already knew you”, which is the opposite of what He said to Matt Seven) when He/the Holy Spirit allowed the internalized seed of the word to germinate and grow and mature in us until we were “one flesh” with Christ?

Or could it be that when God’s words germinate in us and take root and spread and grow and bear fruit as we mature over the years and grow closer and closer to the Lord that the process of consummation – the process of becoming “one flesh” with Christ – increasingly conflicts with the ugly fact that our flesh is our old man body which was made out of this corrupt earth? That internal conflict (described in Ro 7) causes us to yearn more and more to be clothed upon with our new-earth glorified body (2 Cor 5:1-10). And when we get that heavenly body its pure soil and heart are so perfect that the internalized word of God takes over inside us so completely that we truly become one flesh with the Word of God – so completely that the word of God will reside in / be inscribed upon our hearts forever?

I tend to think the lifelong process of being baptized in the Holy Ghost is the washing of water by the word, and is doing the word, which is growing to maturity and bearing fruit, which is the process of being consummated...and all of this is husbanded unerringly behind the scenes by God because His word is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

People like Hananiah and Matt Seven obviously lack the proper ingredients, the proper *synonyms*, that are required for a proper Biblical “two-way street” relationship with the Lord. Matt Seven’s failure to be a “synonymous” doer, and Hananiah’s denying the inspiration and inerrancy of God’s word appear to have been why God never consummated them...because they were fornicators who *blasphemed* – rather than *adorned* (Titus 2) – the word of God.

That suggests that consummation is something that happens over time to Bible believers as their relationship with the Lord via His word becomes such that the two are inseparable. And it suggests that fornication / blasphemy vs. the Holy Ghost / divorce can be defined as *a failure to establish a proper relationship with the Lord via His word*.

### “WORSHIPPING A VERSION”

Sometimes when I’m thinking about the importance of words – from the beginning when the Word, through His creating everything with words, to communicating with words, to fighting the good fight with the Sword of His word, to the end when He uses His words to judge us – I’m reminded that dumpster-divers often try to deflect the undeniable truth of KJVers who point out the KJV’s unique inerrancy and the shocking fact that users of modern versions do not believe in the existence of “the Holy Bible” (defined as a single book or manuscript containing nothing but God’s inspired and inerrant word) by accusing Bible believers of “worshipping a version.”

The problem with Bible rejecters is they have failed to distinguish between the word of God and the Word of God Himself. Admittedly it can be difficult for Christians who have not rightly divided the living word from the living Word of life (1 Jn 1:1) to discern what is being said by Bible believers because of the confusing (to young and apostate Christians) fact that everything God’s Book says about the word it also says about the Word, and because of the overlapping involvement the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit have in ministering the word of God to us, and because of the fact that God exalts the word above His name (the Word) because the word is the only way we have to learn who the real Word is in order to avoid false “Christ” and false “Bibles”.

Those whose faithless unbelief in the existence of the word of God renders them blindly incapable of rightly dividing the word (that they think doesn’t exist!) in order to discern true doctrine, also are unaware of the doctrine of expediency. The existence of expediency and its proper use *reveal that true Bible believers who may appear to be “worshipping a version” are not doing so...* because we Bible believers want to please and serve the Word of God, not the word of God, and expediency means we’re continually *doing* the word of God in order to get to know the Word of God well enough that we’ll understand when we should sidestep the word of God in order to please Him. In other words, we Bible believers are properly using the word of God as a tool – a schoolmaster – in order to become dedicated servants of a person (the Word) rather than a thing (the inspired and inerrant word in the AV1611).

We are *not* “worshipping a version” as they claim. But when they say the word of God does not exist, or that it exists in “garbage cans”, they are

- profaning God’s word by treating it as common or base, and they are
- committing blasphemy by not adorning the doctrine of God, and they are
- committing fornication by subverting authority, faith, and the efficacy of the Sword of the Lord, which all mean they are
- assisting the Devil’s *Yea, hath God said* crusade against the literal words of God in order to prevail against the church.

However, if apostates want to define the following as “worshipping a version”:

**By faith accepting the miraculous and unique inerrancy of the Authorized King James Bible as God’s inimitable way of identifying His inspired word and separating it from theology’s garbage-can versions**

I’m perfectly happy to stand and declare myself, “Guilty as charged!” Or, as Patrick Henry said when (correctly) accused of treason (not that I’m particularly fond of Patrick Henry):

**“If this be treason, *make the most of it!*”**

**BIBLE STUDY:** Having faith in God makes us believe His inspired word exists. The singular inerrancy of the literal words in the KJV identifies it as God’s Holy Bible and causes us to eschew theology and to trust God by turning to Bible study.

**THEOLOGY:** Theology insults God by being skeptical of what He has said, and it destroys faith in His word by making it of none effect. And dumpster-divers insult Bible-believers by thinking we’re deluded idiots for – based on the demonstrated inerrancy of the KJV – having enough faith in God to believe He actually did what He said He’d do.

There is a lot of stuff going on in this war. I do not fully understand the Big Picture. Indeed, I don’t even understand the complex nature of faith and belief. But I know they are so important that even the all-important-and-necessary word of God (as defined by Him) is *not* efficacious unless the Comforter sees a proper combination of ingredients including faith, belief, and doing the word. Therefore, that which we need to keep in mind is *do our jobs!* If we’ll properly exalt and love God by doing the word, His Holy Spirit will indwell us and Husband us.

Everything about God and this war has always had to do with the Word of God and His word. And nothing the Lord has ever said or done remotely suggests that His word was, is, or will be contained in garbage cans. And therefore at Judgment when He is confronted by theologians who will accuse Him of hiding His true words among all the errors in garbage-can “Bible” versions and ERROR manuscripts, the Lord will not have to shrug and say, “*Ooh, good point! You’re right, but, gee whiz, I did the best I could to be true to my word...but I just couldn’t do it.*”

### WORDS AS ANCHORS OF THE SOUL:

#### The Authorized 1611 King James “Memo”

When I grew up everybody spanked their children, divorce was frowned upon, teachers were obeyed by children and supported by parents, and certain rules of grammar and pronunciation were adhered to by educated people. During my short lifetime I have seen the opposite of all of those things become commonplace. And that troubles me; not because I care what pagans do or don’t do, but because those starkly-dramatic and fairly-rapid overthrows of the existing order happened “all by themselves.” For example:

- A few years ago when I asked a parent who didn't spank his kids what he read or studied that convinced him the spanking used throughout history was wrong or harmful, he got offended and defensive because *he never looked into it at all*. In fact, he never made a decision to not spank his children – he “*just didn't spank them*”, and then he defended his actions with trite rhetoric he'd “*heard somewhere*”.
- Divorce used to be shameful because post-consummation divorce is contrary to the Bible. The Bible hasn't changed, but today society's ignorant majority has more influence than God's word.
- It is common for parents today to angrily denounce teachers who try to control their bratty, mouthy children in class. That was unheard of only a few years ago when good parents disciplined their kids and appreciated the help of teachers.
- Certain rules of pronunciation and grammar in the last ten years have been so universally violated that I've actually looked them up to see if things had officially changed that maybe I'd not been aware of. I've missed nothing: people are just mindlessly and with no justification going with the sludge.

The force behind all of this change is the Devil's all-encompassing effort to *herd* (not *force*, and not *shepherd*) pagan society and well-intentioned Christians into going with the sludge while not even being aware of what is happening. We've discussed some of Satan's methods and tactics in AOR and the earlier War College Trumpets. The multitudes of people who abandoned spanking, ignored authority, and lost so much faith in God's ability to keep His word that even the miraculous inerrancy of the AV1611 couldn't renew them to repentance didn't do so in a vacuum; they were *herded* like the beasts their carnal minds made them. God's good sheep who know the Shepherd's word/voice aren't *herded*; they follow His word/voice. The critical difference is God's inspired words...because only *they* are *spirit* and *life*.

As a child if I'd make a mistake by saying around my father something like, “ $6 \times 7 = 50$ ”, he'd look at me and say, “Six times seven wasn't fifty *when I was in school!*” His point being that *until what he'd been taught was proven to be wrong, he'd stick with it*. These days when I'm talking with people about some of the above dramatic changes, I word it differently from my dad but say the same thing: I acknowledge the changes to parenting, respect for authority, social taboos, pronunciation and grammar, or one of the other things that are now “in vogue”, and then I ask, “*Who changed it? Did I miss the memo?*” My point is: No authority changed *anything*, and no authority issued any rule-changing memo.

