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Born Again:

Truly, truly, except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God! Can a man when he is old enter his Mother's womb the second time and be born again? Marvel not that I say unto you, you must be born again! That which is flesh is flesh and that which is Spirit is Spirit. Are you a ruler in Israel and know not these things? We speak of things we do know and you receive not our testimony. If I have told you of earthly things and you believe not, what if I should tell you of heavenly things. Except a man be born of the water and of the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of God, **John 3: 3-5**.

This is also realized in Baptism: the washing of water or regeneration by The Word, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost, **Titus 3: 5**. Sanctify or 'purify' them through Thy Truth; Thy Word is Truth, **John 17: 17**. You all are washed, but not all are clean, **John 13:10**. The cleansing is not only without but also within. The process begins with perhaps a rebuke, then repentance, then forgiveness, then healing and cleansing, and ends, finally with our response and continues infinitum, if whole: glory or praises and thanksgiving to and worship of God or the converse: continually sinning and rebellion against God.

Your faith has made you whole. Faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God. As water flows, so does the Word of God functions to cleanse without and within. We have been washed in the blood of the lamb and pronounced clean every wit: **this is our birth of the Water** our cleansing and healing without. An evil heart is one of unbelief, **Hebrews 3:16**, therefore a good heart is one of faith. Only one thing I would learn of you: do you receive the Spirit by the works of the law or the hearing of faith? **Galations 3: 2** the infilling of the Spirit is Christ Jesus dwelling in the heart by faith that ye might be routed and grounded in love, **Ephesians 3: 17**. **This is our birth of the Spirit**.

Leprosy: Offence, Trespass or Sin:

Sin is repugnant, repulsive, detestable, obnoxious, and foul that is leprosy in the rotting flesh of 10, viz.: and sin taking occasion by the commandments wrought in me (my flesh), **Romans 7: 8, 11 & 13**. Therefore, sin which is the transgression of the law is an analogy for leprosy or vice versa. The Ten Lepers of **Luke 17** are the Ten Sins of the Commandments; (four) who were of Samaria, meaning: Watch Station or Look out, whose focus was on God; and (six) who were of Galilee, meaning: Heathen Circle or Earth, whose focus were on their fellow man or neighbours.

Souls were firstly observed, diagnosed, or judged as clean or unclean viz. righteous or unrighteous; holy or unholy immediately or at weekly or 7 days intervals (quarantine periods outside the camp), on the **Seventh Day**, after they presented themselves to the Priests.

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The extension of the period of observation by Seven Days each time is to allow for the full development of the leprosy or other conditions for proper diagnosis and judgment of their true condition, **Leviticus 13**.

In the end of time our observation on the **Seventh Day** will form the basis of judging us clean or unclean, holy or unholy and will bring an end to all things, when the pronouncement is made, He that is filthy let him remain filthy and he that is righteous let him remain holy, **Revelation 22: 11**.

Lepers, so pronounced, must rend their clothes, having bare heads and with a covering over their top lip cry: unclean! For all the period of their defilement, they live alone outside the camp. Such is the cry: unclean, unclean! Each time an act of sin is committed by the sinner, the repentant, having rent clothing, his embarrassment and shame others hear from his own lips: I am undone, I am unclean. The unrepentant experience the intensity of this torture, anguish and pain progressively, being alone without the Spirit of God and without His Camp.

Such is the matter of sin in this world that God extends to us time for all to see their true condition, the final point will be reached when and God will see and hear every imagination of the thought of man's heart is evil continually; **Genesis 6: 5**, this will be achieved when no more soul cries in repentance but rather an unholy cry will go up in the ears of God, then judgment comes speedily.

Leviticus 14 prescribes the offering and sacrifices that the Priest ministers after the cleansing of the Lepers or Sinners when they are healed, these are a testimony for their cleansing: **a trespass, wave, sin, burnt and meat offerings. Therefore, the Priests ministers in the judgment and cleansing** of Sinners. Such is our High Priest Jesus who ministers in our salvation and judgment. His blood and sacrifice makes the vilest sinner clean and will be the basis of the judgment meted out to the unrepentant.

As it was with the 12 Disciples, the washing of their feet by the Master did not guarantee the cleansing of all of their hearts, even so the physical healing or cleansing of the 10 Sinners did not guarantee their wholeness. (The difference was who acknowledged by worship in spirit and truth the Lord as God and their Sanctifier or Healer) The ratio was somewhat changed in the latter in that among the 12 was 1 who would be lost, depicting the tribe of Dan, and now among the 10 there was 1 who was made whole, depicting the Redeemed and the importance of this ONE among the Ten. Ten were cleansed and healed but only ONE was made whole by the Word of God:

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'Go and show yourself unto the Priest!' Because of faith, his response (to his healing and cleansing) was one of Glory, praise, thanksgiving and worship of God. In this ONE was found the recount or recall of the Holiness of God, His Character and Name and faith in His Word.

This ONE was found to glorify God in a loud voice, to fall on his face at His feet in worship and thanksgiving.

He is also obedient to arise and go his way to the Priest, presumably in Jerusalem. He it is that receive the Kingdom not with observation, behold, the Kingdom was found within Him, having received the Spirit of God.

