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**1Co 14:26** How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

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**SERMON-ON-THE MOUNT IS 111 VERSES LONG** COVERING 3 CHAPTERS.  
**ONLY 16 VERSES ARE COMMONLY QUOTED (14 percent)! WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER 95?**

**HERE ARE COMMON AND NOT-SO-COMMON QUOTES, COMMON QUOTES:**

**BLESSINGS TO HIS DISCIPLES:** Matthew Chapter Five

“Blessed are the Poor in Spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.” (5:3)

“Blessed are the Merciful: for they shall obtain Mercy.” (5:7)

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“Blessed are the Pure in Heart: for they shall See Yahweh [“God”; KJV].” (5:8)

“Blessed are the Peacemakers:...shall be called the People of Yahweh.” (5:9)

“Let your Light so Shine before men, that they may See your Good Works, and Glorify your Father which is in Heaven.”(5:16)

**NOT COMMONLY QUOTED: STILL CHAPTER FIVE**

**“Think not that I am come to destroy the Law, or the Prophets: I am not come to destroy...”** (5:17).

**Not a Jot or a Tittle:** “Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law...” (5:18)

**Fulfill?** The last part of these two verses uses “fulfill”. Does “fulfill” mean to “do away with, destroy” making the Law no longer required? This word means “to fully perform”. Since Yahshua said he came not to destroy the Law (said it twice), then “fulfill” cannot mean came to destroy it.

**The Least:** “Whosoever...shall break ONE of these Least commandments, and Teach Men so,...Shall be...the Least in the Kingdom of Heaven: BUT whosoever shall Do them and Teach them...shall be...Great in the Kingdom of Heaven.” (5:19) What if you break one of the greatest commandments and teach men to break them? Then what?

**Which ones are the Least?** Pharisees professed to Keep the Law-But Did Not (Matt. 16:3, 12) “Except your Righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Pharisees, you shall in no case enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” (5:20).

**Matthew Chapter Six: Sermon Continues** Model Prayer (6:9-13) **Where Your Treasure Is:** “Lay not up for Yourselves Treasures upon Earth...But lay up for Yourselves Treasures In Heaven...For where Your Treasure is, There will your Heart be...” (6:19-21)

“...Seek you First the Kingdom of Yahweh, , and His Righteousness; and All these things will be added to you.” (6:32)

**Matthew Chapter Seven: Sermon Continues**

“And Why beholdest thou the Mote that in your Brother’s Eye BUT considered Not the Beam that is in thine Own Eye.” (7:3)

“...whosoever is Angry with his Brother without Cause shall be in Danger of the Judgment.” (7: 22) **Who is Our Brother?** “...Whosoever shall do the Will of Yahweh, the same is My Brother, and my Sister, and Mother.” (Mk. 3:35)

**The Golden Rule:**

“...all things whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you even so to them...” (7:12)

“Beware of False Prophets which come to you in Sheep’s Clothing, but inwardly they are Ravening Wolves...by their Fruits you shall know Them [Not what they Say, but what they Do.” (7:15)

**SERMON ON THE MOUNT WARNING OF JUDGMENT**

“Many will say to Me in that day, Master, Master, have we not prophesied in thy Name?

‘And in thy Name have cast out devils? and in Thy Name done many wonderful works?

And then will I profess unto them, I Never knew You: Depart from Me, ye that Work Iniquity.” (Matt. 7:22-23)

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How do we really know God exists? How do we really know that God answers prayers and keeps his word? How do we really know even what his word is?

Many people, in reality the vast majority, live their lives with little or no knowledge of or regard for the true God. There are many who scoff at the idea that God actually intervenes in a decisive way in the affairs of men and nations (2 Peter 3:3-4).

Fulfilled prophecy is one of the primary proofs not only that God exists, but of his identity as the God of the Bible, and of the Bible's authority as the Word of God (Isaiah 40:18, 22-25; 41:21-23; 45:21-22).

God gives us a way to test both his existence and power, and the claims of the Bible as his divine, inspired, authoritative word. Look at what has been foretold in advance, he says, and see if it has come to pass. Consider some specific prophecies and see how they have been and are being fulfilled before our very eyes.

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## **Coming Mideast War** **(Copyright 03-17-2025) by Dwight Fleming (Oroville, California)**

The Gaza conflict is turning into a volatile powder keg which may sooner than later explode into a major regional war. Egypt flat out rejected President Trump's proposal to move Palestinians out of Gaza and resettle them in Egypt and Jordan.

An Arab Summit on Gaza was held on March 4, 2025, in Cairo, Egypt. President Trump's "Gaza Riviera" proposal was rejected and Egypt's reconstruction plan for Gaza was adopted by the attending Arab states including Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Key element of the Egyptian Plan is to allow the Palestinians to remain in Gaza during any reconstruction phase.

