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INTRODUCTION:

The summit, the highest point or purpose pertains and attends to that of the measure of Levi, being joined, attached or becoming one with God or Holiness. In fact so are all the measures of the fullness of God. They are all like summits of the Mountain of God as depicted by the 7 Summits upon which the City of Jerusalem was built. We shall examine the measure of Levi, the one who is joined, attached or one with God, to see if we can grasp the fullness of the measure. Levi is the fifth measure upon the measuring rod that **Matthew, the gift of Jah, chapter 5** speaks to.

Chapter 5 is well known by the title: **The Sermon on the Mount**, and of a truth it captures the lofty grandeur or summits of the teachings of Christ, the Levitical High Priest. By His appellation or title of being the Word of God, Christ is the Author and Preacher of every Sermon recorded in the Bible.

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THE SUMMIT OF THE LAW (THE PROGRESSIVE RECOUNT)

(GOD IS) LOVE:

V43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

The summit, the highest purpose, point or end of the Law or Torah (which is beneath and in the sides of the throne) is love! And atop or at the highest point of the mercy seat and throne is God, our Heavenly Father. It is said and of truth so it is: God is love! **1 John 4: 8.** And God is Light! **1 John 1: 5.** Therefore, the Shekinah streams atop between the two Cherubims whose wings cover their faces in the presence of **SHEH-BAH**, the (Sacred Full One) Holy One of Israel.

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Only those who obey so speak to the Law (love) and the Testimony with its (holy) sheh-bah or 7 precepts and shine forth as light, **Isaiah 8: 20**.

The enemy is not the neighbour (brother, sister, those next door or stranger we come in contact with) but it is the adversary, the devil, whom we are to hate because everything he does is motivated by evil. And God had promised that I will put enmity (hatred: fear of the Lord or eschew evil) between thee and the woman between her seed and your seed, **Genesis 3:15**. Those who pour out, forth or said THAT misapplied the concept of 'the enemy' to the neighbor and misled many souls who sought to align themselves with God's Character and His teachings.

The Law is about making our neighbours our brethren. Therefore, love is a fulfilling of the law, **Romans 13: 10**. Love works no ill. If there is any other commandment it is briefly comprehended in this saying: love thy neighbor as thyself, **Romans 13: 9-10**

We will continue to do the *progressive* recount under the caption of the Summit: the highest purpose, the end or fulfillment, the whole, perfect or complete, Sheh-bah:

1 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him:

God is as Lofty as the Mountain that extends to heaven yet merciful and gracious that He descends to the earth that all, whomsoever will, may come and ascend with Him as His disciples or followers to the height or summit of the earth to come aside and rest awhile with Him. He promises I will cause you to ride on the high places of the earth and feed you with the heritage of Jacob, your father, **Isaiah 58: 14**. The gift of His Presence assures us of communion with Him. In the end of days the 144,000 having His Father's Name written in their foreheads will come aside to Mount Zion and have communion with the Lamb, **Revelation 14: 1**.

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8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Holiness, agreement, one with God is that of a sanctified life and purity of heart this is by the gift of the Spirit and the summit or highest point that the heart or mind can attain. Only these who ascend to this summit will see God and be not consumed by His Glory. Happy or blessed are these!

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

There was a man named John who was sent to bear witness of the Light. He was not the Light but was sent to bear witness of the Light, which is the True Light which lighteth every man that comes into the World, **John 1: 9**. He was in the world and the world was made by Him and the world knew Him not. He came to His own and His own received Him not but to as many that received Him to them gave He the power to become sons and daughters of God even to them that believed on His Name, **John 1: 12**.

The Candlestick not the bushel is the summit for the Candle for it to give light to all that are in the house. If placed under a bushel its light will be snuffed out. We are the summit to bear the Light of God.

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it proceeds the issues of life, **Proverbs 4: 23**. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks, **Luke 6: 45**.

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Anger without a just cause and an offensive word, be it race: thou worthless or thou fool have its just reward in the judgement, council or hell fire, these are the summit of life issues, the end or purpose of life. Every idle word that men shall say shall come into the judgement, **Matthew 12: 36**. For it is appointed unto man once to die but afterwards comes the judgement, **Hebrews 9: 27**.

Prepare therefore for the summit of life. So therefore speak and do as they that shall be judged by the Law of Liberty, **James 2: 12**. Let it be that the words you speak are like that of Jesus: the words I speak are Spirit and they are life, **John 6: 63**.

29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

The light of the body is the eye, if thy eye be single great is the light in the body but if the eye be evil then the whole body shall be full of darkness, **Luke 11: 34**. The summit of the soul is the singleness or oneness (no duplicity or hypocrisy) of heart anything that offends must be removed to preserve the whole body, mind, spirit and soul from hell. For no man can serve two masters either he will love one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon, **Matthew 6: 24**.

36 Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black.

Atop the body is the head upon the neck which we should use to heed the counsel not to swear by it since we can neither make one hair white or black. This truth we should be settled fully within recognizing the Lord as the Head of the Body or the Church who gave the counsel.

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THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE:

V44 But I say unto you, **Love your enemies**, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

The neighbour is not the enemy neither do we have any except those who have made us such, so therefore we are counseled to love, bless, do good and pray for them even if they curse, hate and despitefully use and persecute us. We have been empowered and given the **Spirit of Might**, **Isaiah 11: 2**, to do as we have been counseled. The fruit, reward or summit of the Spirit is love, **Galatians 5: 22**. And Charity never fails but conquers all, **1 Corinthians 13: 7-8, 13**.

We will continue to do the progressive recount under the caption of the Summit: the highest purpose, the end or fulfillment, the whole, perfect or complete, Seven-folded Spirit:

2 And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

By the Words of the Lord were the heavens made and the hosts thereof by the Breath of His mouth. For He spoke and it was done. He command and it stood fast, **Psalms 33: 6 & 9**. The teachings of the Words from the mouth of Christ, the Head or Summit of the Body, the Church, are Spirit and they are life, **John 6: 63**. They proceed out of and are of the Word of God, hence, of the **Spirit of the Lord**, **Isaiah 11: 2**.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me for He hath anointed me to preach the good tidings unto the meek, **Isaiah 61: 2**. I hope you have been paying attention to the teachings of each progressive verse.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

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Perfect, complete, the summit of all peace has them that know thy Law and nothing shall offend them. These clearly have the **Spirit of knowledge, Isaiah 11: 2**, to know the Law of God. Ye shall hear a voice behind you, saying, this is the way walk ye in it, **Isaiah 30: 21**. They can only give what they have or be like He who flow as water or rain peace, Jerusalem! These are pronounced as blessed or happy! They are the off springs or children of God!