He was also found to have a 'good heart,' for it was said of him: 'thy faith has made thee whole. He was a Stranger but not to God, therefore, he was the same one of whom Christ also had called '**The Good Samaritan.**'

He also like the Woman of Samaria desired drink that he would never thirst again. He was one among ten but he was found to be one in whom these ten points were true. There is ONE COMMANDMENT which encapsulates ALL TEN, it is important for us to find out and ensure we are obedient that we are made whole. It will be the test in the end of time. Joseph of Arimathaea lived out the Good Samaritan role when Christ fell among thieves and was beaten and died of a broken heart. His true followers would also live the same role, in the recount they asked: 'Lord, when saw we thee hungry, sick and imprisoned.' In as much as you did it to one of these the least my brethren you have done it unto me.

I would not tell you explicitly of which commandment Christ alluded to as the faithful stranger who was a Samaritan that glorified God in a loud voice falling on his face at his feet, who was told to arise and go his way to the Priest for his faith had made him whole, but if you read and understand well the things being discussed on this website you should know.

I would instead point you to a healing when Christ asked the paralytic of 38 years: 'Would thou be made whole?' and see for yourselves how the Jews related to the healing as a strange thing to have been done. This is the **Stranger** among the Ten that will make you whole. If you do as he does, by faith, in true contrition and repentance, in glory, praise, thanksgiving and worship of its Creator. Remember the Samaritan personifies this ONE Commandment; that is the ONLY ONE made whole (perfect, complete and full), which speaks of its importance and necessity among the ten for there to be completeness and wholeness, it is a sign between us and the Lord that He is our SANCTIFIER.

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The chapter is organized under the headings:

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 - Who is 'Little' yet 'Great'?
 - The Spirit: The Comforter and Consoler.
 - Brother, 'ONE Made whole'
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 - Shebbeh times in a Day times Seventy times Seven such Days
 - The importance of Faith.
 - The Lord and Lot (meaning Veil or Covering)
 - ONE with, joined or attached to God
 - The Mustard Seed and the Chosen or Sealed
 - The Recount/Deuteros:

The Teacher:

V1 He said unto his disciples it is impossible but that offences should come but woe unto the man by whom they come.

Offences are sins, trespasses, transgressions or iniquity, crimes committed against the inhabitants of this realm. And sin is the transgression of the (Moral) Law, viz.: the Ten Commandments, **1 John 3: 4**. The inhabitants are two, those born of the flesh, the natural birth and those born of the Spirit, Kingdom of God within. The realm speaks to the kingdoms of this fallen Earth. The Spirit and the flesh are contrary, **Galations 5: 17**, therefore, it is impossible but that there should be offences but this is punctuated by the Teacher with a warning: '**woe unto that man by whom they come.**'

He, the Teacher, is found here to be communing; sharing with his students or followers on this subject, he expounds the doctrine progressively under the following appellations in these verses:

- 8 '**Great,**' is he who girds himself and serve.
- 15 '**One**' is he who is healed without and within, made whole, full or complete, and in a loud voice glorifies God.
- 22 '**Son of Man**' in his Day.
- 29 '**Lot**' going out of Sodom or '**The Veil**' or **Covering** removed
- 36 '**The Chosen**' or **Sealed**.

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The Little yet Great has the same Spirit: v2, 8, 9.

V2 It would have been better that a milestone is hung about his neck and he be cast into the midst of the sea than that he should offend one of these **little one**. Except ye become converted and become as **little child** ye shall in no way enter the Kingdom of Heaven, **Matthew 18: 3**. We have received His Spirit whereby we cry: Abba, Father, **Romans 8: 15**.

As a Father pity is children even so the Lord pities His beloved he calls them affectionately: '**little ones**.'

Being buried alive under the watery floods anchored by a milestone hanging from the neck is a preferred state for the sinner who offends one of these little one as in this life they will be in anguish and torment and may reach the profligate state of being without peace; as the Spirit of God is taken away and they be as Saul, **1 Samuel 16: 14**, but worst yet they will face certain destruction in the judgment to come. These same **little ones** who are imbued by the Spirit to bear such offences in this world are those;

V8 described as told to 'give sup, gird thyself and serve till I have eaten and drunken then afterwards thou may eat and drink' by those who are set over them. They fulfill the role of those who are called **Chief or Great**: 'he that will be chief among you shall be your servant, **Matthew 23: 11**. They received power after the Holy Ghost came upon them to be witnesses of Christ and they serve others in his behalf in their worldly profession.

V9 And scarcely do they receive a thank you from the mouth of those who are set over them having done all they have been commanded, yet when Jesus returns he shall commend them saying: 'well done thou good and faithful servant enter the joy of the Lord, **Matthew 25: 21**.'

The Comforter and Consoler: V2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 37.

V2 The sinner buried alive anchored by a milestone around his neck never to rise again is in a better position than his reward or judgment for offending one of the little one. Then how do these little ones bear such offences? They are imbued by **Sweet Consolation, the Comforter** who comes upon them in showers as the former and the later rain and grant them a peace that passes all understanding, **Philipians 4: 7**.

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V9 They have **His approbation** that though they receive not a thank you as a faithful hired servant from his superior they have intercessory access to the Throne in groaning which **He utters** in their behalf, **Romans 8: 26**. And they look forward to the day when their Lord shall say well done thou good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of Lord, **Matthew 25: 21**. Blessed are they that die in the Lord, yea says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours and their work do follow after them, **Revelation 14: 13**.

V16 When the highest point of man meets the lowest part of God; this is where the **born again of water and Spirit** is found lying prostrate on his face at the feet of his Lord in worship, giving thanks. For, God is a Spirit and they that worship Him must worship in Spirit and in truth, **John 4: 23-24**.