The Trump Administration and the State of Israel believe removing the Palestinians from Gaza for their own safety and to prevent any future October 7<sup>th</sup> attacks to be the best way forward for a lasting peace. Egypt's opposition to moving Palestinians out of Gaza is so strong that it brought in 40 tanks to beef up security at the Gaza border. Beyond any Arab disagreement over Trump's plan to remove Palestinians from Gaza, the fragile ceasefire agreement between Israel and Hamas may crumble resulting in Israel invading Gaza once again.

Colonel Douglas Macgregor, in the video linked below, believes that if Israel restarts its military campaign against Gaza, Arab states will be compelled to intervene via military action. There is no easy solution for the Gaza thorn in Israel's side. This could rapidly escalate into a major Mideast conflict not seen since the Yom Kippur War of 1973 or the Six-Day War

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of 1967.

Despite President Trump's desire to avoid getting trapped by prolonged military conflict, any major offensive against Israel by Arab states would guarantee a U.S. military response and heavy involvement. Thus, Trump is putting heavy economic and diplomatic pressure on Iran to negotiate an agreement that would stop their efforts to obtain nuclear weapons. Iran, so far, has called Trump's bluff on his threats of military strikes.

If major hostilities should break out between an Arab League of nations and the State of Israel in the near future, we need to consider if it may be a fulfillment of the Psalm 83 prophecy where the enemies of Israel plot to wipe Israel "off the map." "With cunning they scheme against Your people and conspire against those You cherish, saying, 'Come, let us **erase** them as a nation; may the name of Israel be remembered no more.' For with one mind, they plot against You" (verses 3-5).

The Psalm 83 prophecy of a future war against Israel may also be described by Zechariah 12. Many prophecy teachers assume that Zechariah 12 is describing the end-time invasion of the armies of the King of the North mentioned in Daniel 11:40 and Zechariah 14:2. Bill Salus of ProphecyDepot.com and a few others believe that Zechariah 12 and 14 are two distinct wars. Notice the details of Zechariah 12:2:

"Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the **surrounding peoples**. Judah will be besieged, as well as Jerusalem."

"On that day I will make the clans of Judah like a **firepot** among pieces of wood and a **flaming torch** among sheaves, so they will **consume** on the **right** and on the **left** all the **surrounding peoples**, while the inhabitants of Jerusalem again live on their own sites in Jerusalem" (Zechariah 12:6).

If this battle with surrounding nations is not the final battle described by Zechariah 14 and Revelation 19 where Christ Himself comes to do battle, then it must be a prior battle that allows the State of Israel [Judah] to become more securely established in the Promised Land. This would likely pave the way for Israel to declare sovereignty over the disputed territory of the West Bank [aka Judah and Samaria]. And perhaps Israel would also take over control of the Temple Mount where the Dome of the Rock sits.

How will God defend Israel against a major attack of surrounding nations? Notice this Isaiah prophecy:

"He [God] will collect the scattered of Judah from the four corners of the earth. Then the jealousy of Ephraim [America] will depart, and the **adversaries** of Judah will be cut off. [How?]

"Ephraim will no longer envy Judah, nor will Judah harass Ephraim [as in ancient times]. They [America and Israel together] will **swoop down** [with military aircraft] on the slopes of the Philistines to the west [Gaza]; together they will plunder the sons of the **east** [Iran and any Arab state fighting against Israel].

"They will lay their hands on Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites will be subject to them [Jordan is subdued]. The LORD will devote to destruction the gulf of the Sea of Egypt [Gulf of Suez?]; with a **scorching wind** He will sweep His hand over the Euphrates [Syria, Iraq, Iran, and Turkey]" (Isaiah 11:12-15).

President Trump is busy working on a settlement with Russia to bring an end to the Ukraine War. Once accomplished, this will free Trump's hand to move military assets from Europe to a brewing showdown with Iran and mounting tensions with Arab nations over a final Gaza solution requiring military action. With a strong U.S. military presence in the Middle East, any future Israel conflict involving Syria or Iran may deter Russia from becoming involved.

Only time will tell how geopolitical events will play out in the Middle East. But watching these events in the light of Bible prophecy will help us to be prepared for the Day of our Redemption.

"Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door" (Mark 13:29).

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**Video links:**

Gaza Controversy: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMRbW\\_c4pPg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMRbW_c4pPg)

Ritter on Ukraine Ceasefire: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gW3my9P1S5M>

**Editor's Note:**

**Scripture actually backs up that Manasseh is the United States and Ephraim is Great Britain:**

**Deu 33:17 His glory *is like* the firstling of his bullock, and his horns *are like* the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they *are* the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they *are* the thousands of Manasseh.**

**In Deu. 33:17 it clearly shows that Ephraim was bigger in population than was Manasseh. The British Empire at its highest population point was far larger in population and land mass than the United States ever was and even now is.**

**Also, the “Coat of Arms” for Great Britain includes a unicorn and a lion. See Deu. 33:17 and the lion I am sure is representative of the “Lion of Judah” because the throne of David is in Great Britain.**

**Jdg 12:6 Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce *it* right. Then they took him and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand.**

**To this day, the British people still have a problem pronouncing the “sh” sound and as you can see it was the Ephraimites or the British peoples that have that problem. Laura Lee**

## Love God

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Jesus was asked the question, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” ([Matthew 22:36](#)). Jesus answer, as recorded in [Matthew 22:37-38](#), was, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment.”

