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Good morning everyone. Thank you for taking the time to listen to the message this morning.

We have reserved the Maranatha Bible Camp and Event Center again for what the world calls March 17 through the 20th. We would sure like for you to come and join us if you are able to for those four days. It is sure to be a great time of fellowship and in-person study of the Word. There is no set fee. All we ask for is help by way of donations for the food we supply and for the cost of the hotel style - fully equipped rooms. It doesn't cost much. Don't let money issues keep you from coming. I hope you are making plans to come and be with us. Please email us and let us know if you are planning to attend. You can email me at charlie@godsendusmen.com

For those who may be wondering - yes - Ted is planning to be there. I don't believe he has ever not planned on being there. We have others lined up for speaking and we are looking forward to a wonderful time together coming up very soon.

One of the things I am hearing from people regarding this series on H2O water baptism is that they are still under the impression that H2O water baptisms did not begin until John the Baptist came on the scene. And friends, this just isn't so.

H2O water cleansing rituals are all over the first 39 books of the Bible. John did not arrive onto the scene with something new. The people that came to the baptisms John was performing - knew exactly what he was doing. As you know, I don't typically like to make conjecture or try to make extra-Biblical conclusions - but think about it - where in the text does it even hint at giving us the understanding that John had to explain to those people what he was doing? Like it was something new. It doesn't. There's nothing in the Bible to indicate that what John was doing - the people involved were unfamiliar with what it was he was doing.

The major difference between John's baptism and the many other baptisms and washings that was taking place in that time for hundreds - was that John was baptizing in preparation for the arrival of the Messiah. He was proclaiming, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord. The Messiah is here."

And since the Israelites were once again in bondage - they were more than happy to hear that their Saviour, the Messiah King, was there. This is not something shrouded in mystery. For those that were still trying to follow the Law and the Prophets in the first century - they knew the time of the Messiah was drawing near. So, when John the Baptist came and told them so - it simply wasn't all that difficult to draw a crowd. John's baptisms - which were according to the Law God gave Moses - and - John - being from the tribe of Levi - was baptizing men and women and calling them back to repentance for - "the remission of sins." Repentance for the remission of sins.

Sin is the transgression of the Law. John was calling them back to - as Christ defined it more clearly - Christ was calling them back to the Laws of God - and to forsake the traditions of men.

When, in Mark 7, go ahead and turn there again - this is a text I have probably referred to 10 to 15 times just in the last couple years - and I'd say in my ministry - I've referred people to it hundreds of times through the years. Please look at Mark 7, beginning in verse 1. Hopefully, maybe in a different light that I've shown you in the past. We looked at this briefly a couple weeks ago - but we need to see it again.

[1] Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem.

[2] And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashen, hands, they found fault.

Right away. What is the issue? What is the problem here? It has to do with physical cleanliness. And, once you begin to do a thorough study of the cleansing requirements of the Old Covenant Law system that God gave to Moses - you will see that what Paul says in Hebrews 9:10 - the different baptisms - the different washings - are many. And it seems most likely that what was going on here in Mark 7 was that - just as people do today and have done for centuries - they have added to the Law - or they have changed the Law - they have created their own religions - they have created their own governments - all without Authority to do so - from this verse alone - and from another that we see in Matthew - through the traditions of men - the Will of God had been replaced - and it is not a good thing. It was not against the Law that God gave Moses to eat without washing your hands first. Christ Himself said, "It is not against the Law to eat before washing your hands." That was tradition they came up with. They added to the Law.

They found fault with Jesus's disciples because they ate bread with defiled - that is to say - unwashed hands.

Let's use this to establish again - the many different washings - in fact - what would quite possibly help people in understanding baptism better - is that the full body immersion - is just one - of the many many many types of washings - cleansings - that are found in the Law God gave Moses. In my opinion, that's all this is, my opinion, the translators actually did us a service in translating what was the Greek baptisimos in Hebrews 9:10 - when they translated it as different washings - instead of different baptisms.

And yes, when they translated baptisimos in Hebrews 9:10 as washings - that was quite possibly an attempt to hide something they should not have been hiding. The Greek word is baptisimos. But they translated it as washings.