And, He has appointed to give beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they may be trees of righteousness the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified, **Isaiah 61: 3**. Therefore, enter His gates with thanksgiving and in His Courts with praise, be thankful unto Him and bless His Name for the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting and His truth endures for all generation, **Psalms 100: 5**.

V23 Falsehood is known by these little ones who are most familiar with the Testimonies of their Lord, knowing the certainty and surety of His promises, they, being humble have been made wise, **Psalms 19**, they will not be led astray when the cry shall be made Lo, here! Or Lo, there! They will not go after, neither follow. They know that what is not of **faith** is sin, **Romans 14: 23**. For **He** that has come guides them into all truth, **John 16: 13**.

V30 Even so shall it be when the Son of man is revealed in His Day, when he comes to be **joined** unto His own. Therefore, you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord shall be revealed from Heaven in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, **2 Thessalonians 1: 8**. Our God is a consuming fire upon the wicked and a Holy Sanctifier upon the righteous who are baptized with the **Holy Ghost and with Fire**, **Matthew 3: 11 & Luke 3: 16**. **Know this as the Spirit came at Pentecost with the sound of a rushing mighty wind and cloven tongues of fire even so shall it be when the Son of Man is revealed in His DAY**, there will be a rain of fiery lightning and flashing sulphur or brimstone that shall set the whole heaven ablaze and shall destroy also the wicked.

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V37 And his disciples say, Lord where shall this be and He answered and said where the body is there shall the eagles be gathered together. This proverbial saying has dual application, in the one instance of the **righteous, those sealed**, the eagles are Angels, **Ministering Spirits** sent forth to them that are heirs of salvation, **Hebrews 1: 14** who will gather His elect from the four corners in that day; **Matthew 24: 31** and in the second instance, the unrighteous will in the end of time be destroyed wherever they are and their flesh eaten by the birds, **Revelation 19:18**.

Brother, 'ONE made whole' V 3, 15, 10,16, 17.

V3 Therefore if thy **brother** trespass against you, rebuke him and if he repent, forgive him.

V15 And **ONE** of them when he saw that he was healed he return back and with a loud voice glorified God.

Those who are **born again** are of one family and brotherhood. A simply rebuke, a helping hand from the family, can save such a soul if he repents. Notice the process of conversion from the natural to the spiritual; trespass, sins, transgressions and iniquity are all works of the flesh. The new born or a child may fall or sin as they learn to walk or live; a rebuke will set such a one upright, straight on his feet if he repents, he is forgiven and as he obeys he experience cleansing and healing. The **ONE** who is made whole, complete, full, and perfect will however return worship and praise to His Father and Elder Brother, signifying or identifying who he recognizes as his Sanctifier or Healer. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, **Psalms 150: 6**.

Notice also that the Ten Lepers or sinners are ten brothers of the same father. The Ten Commandments are of **ONE**, even God our Father. And there is **ONE** among these ten that recounts all. In it is the appellation of God for it bears His Name as this **ONE** in his forehead, having His number or mark

V10 So likewise you, when you have done all that is commanded you say we are unprofitable servants we have done that which is our duty to do.

V16 And he fell at his feet on his face, giving thanks and he was a Samaritan.

Let us hear the conclusion of the **whole matter**: fear God and keep his commandments. For this is the **whole duty** of man. For God shall bring everything into

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the judgement with every secret thing done; whether it be good or whether it be evil.

Ecc 12: 14. Enter His presence with thanksgiving and in His Courts with praise,

be thankful unto Him and bless His name for the Lord is good and His mercies are everlasting and His truth endures for all generation, **Psalms 100: 5. Those made whole understands the whole matter and their whole duty and returns to family worship with thanksgiving for they belong to the brotherhood of man, the sons and servants of God. They are led to worship God in Spirit and in Truth.** Their focus is on God, I hear them say we are all Samaritans in this line: 'Shall I look to the Hills, from whence comes my help?' My help comes from the Lord, who makes Heaven and Earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, behold he that keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

V17 And Jesus answering, said were they not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Ten minus Nine equals **ONE. This One is like that ONE at the Beginning, when all things were made, born of God, only this ONE found the time where the Morning Stars sung and the Sons of God shouted for joy, Scripture Text. I tell you the truth He is the FIRST BORN from above.**

The Nature & Duty of the Born Again:

V3 All men on the Earth are born of and are descendants of one family. We have a responsibility to love one another or to do unto others as we would have others do unto us. Therefore we are to be our Brothers' keepers. **Brothers**, therefore, have a collective responsibility outlined in this verse: '**If thy brother trespass against thee rebuke him and if he repents forgive him.**' Brothers seek the best interest of each other which is to maintain the harmony and love among themselves; which is attained by obedience to 'the Galilean' or the last Six Commandments of the Decalogue. Remember trespass or sin is transgression of the Law. The rebuke of the brethren collectively is accomplished in the great gospel commission where sinners are reprov'd by the Preaching of the Gospel and given the opportunity to repent. This verse therefore identifies our collective responsibility in the proclamation of the gospel, our first duty and profession as given to Adam, who Kaw-raw, called out, or preach, the animals name and whatever name he gave them that was their names, **Genesis**, this spoke to the animals fulfilling the characteristics, function and authority given them by their names.

V10 **So likewise you should say when you have done all that is commanded you: 'we are unprofitable servants, we have done what is our duty to do.'** It is the duty of those who are offended to rebuke the sinner and to forgive him when he repents;

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therefore, brothers are **Servants** of one another. It is the duty of the sinner to repent when he is rebuked and experience forgiveness and the healing that comes from turning away from sins and obeying the Word of God.