We see then that the first and greatest requirement for a Christian is that we love God. And not just that we love God, but that we love him totally, with all our heart, mind and being. This means that we must love God above anything or anyone else. “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me” [[Matthew 10:37](#); cf. similar scripture in [Luke 14:26](#); the Greek word μισεω (*miseō*) in this context does not mean to hate but means to love less by comparison (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*)].

But how do you love God? Have you ever thought about it? I hope so. It is something we should give a great deal of thought and attention to. Let's examine this subject of loving God and some specific ways we can go about fulfilling this greatest of all commandments.

### 1. Choose To Love God

Love toward God does not come naturally. It is a matter of will and choice. In order to fulfill God's commandment to love him we must make a conscious choice to do just that. The word translated love in [Matthew 22:37](#) is αγαπω (*agapō*). It is a particular kind of love, most generally in the New Testament, a kind of love that is of divine origin.

William Barclay in his book *New Testament Words* says, “*Agapē* [noun form of *agapō*] has to do with the mind: it is not simply an emotion which arises unbidden in our hearts; it is a principle by which we deliberately live. *Agapē* has supremely to do with the will. It is a conquest, a victory, and achievement” (p. 21). Barclay further describes the meaning of *agapē* as “A deliberate conviction of the mind issuing in a deliberate policy of this life; it is a deliberate achievement and conquest and victory of the will” (*New Testament Words*, p. 22).



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It is true there may be emotional aspects of godly love, but these are secondary, not primary. Godly love, *agapē*, does not occur accidentally, it is something you choose to do. Joshua reminded his Israelite brethren, “But take **careful heed** to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, **to love the Lord your God**, to walk in all His ways, to keep His commandments, to hold fast to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul” ([Joshua 22:5](#)).

And again, “Therefore **take careful heed** to yourselves, **that you love the Lord your God**” ([Joshua 23:11](#)). In both of these verses ἀγαπάω (*agapaō*) appears in the Septuagint where “love” appears in the English translation. These verses emphasize that loving God is something we must choose to do and that it requires deliberate effort and an exercise of will to accomplish.

Love is how you live. As Barclay said, love “is a principle by which we deliberately live.” As *Vine’s* says, “Love can be known only from the actions it prompts” (*Vine’s Expository Dictionary*, “Love”). Love is rooted in the mind, but it’s manifested by how you act, by how you behave.

So, we must choose to love God and exercise our will on a continuing basis to do so. Our love toward God is not manifested primarily in our feelings or pretensions, but in our deeds – in how we live our lives. We must also recognize that while loving God requires exercising our own will, it also is not something we can accomplish without help. We have to do our part, but genuine love of the kind God requires is a gift that comes from him as we seek and struggle to develop it ([Romans 5:5](#); [Galatians 5:22](#)). So, we also have to go to God and seek his love, ask him to help us have the love for him that he requires. And this brings us to the second point.

## **2. Seek and Know God**

How can you love God if you don’t know who God is and what he is like? The more you know about God the more possible it becomes to love him. God’s word promises that if we seek God with our whole heart we will find him ([2 Chronicles 15:2](#); [Isaiah 55:5-7](#); [Jeremiah 29:13](#)). As we diligently seek God and begin to develop a relationship with him we can come to the point of rejoicing in knowing God. “Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You” ([Psalm 40:16](#)).

Who is God, really? God is among other things the Eternal Creator, ruler of all creation, the giver of life and of every blessing, perfect in righteousness, the Eternal Judge, perfect in knowledge and wisdom, the Divine Father, our savior and redeemer. Scripture tells us we can know God in part by his creation, by the wonders he has done. We can reflect on his creation and get to know his works by studying the Scriptures. The Scriptures tell us also of God’s holiness, his righteousness, his mercy, and many other attributes of his character.

Israel was told, “Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments” ([Deuteronomy 7:9](#)). As we come to know God we can know that he is indeed God and that there are specific rewards for those who love him.

One of the most important things we can come to know about God is that God is love, that is, love is such an essential part of God’s nature that in a sense love defines who he is and certainly love finds its fullest expression in God. “He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him” ([1 John 4:8-9](#)). By coming to know God’s love we can imitate it. God sent Jesus Christ, his Son, into the world to teach us about his love and set an example of Divine love in action. “We love Him because He first loved us” ([1 John 4:19](#)). “Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren” ([1 John 3:16](#)).