Washings - different washings - that were imposed on them until the time of reformation - there were many different types of washings - there were many different types of baptisms in the Old Covenant World - all of which were types of shadows of the one true baptism which was coming in the New Heavens and the New Earth - when the Messiah King ushered in the New Covenant - baptism in the New Covenant is when a man symbolically lays down his own life and chooses to follow King Jesus with a life that is fully immersed in - fully consumed by - the Will of God. The Will of God is for all men to submit to His definitions of good and evil - to forsake their own definitions - and live as Citizens of the Only God Ordained Government since the reestablishment of the Kingdom of God in the first century.

Last week, I corrected myself when I said the Kingdom was established in the first century - then I said it would be better stated - reestablished in the first century. I'm saying that we should see from the Scriptures what the Will of God was from Creation. He would be the people's God - their Lawgiver, their Judge, their Provider and Protector - and they would be His people. That is what He has wanted since the time of Creation.

The historical record from the Bible shows that God had His people Israel and He did all He could do - from His end of the Covenant - He did everything He was supposed to do - but they rebelled - and told Samuel - "Nay, we do not want Yahweh as our King, we want a king like all the other nations."

Why so many still fail to see that state of rebellion is the same today as it was back then

- is one of the many things that confounds me.

“OUR CONStitution, and OUR LAWS, and OUR TREATIES - shall be the supreme law of the land.”

How is that any different than what the children of Israel demanded from Samuel? I know one reason and it is - well - just plain ridiculous. It's the old, “The u.s. doesn't have a king” nonsense. So that somehow makes it different. The children of Israel saying “Give us a king” is not the main focal point of that story. The main point of the story is their rejection of Yahweh as their King. They told Samuel - “Give us something other than Yahweh as our King.”

Call it a monarchy, call it a democracy, call it a republic, call it a democratic republic, call it whatever you want - if Yahweh is not the King - it is a state of rebellion. In today's world every single person is baptized - fully immersed in one form of authority or another. They are fully immersed in the nation-states - like 99.9999% percent of the world - or they are fully immersed into the Only God Ordained Government in the World since the first century - the Commonwealth of Israel.

Was it ever the Plan of God for His people to ever be anything other than Israel? No honest reader or teacher of the Bible could conclude that. Even the other nations who were not Israel - what does the Word say about them? They were to be grafted in. God never intended for His Nation to drop off the face of the earth. That has been the goal of His enemies - for sure. But God has never intended for His people to disappear from being a Nation.

Yes, the people in I Samuel 8 chose poorly. Their decision was awful. But - we need to remember that they really did not have a choice in that decision. The decision for them to demand “a king like all the other nations” - that decision was made before the world was even made. That was the Plan of God - and it was written to show us - in the New Covenant World - what would happen if we did the same thing.

At the end of the Old Covenant World - Yahweh sent His Son saying, “Surely they will reverence My Own Son. Surely they will take us back. After all they have been through since the days of Samuel, surely they will come running back to the way things are supposed to be.” So, Yahweh ended the days where He allowed the Israelites to have their own kings, He reestablished His Kingdom according to His Promise to David, and He installed His Own Son as King of kings and Lord of lords.

And since those days, He has recognized no other government, no other “king like all the other nations” - no democracies, no republics, no monarchies, He has recognized no other government but His Own. And when men and women boys and girls figure this out - and they choose to follow His Kingdom, His Government, His Son and His Laws and Statutes - that is when someone partakes of the Living Water that Christ offers - that is when someone becomes baptized in the Pure, crystal clear water that flows from the throne of God and of the Lamb. Why do you think Revelation 22:1 says the water flows from the throne of God? Because thrones are symbols of Kings. Have you embraced the King? Have you embraced the throne? Have you been washed from the concept of “kings like all the other nations” and are you now seeking FIRST the Kingdom of God and His righteousness? His definitions of good and evil, right and wrong.

The world says just get “baptized” in physical H2O water and all your sins - your choice of government, your choice of citizenship, your choice of definitions of good and evil - they won't matter - because once you become H2O water baptized according to our tradition - everything is well.