My point for you soldiers of Christ: If people change their actions and beliefs without authoritative words (such as “Mommy says” or a rule-changing memo), they are mindlessly going with the sludge. I choose to stand fast and reject societal and doctrinal changes that are contrary to the words that were put into my “periphery” by my parents and then beaten into me when I was a young boy. And as a young Christian I read that God defines His word as inspired and inerrant. In other words, as a young Christian I “got the memo” about God's word...and it had God's authority behind it so I immediately internalized it by making it part of who I am. I say again, I base who I am on words that I have heard, read, analyzed, understood, and that I decided to move from out on my periphery *into my soul, into who I am*. Therefore, when the wind blows different directions, and when the sludge of society and of “Christianity” flow in different directions *I stand fast* on what I previously learned was right and Biblical. And later when I began hearing more and more apostate Christians say the word of God is actually a corrupt modern translation, or it's an old corrupt manuscript, or it no longer exists, I asked, “*Where's the memo?!*”

There never has been a memo! Christians who have not internalized God's words *have no anchor to prevent them from drifting with the sludge!* Nobody with any authority ever told them we should reject God's definition of His word and replace it with the inconsistent, contradictory un- and anti-scriptural *blasphemy* that theologians *invented!* Theologians have tried to get me to join their dumpster-diving acceptance of ERROR manuscripts, modern versions, and layman's aids. But because God has issued no memo changing the way we are to recognize His inspired word, I'll stick with *Thus saith the Lord: His words* are my rock, my anchor, and my rod and staff. They are *spirit* and they are my *life*. And no Eve, no Hananiah, no theologian, and no apostate brother will *ever* get me to allow theology's Trojan horse to move God's words out into my periphery.

Society and “Christianity” have changed dramatically because Satan has been very successful at using a variety of weapons to get people to abandon the old paths and to go with the sludge – *without authoritative memos!* Most people do not anchor who they are on words. It doesn't matter if those words were parental rules, rules of grammar in school, or Bible-based doctrines: they never submitted to the authority of those words by making them part of who they are. Without authoritative words *we have no values, beliefs, or character!* And if we didn't have a Bible whose *inerrancy identifies itself* as “The Authoritative Memo” we'd have no anchor for our souls and would be adrift in a conflicting, chaotic, ever-changing sea of theology, morality, ignorance, uncertainty, and apathy.

### **“I AM” ...AND THE INSPIRED, INERRANT WORDS OF GOD**

We must – for Jesus' sake and that of His church – be very zealous about His words. If we are, we'll be able to use them to fend off *theology's claim* that *His word no longer exists*, and *theology's redefinition* of His word as “*a loose collection of miscopied manuscripts and corrupt translations*” by asking our brethren, “*Where's The Memo that authorizes you to reject God's definition?*”

In our NT era the written word of God is the only way God represents Himself. The fate of God's church depends on our resisting Satan's use of Genesis-2 theology to subvert the authority of His literal words. The literal words that are His Sword must become our foundation, the framework of our souls, our intellect. Nobody understands how the intellect works, and nobody understands how “mere words” out on our peripheries can either move inside and become a part of who we are, or stay on the periphery and merely be lip service.

The *words* in the Bible, if they move from the periphery into our very makeup, are our defense against the “illocutionary impact” of today’s graphic brainwashing techniques. Gods literal *words* anchor us to truth and allow us to resist our carnal old man’s Natural tendency to go with the world’s sludge around us.

*Words* are everything in human existence. We learn words and their meanings. We reject some and internalize others. We communicate with words and use them to teach, correct, love, and preach. But we saints have an advantage over the unregenerate: God’s words really are – through faith – available and efficacious to us. The unregenerate *cannot* know the things of God, because they are *spiritually discerned*. The sad reality is that the power behind God’s Sword (the hidden work of the Holy Spirit) is absent in the lives of born again saints who lack faith in God and in His word, **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** (Heb 4:2).

At Judgment I don’t think *any* of God’s good and bad saints will have any problem instantly understanding *how* and *why* God’s literal words had to exist and had to be both *spirit* and *truth* (inerrant). In other words, I think we’ll *all* instantly know why His words had to be exactly as He defined them. That realization/understanding will occur *instantly* because as soon as we’re in His presence, His majesty and His omnipotence and everything about *Who He IS* will make us feel and glimpse the magnitude and power and breadth and depth that are part of the eternally-amazing fact of GOD. If we were to ask Him today why His words are so important, so necessary, and why they *must* be *literally true and exact* He’d reply, “Because I AM”, as in “Because I *EXIST*”. I say again: All of God’s saints, the sheep and the goats, at Judgment will have absolutely no doubt – when they get their first glimpse of God – that His inspired, inerrant words not only existed on earth, but that they were and are a lot more important than any of us truly realized. I think in that instant of awe and fear our self-based pride will vanish and we’ll all find ourselves *flat on our faces* before the Word of God in accordance with the literal word of God (Rev 1:17; 14:7).

With the internalized word of God as our framework, if we continue being faithful doers of His words He’ll bring the spiritual power of His spiritual Sword into our lives in order to give us knowledge, understanding, and wisdom as He Shepherds us through the strait gates into green pastures for His name’s sake. As that is going on we’ll realize we’re becoming more and more like He is; we’re being very careful about words we hear, read, write, and speak. We’ll examine them to understand what they do say as well as what they don’t. And above all we’ll zero in on the truth (or lack thereof) of the words we hear and speak – because GOD IS, and we are being transformed *by His words* into His faithful servants who will inherit His kingdom.

On Christ’s inerrant word I stand, all other versions are sinking sand.

***“Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.”***

## Trumpet W12

### GRADUATION DAY: You Fight Like You Train

12 pages

In the earlier War College trumpets I dealt mostly with issues that are black and white, issues that apply to our being good soldiers. In this trumpet I’m going to get into some things that are less definite: First, I want to stress that Satan’s subtlety when combined with our carnal, deceitful hearts is not something to be taken lightly. Second, I want to make the case that, unless we are good *wives*, we can be neither good nor successful *soldiers*. And third, I hope to use an imaginary Millennial Reign scenario to sober you into a deeper appreciation for the New Testament tactics and subjects we’ve covered in the War College curriculum.

#### WATCH THOU IN ALL THINGS

Eph 5:15,16 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,  
Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

I’ll begin with something interesting I learned from my wife, which I’ll briefly summarize before I move on and get to my point: Processed foods that are sold commercially often have large amounts of refined sugar in them, and we are told that refined sugar is bad for us. It turns out sugars and starches are *carbohydrates* (which is a name that derives from their molecular structure). Carbs become fuel for our cells that burn only when their molecular structures are broken down into *glucose*, which is essentially the gasoline that our cells/engines burn. Now keep in mind that the Bible says we must work for our food (Ge 3:19a,23b; 2 Th 3:10) as you read this: Starches, which are molecularly-complex, and complex sugars such as molasses and honey are “good” carbohydrates *because our bodies must work to break their complexities down into useable fuel/glucose/gasoline*. That work takes *time*, which allows our bodies to properly use/burn that steady trickle of fuel. Processed sugar, however, is molecularly *simple*, and therefore our bodies don’t have to work to convert it into glucose/fuel. Therefore the conversion happens much too fast for our bodies to handle: the flood of glucose is just too much gasoline to burn all at once...so our bodies are forced to store that glucose by turning it into fat, which hinders our bodies in a number of ways.

The above is interesting to me because it’s but another indication that God’s word always has been way ahead of all of us in so many ways and on so many levels – even down at the molecular level (by Him all things consist). Therefore, the very things we *like* and *want* – foods containing processed sugar – are bad because the sugar is simple and does *not* require work; but foods that contain natural sugars such as honey are good because they are complex and *do* require work.

Why did I bring up something that is not a sin, such as eating simple sugar? Well, it's certainly not because I'm trying to influence your eating habits. But I am trying to introduce (with perhaps too minor a point) the fact that the world has many more ways to condition us to *yield control to the wants of our bodies* than we can figure out in several lifetimes. Yes, it may be that our sinless *wants* can be harmful...as demonstrated by our basing which foods we eat on *liking the taste*...and in very small, subtle ways like that it may be that we are being *trained* to *mindlessly* make daily choices based *purely* on what our bodies *want*. Let me be clear about the point I'm trying to make: In many different ways the world is making us accustomed to *following the lead of our carnal minds and bodies* by bypassing the governing cerebral activity of *discernment*. That is bad because it severs the 1 Cor 11:3 chain of command that leads to and glorifies God by making *Him* our Head and Ruler. The active chain of command establishes God as our King, and it establishes us as His *servants*. Bypassing discernment is, in practice, the same as severing or disabling our new man's head; it is *surrendering* control to the body, which is what Adam did when he meekly followed Eve's lead, what Noah did when he got drunk, and what King Saul did when he democratically surrendered to the will of the people. Carelessly ignoring discernment makes us *independent*. The problem with bypassing discernment isn't the activity itself; the problem is our new man *isn't in control* – which makes us *carnal*.