We love God in part by imitating his example in loving others. “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God” ([1 John 4:7](#)). “We love Him because He first loved us. If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also” ([1 John 4:19-21](#)).

We need to pay a lot of attention to God’s love, and all the various manifestations of his love. Study it, meditate on it, and imitate it. Seeking and knowing God will help us love him, and we come to know God in part by imitating his love.

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### **3. Have Faith in God**

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” ([Hebrews 11:6](#)). Without faith you cannot please God, in part because without faith it’s impossible to have love for God.

Paul prayed for the Ephesians, and note how faith is linked with knowing and exhibiting the love of Christ, “...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God” ([Ephesians 3:17-19](#)).

Faith essentially means belief. The Greek word for faith, πιστις [*pistis*], means belief, a firm persuasion, a conviction. Godly faith is believing God and believing in God. Not only believing that God exists, but going beyond that to believing in who and what God is and surrendering to him in faithful obedience. Genuine faith implies being convinced that God’s way and will is right even when it seems difficult or impossible.

God’s kingdom is reserved for those who come to genuinely love God, and who demonstrate their love by enduring in faith ([James 1:12](#); [2:5](#)).

Our faith is tested by the trials of life, which loving God will help us endure, as faith and love work together hand in hand. “In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory” ([1 Peter 1:6-8](#)).

Faith enables us to know, despite the difficulties we face in life, what Paul knew when he wrote, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose” ([Romans 8:28](#)).

### **4. Obey and Serve God**

Many who profess to love God devise every way conceivable of arguing around, minimizing and outright rejecting the absolute necessity of obeying God’s commandments. Yet, God’s word tells us very plainly in numerous places that loving God not only requires obeying his commandments, but that **it is defined** by obeying God’s commandments. “By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome” ([1 John 5:2-3](#)).

God asked the Israelites, “And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and His statutes which I command you today for your good?” ([Deuteronomy 10:12-13](#)). If God required the carnal Israelites to keep his commandments by what logic would he demand less of those who have the gift of his Spirit? Actually, God’s Spirit is given only to those who obey him ([Acts 5:32](#); the latter part of this verse is better translated in the Concordant version: “...the holy spirit which God gives to those yielding to [i.e., obeying] Him.”; cf. [Proverbs 1:23](#)).

Those who teach lawlessness do not really love God, for the test of our love is in keeping the commandments of God. Notice how love is tied together with obedience in the following: “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—and let us serve them,’ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him” ([Deuteronomy 13:1-4](#)).

And it’s no different under the New Covenant, contrary to common belief, “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him” ([1 John 2:3-5](#)).



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Jesus' teachings make plain the need to keep the commandments. “If you love Me, keep My commandments” ([John 14:15](#)). “He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him” ([John 14:21](#)). “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love” ([John 15:10](#)).

Loving God requires keeping the commandments, but it also requires going beyond the minimum requirements of the law and serving God wholeheartedly. “So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do’ ” ([Luke 17:10](#)).

Loving God requires giving to others as God himself is a giving God. “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me’ ” ([Matthew 25:37-40](#)).

When you go out of your way to serve God by serving others, God regards that as a sacrifice pleasing to him. “But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased” ([Hebrews 13:16](#)).

Loving God requires self-sacrifice, being willing to suffer if necessary out of love for God and his way of life. “Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me’ ” ([Matthew 16:24](#)).

We love God by sacrificing ourselves to his service, rejecting the world and allowing God to transform our minds into the likeness of his mind imbued with his Divine and perfect character. “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God” ([Romans 12:1-2](#)).

#### **5. Honor, Praise and Thank God**

We love God in part as we worship him, giving him honor, praise and thanks. To honor means to highly esteem, pay tribute to.

We honor God in part with our tithes and offerings. “Honor the Lord with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase” ([Proverbs 3:9](#)).

We honor God by keeping the Sabbath day holy. “If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the Lord honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the Lord has spoken” ([Isaiah 58:13-14](#)).

We see how God is honored and praised by the heavenly host in the book of Revelation: “Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying: ‘You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created’ ” ([Revelation 4:9-11](#)).

Paul wrote to Timothy, “Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen” ([1 Timothy 1:17](#)).

The Psalms are full of praise toward God. One of the psalmists wrote, for example, “I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And I will glorify Your name forevermore” ([Psalm 86:12](#)). And David wrote, “Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!” ([1 Chronicles 16:8-10](#)).

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Paul admonished us to be, “... giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” ([Ephesians 5:20](#)).

We should never forget all the blessings and benefits that God gives us, including life itself, “Therefore by Him Jesus let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name” ([Hebrews 13:15](#)).