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Acts of love, blessings, goodness and prayer are the good works which are our light that generate or shine forth as the City upon the hill which cannot be hid, preserving and sustaining life. These will lead men to glorify or praise our Father which is in the Summit or Heaven. These are they that fear the Lord as the fear of the Lord is to eschew evil, **Proverbs 8: 13**, having the **Spirit of the fear of the Lord, Isaiah 11: 2**.

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

The Spirit of Counsel, Isaiah 11: 2, reminds or brings to the summit of our memory the offence or sin against the brother and this takes precedence over placing our gift or offering upon the summit of the altar as faith only works by love and charity suffers long and his kind, **1 Corinthians 13: 4**. We must be as the gift placed upon or the summit of the altar making reconciliation one with another. We are of the city of the Sanctuary in Jerusalem!

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30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Who knows and understand that the gift that is brought by the right hand of the Priest that offends will not be accepted upon the altar? Surely you will agree that there is wisdom in this counsel to cut it off and put it away from thee, the member that offends, that the whole body should not be cast into hell. The counsel is made to shine by these words of knowledge. In light of the judgement the fear of the Lord makes good sense.

Yea, of a truth the knowledge of the holy is: understanding, **Proverbs 9: 10**, thus they have the **Spirit of understanding, Isaiah 11: 2**.

37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Having the knowledge of the previous verses we do not take on or presume the prerogative outside of our free wills but we aptly apply and, or be wise in the course we choose. This, of course, does not preclude us asking Him whose prerogative includes swearing to intervene in our behalf. We each have the privilege and the right and freedom of choice to agree or disagree to say: yea or to say nay, but to swear is forbidden as we have no such authority or power.

He that is wise wins souls, **Proverbs 11: 30**, including his own. We have been given the **Spirit of Wisdom, Isaiah 11: 2**.

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CHILDREN (THE GENERATION) OF LOVE:

V45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

He who we call Abba, Father, God in Heaven has been revealed in no uncertain terms to be the perfect example and summit of the Law, and the fruit of the Spirit, which is Love, and as His children who are the generation of the righteous and upright we are called to be likewise, preserving and sustaining life as He ordains in the natural and physical realm causing the sun to rise on both the evil and good and He sends rain on both the just and unjust.

In fact the sun is but an ensign of The Son, who is the Sun of righteousness who arises upon us with healing in his wings, **Malachi 4: 2**, when he was lifted up from the earth drawing all unto Him, **John 12: 32**. Yea, greater love has no man than this that one should die for his friends, **John 15: 13**. And you are my friends if you do my commandments, **John 15: 14**.

We will continue the progressive recount under the caption of the Summit: the highest purpose, the end or fulfillment, the whole purpose of those who are of the generation of the righteous or the upright:

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Firstly, joy is the highest or summit of all experiences of anyone who lives in this world and this is only for those who abase self and recognize their spiritual deficit or sinfulness, these are truly 'blessed' they shall be exalted to the highest position, status or summit of kingdom of heaven.

10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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In spite of persecution they still are 'blessed' for tribulation works patience, and patience hope, and hope makes us not ashamed for the love of God is shed forth into our hearts by the Holy Ghost, **Romans 5:3-5**. And tribulation is yet a manifest token of the righteous judgement of God that we might be counted worthy for the kingdom for which we also suffer for, **2 Thessalonians 1: 5**. Jesus did say I will not leave you comfortless, I will send to you another Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, **John 14: 16, 18**. Yea, having received the Sun of righteousness we now receive the former and the later rain, **Hosea 6: 3 & Joel 2: 23**, the earnest or summit of all our expectations.

17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Let us hear the conclusion or the end of the whole matter: fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every secret thing into the judgement, **Ecclesiastes 12: 4**. Therefore the Son of Man and of God purpose was only to fulfill, perform or do the Law or what the Prophets said. Obedience to the law is the summit or purpose of man, for man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God, **Matthew 4: 4**.

Hence like Jesus we do not destroy the Law or the Prophets, yea, we establish or do them. For the law is: holy, just and good, **Romans 7: 12**. Therefore, the generation of the upright performs the righteous works of the law. Yea, the great and first commandment in the Law is to love the Lord thy God with all of thy heart, with all of thy mind, with all of thy strength and with all of thy soul, and the second is like unto the first: thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself. Upon these two hang all the Law and the Prophets, **Matthew 22: 37-40**.

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24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Faith only works by love, **Galatians 5: 6**. Therefore, we must first be reconciled with our brother, in order to enter the presence of God for worship, offering up our gift upon His Altar. Therefore, the summit or purpose of faith is a right relationship among mankind to allow us to then worship our Father and God in Heaven. For without faith it is impossible to please God, **Hebrews 11: 6**. We must first love one another who, we see with our eyes, in order to love God who we do not see but yet perceive that He exists: filial open the eyes of the heart to the agape.

31 It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

Is a man's writing of divorcement upon parchment or paper the summit of the handwriting of the finger of God upon stone except it fulfils it and the provisions thereby? Though everyone which includes 'whosoever' in the verse above has a free will exercised as the freedom of choice to say: yea or nay, yet this unalienable right does not exceeds but is also subject to the Law of God and its provisions. The 7th Commandment in this case or the example above cannot be set aside by the free will of choice to say: nay to it and its provisions.

Instead, we all should be joined unto or become attached to the Law of God and its provisions by the election of the free will and choice in saying: yea, to all of its Commandments and provisions! The Law of God reigns supreme and is the summit of all Laws, none can abrogate or set aside its provisions, yea, righteousness tends to life, **Proverbs 11: 19**.