V17 **And Jesus answering said: Were they not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?**

The **Saviour** seeks all those who are cleansed to return and enter into rest, praise, worship and thanksgiving but only the **ONE** who is made whole, complete, and perfect, whose heart is full with reverence, admiration, gratitude, and honour can spew forth praise, in worship and thanksgiving fulfilling his whole duty: 'let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!' **Psalms 100: 5 *This is the nature of those who are the firstborn from above they worship their Creator.*** It all began when the brother trespassed, he was rebuked, he repented and was forgiven or **justified**, he experienced cleansing and healing as he turned away from sins and obeyed, he was **sanctified** which realized his praise or glorifying God in worship and thanksgiving.

V24 The next step is: His **glorification**, when he will not only glorify God by the exercise of his faith, in miracles and wonders, but he ultimately will be translated: in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trump, for this mortal shall put on immortality and this corruption shall put on incorruption. Then shall be brought to pass the saying: death is swallowed up in victory! O Death where is your sting? O Grave where is your victory? The sting of death is sin. The strength of sin is the Law. But thanks to God who give us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord, **1.Cor 15:55-57** Therefore, the depiction: **as the lightning lighteneth under one part of the heaven and shines to the other part, even so shall the Son of Man be revealed in His day**, applies not only to the Coming Saviour but to all Men who are glorified in that Day.

V31 **In that Day he that is on his housetop and his stuff in his house let him not come down to take it, and he that is in the field let him not return.** We are told that the refrain we will sound in looking up is: 'this is our God, we have long waited for him and he will save us!' **Isaiah 25: 9.**

Shebbeh or Hep-tah Times in a Day times seventy times seven such Prophetic Days: V 4, 22, 11, 23, 18, 24, 25.

V4 If he trespass against you seven times in a day and turn seven times again and say: I repent, forgive him.

V22 And Jesus said unto his disciples, the day comes when you shall desire to see one of the days of the son of man and shall not see it.

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Because of the ignominious punishment or judgement for sins and the meeting of the condition for forgiveness, the Saviour here advises that as many times as the Brother sins and repents we of the family must forgive him. The use of seven or 'shebbeh' or hep-tah times suggests the worst or greatest number of times matched by repentance of the same number of times, warrants forgiveness. This is how trespasses in a Day are to be treated. And Peter came unto Jesus and said Lord, how oft should I forgive my brother when he sins against me, seven times? And Jesus answered and said, I say not unto you seven times? But seventy times seven, **Matthew 18: 21-22**.

Here the Saviour alluded to the prophetic period of 'Seventy Weeks or Sevens' that was allotted to the Nation, **Daniel 9: 24-27**, for Israel:

- 1 To finish the transgression
- 2 To make an end of sins
- 3 To make reconciliation for iniquity
- 4 To bring in everlasting righteousness
- 5 To seal up the vision and the prophecy
- 6 To Anoint the Most Holy

He changed the focus from the micro to the macro; from the individual brother level to the nation of Israel. He was at the time living through this prophetic period of 'Seventy Weeks' and was approaching the time when Messiah (He) would be cut off in the midst of the prophetic week which he spoke to in **verse 25, Luke 17: 'but first must the son of man suffer many things and be rejected of this generation.'** He expected after His death that His disciples would miss him and desire again to have Him with them to experience as He puts it in **verse 22: 'to see one of the days of the Son of Man.'** But after Jesus death, burial and resurrection, which would occur in the midst of the week the covenant will only be kept with the nation of Israel, 'many,' for the other half of that 'prophetic week' and at the end desolations are determined. Therefore, the disciples will not see him again.

V11 Jesus went to Jerusalem and passed through Samaria and Galilee.

V23 And if they shall say: Lo, here or Lo, there, go not after them neither follow them.

Jesus ascended on High to the Heavenly Jerusalem after His resurrection and will not be seen until His Second Coming. But in these verses he continues to allude to the false prophets and christs who would arise, causing fire to come down from heaven, and who would impersonate His Coming from the time of His ascension till His return.

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We are told not to go after them; nor to follow them, when they say: 'Lo, here or Lo, there!'

The journey that Jesus took to earthly Jerusalem via Samaria and Galilee also speaks to a spiritual journey, eternal life: 'Good master, what good thing must I do, to have eternal life? **Mat 19:16, Mar 10: 17, Luke 18: 18.** If thou will enter into life, keep the commandments. Which one?' Jesus by the route he took to Jerusalem: the place that flows as water or rain peace or teaches how to be safe in mind or body or simple the way of salvation or eternal life, did so by loving God with all his heart, mind, body and strength, this is the way or route of **Samaria**, obeying the commandments whose **Lookout** is towards God and loving his neighbour or fellow man on the **Heathen Circle or Earth**, this is the way or route of **Galilee**. If we have repented perfectly (seven times) and would go to 'Jerusalem' we too must take the same route via 'Samaria and Galilee' (The Ten Commandments) bearing in mind that in the last days false prophets and christis will arise as we travel. (Note if you have repented or turn from sins then you will obey the commandments as sin is the transgression of the moral law or Ten Commandments.)

V18 They are not found save this Stranger that have returned giving glory to God.

V 24 For as the lightning lightheneth under one part of the heaven and shines to the other part even so shall the Son of Man be revealed in His Day.