And friends, this is the exact issue that Jesus was dealing with in Mark 7 and it is fundamentally the same issue that was recorded in I Samuel chapter 8. And I don't think there is any coincidence that the crux of the issue surrounded an H2O water ritual. Keep your finger here in Mark 7 and turn to Matthew 23. Read beginning in verse 24. This is Jesus speaking to the same people from Mark 7:

[24] Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

[25] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

[26] Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.

[27] Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

[28] Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

The H2O water baptism rituals that have been brought to the world through something called “church” is exactly what Jesus is describing here in Matthew 23. All the H2O water rituals do today in the New Covenant world - all it can do - all it's capable of

doing - and friends - they can say the name Jesus until they are blue in the face - all that H2O water ritual does today is make the outer body a little cleaner than it was before the “candidate” was put in the water.

I know of no H2O water baptism anywhere that places someone under water as a u.s. citizen - and then that person comes out of the water as a Citizen of the Commonwealth of Israel. It doesn't exist. I showed you how - in the catholic “church” - a state birth certificate and photo id. is required in order to be “baptized” in the catholic “church.” Fully immersed, or sprinkled, or poured into the abominable doctrine of the divine right of kings.

Full well they continue to reject the Law of God for their own traditions. Wash the outside, but the inside is still full of dead men's bones. Being fully immersed into Jesus Christ by His Living Water - the pure water of life springing from the throne and of the Lamb - is the Only Water capable of cleansing the inside of a man, woman, boy or girl.

Go back to Mark 7. The word unwashen here in verse 2 is from the Greek **ἀνίπτος** **ániptos**. It is another - again - of the many different types of washings. Baptism was not the only washing. It was just one of many. It was one of the many types of baptisms, of washings, that was imposed on the people of the Old Covenant while the temple was yet in existence. The people living under the times of the Law God gave Moses were very familiar with baptisms, they were familiar with aniptos, they were very familiar with all the many different types of washings - of which - baptism - was just another one of those. Now verse 3.

[3] For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders.

This is in the Old Covenant world.

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Note very specifically now that Jesus calls this - the tradition of the elders. He does not call this the Law God gave Moses. This is very important. These people - in regards to the H2O water purification commands that God gave Moses - the blood and the water - - these people were adding to, changing, creating their own, it doesn't say exactly - it doesn't need to say exactly - we get a really good idea of what they were doing - and in

regards to the water purification rituals written in the Law God gave Moses - these people were not doing it the way God said to do it. This is one of the reasons why John was doing what he was doing. He was calling the faithful back to the Law God gave Moses in respect to the water baptisms of the Old Covenant World and in repentance for the remission of sins.

except they wash their hands oft,

This wash is from the Greek word *nipto*, meaning specifically to wash one's hands or feet. This is another washing. Baptism - immersion - was not the only washing in the Old Covenant world. Now verse 4.

[4] And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not.

The word wash here - I've shown you before. This one is *baptizo*. It means:

except they wash their hands oft, to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk); to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe; to overwhelm

This is all in the Old Covenant World. People who are looking for baptize in the Old Covenant - people who say there was no baptism until John entered the scene - that's simply not true. We are seeing it right here. I told you last week, the Greek word which is the root word for all the different baptisms in the Greek - the Greek word is *bapto*. And in the Greek Septuagint - the Hebrew Bible translated into Greek - the word *bapto* appears at least 20 times in what we call the Old Testament.

When Naaman dipped himself in the river Jordan seven times - that full body immersion - was a *bapto* - a baptism. And, that baptism was the most detailed description of H₂O water baptism that we have in the whole Bible.

Listen to me, please. If H₂O water baptism is for the New Covenant World - show me chapter and verse from the Bible - what it is supposed to look like. If physical H₂O water is capable of washing away sins - then how do you do it - what water do you do it in - what words should be said - does someone do it to themselves - or does someone else do it to them - do you wear baptizing clothes - do you not wear baptizing clothes at all - can it be in a swimming pool - can it be done in a pond - or a stock tank - does it have to be in the river Jordan? If H₂O water baptism is a requirement in the New Covenant

World - why is the Bible completely silent as to what it is supposed to look like?