The Apostle Paul spent a lot of time in his inner sanctum applying the word of God to everything in life. And as a result the Comforter directed his thoughts to fertile ground for our edification. Paul says his Natural *concupiscence*, his *carnality*, became apparent when he applied the meaning of covetousness to Lust A and Lust B in order to understand *sinless* Lust A can become *sinful* if we *thoughtlessly* go through life. Let's look at some Scripture:

**Rom 7:7,8,14 ...I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence...for I am carnal, sold under sin.**

Eph 2:2,3 below contains a good definition of concupiscence: *fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind*, but in it we also learn that living according to our “natural” desires is one of the ways Satan tries to make us fail:

**Eph 2:2,3 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath...**

Paul then realized the Lord has given us His *words* so we can use them to overcome our Natural concupiscence and carnality:

**Rom 7:24,25 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the [carnal] body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind [the soul, our cerebral] participation by using the Bible's words to govern Self] I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.**

The word of God made Paul aware that walking after the Devil/the flesh doesn't merely involve obvious sins like adultery and stealing, it also includes *thoughtlessly* living according to our mental and physical wants. In other words, *sinless activities* – if they are the result of carnality / *yielding to Self* – *become sinful* because carnality is *violent enmity against the Headship/Lordship of God*, and because carnality is the opposite of *discernment*, which is always required. In other words, Paul used the word of God to carefully and in detail examine his own life...and he recognized his own daily *carnality*. Carnality is when the body acts *independently* of Biblical discernment. Paul saw that his “sinless” actions and choices all day long were actually *sinful concupiscence* if they were done “instinctively” – that is, *Naturally*. The “Devil was in the details”, and that's why Paul didn't recognize the subtlety of his sin until the word of God pointed out that *anything* we do that does not include some degree of discerning oversight is an *independent action!* *That* is carnality; it is violent enmity against the Headship of the Lord; it is rebellion because it is *culpable neglect* of our *duty* to be *full-time* servants as opposed to “95% servants” (see Trumpet A7). Paul saw that we brides of Christ are required to be faithful wives who are “keepers at home” with the Lord in our inner sanctums 100% of the time; rather than wives who are “at home” with the Lord in our inner sanctums 95% of the time...and out whoring with Self 5% of the time. Paul admitted he had a tendency to “step out” of his inner-sanctum home when doing sinless things like playing sports with his buddies, going along with the latest fad, and when failing to control his emotions and his tongue. The problem, Paul realized, wasn't just “sinful” activities, the problem was more broad-based: it was “stepping out” on God by “forgetting” Him. Feeling overwhelmed because he was trapped inside a body of death, Paul realized that as long as he “kept at home” with his Husband via discernment in his mind, he wasn't “stepping out”, he wasn't being independent, and therefore the Lord would judge him as a good and faithful *servant*. Paul's Romans 7 revelation was intimidating because he knew achieving that kind of mental circumspection, discipline, and watchfulness was difficult, unnatural, and would require a lot of work. And that caused Paul to make the keeper-at-home *striving* of 1 Cor 9:25-27 (below) part of every minute of every day of his life – it became an important *tactic* in his war against Self.

Our wifely keeper-at-home relationship with the Lord cannot mature properly if it isn't constantly feeding on and doing the word in order to grow in understanding, then wisdom, then *appreciation*, and then true *love* for the Lord. In order for all of this to happen, we *must* be “keepers at home” by spending time alone with our heavenly Husband. If we utilize this private time, this *communion of the Holy Ghost* (2 Cor 13:14), the Comforter will respond in the same way every husband and master reacts to servant-wives who love them and please them: an *entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ* (2 Pet 1:11). Now go back and read that verse again while applying *I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord* (Rom 7:25) and *Jesus the author and finisher of our faith* (Heb 12:2). And then get the context of v.11 by thoughtfully reading 2 Pet 1:1-10.

But how can we make discernment *always* active? There is a well-known adage that says **You fight like you train**. It means we must be disciplined in our training by doing everything correctly, over and over and over. If we *train properly* the learned response replaces our natural response and we'll be better prepared when we find ourselves in the unpredictable chaos of combat when that which we least expect and most greatly fear causes rising panic and an overwhelming urge for self preservation.

**Job 2:4,5 And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life...put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.**

It is easy to sit in a classroom and correctly answer test questions about how we should respond in emergencies, and it is easy to tell ourselves we'll do the right thing when sudden fear rears its ugly head. But the truth is when in stressful situations we all tend to resort to doing *what comes most naturally*. Our training, therefore, must include both mind and body, and our training must be effective enough and often enough that the proper responses become part of who we are – the words out on our periphery must become internalized parts of our character. Our Christian walk and war is *cerebral*.

And that is the answer to *how* we can make discernment *always* active: We do so by walking in a continual state of awareness in which everything we think, do, and say is filtered through discernment, which serves to *train* our old-man minds and bodies to always submit to our headship (and therefore the Lord's Headship – 1 Cor 11:3), and to train our inner sanctums to be always actively alert and *in charge*. Or, as the Bible puts it, *Having mastery over our carnal minds and bodies in all things by being temperate, by being in control*.

**1 Cor 9:25-27 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things [even sinless things]. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly [but deliberately]; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection [to the ruling authority of my discerning head]: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway [as a result of not having gained mastery over self in all things].**

Since we are instructed to “die to self” by using the governing awareness of our discerning new man to control our Natural tendencies to allow our carnal minds and bodies to make everyday “unimportant” and “sinless” choices, let's consider a few examples in order to perhaps better understand what the Apostle Paul was talking about.

Why do people simultaneously and with military-like precision (as if they were *trained!* – see Eph 2 above) suddenly turn their ball caps around and wear them backwards? Is it because their carnal old-man self *likes* that fad, and/or is it because they *want* to “go with the sludge” and emulate the mindless masses? (Apply this example to hundreds of different “trends” in speech, clothing, body piercings and tattoos, hairstyles, etc.) Are we so intellectually weak that we actually do things merely because our carnal minds/bodies tell us to “go along” with things as vain as fads?

Compare what we discussed about Rom 7 above with Gal 5:16-21,24,25 below in order to better understand concupiscence. And then think about how important gaining mastery over our mental and physical desires is as you read vv. 16,17 again).

Gal 5:

**16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit [via discernment in all things], and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**

**17 For the flesh [mindless carnality] lusteth against the Spirit [thoughtful discernment], and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other [because the war is cerebral]: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would [because our spiritual minds haven't gained proper mastery over the everyday non-cerebral wants of Self].**

**18 But if [note the conditional if] ye be led [via cerebral mastery/discernment] of the Spirit, ye are not under the law [because you're not walking in the carnal flesh].**

**19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,**

**20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance [to be different from our Instruction Manual], emulations [to strive to make oneself equal or similar to something or someone], wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,**

**21 Envyings [discontent at not being like the world, a person, or a fad], murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**

**24 And they that are Christ's have crucified [cerebrally mastered] the flesh with the affections and lusts [have died to self via temperance in all things].**

**25 If we live in the Spirit [are born again, have faith], let us also walk in the Spirit [because discernment prevents carnality/independence/concupiscence – see v.16 again].**

Why do people in churches claim to “believe” certain doctrines (such as immortality of the soul, evolution, and “foul” language is a sin); and why do they reject plainly-worded Scripture (don't get married, greet each other with a kiss, women silent in church) *even though they have never studied those issues*? Is it because they have failed to gain mastery over self and have become accustomed to mindlessly (and therefore carnally) taking the path of least resistance through life (drifting with the sludge)?

Why did so many people of my generation (who were reared by loving parents who properly spared not the rod of correction) simultaneously and with military-like precision (as if they were trained!) suddenly jump on the “spanking is evil” bandwagon *even though they never studied the issue!?*

I have witnessed in my lifetime a society that fervently defended certain “rules” of morality, with astonishing rapidity and almost military precision become so amoral that I have become an anachronism. Was the change the result of intellectual participation and research...or were these wimps mindlessly going with the sludge that is orchestrated by the god of this world?

Why is it increasingly difficult in the U.S. to find certain healthy food products on store shelves? Is it because most Americans want to purchase and consume foods that are more appealing to the flesh? Are people’s diets the result of intellectual participation and research...or do people mindlessly go along with the mental and physical desires of the god of their belly?