Those that embody or personify the other Nine Commandments that are pure were not found, except the ONE, who is full, complete, perfect and whole, (who is a recount of all seven precepts or statutes and an embodiment of all TEN COMMANDMENTS upon whose heart the Law of the Ten Commandments were written in accordance with the New Covenant in **Jeremiah 31:31-34**) to return and give glory, falling prostrate upon his face in worship and thanksgiving upon the earth. In these last days only these little ONE, **The Stranger**, will be found to return glory, worship and thanksgiving to God in no lesser glory than that of the fiery light that shines under the whole heaven which attends to the coming of the Son of Man in His Day. As it was in the Garden of Eden in **Genesis 2** when these nine were not found recorded except this one, even so shall it be in the end of time when **one** sealed with the Spirit will embody all. As all under the Heavens will see Jesus when He come the Second Time, all will see the glory given unto Him by these little one: 'Behold! This is our God. We have long waited for Him and He will save us,' **Isaiah 25: 9.**

V25 But he must first suffer many things and be rejected of this generation.

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I was sick and imprisoned and you visited me not. I was hungry and you gave me no food. I was naked and you gave me no clothes. And they shall say unto him, when saw we thee sick and imprisoned, hungry, and naked. And he shall say in as much as you did it not unto one of these the least my brethren, you did it not unto me, **Mat 25: 36-40**. As Jesus was rejected, crucified, suffered, died and was resurrected even so His little one will be a Stranger, rejected and will suffer many things of this last generation just before he returns and they are resurrected and translated. Similarly the 'Prophetic Time' allotted to the World like the Nation of Israel is running quickly to its fulfillment, even as I write.

The importance of Faith: V4, 11, 18, 25, 32.

V4 And if he trespass against you seven times in a day and turn seven times and say I repent, forgive him.

He that eats and doubts have sinned, for whatever is not of faith is sin, **Romans 14: 23**. And sin is the transgression of the Law. **1 John 3: 4**. And Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God, **Romans 10: 17**. Therefore by faith we establish the Law, the Word of God, **Romans 3: 31** Therefore, he that doubts and sins and repents has acknowledged that he erred, forgive him. He now promises to live by faith.

V11 Jesus went to Jerusalem and passed through Samaria and Galilee.

The Saviour is the author and finisher of our faith, **Hebrews 12: 2**. The journey to eternal life can only be travelled via the route of love: to love God with all thy heart, mind, strength and soul (Samaria); and to love thy neighbour as thyself (Galilee). For faith works by love, **Galations 5: 6**, and love works no ill, therefore love is the fulfilling of the law, **Romans 13: 10**. For the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, gentleness, meekness, faith, temperance, **Gal 5: 22, Eph 5: 9**.

V18 They are not found but this stranger that has returned giving glory to God.

Only those who acknowledge Jesus as their Saviour and Sanctifier travels with Him via the same route on the journey to eternal life, in worship, praise and thanksgiving. They are from varied backgrounds and gutter-most experiences, hence they are considered Strangers, but they all believe, therefore, they enter into rest as He did from his work, **Hebrews 4: 3** as the Prodigal that returned to His Father's House.

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V25 But first must he suffer many things and be rejected of this generation.

As the Saviour suffered at the hand of those who had an evil heart of unbelief, **Hebrews 3: 12**, even so will we, as all who will live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. And for sure a Prophet is without honour in his own country, **Mark 6: 4**. And because of their unbelief he did not much miracles, **Matthew 13: 58**. This counsel must be heeded: cast not your pearls before swine lest they trample them and turn and rend you, **Matthew 7: 6**.

V32 Remember, Lot's wife.

The Lesson of Lot's wife must be heeded as it will again form the basis of the last test before translation for those who are alive when the Son of Man is revealed in His Day. They were held by the hand and led out of Sodom and told not to look or turn back and she disobeyed and was turned or translated into a pillar of salt, **Genesis 19: 26**. A double minded person is unstable in all his ways, **James 1: 8**. **Our focus must be singular, ONE or wholly on God, our faith must be rooted and grounded only upon HIS WORD**. Remember: if ye love me keep my commandments, **John 14: 15**. Unlike the ONE who turned back and returned glory, worship, and thanksgiving to God, She disobeyed the command and turned back to Sodom. Note the One sanctified was not commanded explicitly to worship but to go show yourself unto the Priest, notwithstanding the love of God constrained him to first return glory and praise to His Sanctifier in worship and thanksgiving. Take note that praise, glory, worship and thanksgiving flows freely from the heart that is broken, contrite and obsessed with gratitude to our Saviour, Jesus.

The Lord and Lot (The Veil): V5, 29, 12, 30, 19, 31, 26, 32, 33.

V5 And the Apostles said: **Lord**, increase our faith.

V29 But the same the day **Lot** went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.

Notice how the writer has graduated Jesus followers from Discipleship status in **verse 1** to Apostleship status in **verse 5** as if to suggest that the request for increase faith is indicative of such a move. An Apostle is **like unto and one with his Lord** being a Commissioner of Christ and an Ambassador of the Gospel having miraculous powers.

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If anyone desires to increase his faith, let him behold the wondrous work of Grace in the atoning sacrifice of Christ on Calvary, let him contemplate His compassion, longsuffering, mercy for sinners and His abundance of goodness and truth as revealed in His Life and this His Grace will make such a change upon the repentant sinners' heart that he is transformed into a new creation. Similarly, God's justice and judgement against sin and sinners as revealed in the death of this Testator gives ample testimony as to the equity of God and if behold will also increase one's faith. For sure when one understand that Lot was a covering, a veil for Sodom, which when removed, resulted immediately, the same day he went out, in Judgement against the unrepentant and incorrigible sinners in the rain of fire and flashing sulphur or brimstone upon their heads we are made more confident and sure that the Lord knows how to preserve the righteous and reserve the wicked until the day of judgement, **Genesis 18: 22-33**.