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38 Ye have heard that it hath been said, **An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth:**

Justice demands equity and such is the dictate of this verse above. But vengeance belongs to Him who is Just and without sin and died for the sins of the world. Vengeance is mine, I will repay saith the Lord, **Romans 2: 19**. The judgement of the quick and the dead has been committed to Him, **Acts 10: 42**. He is the first-fruit of all them that slept in the grave, **1 Corinthians 15: 20**. He has the preeminence above all in the generation of the upright and the children of men, **Colossians 1: 18**. In the regeneration we will sit with Him upon twelve thrones judging the Children of Israel, **Matthew 19: 28**.

He is our example in all things and the standard by which we will be judged speaking the truth in love we should grow up in Christ in all things from whom the whole body, joint and members fitly joined together, yea, unto the measure or fullness (sheh-bah) of the stature of Christ unto a perfect man, **Ephesians 4: 13**.

FAITH WORKS ONLY BY LOVE:

V46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

The devils believe and tremble, **James 2: 19**. And the publicans (tax farmer or collector of public revenue) love those that love them. But faith which overcomes the world, **1 John 5: 4**, is alive so then as the body without the spirit is dead even so faith without works is dead, being alone, **James 2: 20 & 26**. The faith that overcomes the world does not just tremble nor love only those that love them as faith works only by love, **Galations 5: 6**, in all situations. Therefore, if thy enemy thirsts, give him drink, if he hungers give him food, for by so doing you would have heaped coals of fire upon his head, **Romans 12: 20**.

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Love is without dissimulation (hypocrisy, that is sincere), **Romans 12: 9**. The reward of the followers of Christ exceeds that of the publicans as they are to love all people including those who have made them their enemies as their faith works only by love and this applies universally, in all situations. Yea, love is the summit, end or purpose of the Law, and faith works only by love, therefore, by faith, we establish the law, **Romans 3: 31**.

In the *progressive* recount let's continue to review the other summit, end or purpose of faith:

4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Godly sorrow works repentance which need not be repented of, **2 Corinthians 7: 10**. Those that mourn and confess with their mouths the Lord Jesus Christ shall be comforted with salvation. For with the mouth confession is made unto salvation and with the heart a man believes unto righteousness, **Romans 10: 10**. For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks, **Matthew 12: 34**. These truly are blessed and are made happy.

Yea the purpose, end or summit of faith is the joy of salvation and comfort!

11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Indeed, those that are 'blessed' or happy, experiencing the joy of the Lord which is our strength are further enriched by those who revile or speak ill of them, persecuting and saying all manner of evil against them falsely for Christ sake for having received beauty, the oil of joy and the garments of praise for the ashes, mourning and the spirit of heaviness, **Isaiah 61: 3**, they now under persecution receive a fresh anointing of

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the love God which shed forth in their hearts by the power of the Holy Ghost, **Romans 5: 3-5**. So then the faith of devils exercised by their revile; and works of evil to make us tremble like them cannot usurp the joy and power of the Holy Ghost and of unfeigned faith and love, **1 Timothy 1: 5**.

Yea, faith summits, purposes or ends with the joy of the power of the Holy Ghost.

18 For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

By the word of God the heaven and the earth is kept or reserved unto the day when they shall be destroyed by fire, **2 Peter 3: 5-7**. Faith comes or begins by hearing and hearing by the word of God, **Romans 10: 17**. The word of God which proceeds out of His mouth is the purpose, and both beginning and end or summit of faith.

He who is the Beginning is also the End and the Law or Hebrew: Torah which is the precepts, especially the Decalogue and Penta-teuch remains in effect as long as heaven and earth remains, so therefore, one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the Law until its prophecy is fulfilled or come to past. The Prophecy will only come to pass or be fulfilled, according to the Word of God, as evidenced by the passing of heaven and earth, **Revelation 21: 1**.

Therefore, faith summit, end, purpose is realized only in obedience to the Word of God!

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25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

The opponent or adversary in a lawsuit alleges in his testimony or statement of words for the case. If, and only if, it is true, the best defense is to quickly agree to avert the case from going to judgment and to be found guilty under the law resulting in punitive sanction or imprisonment.

Yea, faith is the substance of things (truth) hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, **Hebrews 11: 1**. Therefore, faith summit is the truth!

32 But I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

The provision of the Law pertaining to marriage contained in the 7th Commandment is that it can be annulled only by fornication and that it ends or ceases with the death of one or both of the spouses, **Romans 7: 3**. Therefore, except for these instances, it remains in force and is of effect such that the spouse who disobeys the dictates is found guilty and also those who are joined unto them in another marriage.

Faith purpose, end, or summit is purity: purity of heart, of mind and of life! It is better to obey than to sacrifice, **1 Samuel 15: 22**. But whoremongers and adulterers the Lord will judge, **Hebrews 13: 4**.

39 But I say unto you, that ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

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Faith does not purpose to resist, oppose or withstand evil, instead the counsel is to allow the opponent the free will to do as He will, that if one is smitten on the right cheek, he is to turn also the other cheek. For what evidence is there to justify those who are worthy of eternal life except the Lord allows the faithful to suffer at the hands of the unjust. These, their deeds, are the evidence that will justify the righteous and also condemn them except they also repent, **2 Timothy 1: 5**.

Yea, the just shall live by faith, **Habakkuk 2: 4**. Yea, faith purpose is to make us just!

SINCERITY OF LOVE:

V5 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do not even the publicans so?

As the sun greets the petals, buds and blooms, so it does the seas, streams, and brooks, there is nothing hid from the heat thereof, **Psalms 19: 6**. Being warmed, they all respond opening and reflecting its rays as running silvery waters. Birds chirp and sing; cock crows and flap their wings; the air is fanned as a gust of wind and rustle leaves all are awoken by the greeting of the sun each morning. Such is the sincerity of our Father and our God, who says what he means and means what He says, such is His oneness, there is no duplicity or hypocrisy, He is absolutely sincere. Even so, the Father, the Son, the Spirit and the Bride are in this union and oneness. They greet all and welcome all: come, taste, and see that the Lord is good, **Psalms 34: 8**.

Yea, The Spirit and the Bride say come, and let him who is athirst come and let him who hear say come, and whosoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely, **Revelation 22: 17**. So then our greeting, welcome, embrace and salute must not only be limited to our brethren but must include the publicans and all sinners even as nothing is hid from the heat of the sun.

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Such was said of Jesus: this man eats with sinners and publicans, **Matthew 9: 10-11**. For, the standard of our Father is above that of publicans who greet only their brethren. His greeting, welcome, embrace, and salute is for everyone: whomsoever will may come, yea limited only by their election to say: nay. In love there is no hypocrisy and it is as the greeting which unites and joins everyone one to the other.