If we genuinely and truly love God we should express our love by expressing honor toward him and liberally praising and thanking him. And as we practice doing these things it will help us to love God even more, because we’ll be reminded of all those things God has done that merits our honor, praise and thanks towards him.

Let’s strive with all diligence to keep the first and greatest commandment of all, to love God with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind, by choosing to love him, by seeking and knowing him, by having faith in him, by obeying and serving him, and by honoring, praising and thanking him.

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**Editor’s Note: Excellent Article. Thank you! Laura Lee**

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## Speech-Crimes, Shut Your Mouth, Trump and Elon: (Copyright 03-17-2025) by Richard Frates (Easley, South Carolina)

### ***SPEECH-CRIMES, Shut Your Mouth, Trump and Elon:***

***And America! Bellows England, France, and Germany! Genesis 1:4 - God called “Light Good” and “Separated Light from Darkness” Free Speech will do the same. The threat from Europe’s ICC court tyrants - to arrest Trump and Elon Musk for allowing and practicing “Freedom of Speech” is diabolical.***

An attempt to enslave nations: ***The “Beast” Slave-Master of your mind:*** ICC Arrogant Bastards Assume, WORLDWIDE AUTHORITY over all nations: to dictate “good and evil” innocent or guilty!

In France, England, and Germany, ***speaking truth is against the law:*** If someone calls a man pretending to be a woman a homosexual mocking women they would be arrested. The Devil’s faithful ICC Judges and democrats in America would accuse the innocent of “misgendering” a homosexual pervert who deliberately “misgenders” himself.

***The Muslim dominated, International Criminal Court has assumed authority to play God and dictates “good and evil.”*** Muzzle your mouth with these ICC Shackles of approved Speech. Darkness is Light, Deception is truth, Delusion is Reality and evil is really good. Women in England, France, or Germany, raped by Muslims: Leaders in Europe, pander for Muslim votes, treat it as - trivial - because the Koran, justifies raping non-Muslims.

***The evils honored by the ICC Court: Sexual perverts on parade, Muslim Terrorist attacks against the innocent, and demanding all must honor Muslim religious doctrine, bloody Palestinians parading Hate and Kill Jews.***

**John 8:44 NIV “The Devil is a murderer - When the Devil lies, he speaks his native language.”** England, France,

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Germany, the ICC, and democratic party snakes in America speak the Devil's native language. *To ICC - Arrogant Elitist: Truth is a foreign language. “Free Speech they label “Hate Speech” Unless the speech honors bloody Muslims religious doctrine and sexual perverses parading sin against God.*

**America: Cast of - Speech Shackles. ALL “Hate speech” Love speech, Deception speech, Truth speech, “Toxic” and Safe speech, Stupid, Smart, Delusion and Reality Speech is - Free Speech. Let the - BATTEL OF FREE SPEECH RAGE: Tyrants, Leftist Snakes, and the distinction between “good and evil” will be - EXPOSED.**

**Devils call truth “toxic.” Real toxic speech from hell “Same Sex Marriage”** that concept is depravity of mind and spirit that will drag your children to hell. This also is “toxic” speech: *Muslims demonstrating in support of rape and torture of helpless women and children murdered in Gaza on October 7, 2023. And Muslims shouting “kill the Jews” as Palestinians did in America. That is real “toxic speech.”* **Dangerous toxic speech:** Mosques teaching their faithful, the blood of Christians and Jews can be a ticket to “Virgins in Paradise.” Transgender is “toxic speech” fraud. Dr Frankenstein cannot mutilate and drug a man into a woman. That diabolical malpractice is criminal and should be banned.

**Devil-Media and Democrats: Call truthful speech: Disinformation or “Misinformation” Why?** To avoid saying “truth” is not true and reality is not reality and be exposed as liars themselves! Diabolical Slavery of Mind: *To Democratic Party Snakes - Politics is a religious doctrine of honor depravity, praise the wicked and condemn the innocent who will not do the same.*

Republican, Christian, Jews, and conservatives wake up, speak out: Ridicule England and France for threatening they may arrest Trump and Elon for allowing “free speech” that they call “Hate Speech” or “hate crimes.”

**To democratic party snakes in America and leftists in Europe “hate speech” is Not honoring evils they love.** Political leftist snake bow to Mosque leaders, fearful of bloody Muslims who have learned from the Mosque, kill non-Muslims and be rewarded with virgins in Paradise. Mosques that teach that should be shut down.

**Speech-Shackles Create Demon Puppets of Nations: Individual, unlimited “free speech” shackles Devil-Media the Puppet-Master.** Sexual perverses on parade infest the government workforce today. Military Leaders today, serve Satan, they indoctrinate recruits to honor sexual perverses mocking God and bloody Muslims playing offended victim.

**Non-Discrimination Law and hate crime law** “discriminate” against believing God. Serpents left and right, use the law to “discriminate” against God and those who believe God.