We can go into the book of Leviticus and see a lot of detail as to what was supposed to be done with the animal sacrifice. We can see detail on baptizing clothes and baptizing the flesh - some detail - some detail on both - the water and the blood - but even Paul said in the book of Hebrews he could only generally speak concerning the things that were commanded. There are no details - and I believe it is purposely that way - because the physical blood requirements of the Law God gave Moses and the physical water requirements God gave Moses ended with the destruction of the temple at AD70 when the Old Covenant ended and the New Covenant began. The Ordinances of Divine Service contained in the first sanctuary were done away with when the New Covenant Heavens and Earth were established. There is no temple because the Lamb is the temple in the New Covenant World.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

[23] And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Friends, where there is no physical temple, there are no physical rituals. The blood rituals of the Old Covenant were types and shadows of the blood of Christ that ended the Old Covenant sacrificial system. The water rituals of the Old Covenant system were types and shadows of the Living Water - the Water that Only Christ can give - that when a man partakes of that Water - He never thirsts again. The physical blood and the physical water of the Old Covenant system was not good enough. That's what the Bible says. The physical temple was not good enough. It all came down. It was all replaced with a new and better way.

The "church" since the first century - since the time of Christ - the "church" - not the Kingdom - the "church" has been man's attempt to keep the Old Covenant going.

It's funny, you know how all the different "churches" refer to each other, in that, "My 'church' is the right one" and all the others are off. And some of them, well, they are just called cults. Just flat out cults. The baptists kind of tolerate the methodists and the presbyterians, they are more forceful against the catholics (or at least they used to be, even though they openly state that the baptist "church" was an off-shoot of the catholics - which is just hilarious to me). But the Mormons, now, and the Jehovah's Witnesses, they are just flat out cults.

The Mormons make absolutely no bones about it. They, without hesitation, without apology, without any reservation whatsoever, they build their temples and have done all they can do to build it after the pattern of Solomon's temple from I Kings 7 - like we read last week. No ifs ands or buts - the Mormon temple is supposed to be like Solomon's temple. And why not? Why shouldn't they? Why should - not just the Mormons - why shouldn't all of the "church cults" model their buildings after Solomon's temple description from I Kings 7?

The reality is - in one form or another - for the most part - ALL THE CHURCH CULTS - still try to model their buildings after the temple in the Old Covenant. They should. They absolutely should - because the truth is they have NEVER believed in the New Covenant - they have never embraced the King - they still promote the nation-states as being ordained of God. They still command their followers to "Render to Caesar" - they still argue for the divine right of kings. They still promote the israelis as "God's chosen people" - they have never embraced the New Covenant.

Futurism prevents people from seeing that the New Covenant began at AD70 when the temple came down. If the Matthew 24, Luke 21, the book of Revelation has not been fulfilled or is being fulfilled today - then the times of reformation have not taken place. Meaning this - the Old Covenant is still in effect. They won't be so brazen to continue sacrificing animals - but they were certainly continue with the physical water rituals that accompanied the blood rituals - mainly because that's far more politically correct than killing animals. Plus - it continues to lead people to a false hope that they are in Christ - when nothing could be further from the truth.

So the Mormons openly model their temple buildings after the I Kings 7 description. Of course, the "Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints." They do not believe that Jesus fulfilled the prophecies in the first century - they believe the Last Days were not the Last Days of the Old Covenant World - so they blatantly, openly, continue living with as much of the Old Covenant World as they can politically get away with.

When I was very young, dragged into "church" everytime the days were opened - one of the first things I remember hearing was something called the "vestibule." That's the first room you typically enter when come through the main doors of the "church." "Vestibule." Vestibule. Words have meanings. They have origins. When you have a minute, look up the word vestibule. Look up vestibule in the Bible.

If you look it up in just a generic sense, you'll get something benign and seemingly

harmless as something like this:

A vestibule is a little area just inside the main door of a building, but before a second door. You often find vestibules in churches, because they help keep heat from escaping every time someone enters or exits. End quote.

But if you narrow your search to something like “vestibule in the Bible” you will find that it was part of the temple. In the Mormon temple - they don't try to hide it at all - it's modeled after Solomon's temple. But in the other “churches” that would never be referred to as cults - they have vestibules, they have altars, they have pulpits, they have baptistries - ALL of which are modeled after the temple in the Bible - but of course - they would never actually come right out and admit that. And of course, many of them have steeples - which we all now are just symbols that “point to Jesus in the sky.”