V12 And it came to past as He entered a certain village 10 Lepers stood afar off and cried in a loud voice: Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

V30 Even so shall it be in that day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Those who acknowledge and embrace truth will in repentance cry for mercy: mercy and truth are met, **Psalms 85: 10**. Those who embrace a lie and falsehood, also have a cry, an unrepentant cry: for I have heard their cry and I am going down to see if they have altogether corrupted themselves, **Genesis 18: 20-21**. It is this cry that will summon the Second Return of Christ and His Judgement in the rain of fire and flashing sulphur as it was for Sodom.

V19 And he said, Arise and go thy way, thy faith has made thee whole.

V31 In that day he that is on his house top and his stuff in his house let him not come down to take it; and he that is in the field let him not return.

When Jesus burst the Clouds of the Eastern skies in that day the dead in Christ shall be summoned by Him to: Arise! And we which are alive and remain; be it in bed, at the mill or on our housetop or in field: in reverent fear and bended knees with eyes and hands uplifted will shout: 'This is our God, we have long waited for him and He will save us!' And we all will meet the Lord in the Air. None who has been made whole by faith will be left behind for they are **one with their Lord**.

V26 And as it was in the days of Noah so shall it be in the day of the Son of Man.

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V32 Remember, Lot's wife.

Those who are lost will be for the same reason the antediluvian world and Lot's wife perished. They fail to keep their eye and mind singly or wholly (only) focused on Christ, the Word of God. Friends do not neglect the study of and meditation on the Word of God!

V33 Whosoever, shall preserve his life shall lose it and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.

The fear of the Glory of God, the flames of falling fiery lightning and flashes of sulphur or brimstone will cause many to run and hide and in so doing die; while the righteous gazing steadfastly at the Glory of Coming King in that of himself and His Father and His Holy Angels are transformed into the same glory they beheld and are saved.

One with, joined or attached to God:

V5 The Apostles said, Lord, increase our faith.

These were nigh unto their Lord and in audience with Him desired to be securely attached and joined to Him. Their request could be heard by their Lord had it been a whisper, this was how close they were in audience with Him. And truly their desire was as easy as 'said'. He will demonstrate to them in successive and progressive verses how easy it is to be whole.

V12 And it came to past that as he entered a certain village Ten Lepers met him and stood afar off and cried in a loud voice: Jesus (Saviour), Master, have mercy on us!

These who were afar off by their request in the cry were and could also be heard. Such is the power of the Holy Ghost, who intercedes in our behalf with groanings that we cannot utter. These desired mercy to be forgiven or justified, they desired to be cleansed and they had faith to obey the truth and be sanctified. **They wanted to be reunited with God.**

V19 And Jesus said unto him Arise, and go thy way thy faith has made thee whole.

Nine justified and sanctified, but only ONE had the faith to be made whole.

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He acknowledges his forgiveness; and cleansing and in a loud voice gives glory, worship and thanksgiving to His Sanctifier. He is **whole** as he is now **complete, one with God, perfect** in heart, therefore **full** of praise, which flows freely from his lips.

Understand Brethren that all Ten of God's Commandments are important and this One which you neglect is the test to make you whole. Do you have the faith to obey? In fact, this one which you now neglect will be celebrated in eternal life. How then will you be admitted if you neglect so great a salvation?

To this One the Sanctifier commands: 'Arise, and go thy way!' The way of this one is eternal life, if you understand that the Priest is in Jerusalem and they were all commanded to: 'Go, show yourself unto the Priest.' Jerusalem means flow as water or rain peace; the way of salvation or eternal life. The Sanctifier therefore admits this One in Eternal Life, the pronouncement is therefore made by our Lord: 'Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter the joy of the Lord!' Not until we are made whole are we ready to enter the joy of the Lord. Therefore, brethren get ready!

V26 And as it was in the days of Noah even so shall it be in the day of the Son of Man.

Only eight including Noah found **Grace** in the eyes of the Lord, **Genesis 6: 8**, and by their **faith** like this **One** were saved and entered rest. Even so now there is a remnant by the election of grace, **Romans 11: 5**, saved through **faith, Ephesians 2: 8**.

V 33 Whosoever shall preserve his life shall lose it and whosoever lose his life shall preserve it.

In the end of time just before the close of probation, the test will be over this **One Commandment**. Those who will obey will lose their life and those who will preserve their life will lose their right to eternal life. What will you choose to do?

The Mustard Seed and the Chosen or Sealed: V6, 36, 13, 37, 20, 27, 34.

V6 If ye have faith as a mustard seed then you will be able to say unto this Scyamime or Fig Tree be plucked up by the roots and be planted in the midst of the sea and it shall obey you.

V36 Then shall there be two men in the field and one shall be taken and the other left.

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The **mustard seed** is the smallest of seeds yet from it comes the greatest of trees, **Mark 4: 31-32**. Increased faith is not demonstrated by the size of the seed but that which comes from its mind: out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. **That spoken in absolute faith without doubt shall have the greatest manifestation in this life for even so, by this is the Genesis of this realm: God spoke and it was done, he commanded and it stood fast, Psalm 33: 9**. By this means is the 'choice tree' the 'Chosen Nation' commanded and is obedient to be a blessing or alternately a curse.