**Jesus Christ preached “repent or perish” Mark 13:1-5 “nondiscrimination” law and “same sex marriage law” preaches “do not repent” parade sin against God and condemn those who will not join your parade of “discrimination.”**

**Honest non-discrimination law**

1. No lawmaker or judge is to impose their sexual practices, the sexual practices of others on anyone.
2. No lawmaker or judge is to impose honor for their religious doctrine or the religious doctrines of Muslims on anyone.
3. Color Blind Justice: **in court all are the SAME RACE.** No one will be rewarded or condemned or “discriminated” against based on race. That will take, money out of the pander for black votes, “white is racist and black is not” uncivil civil-rights law. Then blacks charging racism and their damned lawyers like vultures will fly away.

Devil-Media rules: Whatever evils Devil-Media calls good - Lawmakers and Judges defend in law. As Eve believed the Devil instead of God. Lawmakers, Judges, believe Devil-Media instead of God - Genesis 3:2-4. **Evil is really good - President Biden is God's rebuke to LGBT depraved America. America: Your doors are wide open; citizens are being plundered by criminals and foreign invaders as democratic party snakes cheer.**

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Words freely spoken identifies the speaker. ***The spoken word has the power of Life and Death: Matthew 12:37*** “By your words you will be justified and by your words you will be condemned.”

America Repent - God has paid our debt of sin: ***Christ Jesus Crucified is Light that Shines forever and beyond the grave. Forward to President Trump - FBI, DOJ, Congress, the Supreme Court.***

## **Adam and Eve Really Did Exist**

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Here is a recent headline in the Daily Mail: “*Scientists reveal all the evidence Adam and Eve really did exist.*” Now, as you can imagine, the article lacks a lot of substance or detail on who these people were... but the idea is simply that there is genetic proof that we do actually have a common ancestor. That is a good start. Reporters consistently come to the conclusion that evidence for some of the biblical accounts are being discovered but still fall short.

You’ve heard me talk about Darwin’s Darkest Lie (which is that we came from nothing and that our lives are meaningless) but you’ve also heard me speak of God’s Brightest Truth... that, in fact, we are created in His Image. But the consequences of Darwin’s Darkest Lie are extraordinarily sorrowful.

The Murder of the Innocents is a painful example. There is a direct line between the beliefs of Charles Darwin and the plague of eugenics (what many have called scientific racism). The infamous Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, was a true believer in eugenics. And the most far-reaching result of this evil program was abortion-on-demand.

In other words, giving individuals the so-called right to choose whether they want to kill another individual before birth. Since 1980 alone, the heartbreaking reality of this genocide has claimed, some have suggested, as many as 1.7 billion lives. We don’t have to embrace this dark path for humanity if we will believe God’s truth. It changes the way we look at ourselves, others, and even the unborn. But what led to this kind of thinking? Much of it did begin with Darwin, but fast forward to the 20th century, when science and faith seemed to be at odds. Thinkers like Jacques Monod and Stephen Jay Gould argued that humans were mere accidents of evolution, insignificant in an uncaring cosmos.

Carl Sagan even called us “*one voice in the cosmic fugue,*” a poetic way of saying, “***YOU’RE NOT THAT SPECIAL.***” But a funny thing happened on the way to the lab. Scientists began uncovering evidence of what biologist Michael Denton calls “*fine-tuning*” — the idea that the universe seems eerily tailored for human life. Consider water, which has unique properties like high heat capacity and evaporation cooling, essential for regulating our body temperature. Or carbon, whose chemistry forms the backbone of life as we know it.

Somehow, it seemed like we were made for Creation, and that Creation was made for us! This fine-tuning points back to the *Image of God*. Knowing that we weren’t here by accident adds light and sense and purpose to our lives! If humans are indeed made in God’s image, it makes sense that the universe would be finely tuned for our existence. It’s not just about survival; it’s about flourishing in a world designed for discovery, creativity, and walking into our divine purpose.

### **Bridging the Gap Between Science and Faith**

Despite what you might hear in debates, true science and faith aren’t enemies. Both science and faith are seeking to answer the same questions. Why is the world the way it is? What is our place in it? Science investigates the how; faith explores the why. As an example: Johannes Kepler, the famed mathematician and astronomer, saw his work as an act of worship, writing, “*May my demonstrations be conducive to Thy glory and to the salvation of souls.*” For him, understanding the stars wasn’t just about equations; it was about glimpsing the heart and mind of God.

### **Why It Matters for Us Today**

Here’s the takeaway: Made in the *Image of God* isn’t just an idea for theologians or philosophers. It’s a game-changer for how we see ourselves and others. If we’re made in God’s image, it means every human life has intrinsic value. It’s not just survival of the fittest. You exist for God’s glory, and to experience Him forever.