The “churches” and the “temples” that have been in existence since the first century are man's attempts to keep the Old Covenant alive and well. They deny that Jesus Christ came in the flesh as the One and Only God Ordained King - and because of that - they are still deceiving people into believing that a messiah is coming again - a king is coming - but until then - God has mandated that all men everywhere - regardless of where they currently live - they are to obey their “governments” of men because God told them to. Back to Mark chapter 7, verse 4:

And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.

What is the theme here of Mark 7? The big issue that Christ had with these Pharisees in Mark 7 all related to H2O water. What's the big deal? Shouldn't they have arguing about the blood sacrifices? It's the blood, the blood, the blood. Or maybe some other issues with the temple, or with the Law? The whole thing is about the H2O. The text says it wasn't just about the washings of the body - it was also

And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.

Whatever these people had done - it had to do with violating the Law God gave to Moses related to the H2O water rituals. “You've changed it. You've added to it. You've made up your own traditions related to water, and you are now telling people that your made up traditions are the commands of God.” There's not a whole lot of detail here as

to what they were doing. The main principle for us to glean here is that they made up their own traditions - and they were passing them off as the commands of God. And Jesus was having no part of it.

What is H2O water baptism today? It is the traditions of men being passed off as the commandments of God. Where are the details? What does it look like? There are no details for us in the world we live in - because even the very correct Law that God gave Moses concerning the blood and the water - was imposed upon them only until the time of reformation. The physical aspects of the Law God gave Moses - the blood mixed with the water - were types and shadows that pointed to the Messiah. They were removed when the New Covenant was fully instituted. When the temple came down at AD70 - so did the physical rituals. And the "church" - the people who gave us "Render unto Caesar" the people who have told us Romans 13 is commanding obedience to men's little g "governments" the "church" the people who gave us vaccine clinics and told people that Jesus would take the vaccine and it's wrong not to take the vaccine - it is the "church" that has done all it can do to keep the water rituals of the Old Covenant World continuing into the New Heavens and the New Earth - where it is impossible to do - because in the New Heavens and the New Earth - there is no more sea.

Yet, go to the Mormon temple - and what will you find. The molten sea - fashioned exactly like it is described in I Kings 7 - or least the best they could do. Go to the "churches" today and find baptistries - pools of water that better mimic the mikvehs in judaism as opposed to the molten sea in Solomon's temple.

The reality is this, the mikvehs are possibly what was ultimately intended anyway. The molten sea from I Kings 7 in Solomon's temple was carried away by the Babylonians and it's possibly accurate to believe that God told Hezekiah it was okay to replace the molten sea with mikvehs and the pool of Siloam - instead of rebuilding the brazen sea.

Verse 5 of Mark 7.

[5] Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?

[6] He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

The u.s. is a "christian nation" - then - OUR LAWS AND OUR STATUES AND OUR

TREATIES SHALL BE THE SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND.

This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

[7] Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

[8] For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do.

[9] And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.

Friends, this is the exact same condition we find ourselves in today. Nearly the entire world that claims some form of a religion has passed down from generation to generation some sort of H2O water ritual that does not have Scriptural Authority to exist. If it did - we would know what it's supposed to look like. We'd know how to do it right the first time. We'd know whether an incantation is supposed to be spoken or not - we'd know whether someone is supposed to say "I" or "We." It wouldn't be left up to mere men to define the right and wrong way of performing the ceremony. We'd know whether any form of water is acceptable or not. We'd know whether or not baptisms performed in the name of the state would be acceptable or not. But we don't. And we purposely don't know because it doesn't matter in the New Covenant World.

The physical aspects of the blood are done away with.

The physical aspects of the water are done away with.

They were types and shadows that pointed to the Jesus Christ that came in the flesh in the first century - and they passed away when the Old Covenant temple passed away at AD70.

What we have today - are the traditions of men. All the many H2O water cleansing rituals brought to us by something called "church" or "temple" or "synagogue" are the traditions of men that they have tried to convert to the commandments of God.