Could it be that God gave us Scriptures such as the above because He expects us to meditate on them like Paul did in order to realize we Bible believers need to stop drifting mindlessly along? Doesn’t the Bible make it clear that we need to strive with ourselves in order to gain complete mastery over all things in our lives? Don’t the above examples indicate that the world entices, pressures, and even bullies us into living our lives with less and less intellectual/Scriptural participation by surrendering the ruling authority of our minds to the dictates of the god of our bellies – and therefore to the god of this world? By making more and more of our choices in life (notice I didn’t say decisions in life) in accordance with mindless wants, are we unknowingly training ourselves and conditioning ourselves to be intellectual and Scriptural wimps because we’re not striving/working to be “keepers at home” in our inner sanctums like good wives of the Lord’s? And at the same time are we making our biggest enemy – our carnal Self – stronger and stronger and stronger? I trow so, bro.

If striving/training ourselves to always have mental participation, discernment, alertness, and deliberate control over all things is so important and necessary in order to avoid the concupiscence of mindlessly walking through life, could it be that all the – cell phone bells, whistles, chimes, ringtones, vibrations, and tweets; combined with the Internet’s funny video clips, the porn, the TV shows, the music videos, the sporting events, the news, and the social media; combined with all kinds of real-life jobs, and shopping, and hobbies, and social events, and family functions – are used by the god of this world as sinless time-wasting vanities that will keep us mentally distracted from the all-important tasks/strivings mentioned above? Could it be that all of the ways used by the Devil to train and distract us have the (to him) all-important objective of keeping our old man alive, and that Satan’s job is made easier because those things aren’t sins and they come so Naturally?

### **WE MUST BE GOOD SOLDIERS AND GOOD WIVES**

Within the context of temperance in all things I want you to think about wanting. I’m talking about “innocent, non-sinful” desires of the flesh and of the mind. I’m not talking about good wants that are the result of Biblical discernment such as, *I want to serve the Lord*. I’m talking about the same “innocent”-but-independent (and thereby carnal, and therefore sinful) wants we’ve been discussing above. Food for thought:

### **A SHORT ESSAY ON WANTING**

Wanting is a very unattractive quality or state of being. Wanting means we are not happy, we are not content. Wanting is a weakness because it exalts Self over servitude. Peter and Joseph in prison did not want; Job did not want... (but his wife did). David’s adultery was caused by a temporary weakness when he allowed himself to want. The only proper want the new man/inner sanctum should have is the Lord’s will. Sadly, most of our wants originate in our carnal old man’s mind and body. Think of the old man and his wanting as a big part of our learning experience because in order to become proper servant-wives of the Lord’s we must die to Self (we must fast to Self) by cerebrally discerning and ruling well our wants from our inner sanctums, which is the Romans 7 struggle. Wanting is a lifelong temptation and challenge that will exist as long as we have our old-man minds and bodies. Good wives and servants are very much alike because their primary satisfaction in life is the complete and proper performance of their duties. In fact, when the performance of their duties necessitates self sacrifice (defined as subordinating what Self wants to the call of duty) it actually makes duty more rewarding. The absence of carnal wanting – the selflessness in doing our duty – is what makes duty so noble. That truth contributes to the fact that our Christian calling to be servants, soldiers, and wives is a high and noble calling. The Lord has designed us to be servants, and therefore true contentment is in doing somebody else’s will (duty), not in doing what Self wants. We must never allow the wants of our carnal old-man’s mind and body to slip unnoticed past the Biblical framework of words we have spent so much time and energy building in our heads, or to allow that framework to be weakened/corrupted by illocutionary influences. We are at war, brother, and the weapons of our warfare are not carnal – they are the words of God, the sword of the Lord.

Notice above I said wanting is a lifelong temptation. That means wanting – like any temptation – isn’t a sin unless we yield to it, at which point it becomes covetousness, which is always a sin. Therefore, since we are talking about non-sinful wants, we must discern when they are and are not sins. And bringing carnality into the picture helps us figure out the difference. Carnality is always enmity against God because it is not being under His control, His Headship, His authority. Therefore, if we – as heads properly ruling our bodies under Christ – make a command decision to go buy a ball cap and wear it backwards, we have kept ourselves from being carnal/independent because we did not mindlessly submit to our bodies’ sinless wants, and because our discerning heads remained intellectually involved and in complete control. Our walk must be cerebral, and that is why dying to self – temperance in all things – is so important.

Another reason wanting is an unattractive attribute is the domino effect: If we get into the habit of yielding to our wants, our intellectual self-control withers and weakens over time...which causes us to become whiners when

we don't get what we want. Society is full of unhappy weaklings who disgust everybody around them by whining that they wish they could stop smoking, stick to a diet, lose weight, quit spending so much, save money, turn off the computer and study the Bible, be on time, keep their word, etc. ... "*but I just can't.*" Peter and Joseph in jail – because they lived in their inner sanctums – did not *want*; so they made the most of the situation and glorified God. We need to always submit our wants to our intellects for evaluation and for approval, modification, or rejection. Again, the way to "strive" to gain more and more discerning control over our wants is to be temperate in all things because fasting from self makes us weak to self and mighty in spirit. *And self is – by far – our biggest problem and obstacle and challenge!* Having a self-disciplined *reserve*, an ability to continually impose upon ourselves temperance in all things physical, all things mental, all things emotional, and all things spoken is the key to walking after the Spirit, to not being carnal, to dying to self, and to being a "keeper at home" at the Lord's feet so He can lead our thoughts into green pastures for our edification and for His name's sake. That ability to hold Self back just a little bit in all things and at all times is how we strengthen our ability to rule with discerning wisdom, and it's how we weaken our selfish desire to yield to the Natural wants and likes of our carnal minds and bellies. Temperance *in all things* is an effective way to wax strong spiritually with discerning self control, which leads to the John 14:26 inner sanctum relationship with the Lord that deepens our love and our wisdom. Temperance in all things is *good training* because it mentally controls our wants.

Now let's think about some people God put in the Bible for our edification. And let's apply the discussions above to their successes and failures in order that we might get a deeper understanding of how to properly subdue the flesh and walk in the Spirit.

Because all of us can identify with the Romans 7 struggle, I consider Matt Seven to be one of the scariest people in the Bible. He illustrates the fact that our deceitful and wicked hearts (Jer 17:9) can blind us to the need to die to self daily by striving to be always in a constant state of intellectual watchfulness and *control* (discernment). On the surface Matt Seven and the Pharisees were good, law-keeping Christians – certainly better (by judging the outward appearance) than King David. But the Lord rejected the former and favored the latter. Why?

*Forgiveness* and the doctrine of *expediency* teach us something about sins and about the law: As big and as important as we might think sins are (perhaps especially "biggies" like adultery and murder), love is revealed to be bigger, more important, and more powerful than everything else.

**Love defined: Having a proper two-way-street relationship with the Lord.** (As discussed in Trumpet B10.)

In other words, a proper *relationship* with the Lord must be our primary objective. David *somehow* had a proper relationship with the Lord, and Matt Seven and the Pharisees somehow didn't. So the logical question is, *How could an adulterer and murderer have had a better relationship with the Lord than people like Matt Seven?* We can discern the answer when we apply James 2:10,11 to the "carnal (not under proper mental control) concupiscence" in Romans 7 that made Paul realize we are "sold under sin" and therefore must "strive for the (mental) mastery." Notice Paul then says every man that striveth for the mastery "is" temperate in all things. He does not say we should "strive to be temperate"; he says "being temperate in all things is striving." And that fact makes us appreciate how large a role in our training/growth temperance – restraint imposed by the mind – plays. Did David strive for the mastery and succeed most of the time? Yes, because David mostly avoided the daily "concupiscence sins" discussed above by keeping his inner sanctum active and in charge; and, yes, David also had a few times when he sinned. Matt Seven, on the other hand sinned every day numerous times by not continually walking with the Lord in his inner sanctum; and because of Jam 2:10,11 those numerous everyday "sins of concupiscence", those "sins of carnally leaving the Lord out of his thoughts when doing 'non-sinful' things", those "sins of independent 'non-sinful' thoughts and actions" *were no different from murder and adultery...*and those habitual sins show that Matt Seven's carnality/enmity against God was a "normal" part of who he was even though he didn't realize it (Jer 17:9; 1 Cor 9:27). And that is what made Paul recognize the seriousness and necessity of our full-time cerebral participation in this war: he didn't want a Matt-Seven-like *mostly-independent* daily routine of "thoughtless carnal concupiscence" to prevent the Comforter from "manifesting Himself" to Paul in order that a proper Husband-wife relationship could develop. Paul is warning us that if we do not properly subject Self to the full-time rule of *discernment* we run the Matt-Seven risk of having the Lord say to us at Judgment: "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity; *I never knew you because you weren't a keeper at home!*"

So, the bottom line: David was a proper wife because for the most part he was a keeper at home in his inner sanctum with the Lord – therefore David's sins were forgiven. Matt Seven was not a proper wife, did not walk cerebrally with the Lord – and was therefore carnal, sold under sin. Matt did not have a proper two-way-street relationship with the Lord, and therefore the Comforter did not manifest Himself to him because the living word of God looked around in Matt's inner sanctum and saw that Matt was AWOL! And not only that: the divine word also discerned the thoughts and intents of Matt's heart and found that his absence was because he was carnal – which made everything he did a sin, which made Matt a "worker of iniquity" (Mt 7:23) and a loveless tinkling cymbal (1 Cor 13:1).