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As Kepler and his peers understood, the more we learn about the universe, the more we realize how much we don't know. So, the next time you look at a starry sky, or marvel at a molecule, remember this: you're not just a random collection of atoms.

You're a reflection of divine creativity, uniquely equipped to explore the wonders of the world and beyond. You are meant for more, so put away Darwin's darkest lie that leads to depression and hopelessness. God has created us in His image and for eternal purpose. Not only has God created us for a full life, in John 17, Jesus says that you were created for eternal life. And that is ultimately found in knowing Jesus Christ. That's right, I won't pull punches when it comes to the Gospel message. We are a Christian ministry and as such, you'll always hear us bring it back to what's most important.

I'm David Rives,  
Truly, the heavens declare the glory of God.

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**Happy to Meet You!**  
**(Copyright 03-18-2025) by Nicholas (Kenya)**

Hello, I am pastor Nicholas from Kenya. I have gone through your website, and I am happy to say that we share a lot. I am requesting to be a mentee of your Church specifically to learn more about Christ. This would assist My ministry positively here in Kenya.

Looking forward to hear from you.  
Shalom.

**Response:**  
**We are happy to hear from you and we hope that our newsletter helps you in some way. Laura Lee**

**The US and EU Alliance is Dead**  
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**“Europe Goes Full Totalitarian and Puts the Entire Western World at Risk”**

“by Brandon Smith, March 19, 2025, in Opinions “

**A very well thought out examination and analysis of a major on-going socialist movement by leaders of Europe that has the goal of “We WILL rule over you!”; and the leaders are afraid of their people going the same way the U.S. has.**

**The spiritual war between the adversary of Satan the devil (the god of this world – 2 Corinthians 4:4) and his dominion against Heaven's intent of ‘the way’ that produces peace on earth will soon be coming to a close.**

**Hint – Satan loses and he knows it and he hates it! So, he fights harder! Our Heavenly Father though has his plans, and he hears the impassioned prayers of His children, “..thy Kingdom come!” And it will. (Jeremiah 31;**



Zachariah 14; Isaiah 11; just a few among many)

## **Biblical Symbolism (Part Two)**

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The Bible concerns [God](#), His Plan, and His relationship to His elect, who are, collectively, the church. It has been called the preparation manual for the 144,000 [firstfruits](#) who will constitute the Bride of Christ at His return. For this reason, we find many [parables](#), analogies, similitudes, allegories, and imagery that identify and define God’s church. Dozens of such figures in Scripture refer to it.

Humans find it difficult to understand God’s expectations of today’s church, much less the full implications of becoming part of the God Family. In Scripture, God uses varying analogies to aid those being converted to come to a more complete understanding of His purposes. This study will begin an examination of some of these metaphorical expressions.

1. What is the most straightforward and obvious scriptural reference to the church Christ said He would build? [Acts 20:28](#).

**Comment:** The New Testament names the body of believers “the church of God” in twelve specific verses ([Acts 20:28](#); [I Corinthians 1:2](#); [10:32](#); [11:16](#), 22; [15:9](#); [II Corinthians 1:11](#); [Galatians 1:12](#); [I Thessalonians 2:14](#); [II Thessalonians 1:4](#); [I Timothy 3:5](#), 15). Yet, literally tens of thousands of Christian religious groups today claim to be connected with the true God but possess names bearing little similarity to what God names His church in the



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Bible.

Because “church of God” is generic, the Bible adds “at Ephesus,” “at Corinth,” or at other locations to define which part of the church is meant in a specific context. In [1 Timothy 3:15](#), Paul adds “living” to the phrase—“church of the living God”—showing that God allows some leeway in expressing the church’s name, utilizing more of His specific names and attributes as part of the identification.

The organization producing this article uses “Church of the Great God,” a biblically authorized name as found in [Ezra 5:8](#) (also [Deuteronomy 10:17](#); [Nehemiah 8:6](#); [Psalm 95:3](#); [Proverbs 26:10](#) [implied]; [Daniel 2:45](#); [Titus 2:13](#); [Revelation 19:17](#)). Herbert W. Armstrong had this title of God inscribed on the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena, California: “Dedicated to the honor and glory of the Great God.”

**2. Do people really understand what the church of God is? [Matthew 16:18](#).**

**Comment:** Amazingly, multitudes of organizations in the Catholic and Protestant world have no idea what the church actually consists of. This fact illustrates that even on the simplest of levels, the Bible is a coded book. When using the word “church,” many refer to a physical building or a legal corporate structure.

A comparative few seem to understand the church consists of the members themselves. The English word “church” is used to translate the Greek *ekklesia*, meaning “called-out ones” or “assembly”. The “congregation in the wilderness” ([Acts 7:38](#)) consisted of those *called out* of physical Egypt; the New Testament church are those *called out* of the spiritual Egypt of false belief and practice dominating [this world](#). Without this knowledge, it is extremely difficult to identify the church Christ built.