The analogy of the commanding the Scyamime Tree to be uprooted and be planted in the midst of the sea is an extension of the former statement in **verse 2: it would be better that a milestone be hung about his neck (weight of his sins committed and not repented from) and be cast in the sea, his judgement for sins**.

The command of judgement upon the Scyamime or Fig Tree, the Choice Tree or Chosen Nation is done in default, not an explicit command, wherein they are given every opportunity by Christ and his little one to repent by their obedience to the command in Luke 17: if thy brother trespass, rebuke, if he repent, forgive, that he might be cleansed, healed and made whole. How oft: seven times in day or seventy times seven such prophetic days. But they chose rather to be unrepentant, then, these have been commanded to be uprooted and be planted in the midst of the sea.

Understand that it is those whose heart is as this **mustard seed that will be chosen** from among the field and the other left. These are they that will be numbered among the chosen and sealed for eternity.

V13 And when he saw them he said: 'Go show thyself unto the Priest!'

V37 And his disciples said unto Him: Lord where shall this be, and He said unto them: where the body is there shall the Eagle be gathered together.

Notice that it is this mustard seed faith that Jesus demonstrated in these words: 'Go, show yourselves unto the Priest!' This, accords with the **Word of God in Leviticus 14**, whereby the Lepers that are healed must present themselves to the Priest for his observation and judgement and for the prescribed offering to be presented. **That which is uttered by the mustard seed faith does not contradict but exemplify the Word of God**. By the hearing of this faith is the Spirit received, **Galations 3: 2**.

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Those who understand that command today as an instruction to attend the House of Prayer for all Nation, **Mark 11:17**, for their cleansing from sins will be healed as they commit themselves to the journey to eternal life by being obedient to the Ten Commandments, the Word of God.

Angels as Eagles will gather His elect from the four corners of the Earth in that day, **Matthew 24: 31** and when they are resurrected they put on immortality, and when those alive are caught up, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye they are changed to meet the Lord, The High Priest in the air.

The others left who were destroyed by the fiery glory that attended the Second Coming of Christ their dead bodies will be consumed by Birds, **Revelation 19: 17-18**.

V20 And when He was demanded of the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God should come, He answered and said: the Kingdom cometh not with observation.

Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom, **John 3: 3**.

Only those who are sealed by the Spirit can experience or see the Kingdom of God as the natural man cannot see nor understand the Kingdom of God, hence for him the Kingdom comes not with observation.

V27 They did eat and drink, marry wives and were given in marriage until the day the flood came and destroyed them all.

They are totally oblivious to things happening around them therefore they continue unperturbed by the myriads of signs fast fulfilling. They too are sealed but for destruction.

V34 In that night there shall be two men in bed and one shall be taken and the other left.

The Day of the Son of Man will straddle both day and night as at the time of His Second Coming parts of the World will experience day light hours and other parts night. But whatever time it is when the Son of Man comes, those who are **sealed, having this mustard seed faith**, will be taken by the Angels to join their Lord in the air.

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The Deuterios or Recount:

- **The Servant: V7,**
- **The Cleansing of the Great V14,**
- **One Born again V21,**
- **The Son of Man in His Day V28,**
- **The Veil or Covering Removed V35.**

The Servant: V7

V7 And which of you having a servant plowing and feeding cattle in the field and when he is come in by and by, do you say, go sit and eat?

The servants of God are many and are brought into focus in this set of seven verses: they serve without, in the field, and within, in the House of God:

- 1 Jesus as **Teacher**, imparted to his **disciples** as **students** on the subject of offences and warning to the **servants of sin**.
- 2 Those of His kingdom who are subjected to offences are called **little one**.
- 3 The service of the **brother** in this matter is identified as to: rebuke, and if repentant; to forgive, to facilitate cleansing, healing and wholeness.
- 4 The **extent of the service** is to be as many times that he sins repent, the brother is to forgive, viz.: seven times.
- 5 Jesus is also **Lord or Master** and his disciples are graduates becoming **Apostles** in the service. These are interested in increasing their faith.
- 6 The basis for service is: '**mustard seed**' or the '**greatest**' faith which is obedient to the forgoing, in the word of God to enact the command to the 'Fig Tree' or Chosen Nation: 'be plucked up by the root and be planted in the midst of the sea!'

The Cleansing of 'the Great': V14

V14 And as they went they were cleansed.

Those who labour in the Master's service are cleansed to serve.

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The journey of obedience to the Word of God results in cleansing. Cleansing is afforded by this washing of regeneration by the Word and the renewing of the Holy Ghost, **Titus 3: 5.**

Behold them in these verses:

- 8 We fulfill the scripture of: he that will be chief or 'great' among you shall be your servant. They comply to the command: 'give me sup, gird thyself and serve me until I eat and drink and after you may eat and drink. We serve others first before ourselves.
- 9 We serve others even though we receive no expression of gratitude or 'thank you.' Our Lord will thank us at the end: 'well done thou good and faithful servant.'
- 10 We are encouraged by our Lord to accept this and consider ourselves as the least or unprofitable servants, only, fulfilling our duty as we obey all His Commandments.
- 11 Jesus set the example of obedience in the journey to eternal life (Jerusalem); loving the Lord with all our hearts, minds, strength, and soul (Samaria) and loving our neighbor as ourselves (Galilee).
- 12 Jesus as Saviour-servant, set the example and hears the cry of repentance of these 10 sinners, who broke the 10 Commandments.
- 13 He forgives and commands their obedience, planting the mustard seed in their heart: 'Go, show yourself unto the Priest!' Those who respond in faith and obedience are cleansed and healed.