What this means, of course, is our relationship with the Lord is supposed to be real, it's supposed to be personal, and it's supposed to be paramount. "*OK, no problem*", thought Matt as he drifted with "sinless" vanities. And that is why he was shocked and indignant enough at Judgment to argue with God Almighty – which itself is but another proof that he didn't spend nearly enough real time with the Lord. No matter what words we use – temperance, discernment, self-control, walking in the Spirit, praying always, being under subjection, being in our inner sanctum, walking circumspectly, being watchful, or waiting on the Lord – the objective is the same: to conquer our Natural independence, our Natural carnality, because they can make us castaways.

I want to try to highlight the difference between the Davids and the Matts. On the surface it looked like Matt was a good husband/soldier who did all of the “manly” stuff like being separated from bad Christians, learning the Bible, and being a doer of the word in order to foster/create an environment in which his “wifely part” could “stay at home” with the Lord and build a proper relationship. But somehow Matt failed to develop that wifely relationship.

David was an adulterer and murderer, so on the surface we might say he was not as good a husband/soldier as was Matt. But, the primary purpose of the husband/soldier part of all of us is to create an environment around us and inside us that will help our wife part stay at home with the Lord where He can manifest Himself to us. Therefore, in spite of his headline-grabbing sins, David was obviously a pretty good husband/soldier because “she” and the Lord developed such a real and close and trusting relationship that when David sinned the Lord – in effect – held out His royal scepter (Est 5:2). Therefore, even though we cannot and should not reduce the importance of our husbandly/soldierly duties, we must keep in mind the fact that neglecting the all-important wifely relationship with the Lord is apparently what caused the Lord to withhold His scepter from Matt.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, we must each incorporate all of the word of God into who we are (like David did) so we can be good soldiers *and good wives*. Being good wives may sound simple but it isn’t...for two reasons. First, people like Matt Seven show it’s possible (and maybe *easier*) to be a good husband/soldier without being a good wife. We need to always keep in mind that all of our husbandly and soldierly duties exist primarily so our wifely relationship with the Lord can flourish.

The second reason being *good wives* is difficult is the fact that so many Christians seem to need constant activity. They seem to be unable to sit still for two seconds without having to jump up and go do something. That means spending time quietly sitting in their inner sanctums will be difficult to incorporate into their daily lives. In fact, studies have shown that many people are so addicted to mental and physical activity and entertainment they can’t even force themselves to *sit quietly and think* for 15 minutes. 67% of men and 25% of women in the studies chose to electrically shock themselves rather than sit for 15 minutes, and most began shocking themselves before half of the 15 minutes had passed. This may mean all of the modern worldly ways we have to keep ourselves “busy” are, indeed, impediments to forming proper relationships with the Lord...and that may underscore the wisdom of be **keepers at home and study to be quiet**. Also, the percentages may mean Christian men will have a harder time sitting quietly than Christian women. We might also conclude we present day Bible believers have a bigger Romans 7 problem in trying to curb the carnal desires of the flesh and of the mind than did the Apostle Paul, and that may mean being **temperate in all things** while we strive to master dying to self will be as unattainable for many of us as it apparently was for Matt Seven and the Pharisees.

The Bible tell us to be temperate in all things for the obvious reason that we have a Natural tendency to overindulge our mental and physical lusts (Eph 2:3). And when I say *overindulge* I’m not merely referring to profligate binging, I’m referring to the Natural everyday types of concupiscence Paul spoke about in Rom 7 that caused him to realize we must be temperate *in all things*. That means walking circumspectly is a *full-time job* that requires maintaining at least some part of our discerning consciousness (inner-sanctum awareness of the Bible and the Lord) and *control* (temperance) no matter what we’re doing.

Being temperate in *all* things (not just *most* things) in and of itself seems (by today’s self-centered standards) like a pretty big task. But when we zero in on the fact that the word *is* means *equals* we realize the following is an accurate rewording of that verse: “He that is *not* temperate in *all* things is *not striving*; he’s *not even trying*.”

That means *being temperate in all things* can be properly defined as always being *with* the Lord by always being *aware* of Him, which can be called a never-ending state of *prayer* (1 Th 5:17; Ep 6:18) – *is only the beginning because it is merely striving* (as opposed to *achieving*)! That seems to indicate that the real **objective** of striving / being temperate / being continually *with the Lord* is to **learn from Him and put what we learn from Him into action as His servants**. And that **objective** is not possible if we aren’t *trying/striving* by *being* temperate in *all things*!

With all of the above discussion in mind (about daily concupiscence, temperance in all things lest even Paul lose it *like Matt Seven did*), see if that discussion might complement these difficult sayings of the Lord’s:

**Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved?**

**And he said unto them, Strive [as defined above] to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able [because they didn’t even *strive* by being always temperate / always present with the Lord].**

**When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?**

**But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men [being with men] **this is impossible** [therefore come out from among them, consult not with flesh and blood, avoid distractions and leaven]; **but with God** [being always present with God] **all things are possible** [because He is our Mentor and our arm of strength. Therefore if we wives want to learn how to be proper soldier-wives we should ask our Husband at home (1 Co 14:35) in our inner sanctums].**

It says “all things are *possible*”; it doesn’t say *guaranteed*, because it’s still up to us to be *doers*. In other words, it says the same thing as this verse:

**1 Cor 10:13,14 God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way [strait gate, being with Him so we can learn] to escape, that ye may [if we are *doers* of what we learned] be able to bear it. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry [Flee from Self – the daily concupiscence of living in accordance with our “non-sinful” lusts of the flesh and of the mind – lest we ourselves should be castaways].**

How do we flee from the deadly subtlety of our Naturally-concupiscent Selves? By being good soldiers/men who prudently provide a quiet lifestyle for our wife/female part so she/we can be *with* the Lord in our inner sanctums rather than with Self (idolatry, see next verses) via unthinking concupiscence.

**Phil 3:19** Whose end is destruction, whose God is *their* belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.

**Co 3:5,6** Mortify therefore your...evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

We are Christian soldiers in mortal, carnal bodies trying to fight a spiritual war against supernatural beings who are *way* too smart and powerful for us. Therefore it is impossible for us humans to win (Mk 10:27a)...unless we are “with” the Lord, for with God all things are possible (Mk 10:27b). And the only way to be “with” the Comforter – according to Jn 14 – is by being proper doers of the words in the Bible. Whenever our daily lives are not spent with God via *intellectual ruling discernment* we have left our Husband at home with nobody to serve Him, we have shown that “me time” is more important than “Thee time”, and we have usurped His ruling authority by doing and choosing things based purely on what we want, on what we like – and are therefore idolatrously glorifying the god of our bellies. The Christian walk is fighting the good fight against Self in order to become a pleasingly-submissive wife who is one-flesh with the Lord – a real living, breathing, walking, talking member of His body/church. The real purpose of being in our inner sanctums is to become closer and closer to Him until we can't stand being apart from Him...and the resulting love will make the Romans 7 struggle and the “earnestly desiring to be clothed upon” more and more real to us.

We need to be hermits who live in the exclusive sanctity of our inner sanctums. This solitude is good and important and necessary. And that is why our husbandly duties are important – we must deliberately and prudently build a lifestyle conducive to *quiet*, and we must protect ourselves from outside influences and distractions so our wifely part can mature in love and strength and wisdom...because our wifely relationship may be the key to our successfully enduring to the end of the Millennial Reign.