God's love is sincere and trustworthy and its summit or purpose is for ALL: brethren, publicans and sinners as He hath made all men under heaven of one blood, **Acts 17: 26**.

We shall review the other summit or purpose of this union for ALL those who are attached, joined that are in this marriage with Heaven:

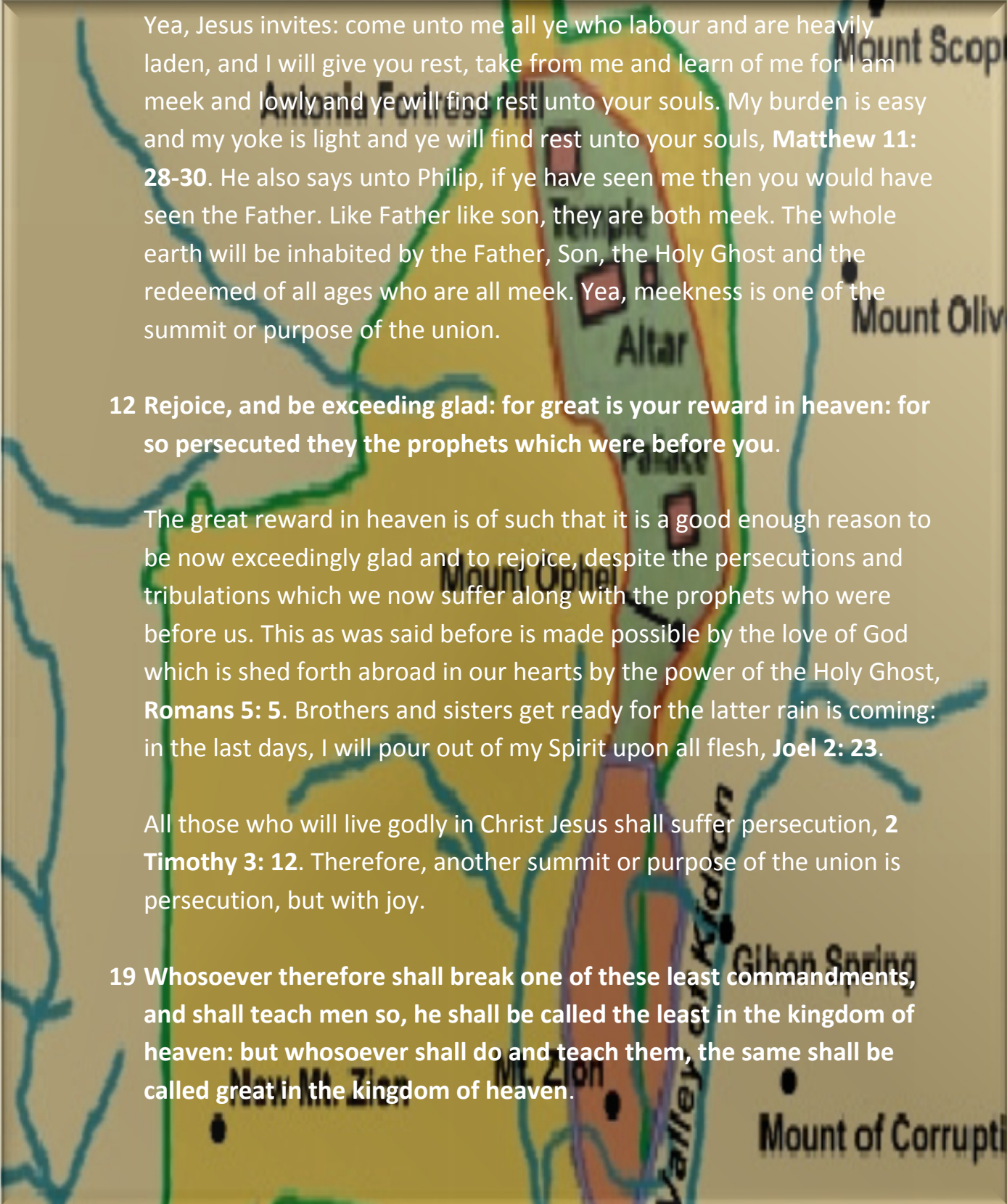
5 **Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.**

The whole realm under the new heaven, the new earth, will only be inhabited by those who are meek or humble. For the redeemed, this is the only sure sign of conversion: meekness. Except ye become converted and become as little children, ye shall in no way enter the kingdom of Heaven, **Matthew 18: 3**. For this inheritance and meekness these are considered 'blessed,' happy or joyous.

Then the tabernacle of God shall be with man and He shall dwell with them and they shall be His people, **Revelation 21: 3**. Yea, in His presence is fullness of joy and to His right hand are pleasures evermore, **Psalms 16: 11**.

Many do not know so let me repeat: that, though God is so Lofty as the highest Mountain yet He is meek and lowly that He condescends to the lowest valley and provide the path that all may ascend His lofty summit.

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Yea, Jesus invites: come unto me all ye who labour and are heavily laden, and I will give you rest, take from me and learn of me for I am meek and lowly and ye will find rest unto your souls. My burden is easy and my yoke is light and ye will find rest unto your souls, **Matthew 11: 28-30**. He also says unto Philip, if ye have seen me then you would have seen the Father. Like Father like son, they are both meek. The whole earth will be inhabited by the Father, Son, the Holy Ghost and the redeemed of all ages who are all meek. Yea, meekness is one of the summit or purpose of the union.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

The great reward in heaven is of such that it is a good enough reason to be now exceedingly glad and to rejoice, despite the persecutions and tribulations which we now suffer along with the prophets who were before us. This as was said before is made possible by the love of God which is shed forth abroad in our hearts by the power of the Holy Ghost, **Romans 5: 5**. Brothers and sisters get ready for the latter rain is coming: in the last days, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh, **Joel 2: 23**.

All those who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution, **2 Timothy 3: 12**. Therefore, another summit or purpose of the union is persecution, but with joy.