Last week I received the following email. He gave me permission to cite his email, so I will. This is what he said:

Hey Charlie,

What about Acts 2:36? "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ." Did God make Jesus Lord and Christ for OT water cleansing rituals?

[No. But He certainly made Him Lord over them! That's me speaking there.]

Follow this with Acts 2:38. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." How is being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ a part of the OT ritual? End quote.

I responded by asking him to go back and listen to the previous message where I thoroughly discussed Acts 2:38 through 47. That was the message where I explained why the disciples were baptizing - then they were going to the temple daily. One had to be physically clean before entering the temple. Turn please to Ezekiel chapter 44.

Why did God raise up prophets at different times in Israel's history? One of the reasons was to show the people when they were falling away from the Law God gave Moses. The prophets would then preach and teach to the people - including the priests - how to return to obeying the Law. This is what we find in Ezekiel 44. Begin in verse 1, please.

[1] Then he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it was shut.

[2] Then said Yahweh unto me; This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because Yahweh, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

[3] It is for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before Yahweh; he shall enter by the way of the porch of that gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

[4] Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and, behold, the glory of Yahweh filled the house of Yahweh: and I fell upon my face.

[5] And Yahweh said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of Yahweh, and all the laws thereof; **and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.**

This is very important. Read this verse again.

And Yahweh said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of Yahweh, and all the laws thereof; **and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.**

Understand that this was in full effect in regards to the temple in the first century. This is about the entering into the house, going forth in the sanctuary. Side note: There's another aspect of "church" and "temple" today. Isn't it? "Church" buildings have sanctuaries, don't they.

Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of Yahweh, and all the laws thereof; **and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.**

You better be clean when you enter the house of God. Is what He is saying.

[6] And thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord Yahweh; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations, [7] In that ye have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.

The temple of God was not to be defiled. Uncleanliness was not allowed in the temple. Uncleanliness of the heart, nor uncleanliness of the flesh. It was not allowed in the temple. Do you see how serious this was? No wonder they had mikvehs, no wonder they had pools for baptizing. Uncleanliness was not allowed in the temple. Friends, baptizing is all over the Old Covenant World. It was hugely important.

Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of Yahweh, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.

[8] And ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

[9] Thus saith the Lord Yahweh; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor

uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.

[10] And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity.

[11] Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them.

[12] Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord Yahweh, and they shall bear their iniquity.

[13] And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy place: but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.

[14] But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

Defilement, uncleanness was not allowed in the temple of God. Keep your finger here, please, and turn to II Kings chapter 20. Let's begin in verse 1. Hezekiah was one of the few good kings in Judah. II Kings 18:4-5 - look at this first. Sorry about that. I want you to see this, not just hear me quote it. II Kings 18:5-6 concerning Hezekiah.

[3] And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did.

[5] He trusted in Yahweh God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him.

[6] For he clave to Yahweh, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which Yahweh commanded Moses.

Now II Kings 20, let's see what Hezekiah did - in keeping the commandments - and something that made him the greatest of the earthly kings of Judah.

[1] In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith Yahweh, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live.

[2] Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto Yahweh, saying,

[3] I beseech thee, O Yahweh, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And

Hezekiah wept sore.

[4] And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone out into the middle court, that the word of Yahweh came to him, saying,

[5] Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my people, Thus saith Yahweh, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of Yahweh.

[6] And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

[7] And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

Oh that's interesting. Take a lump of figs. Next time one of us has an infirmity of the skin, let's take figs and put it on it and see what happens.

[8] And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that Yahweh will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of Yahweh the third day?

[9] And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of Yahweh, that Yahweh will do the thing that he hath spoken: shall the shadow go forth ten degrees, or go back ten degrees?

[10] And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten degrees.

[11] And Isaiah the prophet cried unto Yahweh: and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

[12] At that time Berodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick.

[13] And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not.

[14] Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, even from Babylon.

[15] And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All the things that are in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

[16] And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of Yahweh.

[17] Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith Yahweh.

[18] And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

[19] Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good is the word of Yahweh which thou hast spoken. And he said, Is it not good, if peace and truth be in my days?