### THE MILLENNIAL REIGN: THE LAST DAY OF THE WAR

I don't normally write about future events because we cannot be dogmatic about them, and speculating about them often doesn't help us with our Christian walk *now*. However, I'm going to speculate about the Millennial Reign in a way I hope is sobering, helpful, and shows how serious we must be about the things we've discussed over the course of the War College curriculum. There are things that happen during the thousand years that may have a lot more significance than tradition attaches to them. Some of these things I touch upon, and they include:

- Before the war started the Devil *agreed* to be locked up for a thousand years, which suggests he did not think his imprisonment would significantly impact his war effort. There is a reason for that.
- For the first and only time in history the entire church will be together. There is a reason for that.
- The war's rules of engagement *require* the Devil's release toward the end of the war. There is a reason for that.
- We are told *very little* about what the Lord will be doing and what we will be doing during Satan's incarceration and release. That is why much of what I say below is speculation.
- Although we are told the Lord will use fire to end the final battle between Satan and the church, we are told *nothing* about the nature of the battle or the purpose of the battle. That, together with the fact that the battle is apparently both important and necessary, contribute to my belief that some prudent speculation can be edifying.
- Since Biblical history repeats itself, we may be able to apply some things that happened in the past to future events, and I do just that.

But remember, the primary purpose of this discussion is *edification*; its purpose is to exhort Bible believers to faithfully live and strive by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God in order to become better soldiers and better wives. Most of our text comes from Rev 20:

**Rev 20:**

- 1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
- 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,
- 3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.
- 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
- 5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. *This is the first resurrection.*
- 6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.
- 7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,
- 8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.

- 9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.
- 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

v2 Satan is locked up for the thousand years of the Millennial Reign.

v3 He is locked up for a specific reason: During most of the thousand years he won't be able to influence or deceive us. But when the thousand years are "fulfilled" Satan "must" be released so he can resume trying to influence and deceive us.

v4 Verse 4 is about us saints who are counted worthy to rule and reign under Christ for the thousand years. By applying Heb 11:40-12:1 we can say the cloud of good saints who lived before us must join us and successfully get through the 1,000 years in order that we all can be **made perfect** (Heb 11:40). Let's press on and see what "being perfected" might entail.

v5 Verse 5 begins with some parenthetical information: The word "But" contrasts these "rest-of-the-dead" bad saints with the good saints who rule and reign. The bad saints who had died and gone to hell **lived not again** (were not resurrected on the Seventh Day) until the thousand years were finished. This may mean they are resurrected in order to stand Judgment (Rev 20:11,12), or it may mean they are resurrected at the same time Satan is released so they can prove with their fruit they really are bad when they join the Devil and war against the saints during Satan's last-gasp effort to win the war. Now that the parenthetical info about the bad saints is done, this verse gets back to the good resurrected saints mentioned in v.4 – these good saints are the "first" resurrection. Does this mean there are more numbered resurrections? For example, does this mean the bad saints are in the "second" resurrection? Maybe so; that doesn't seem to contradict anything...but it doesn't say.

v6 Continuing to talk about the good first-resurrection saints, this verse begins by telling us being in the first resurrection is a good deal, a blessing. Why is it a good deal? Obviously it's a good deal because it means the Lord counted us worthy to "keep the sabbath" during which we get to rule and reign under Him...*but there's more*: It says **the second death hath no power** on these good first-resurrection saints. Now, just like the modern "tongues" tradition causes people to think *tongues* and *gibberish* are the same, could it be that the modern "eternal security" tradition causes people to think this phrase means either eternal security is true in general, or that it specifically means these good saints who rule and reign under Christ during the Millennial Sabbath can never "lose it"? I think both eternal-security arguments are specious and go against the grain of the rest of the Bible. So, without being dogmatic, and trying not to wrest the Scriptures, I'll tell you what I think this means. First, a definition of "power" in Rev 20:6 from our trusty English dictionary:

**Power: Having the strength, ability, or authority to affect or influence people or events.**

Now I'll describe a way of looking at verse 6 that does not support "eternal security": It may be similar to verses 2 and 3, which deal with Satan's being locked up during the thousand years. In other words, the second death having no power and Satan's being locked up may be "blessings" because *neither* has any power to affect or influence the church. Therefore **the second death hath no power** may refer to a "Satanless" thousand-year "time out" in the war; it may mean most of the Millennial Reign is an intermission in the war during which the church gets to practice being the Lord's servants, comrades to each other, and rulers. And, as with all practice sessions, the failings and mistakes we make during that practice *don't "count"* – they don't affect us – and are therefore not held against us at Judgment – which effectively means the threat of the second death – the First Testament Law of sin and death – is suspended ("hath no power" = "hath no strength" see 1 Cor 15:56; Rom 5:13; Est 5:2) *temporarily* during the Millennial Reign (more on this in a minute when I deal with history repeating itself). Notice that v.6 *doesn't* say "Blessed are they in the first resurrection: (colon) because they shall reign with Christ." What it *does* say is, "Blessed are they in the first resurrection": "because they are not affected by Satan, and because the First Testament Law has no power/strength when the Lord's scepter is raised." Also notice: If "no power" meant "eternal security" the verse would say, "the second death has no power and they shall reign under Christ forever." Alas, however, *the verse only guarantees us a thousand years*. Also, the verse continues with a "but", which indicates there are two different-but-related messages: First, no second death/no Satan; and second, we reign under Christ. We always tend to concentrate on the good news (ignoring the 1,000-year time limit) about reigning under Christ – even though something we were already told in v.3 (what happens at the end of the thousand years) is ominously repeated in v.7:

v7 *Satan is released at the end of the thousand years!* In fact, Satan "must" be released. Why is he released? So he can resume influencing events and the church. In other words, during the thousand-year sabbath/"intermission" we priests of God will not be lying around eating grapes and getting fat; we have *lots* of work to do because the "practice session/timeout" *isn't for no reason*; it's to prepare – to train – us for our upcoming *final test*...and that test will make everything else we've ever gone through pale in comparison – including (in some ways) the tribulation. The thousand-year Day of the Lord is when our iron-fisted Drill Sergeant lovingly runs our asses so that we will be able to pass the final-battle test when Satan is released:

1 Cor 10:13 ...God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape [compare this with 2 Pet 1:11], that ye may be able to bear *it*.

Now note the above verse says the Lord **will not** (“will not” is a guarantee...as opposed to “may not”, which isn’t) allow us to be tested above our abilities...but then the Lord drops the word “will” and uses “may” – which means the outcome isn’t a sure thing, and even though we “are able” to succeed we “may” fail *because we have a choice to endure to the end/to overcome...or not*. In other words, our Drill Sergeant will make sure we are properly prepared for the final test, and He will patiently give us a thousand years of practice, and He will make it a “no-penalty” practice session...but we may (might) not pass that final test that Satan so eagerly and confidently looks forward to giving us when he is released. And the possibility that all of us may fail underscores the fact that the purpose of Satan’s release isn’t so we can laugh at his clownishly-inept and impotent attempts to prevail over the church: he is released because he can still win the war (that means *defeat us*), and we are going to have to have our loins and hearts and minds girt about with the whole armour of God and be ready for anything *because the finale may be frightening, brutal, and demanding* in ways we’ve never experienced before. I’m reminded of a sentence in AOR’s introduction:

**Modern Christians understand neither war nor the total involvement needed to successfully participate in war.**

- v8 Satan will quickly use his “power/influence” to deceive and turn the whole world against the church, which will result in the decisive, cataclysmic, final battle of the war. That means this battle is very, very important. I say again, it won’t be a joyous event at which we saints, reclining in lawn chairs, cheer and laugh as Christ crushes Satan and his minions.
- v9 The evil population of the earth surrounds the camp of the saints...and is then destroyed by fire.
- v10 The deceiver is cast into the lake of fire.

Now I’ll try to put some flesh on the above in order to emphasize the importance of the subjects and tactics covered in this War College.

**THE DAMNING POWER AND INFLUENCE OF SELF**

One of our big priorities during the Millennial Reign will be to continue bringing Self under absolute subjection. Yes, it’ll be nice not having Satan around, but as the centuries go by we’re going to understand more and more how much of a problem Self has always been. In order to illustrate my point about how hugely-damning Self can be, let’s divide history into three periods:

1. No Satan and no First Testament: When God originally created the evil of equality in order to test His children, *there was no Satan*. God’s children (Michael, Lucifer, Gabriel) had no evil influence on them – *except for Self*. Michael and Gabriel did pretty well, but Lucifer was deceived by Self...and he became Satan. I say again, Lucifer’s downfall wasn’t because he had an adversary walking about as a roaring lion seeking whom he might devour. Lucifer did not have to stand against the wiles of the devil – because there was no devil and there was no second death in existence. In spite of that double blessing (the same Rev 20:6 blessing the Millennial saints will have – no Satan and no First Testament to worry about), God’s beloved Lucifer fell and God established His First Testament. *Lucifer fell because of self*.
2. Satan actively involved: Today we must be able to resist Satan’s influence/power – as exemplified in the Bible by Job, David, Judas, and Christ.
3. Satan locked up and the First Testament suspended: During the Millennial Reign history will be repeated; neither the Devil nor the second death will be an influence (until the very end), just like they weren’t back during period 1 above. But, alas, we are going to learn that just as Self was a problem for God’s angels back during the pre-Satan/pre-First Testament era, Self will be a problem for all of us.