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

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In the regeneration of all who remain in the Kingdom of Heaven none shall offend, **Matthew 13: 41**. Therefore, 'the least' one that breaks and do not teach men to observe the commandments will be removed, that all who remain are only those who are considered as 'the great' who do and teach men to keep the commandments of God. The generation of the upright shall be great men and boys and girls. None shall offend in all of God's Holy Mountain.

Another summit or purpose of the union is to gather together all who are great. The kingdom of heaven, truly, shall be a kingdom of greatness. If you think Alexander or Cyrus was great, consider, Adam, Seth, Enoch, Noah, Moses, Samuel, David, Daniel, Isaiah, Jeremiah etc and ourselves whose greatness shall be seen, known and experienced by all in the kingdom, **Daniel 7: 27 & Revelation 21: 24**.

26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

What do you consider as the 'uttermost farthing' or the 'great faith' to be paid or exercised to gain release from captivity when one has denied and refuse to accept the truth. For Nebuchadnezzar it was 'seven times' until he knew and accepted that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men and He gives it to whomsoever He will and set up the basest of men over it, **Daniel 4: 17, 25 & 32**. Israel suffered 400 years of slavery in Egypt and 70 years of Babylonian Captivity that faith may come forth as pure gold. How much do you suppose you must suffer to be granted and pay for this pure gold? Well, the whole earth has been given 'the 7 seals time period' to come unto the knowledge of God in Revelation. And, yet Jesus asked the question: shall the Son of man when He returns or come and find faith upon the earth? **Luke 18: 8**.

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The pure gold was also missing from the Laodicean Church, **Revelation 3: 18**, and was one of the counsels given. How that perfect faith will arise in our lives that we may be released from this prison of sin! Yes, the 'pure gold' of faith is another summit or purpose to gather all who are of such in this union.

33 Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt uphold unto the Lord thine oaths:

Men of old were truly men of honesty and sincerity as seen in the verse by the weight they placed on not lying or committing perjury (forswearing oneself), saying we must do or perform whatever we have promised the Lord to do on oath.

Sincerity is yet another summit or purpose of the union. God is Light and in Him there is no darkness at all, **1 John 1: 5**.

40 And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also.

Love is not forceful but suffers long and is kind, **1 Corinthians 13: 4**, nor does it resist evil, more so, if it has the force of the law. We are counseled to allow the sanctions or judgement of the law to have its way that if our coat is taken away we should also be willing to give our cloke.

If the Sovereign Lord permits it we too are to allow it, for though they meant it for evil God means it for the good of their salvation that they might be sealed, **Genesis 50: 20**. Do you not know that the goodness of the Lord leads to repentance, **Romans 2: 4**.

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Yea, another summit or purpose of the union is to bring forth good out of evil, and the souls whom God hath foresaw unto His salvation, **Romans 8: 29-30**. Hence Jesus had suffered, bled and died to redeem such.

PERFECT LOVE:

V48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Perfect love casts out all fear, for where there is fear there is torment. And he that fears is not made perfect in love, **1 John 4: 18**. Perfect peace has they that know Thy Law and nothing shall offend them. The Law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul, **Psalms 19: 7**. Thy Law is truth, **Psalms 119: 142**. The Law was our School Master to bring us unto Christ, **Galatians 3: 24**.

Sanctify them through Thy Truth, Thy Word is truth, **John 17: 17**. And the Words I speak are Spirit and they are life, **John 6: 63**. And He gave some Apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists and some Pastors and some Teachers. For the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry till we all come in the unity of the faith unto the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the fullness (Sheh-bah) of Christ. **Ephesians 4: 13**. Jesus by example shows us exactly how and what the Father is like, being Perfect (Sheh-bah) or Holy.

God's purpose or summit, wholeness, holiness or perfection (Sheh-bah), will be fully realized in the last days when the 144, 000 from the Twelve Tribes of Israel are sealed and the great multitude which no man could number, **Revelation 7: 1-9**. These have no guile in their mouths and they did not defile themselves with woman for they are virgins and they followed the Lamb whithersoever He goes, **Revelation 14: 4-5**. They will come aside and rest awhile with Him on Mount Zion, **Revelation 14: 1**.

How do we attain unto this summit or purpose of perfection or holiness?

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Firstly, we must identify it as the goal or standard to aim for: be thou perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect! Remember, we were first made in the image of God and after their likeness, for they said let us make man in our image and after our likeness, **Genesis 1: 26**. Therefore, this is our purpose and the summit of man in this life to be like God, perfect. In the progressive recount we continue to identify what else must be done for this to be realized:

6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Son be careful what you set your heart upon, for whatever a man sets his heart upon that he shall surely receive. Yes, whosoever desires, hungers and thirsts after righteousness will be so filled. These, indeed, are happy and are blessed! The end of the desire is the infilling. So set your heart upon the things that are above even as God is set upon the throne of His Mercy Seat between the Cherubims.

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Righteousness, the Character or image of God, is the savour of the 'salt of the earth' or simply put: righteousness is the savour of holiness or perfection (Sheh-bah or 7: the earth being an allusion to the 7th Day Sabbath or Holy Day). And if holiness has lost its savour (righteousness) it is good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under the foot of men. When God made all things, remember, He pronounced them good. Therefore, we will not cease to hunger and thirst after righteousness that we will always be filled with the infilling of God by His Spirit!

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20 For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

The righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees is not complete, perfect or holy. A substandard goal or objective according to the customs and traditions of man will not allow us to enter the kingdom of Heaven or the kingdom of the Lofty One. God's love is so high we can't get over it, so low we can't get under it, so wide we can't get around it; we must just accept it and do accordingly.

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

There is but one Lord, one faith and one baptism, **Ephesians 4: 5**. Therefore, we will not defile ourselves with women, for we heed the commandment of old: thou shalt not commit adultery! We will keep ourselves faithful to that pure religion and undefiled, **James 1: 27**.

34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:

We do not join ourselves to our Father in Heaven by swearing any at all but by the sincerity of our love: speaking the truth in love, **Ephesians 4: 15**, saying yea or nay we obey. In our mouth there is no guile, **Revelation 14: 5**, deceit or hypocrisy.

41 And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.

We are thoroughly converted submissive and humble going the extra mile in every situation of our experience.