One Born Again, V21:

V21 Neither shall they say: lo here, or lo there; behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

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Those **justified** by repentance and the blood of the Lamb; **sanctified** by the washing of regeneration by the Word and the renewing of the Holy Ghost will not be ready for **glorification** until they respond to such great salvation, glorifying God in shouts of joy and worshipping in reverent fear and thanksgiving at his footstool. These are the **One born again**, presented as cleansed, healed and whole. (Only then will we be ready for the final 100 M sprint: the last moments will be rapid ones.) What joy is expressed in Heaven over one sinner that repents, than ninety and nine just persons who need no repentance, **Luke 15:7 & 10**.

All of God's Servants are called to holiness. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, bow down at his feet, His beauty and glory proclaim. The recount of the One born again to experience the kingdom of God within, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, **Acts 2**:

- 15 The response of loud shouts of glory to God for cleansing, healing, such great salvation, comes forth from a heart full of gratitude for the love and faithfulness of such a merciful Saviour. Praise is joy expressed, joy comes from a heart of gratitude, gratitude is the only positive response to the love and faithfulness of God, gratitude proceeds from only a broken spirit and a contrite heart, these are the sacrifices of God, which He will not despise, **Psalms 51: 17**.
- 16 The highest point of man, upon his face, prostrate, at the lowest point of God, His feet, is not only comfortable to the saved but declares his full surrender to be used by His Spirit. His heart full of gratitude, his fountain spews forth thanksgiving in strains only the redeemed knows.
- 17 Ten cleansed but where are the Nine? Many are called but few are chosen, **Matthew 22: 14**. Only the **ONE**, whole, complete, perfect and full will be chosen.
- 18 In the last days many STRANGERS will return to give glory to God. And those of the Household will not be found because they do not honour and identify their SANCTIFIER in praise, worship and thanksgiving.
- 19 To such that meets the Lord's approval we hear Him say: Arise, and go your way, your faith has made you whole.

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- 20 Those who would wound Christ demanded of Him when the Kingdom of God would come. Friends be not like these, receive the Kingdom as little one (child), behold, the kingdom of God is within you!

The Son of Man in His Day V28:

V28 Likewise as it was in the days of Lot even so shall it be in **the Day of the Son of man**, they ate, drank, they bought, sold, planted and built.

Once we are 'whole' the servants of God are ready for the final sprint to Glory, the Son of Man in His Day or the Second Coming of Jesus, that day is likened unto two previous era, the antediluvian and Lot in Sodom. Jesus was careful in his outline in this regard, pay attention to the recount in these verses:

- 22 After his death the disciples would desire to have Jesus, the Son of Man with them but they would not see such a day again.
- 23 False prophets, false Christ would arise that would say, See here and See there. We are counsel not to follow nor go after them.
- 24 For as the lightning that lighteneth under one part of the heaven and shines unto the other part even so shall the Son of Man be revealed in His Day.
- 25 But first he must suffer many things (and die) and be rejected of this generation.
- 26 As it was in the days of Noah even so shall it be in the Day of the Son of Man.
- 27 They did eat, drink, marry wives and were given in marriage, **until the day the flood came and they were all destroyed**, save eight souls. The world will be oblivious to the fast fulfilling signs of its end, and will consider those who are conscious of these as Strangers to their craft. The unholy cry will go out and God will see that every thought and imagination of man's heart is evil continually;

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Angels will visit as in Sodom and the world will seek to corrupt them as they sought in Lot days.

The Veil or Covering Removed V35:

V35 Then shall there be two women grinding at the mill and one shall be taken and the other left.

Lot was but a covering or veil for Sodom and as long as he and his family remained in Sodom they were a shield or covering to that city against total destruction even so in the end of time God's Servants acts as a shield but once they are taken destruction to the inhabitants that remains follows in quick succession. Listen how the end of the world is recounted in these verses:

- 29 The same day Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and flashing sulphur or brimstone from Heaven that destroyed them all. (Likewise, the same day the door of the ark was locked it rain water and the flood gates of heaven were opened, **Genesis 7.**)
- 30 Even so shall it be when the Son of Man is revealed in His Day.
- 31 In that day he that is on his roof and his stuff in his house let him not come down to take it and he that is in the field let him not return
- 32 Remember Lot's wife (who turned back).
- 33 Whosoever shall preserve his life shall loose it and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.
- 34 In that night shall two men be in bed and one shall be taken and the other left. Thus the covering that shielded would have been removed to make the way clear for God to pour out His fiery Wrath.

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Conclusion:

There are four flows or rain identified in **Luke 17**, namely:

- 1 the rain in Noah's Day
- 2 the rain of fire and flashing sulphur or brimstone in Lot's Day
- 3 the rain or flow of fiery lightning and sulphur in the Day of the Son of Man
- 4 the flow as water or rain of peace, eternal life, Heavenly Jerusalem

There are two destinies, namely:

- 1 to be cast into the midst of the sea with a milestone about the neck and be buried beneath the flood, sea or lake.
- 2 to arise and go the way that flow as water or rain peace, the Heavenly Jerusalem, **Revelation 22:1-3**.

To go to Heavenly Jerusalem you must be taken:

V36 Then shall there be two men in the field and one shall be taken and the other left.

V37 And his disciples say Lord where shall this be and Jesus said where the body is there shall the eagles be gathered together.