Therefore, in order to effectively resist the damning power and influence of Self we are going to have to **go on unto perfection** (Heb 6:1) in order to identify and resist the wicked deceitfulness of Self – which means we *must* be cerebral by living full time in our inner sanctums...rather than be “good” saints 95% of the time and Satanic whores 5% of the time. Passing the end-time test will require not only the active participation of our “husband and wife” parts, it will require the other members of our body – the church.

**COMMUNION, CHARITY, HUMILITY...AND THE CORPORATE BODY OF CHRIST**

During the Millennial reign the members of the church will be all present and accounted for. That’ll be a first in human history, it’ll be for a thousand years, and it’ll be a very, very important day for us. The Lord may give us varying kingdoms to rule and assignments to carry out all over the world. Being busy doing all of that might tend to distract us from the necessity of being with the Lord – at home as His wives in our inner sanctums at all times. Being busy with our individual duties may also distract us from our duty to take care of the church, which will require making sure Self/selfishness remains as weak as possible. Above, I listed *communion* because talking, discussing, asking, teaching, etc. is very good for us because the weapons of our warfare are not *carnal* – *they are words*. I listed *charity* because it is an active combination of love and works: we must actively take care of each other and make sure we aren’t sinking into Self. And I listed *humility* because we’ll no longer be mostly alone like so many of us are in these dark days. Being alone allows us to be more selfish and to get away with putting on the pious act – because we don’t have a lot of close interaction with good Christians day in and day out. But during the Millennial Reign we will have constant interaction, and there will be many times when we’ll need to lovingly rebuke, shoulder each others’ burdens,

pray together, study together, and confess our mistakes, shortcomings, and sins to each other. We'll need to be truly intimate with each other, we must trust each other, and we must help each other mature as much as possible before the Devil is let out. I think finally having a big happy family in which we're all dedicated to the Lord will be a tremendous relief and joy, but I fear it may also lull us into a false sense of complacency. Therefore, all during the Reign we need to keep in mind the fact that we need to be preparing ourselves – as a church, as a community, as a unified *body* – for the final battle at the end of the thousand years.

It may be that one of the ways Matt Seven failed to develop a proper two-way-street relationship with the Lord had to do with the corporate body of Christ – the church. Notice for example that the Lord tells us about Matt right at the end of His sermon on the mount (Mt 5,6,7). That lengthy sermon deals with the fact that true Christian love requires us to be guilelessly pure in our relationships with the Lord *and with His church*. Perhaps Matt concentrated too much on being “pious” and not enough on edifying his brothers and sisters in Christ, which would indicate his lack of true Christian love. And perhaps the Pharisees, too, used their deceitful hearts to obscure the fact that their “edifying works for the church” were based on selfishness rather than the guileless purity of true love. If we'll take Matt and the Pharisees seriously enough to look in the mirror (as if our Schoolmaster put them in His Book so we would do just that), we might realize “being sinless” like Matt Seven, and “serving the church” like the Pharisees *are not enough*. Yes, we have to have a good relationship with the Lord, and yes, we have to have a good relationship with the church – but without the guileless purity of true outward-directed unselfish love (as opposed to the hateful deceitfulness of inward-directed selfish love) we are nothing but tinkling cymbals. In other words, could Self be such an enormous problem that all of our well-intentioned preaching about the evil subtlety of Self doesn't even scratch the surface? Could it be that Self really is – and always has been – our biggest enemy and challenge, and that's why our loving Good Shepherd in His infinite wisdom is going to give us a thousand-year “practice session” during which all Satanic distractions are locked up? I say again, comrades, we may have *no idea* how enormously and completely true Jeremiah 17:9 is: The desires of our carnal flesh and minds (our hearts) are not merely *wicked*, they are so *desperately* wicked they actually become the most deceitful thing in our lives. Will it take 500 years for the Lord to get this fact through our carnal skulls, and then another 500 years for us to bring Self under enough subjection that we at least have a fighting chance to successfully endure to the end of the final battle (1 Cor 10:13)?

Yes, on the last day I think we're going to need a lot of *communion* with the Lord and with His church in order to learn, and a lot of *humility* to accept unflattering truth about Self, and a lot of *charity* in order to make 1 John 3:16 part of who we are.

#### AN IMAGINARY SCENARIO

During most of the thousand years we might be distributed around the world, ruling over various pagan societies. For the most part we'll probably think all is well, but – again – we need to be continually working on Self and helping the brethren...because when the Devil is released all hell will break loose.

Right about the time Satan is released we'll be recalled (it'll actually be a tactical retreat) from around the world to Jerusalem (not the new Jerusalem, because that will be on the new earth – Rev 21:1,2). Satan will know he has but a short time until the end of the 7,000 war, so he will hold absolutely nothing back (including unprecedented supernatural forces) and will deceive and frighten and convince many that he will win the war. The camp of the saints and the beloved city will be surrounded. Some circumstances will make our situation look doomed. For example, the Lord might disappear up into heaven in such a way that it looks like we've been abandoned and are on our own facing impossible odds that may seem worse than those that so frightened God's people in Numbers 13 & 14 that *most saints from every tribe thought it had been a fatal mistake to follow the Lord* (14:3). That fear among God's people was so great and so widespread that those who stuck with the Lord were astonishingly few (14:6-10). Therefore, during the fulfillment of the thousand years it may be that many saints will be frightened, enticed, and deceived into making sinful, independent, Reasonable, carnal, self-motivated decisions like Adam and Eve did – things that the Bible calls “**all manner of concupiscence**”, “**enmity against God**”, “**rebellion**”, and “**witchcraft**”.

Why would saints who were counted worthy to be there for the Millennial Reign, and had served happily under the Lord Jesus Christ for so many centuries, resort to concupiscence? Because they never quite got Self under subjection; because they never became 100% members of Christ's body with Him as the only Head; because they were 95% faithful wives, which meant they always kept deep within themselves a secret room for Self, which meant the Lord was never *really* their only head. And because they never took their tactics and training seriously enough. You and I have never faced fears as great as those that overcame the saints in Num 13&14, neither did we witness God's miracles in Egypt and at the Red Sea like they did. It therefore seems entirely possible that at least some of us will falter when faced with Satan's *unrestrained* supernatural powers because **Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life** (Job 2:4). Why “unrestrained” Satanic powers? Because of 2 Thes 2:6,7: **now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time** – and even though tradition tends to only apply this to the tribulation, who's to say it can't also apply to the time when Satan is released from prison? **For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way** (as in 2 Chr 32:31; Mt 27:46; Ps 22:1; Gen 22:12). And with those verses in mind, who's to say Christ hasn't already agreed with the Devil about the following:

- After our thousand-year training Satan “**must be loosed**” from prison and the First Testament must be reinstated.
- Christ will leave Jerusalem and “**be taken out of the way**” by going up to heaven (thus explaining why our reign under Him is limited to a thousand years).
- Christ's absence allows Satan to use his full powers...
- in order to see if his gates of hell can prevail against us...

- and in order to try us, that God (and we) might know all that is in our hearts.

Could it be that the reason the Devil wants us to

practice routine NT marriage, bear children, stop spanking, participate in democracy and politics, clamor against authority, depend on medical science, have TVs and computers and cell phones, and have noisy, busy, distracting lives filled with *vanity*, and be tolerant of faith-subverting theology and modern garbage-can Bible versions, and have weak intellects that are conditioned to yield to our bodies by a never-ending parade of wants such as fads and sugar and popularity and life-saving medical science, etc...

is because he knows the supernatural weapons of his warfare during the last battle are going to be devastatingly effective against saints who used their wicked, deceitful hearts to ignore, conceal, and preserve their last vestige of Self; and against saints who fail to become proper corporate members who help and depend on each other in times of need? Will Satan frighten or entice us so much that any little weakness in our armour might cause us to “unthinkingly” (and therefore *carnally*) do something that goes against our long-established practice of relying on the framework of *internalized* “mere words” of the Bible? A single carnal blunder by us at just that critical climactic closing moment of the war may be just what Satan needs in order to win. Will this final battle cause the “real” us to surface as we bare our hearts and souls and demonstrate whether or not our faith and belief and discipline and determination and love for the Lord outweigh our love for Self when we are faced with supernatural tactics that are beyond anything we ever imagined? Could it be that today’s busy, noisy, “always-connected” society is purposely intended to lure us away from the quiet “boredom” of our inner sanctums (where all we have is *words*) so we won’t be able to grow into the kind of souls who really do live *and die* by every word of God?