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THE HOUSE (PRESENCE OF THE LORD):

V7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

He hath shown thee O Man what the Lord requires, but to love mercy, do justly and walk humbly with thy God, **Micah 6: 8**. The summit, the end or reward of being merciful is the fruit or reward of mercy, for as a man sows even so shall he also reap, **Galations 6: 7**. God just doesn't sit on the Mercy Seat of His Throne, His whole House, His Sanctuary, is **Bethesda**, **John 5**, the House of all Mercies. Those who are merciful of a truth have received of His mercies: forgiveness and cleansing from sins, they are made whole and become the channels for His Mercy. Glory! Hallelujah!

To reach the summit of the Mountain to hear directly from God we must be merciful, this is one of the attitudes we must be, and the others to gain audience in His Presence in His House or Sanctuary are enumerated in this recount of the House of Mercy:

- 1 The Mountain grandeur aptly depicts the loftiness of Christ to which he ascends and set himself upon which His disciples and followers climb. The multitude are left behind at the foot of the mountain, for though He is lofty and awesome yet He condescends by His grace to the lowest depths of the earth to LIFT UP and save His people but He invites His disciples to come aside and rest awhile.
- 2 They climbed to hear from and to have communion with Him so He opened His mouth and taught them saying,
- 3 The first step to ascend the mountain is the attitude of recognizing our spiritual poverty, these along with the merciful are truly happy and are blessed. For all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God freely accepting redemption which is in Jesus Christ our Lord, **Romans 3: 23**.

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- 4 The other step to ascend follows on from the first, if ye acknowledge and sense your spiritual poverty then you will take the next step of mourning, for godly sorrowing works repentance which needs not be repented of, **2 Corinthians 7: 10**. And they who mourn are happy as they will be comforted. For He hath appointed to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning and 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**.
- 5 The third step naturally follows from godly sorrowing for sins: for except ye become converted and become as little children ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. The hallmark of children is meekness and it is a sign of conversion, if any man be in Christ behold He is a new creation, old things have passed away, behold all things have become new, **2 Corinthians 5: 17**. Truly such are blessed and are happy, the earth is their inheritance.
- 6 The fourth step also naturally follows on from the previous this is the momentum of ascending. The gravity of the Spirit has a push even as the law of gravity has a pull. The meek as children have a natural appetite, a hunger and thirst after righteousness. To them is promised that they shall be filled. Happy too are these as mercy and truth are met, **Psalms 85: 10**, the friendship begins, the intimacy of the Spirit that is to follow is covered in the next recount as it relates to righteousness, the filling from God's Presence in the body Temple or Sanctuary.

THE CITY (PLACE OF THE SPIRIT):

V14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

The reference to a City set on a hill is to that of Jerusalem (Yaw-raw, Yaw-raw, salem: flow as water or rain peace) which was built on 7 such summits being the summit that gives light unto the whole world. It was the City of the Sanctuary or the House of the Mercy of God, the Eternal Spirit!

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God is Light and in Him there is no darkness at all, **1 John 1: 5**. As children of Light and inhabitants of the City of Light we are to make our light shine. As we continue to ascend the Loft of the Mountain to reach unto where Christ is set, our lights will become more visible and will not be hid. Let's continue the recount looking at the City of Light, the place of the Spirit:

- 8 The next step of purity which is the summit of the heart follows on from the filling of righteousness. These having communion with the Spirit shall see God. Happy are they!
- 9 The intimacy intensifies as righteousness and peace shall kiss each other or kindle a flame, **Psalms 85: 10**. Yea, we have reached the summit of peace: blessed or happy are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.
- 10 All those who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution so we are warned that at this height: blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you for righteousness sake; for yours is the kingdom of heaven. Warned, that we take heed lest our light goes out.
- 11 And blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. This, know that tribulations works patience and patience experience and experience hope. And hope makes us not ashamed for the love of God is shed forth into our hearts by the Holy Ghost, **Romans 5: 5**.
- 12 We are now told to rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is our reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. We therefore complain not for godliness with contentment is great gain, **1 Timothy 6: 6**.
- 13 At the top of the summit we are counseled: ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under the foot of men.

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As followers of Christ we are the reason that the earth is preserved unto the day of judgement and we add also the saviour.

IT'S CUSTOM PRESERVING LIFE (GENESIS):

V21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

From the summit of time, the ancient of days, comes this saying: Thou shalt not kill as recorded in the 6th commandment of the Decalogue, and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgement.

The dictates of God's Law to preserve life changes not for He says I am God and I changeth not, therefore, ye sons of Jacob are not consumed, **Malachi 3: 6**.

Though the generation, age, period, or time changes yet the requirements of God's Law are immutable and doesn't change, for the Law of the Lord is perfect (cannot be improved on) converting the soul, **Psalms 19: 7**. We will continue to review the custom of the Law in the presence of Christ:

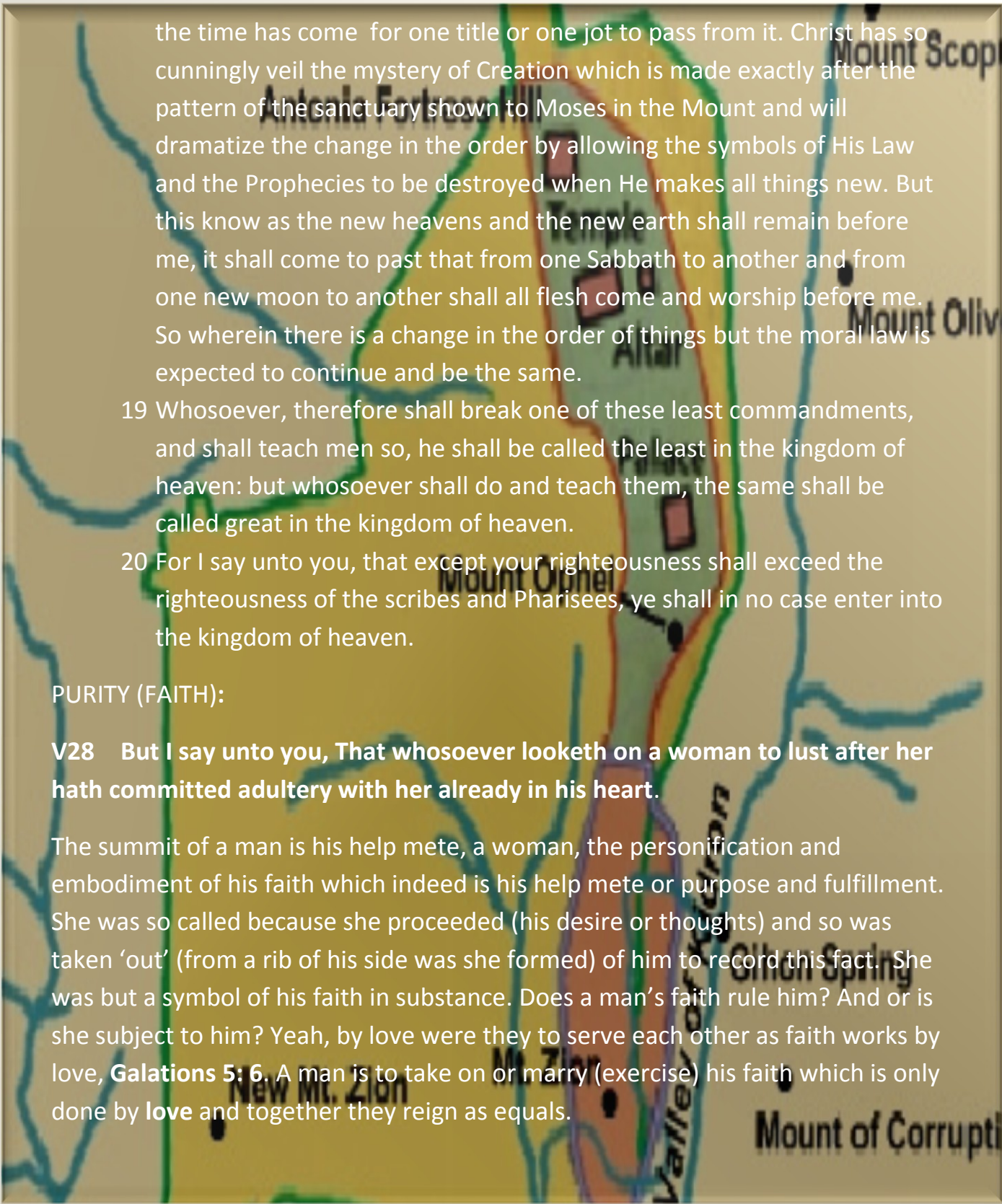
15 Having prepared our hearts and having the correct attitude to be taught and receive the doctrines of God Christ now teaches further His new creation. As men do not light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house even so Christ doesn't baptizes His disciples with the Holy Ghost and fire but for them to be witnesses of Him unto the World, **Matthew 3: 11**.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Rise and shine for your light has come and the glory of the Lord shall shine upon you, **Isaiah 60: 1**.

17 Christ has the Word of God could not have come to destroy the Law; He being the Spirit of Prophecy and giving His Testimony, **Matthew 5: 17**, could not be to destroy the Prophets, it must verily be to fulfill the messages He gave to His Prophets before His time of coming.

18 Heaven and earth which depicts the Law of God is used as the thermostat in this verse to see if the boiling point has been reached or

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the time has come for one title or one jot to pass from it. Christ has so cunningly veil the mystery of Creation which is made exactly after the pattern of the sanctuary shown to Moses in the Mount and will dramatize the change in the order by allowing the symbols of His Law and the Prophecies to be destroyed when He makes all things new. But this know as the new heavens and the new earth shall remain before me, it shall come to pass that from one Sabbath to another and from one new moon to another shall all flesh come and worship before me. So wherein there is a change in the order of things but the moral law is expected to continue and be the same.

19 Whosoever, therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

PURITY (FAITH):

V28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

The summit of a man is his help mete, a woman, the personification and embodiment of his faith which indeed is his help mete or purpose and fulfillment. She was so called because she proceeded (his desire or thoughts) and so was taken 'out' (from a rib of his side was she formed) of him to record this fact. She was but a symbol of his faith in substance. Does a man's faith rule him? And or is she subject to him? Yeah, by love were they to serve each other as faith works by love, **Galations 5: 6**. A man is to take on or marry (exercise) his faith which is only done by **love** and together they reign as equals.

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In the generic application the woman was named: Eve, by Adam, which means: the mother of all living. But, how can this be, seeing she was not made first but last? This is because in type, she embodies faith, which is the means by which God made all that was created and made, HENCE SHE IS THE MOTHER OF ALL.

So then Eve, the woman or faith is even the summit of life. The just shall live by faith, **Habakkuk 2: 4**, and by faith we establish the law, **Romans 3: 31**, and the law tends to life.

The boundary is set in this verse no man is to look or behold a woman to lust after her that is forbidden by the law contained in the 7th Commandment of the Decalogue for thus he commits adultery in his heart with her: for as a man thinks in his heart even so his he, **Proverbs 23: 7**.

But if they are married the law excludes this sin: for marriage is holy and the bed undefiled, but whoremongers and adulterers the Lord will judge, **Hebrews 13: 4**. The law permits a man and woman that belong to each other or married to lust or desire each other.

So then we fulfill the purpose for which we were made when we marry, take on or exercise our faith which works only by love, hence the more excellent way counsel inferred by Paul: to covet or lust after charity or love and THEN desire or follow after spiritual gifts, **1 Corinthians 14: 39**. Thus a man's faith by love is to serve him in being ennobled. So this affair of the heart begins with its desires manifested in the thoughts, hence, thy words have I hid in my heart so that I might not sin against thee, **Psalms 119: 11**, and the Law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul, **Psalms 19: 7**, we shall now review the other summit(s) that proceed out as **light or life** there from the heart in the presence of our Lofty Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ:

22 Remember, son do thy diligence to guard the avenues of thy soul for out of it proceeds the issues of life, **Proverbs 4: 23**. Thus the words and action which proceed from the heart are the summit of life.