[20] And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

[21] And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

Hezekiah was the greatest of the earthly kings of Judah, why? Because in obedience to the commands of God - he brought flowing water into Jerusalem and because he built a pool. What was that pool? Hezekiah built the pool of Siloam. Listen to this, please:

The term Pool of Siloam (Arabic: بركة سلوان, Hebrew: בריכת השילוח, Breikhat HaShiloah) (Greek: Σιλωάμ) refers to a number of rock-cut pools on the southern slope of the Wadi Hilweh, considered by some archaeologists to be the original site of Jerusalem, located outside the walls of the Old City to the southeast. The pools were fed by the waters of the Gihon Spring, carried there by the Siloam Tunnel.

The Lower Pool or "Old Pool" was historically known as Birket el Hamra, literally "the red pool".

History

During the Second Temple period, the Pool of Siloam was centrally located in the Jerusalem suburb of Acra (Hebrew: חקרא), also known as the Lower City.[1] Today, the Pool of Siloam is the lowest place in altitude within the historical city of Jerusalem, with an elevation of about 625 metres (2,051 ft) above sea level.[2] The ascent from it unto the Temple Mount meant a gain of 115 metres (377 ft) in altitude at a linear distance of about 634 metres (2,080 ft), with a mean elevation in the Temple Mount of 740 metres (2,430 ft) above sea level.[2] According to the Jerusalem Talmud (Hagigah), the Pool of Siloam was the starting point for pilgrims who made the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and where they ascended by foot to the inner court of the Temple Mount to

bring their sacrificial offerings.[3] The Pool of Siloam (perhaps referring to the Lower Pool) was used by pilgrims for ritual purification before visiting the Temple enclosure.[4]

The Pool of Siloam was built during the reign of Hezekiah (715–687/6 BCE), to leave besieging armies without access to the spring's waters. The pool was fed by the newly constructed Siloam tunnel. An older Canaanite tunnel had been very vulnerable to attackers, so, under threat from the Assyrian king Sennacherib, Hezekiah sealed up the old outlet of the Gihon Spring and built the new underground Siloam tunnel in place of the older tunnel (Books of Chronicles, 2 Chronicles 32:2–4).

During this period the Pool of Siloam was sometimes known as the Lower Pool (Book of Isaiah, Isaiah 22:9),[5] as opposed to a more ancient Upper Pool (Books of Kings, 2 Kings 18:17, Isaiah 7:3)[5] formerly fed by the older Canannite tunnel.

Now I am going to make an observation, and I'm telling you it is my own opinion. It doesn't make one bit of difference whether this is right or wrong - because the Old Covenant H2O water cleansings do not apply to us. I believe the bronze lavers - which were much smaller and contained much less water than the molten sea - were mainly for washing hands and feet - well - that's a given - but why were they there? If the people did their full body immersions in the mikvehs or in the pool of Siloam - then why were the bronze basins needed? It's because they had to wash their hands and feet before going into the temple - because their hands and feet would get dirty walking to the temple from the mikveh or the pool of Siloam or the pool of Bethesda. No uncleanness was allowed into the temple. This was serious serious business for Yahweh. These full body immersions, the washings in the basins, was common knowledge for the people going into the temple. Baptisms were not new to the first century. Baptism - full body immersion into physical H2O water was required for those who had uncleanness before entering into the temple. Hezekiah was considered the greatest earthly king in Judah because he built a conduit of flowing water into Jerusalem and because he built the pool of Siloam. No uncleanness was allowed into the house of Yahweh. Now back to Ezekiel 44, verse 15.

[15] But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord Yahweh:

[16] They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

[17] And it shall come to pass, that when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.

[18] They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causeth sweat.

[19] And when they go forth into the utter court, even into the utter court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.

[20] Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads.

[21] Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.

[22] Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.

[23] And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

[24] And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

[25] And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves.

[26] And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days.

[27] And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, saith the Lord Yahweh.

[28] And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I am their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I am their possession.

[29] They shall eat the meat offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs.

[30] And the first of all the firstfruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.

[31] The priests shall not eat of any thing that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

No uncleanness was allowed into the temple. The purpose of the priest in the temple

was to teach people right from wrong, clean from unclean. All the washings were showing the consistency of Yahweh concerning right and wrong, clean and unclean.