I don’t know, but I’m afraid it makes too much Scriptural sense to completely discount it. And I think we need to be using this day of preparation in such a way that *nothing* about us or about our lives matters as much as glorifying God in strict accordance with His literal living word. Even if my imaginary end-time scenario doesn’t happen, we need to become the kind of wives, soldiers, and saints who will never, ever fail to glorify the Lord by having His word always front-and-center in our minds. The war is over our minds, and it takes place almost entirely in our minds. The weapons of our warfare are *words*, God’s words, and if we build the proper framework in our inner sanctums – and live and die according to it, now and during the Millennial Reign if need be – our love for Self will be displaced by love for the Lord and will enable us to overcome/endure to the end by sticking with *Thus saith the Lord*.

The Devil has known all along that he’d be locked up for a thousand years. And even though that seems like a tremendous handicap to his war efforts, he apparently thinks he can take advantage of the Natural weakness and fear in us elite saints that *we will fail when he is allowed to pull out all the stops*. Everybody *knows* God Almighty can crush Satan and his minions with His little finger, and Satan has never thought he could defeat *the Lord* – that’s why he wins if he defeats *the church*. The Devil’s no-holds-barred last-ditch weapons he can use against us might be so overwhelming that our “soldier parts” realize they can no longer protect us. Or perhaps Satan’s tactics will be so subtle that *we won’t realize what’s going on* unless our “wife parts” have been proper wives whose quiet time with the Lord resulted in the kind of mature faith, wisdom, love, trust, and selfless discipline needed to overcome our fears and wants and to always make discerning decisions that glorify God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If this imaginary scenario is even remotely close to reality, it means none of us saints in eternity will ever look at David (who defeated Goliath) or Moses (who faced the fearsome power of Egypt) or Abraham (who was willing to sacrifice his only son) and think, “*Gee, I wonder if I’d ever be able to pass those kinds of tests? Maybe – compared with them – I’m a second-class saint.*” No; if we somehow manage to hang onto our wifely love and loyalty to the Lord – even when our husband part looks at Satan’s power and sees that he (the husband-soldier) can do nothing more to protect the “wifely” us, and if – even unto death – we refuse to be bullied (or enticed) by Satan’s awesome supernatural power, all of us saints in eternity will be on level ground because *everything else* will pale in comparison to the trials of those closing days or hours of the Thousand Years. I’m not saying we’ll be presented with greater tribulations than the horrors of the Great Tribulation; but I am saying we might face enticements that are so supernaturally overwhelming that our husband parts *surrender* like Adam did, or that are so supernaturally convincing that our wife parts are *deceived* like Eve was. In other words, for some or for many of us history may repeat itself – *again*.

Will the supernatural things with which we are confronted cause us to be so “astonished out of measure” that we go beyond wondering “Who then can be saved?” (Mk 10:26,27), and begin – similar to God’s people in Num 13 & 14 – wondering if following God was a mistake? No matter what happens, if we will *control* our panic (via *temperance*) and stick with the Lord and with each other, just at that moment when the surrounding hordes are about to overwhelm us fire will come down from heaven...and we’ll live happily ever after.

When the dust and ashes of the final conflict settle, and we’re gathered thankfully and excitedly around the Lord, He might tell us that our complete selfless love for Him *was exactly what He needed to win the war*...because our humble selfless service in the face of what looked like sure defeat may be *required* in order to trigger/permit (as discussed in War College Trumpet W10) the Lord’s active involvement in the Final Battle. That is what being 100% faithful is all about. I say again, the reason Satan agreed to fight against The Almighty All-Powerful God is because the Lord cannot get involved and defeat the Devil unless we wimpy, selfish, covetous, easily-distracted, easily-leavened, and incredibly-vain carnal humans have the faith, belief, maturity, and love for the Lord to be proper doers who really will die to Self by faithfully trusting the Lord when He “finishes our faith” (Heb 12:2) by putting us through the ultimate trial of our faith / *baptism of fire* that finally burns away the dross at the end of our long Pilgrim’s-progress journey. **Job 13:15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him...**

Or perhaps during that final battle we good saints will properly subdue Self and decide we’d rather die as we’d lived – by glorifying the Lord – and thinking we’re going to die, we truly die to self by drawing our swords and charging the gates of

hell...and *that triggers the Lord's involvement*: As we take our first charging step (Joshua 3:15-17) something miraculous happens: the windows of heaven are opened and we are surrounded by a flood of fire (Gen 6:17; 7:11; 2 Pet 3:7,10,12; Rev 20:9)...

...and in that dramatic instant *everything* we've ever known and experienced radically changes:

- Because this is the very end of the seventh day, the 7,000-year war is suddenly over. As soldiers who have endured hardships (to put it mildly) we can't help but cry tears of relief and joy (Trumpet B7), which will be wiped away by the Lord. **And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away (Rev 21:4).**
- When we all see the Lord Jesus Christ He will not be, and will never be again, the suffering Saviour, or the mere human-appearing reigning Messiah on the throne in Jerusalem: He will be Almighty God in such a glorious and powerful way that the tremendous supernatural power we just saw Satan demonstrate a few minutes before will pale into wimpy nothingness in comparison.
- The fire all around us was the final baptism, the baptism by fire. It will burn away any dross still in us (but we won't be hurt by the flames – Dan 3:25) and suddenly we'll be perfected...and consummated. And for a brief instant before our old-man bodies burn away we'll have a kind of longing to be clothed upon with our new glorified bodies that makes Romans 7 and 2 Cor 5:2-4 pale in comparison because our new circumcised hearts (remember, in addition to this being the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> day, this is the beginning of the 8<sup>th</sup> day – the day of circumcision) will *hate* being associated with our old carnal bodies.
- The fire from the Lord that came down from heaven will mark the transition from the end of time at the very end of the seventh day, to the beginning of eternity on the eighth day...and therefore the fire will continue to burn, consume the earth, and spread throughout the universe to form the everlasting lake of fire.
- We'll receive our glorified bodies, be transported through the Deep to the new earth, clothed in white robes, and given new names.

Obviously I've ignored major events such as Judgment and the Marriage Supper, and I'm not pretending that I've listed these events in any kind of correct order. My only purpose with this imaginative scenario is to exhort you comrades (and so much the more, as we see the day approaching) to be weak to Self and strong in the Lord...and to not be caught off guard and unprepared if our darkest hour is just before dawn. And, for the sake of argument, let's say my imaginary scenario of the thousand years is completely wrong and we *will* be reclining in lawn chairs watching the Lord crush the forces of evil: Will our having done the very best we could to make ourselves the kind of soldier-wives who are so completely dedicated to the Lord that He can count on us to be ready, willing, and able to do anything, anywhere, and any time be wasted effort or be disappointing to Him? No, of course not, because *no matter the scenario* we want to be pleasing in His sight. (In Trumpet Delta 6 I show how important it may be for all of us to be one body under one Head during the Last Battle.)

I pray that this War College curriculum has helped you understand not only that the leaven cannot be stopped because it is so infectious, widespread, and subtle, but also that we'll never truly understand how such seemingly small and innocent things can be so harmful. If we are discerningly aware as we look around at society and as we look in the mirror, the Comforter will help us discern that the rapidly-spreading apostasy isn't happening in a vacuum; it is *caused* by many things we won't be able to put our finger on. But when we talk with people and realize their actions and "decisions" and doctrines and "beliefs" have neither Scripture nor real intellectual substance behind them, the Lord will show us how powerful, irresistible, and *subtle* the course of this world (Eph 2:2) really is. And that will help us understand that this war *is* largely cerebral, that our old man must be carefully husbanded by the tactically-correct soldier part of our new man, that our new man must be an expert on the Bible whose daily Bread is the word, and that our wife part must be a keeper at home in the cerebral realm of *words* in our inner sanctum so we can learn from our Husband and develop a *real* two-way-street relationship with Him so that *no matter what happens* we will not let Self keep us from being good and faithful servants.

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***“Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight.”***

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