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- And out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks, **Matthew 12: 34**, from whence comes anger, malice and strife which are not to be excused except as noted herein. None is permitted by the Lord to be angry with his brother without a just cause. And none is permitted to speak derogatively of anyone, saying raca or thou worthless and or even to say thou fool. Otherwise the one who offends accordingly shall be danger of the judgement, the counsel and even hell fire
- 23 Even that which is placed atop or the summit of the altar, our gifts, doesn't prevent the Spirit from reprovng of sin, **John 16: 8**, that the offence (ought) committed for which the offering is made is highlighted or brought back to memory in the thoughts.
- 24 The acceptance of Christ's sacrifice in our behalf is subjugated to us acknowledging our sins. The summit of the new birth, being born again, is that which must be done first: being reconciled one to another or repentance that the offering of Christ be accepted in our behalf.
- 25 Agreement or reconciliation is presented as the summit by the Lord to prevent a pending litigation by an adversary or opposition that would result in the judge delivering the accused to the officer who then will execute the judgement of imprisonment.
- 26 Verily or of a truth if the foregoing is ignored then the judgement stands and the penalty is the summit, the highest or uttermost farthing, before the guilty can come out or is released. Consider this as chastening from the Lord for us above all things to forgive, reconcile, agree and be at peace one with another.
- 27 Yea, the act of adultery is but the summit of the thoughts, for as a man thinks in his heart even so is he, **Proverbs 23: 7**. So the command of old time not to commit adultery infers a man to be diligent to guard the avenues of his soul for out of it proceed the issues of life. Thy words have I hid in my heart so that I might not sin against thee is what needs to be done for the heart to be sealed unto righteousness.

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HOLINESS (LEVI):

V35 Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King.

The great King of the capital city of Jerusalem typifies the great King of the Universe for whom the earth is His footstool. The application in this verse is understood accordingly as that which proceeds the colon explains that which comes before or visa, versa.

So then the great King of the Universe is in the midst of or joined to His people at Jerusalem for there is where or the place He puts His Name, **1 Kings 11: 36**.

Similarly, there is another parallel which needs to be understood from the verse which is: the Earth as the 4th 'bullet point' in the solar system (atop, above or at the summit sits the Lord upon its circle, **Isaiah 40: 22**,) or symbol for the 4th Commandment or the 7th Day Sabbath as a footstool of the Great King of the Universe is the means by which His Presence is joined unto His people each week. It is because of the Presence of He who is Holy (Sheh-bah) why the 7th Day Sabbath is holy. Glory! Hallelujah!

This verse began with the word 'Nor' and continued with 'neither' after the colon which tells you that the thoughts that follow both words are but extensions from the original thought in the previous verse. The previous verse spoke to discontinuing the practice of swearing. Therefore by extension the earth and the city of Jerusalem should not be used as objects for swearing and given the application highlighted above which explains the meaning of the verse we also know that the practice of swearing by an adjuration called 'sevening' oneself must also be discontinued, however, the counsel is not understood to include an adjuration by affirmation, profession or repeating the thing seven times which is a call upon Him, the Holy One of Israel to perform what is so affirm as Namaan adjured washing 7 times in Jordan for healing, **2 Kings 5: 11-15**, or the Children of Israel going around Jericho's walls for 7 days and 7 times on the 7th day.

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So, therefore, upon the summit of the 7 hills is the City of the Great King, Jerusalem where the Lord had placed His Name, likewise, the summit of the week, the 7th Day Sabbath, is the time LIKE THE PLACE which is made holy by the Presence of the Lord. So the Lord is joined unto His people by His Sanctuary at Jerusalem and is 7th Day Sabbath.

So the City of Jerusalem and the Sabbath are but the tabernacle for the Holy One (Sheh-bah) and His people who are the inhabitants of the city of lights must be holy or separated unto Him.

In the recount we shall review the things we need to put away or off to be joined unto and tabernacle with the Lord at His Lofty Dwelling Place and among His holy congregation as inhabitants of the city of lights:

- 29 Pluck out or put away the 'right eye' which offends, understood to mean the eye of adultery or the lust of the eye or flesh, **1 John 2: 16**. This is plausible as it is better to enter life maimed without one member of the body than for the whole body to be cast into hell.
- 30 Similarly, cut off and cast away the 'right hand' which offends, understood to mean works of sin, for the same reason as before.
- 31 The writing of divorcement in and of itself does not justify putting away one's wife
- 32 Putting away one's wife is only justified by fornication. Therefore, the husband that does so except for this cause is accountable for her committing adultery and the one who remarries her also commits adultery.
- 33 The custom of old is to put away or off forswearing (committing perjury or lies) and performing the oaths made unto the Lord.
- 34 The counsel for our time though is that we should put off or away and not swear at all, neither by Heaven which is God's Throne. We should be holiness to be joined unto the Lord, **Jeremiah 2: 3**.

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AND THE INHABITANTS OF LIGHTS (NUMBERS):

V42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

Those who have been blessed with much are so to bless others who have little that none of Israel has any lack. All so numbered of Israel are provided for by the multitude of the blessings (like the manna in the wilderness for 40 years) the Lord bestows on His people and we are all channels of the blessings of the Lord to those who have need in the congregation even as we have received of His mercies and become channels thereof.

If we obey, it would lead to a settling of all in the truth and a spiritual development and awakening like that of Pentecost when the brethren held all things in common and none say anything he had was his own, none would have the need or opportunity to **lie, steal or covet** as Achan, Ananias and Sapphira, **Joshua 7: 1-24 & Acts 5**, if all were godly and contented, **1 Timothy 6: 6**.

Therefore, let us all comply with the dictates of the verse in being generous, compassionate and kind to both give and lend to those who exercise their faith in asking of us to drive the sealing and settling of God's Church in the truth.

If ye have love one to another then will the world believe that ye are my disciples and that the Father had sent me says Jesus, **John 17: 21**. We shall continue to review what is expected or the summit of those who are sealed or settled in God's truth in the presence of Jesus, remember, those that are Christ's has crucified the flesh and the lusts, thereof, **Galations 5: 24**:

36 Neither do they swear by the summit of their body, the Head (this extends to Christ who is the Head of the Church, the body of Christ) as they cannot make one hair white or black.

37 Their communication from the summit of the heart, the mouth, is simple: yea, yea or nay, nay. If any man offend not in word he is a perfect man mark him, **James 3: 2**.

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38 The preeminence of or summit of judgement or equity in the kingdom was said to be that of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

39 The counsel of faith instead is captured in 'turning the other cheek' of the summit of the head when the right cheek is smitten in that we must not resist evil.

40 Likewise if any man would use the instrument of the Law to sue and take away our coat we are to give him also our cloak.

41 And if we are compelled by anyone to go a mile we are to go twain.