This is demanding the people of God hold to the definitions of good and evil as commanded by Yahweh.

Today - this isn't happening. In the Christ's day, it wasn't happening. In John the Baptist's ministry - it wasn't happening. Men do not have the Authority from God to define or redefine good and evil. And they certainly cannot define or redefine good and evil - then pass "laws" forcing people to obey their definitions of good and evil.

This is one of the most rebellious things people can do and the people of God are known because they refuse to participate.

When you find people that are fully immersed into Jesus Christ - people that have been baptized into His Government - you will find people that are doing all they can to obey His definitions and forsake the traditions of men. This is the difference between Old Covenant baptism which cannot make perfect - and New Covenant baptism which does make one perfect in Christ.

Getting back to the email that came in. I responded by asking the writer to go back and listen to the message where I specifically talked about Acts 2:38. Then, he wrote again, quote, still questioning Acts 2:38-47. He was quoting me and said:

"If H2O water baptism is to extend into the New Covenant - then someone please take their Bible and show all of us - chapter and verse - exactly what this is supposed to look like."

Then, he asked,

Charlie can you point to chapter and verse where baptizing in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins is part of the OT water rituals? End quote.

So, I wrote back again - in response to

Charlie can you point to chapter and verse where baptizing in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins is part of the OT water rituals?

And I told him to please see Acts 2:38-47 for a really great example. I responded with this:

Yes, Acts 2:38 – Acts 2:47 is an excellent passage to prove they were baptizing in the name of Jesus Christ as part of the OT water rituals.

(My ALL CAPS is not yelling – it’s only used for emphasis – like ALL CAPS used to mean).

In my message last week, I asked the question: “What were they doing daily in the temple?” Were they there for coffee and donuts? No they were not. They were there at the third hour and the ninth hour participating in the daily sacrifice. In order to be in the temple, one had to be completely clean. No uncleanness, no defilement of any kind was allowed in the temple.

Would you dispute the clear understanding from Acts 21? James DEMANDED that Paul KEEP THE LAW. What Law? The Law God gave Moses for the Old Covenant. Then, Paul obeyed the Law God gave Moses TO A TEE – when he baptized himself and the four Nazarites – then after the seven days of prescribed H2O water cleaning – they entered the temple AND SACRIFICED ANIMALS. No honest reader of the Bible can dispute this. In the book of Acts – THEY WERE ZEALOUSLY KEEPING THE LAW GOD GAVE MOSES – in the name of Jesus Christ. End quote.

Now this man - who I like very much - I'm always glad to hear from him - but at least as recently as just a couple months ago - still argues against Jesus fulfilling all the prophecies. Knowing this, I said this next.

As long as you refuse to yield to the Scriptural truths that Jesus, Yeshua, fulfilled the Law and the Prophets – you will never see this.

You will not be able to understand the book of Hebrews – particularly chapter nine – where (presumably) Paul said the Divine Ordinances of Service that pertained to the Old Covenant Temple – the meat and drink offerings – the many different BAPTISMS – the carnal ordinances – WERE IMPOSED ON THEM UNTIL THE TIME OF REFORMATION.

The time of reformation was the end of the Old Covenant World and the beginning of the New Covenant World. This took place when the temple was destroyed at AD70. The animal sacrifices and ALL ACCOMPANYING WATER RITUALS – ended when the temple came down. All those rituals pointed to Jesus Christ. The blood AND the water elements

of the Old Covenant were types and shadows of the New Covenant – the blood of Christ and the Living Water that Christ brought.

Amazing that people actually believe that putting themselves in H2O water can actually “wash away sins.” It could barely accomplish that in the Old Covenant World. There is a new and better way in the New World. There is a better sacrifice and there is a better baptism – and neither has anything to do with physical blood or physical water. End quote.

Friends there is so much information available as to baptism and all the other cleansings in the Old Covenant World. It's almost overwhelming how much there is and what to present to people. I hope that you are doing your own research as well as we are going through these things.

Eventually, we will get to what it all means. Why is it important? And it will come down to what does it mean to be fully immersed into Jesus Christ.