**3. Is the church compared to a family? [Romans 8:16-29](#); [Ephesians 3:14-15](#); [Colossians 1:15](#); [1 Peter 2:17](#).**

**Comment:** Another little understood concept begins to unfold when biblical writers use the analogy of a family for the church. Such family terms are widely used in Scripture. God is our Father, and [Jesus Christ](#) is His Son. Church members are called “children of God” and “brethren” (“brothers”), and together are a “brotherhood” and ultimately, the Bride of Christ.

When Christ is identified as the “firstborn of many brethren” ([Romans 8:29](#)), and the Christian assembly, God’s church, is designated as the “church of the firstborn” ([Hebrews 12:23](#)), we can grasp the rudiments of the Plan of God—that God is reproducing Himself. As the *Archegos*, Christ is the first to go through the process, leading the way for others to be transformed into His image, to become as He is ([1 John 3:1-2](#)). As heirs with Christ (see also [Galatians 3:26-4:6](#)), our inheritance is the same as His, for we will be brothers with Him, part of God’s Family, not lesser “angelic beings.”

**4. Is the church referred to as a city? [Hebrews 12:22-23](#); Psalm 48; [Joel 2:15](#); [Revelation 21:2](#), 10.**

**Comment:** In [Hebrews 12:22](#), the author lumps the church together under three different names of cities: Zion (which was not just a mountain but also a name of the city of David), Jerusalem, and “the city of the living God.” He has drawn this symbolism of churches as cities from the [Old Testament](#), where psalms and prophecies often use the names “Zion” and “Jerusalem” as code for God’s people or church.

False churches or false religious systems are also symbolized by cities such as Babylon ([Revelation 17:5](#)).

**5. Can mountains and hills also refer to churches? [Hebrews 12:18-23](#); [Micah 4:7](#); [Isaiah 2:2](#); [Psalm 2:6](#); [15:1](#); [74:2](#); [Zechariah 8:3](#).**

**Comment:** [Hebrews 12:18-23](#) is a pivotal passage in tying the various symbols of the church together. He employs “Mount Zion” to stand for God’s New Covenant people, which he then ties to “the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.” Similarly, in [Galatians 4:24-26](#), Paul refers to “Mount Sinai” as a symbol of the Old Covenant and “Jerusalem above,” New Jerusalem, to represent the New Covenant. Later, John links New Jerusalem to the Bride of Christ ([Revelation 21:1-2](#), 9-10), the ultimate destiny of God’s elect.

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Other passages show hills and mountains symbolizing nations or kingdoms, which may be the most accurate interpretation of these symbols. The church, under the rule of Christ, represents the [Kingdom of God](#) in this present age.

These metaphors just begin the search into biblical symbols of the church—imagery that will deepen our understanding of the times and our place in God’s Plan.

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## How Long Until America Experiences a Second Civil War?

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It’s more than obvious that the United States is divided, yet far too many people are not willing to admit how dangerous the American condition is. Why is it that Americans are pitted against one another on numerous issues, yet there is an attitude that somehow such a reckless disregard for one another can continue without serious consequences? Differences are so serious that the country will collapse if people don’t wake up before it’s too late.

America is living on borrowed time, and a complete change in individual and collective attitudes must take place if the nation is to survive. The blame game started in the Garden of Eden and has grown like a terminal stage four cancer ever since. An attitude of I’m okay, but you are not is the mindset of far too many people. Civility is missing because there is a lack of respect and concern towards one another. Americans, overall, are not taking a cold hard look at themselves as they should. **Isaiah 58:9** – “... Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer ... if you take from the midst of the yoke (burdens you place upon yourselves), the putting forth of the finger (stop pointing the finger at others saying they are the problem) and speaking vanity (stop being stubborn and proud insisting that self is right).” Because the vast majority of people do not have spiritual values based upon the Bible in their lives, the country is headed for civil unrest and ruin if repentance doesn’t take place. When a nation turns on itself from within, enemies from without divide and conquer.

One scripture defines America’s true condition today yet completely disregarded individually and collectively by the majority of people. Notice the following verse is all inclusive. **Matthew 12:25** – And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, **every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation (total destruction); and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.** Why is this the American condition? Because America is spiritually bankrupt due to its blatant disobedience to God.

There are conditions that must be met if America is to survive, but how many people will make the necessary changes required?

Rarely does Hollywood produce a movie in which a superhero doesn’t save the day. Regardless of how difficult any set of circumstances are, Hollywood has made sure that America can withstand anything that comes its way. It’s not reality, yet it fits within the comfort zones of moviegoers. For anyone who can see the movie “Civil War,” it will offer a small glimpse into America’s future if changes aren’t made.

### Holy Days 2025

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**Trumpets – September 23, 2025**  
**Atonement – October 2, 2025**  
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