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AT THE TABLE OF THE LORD

BLESSED

As we come here this morning, bowing down before God, we thank Him for His blessings showered upon us, granted in His mercy and grace His blessings began with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden itself being a blessing:

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good .” Genesis 1:27-28,31.

And further:

“...God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.” Genesis 2:3.

As time went by, God blessed Abram.

“... Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing;

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.” Genesis 12:1-3.

Thus began the hope of a nation which would be blessed in the mercy and grace of God, if they were obedient to His word.

The word “blessed” is found 48 times in the book of Genesis, as God’s purpose is revealed under His blessing. The hope of Israel is extended to all those who look to God with thanksgiving, who know His purpose, are obedient to His commands, and so receive His blessing.

John in his vision looked:

"... and, lo, a Lamb (Jesus) stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers, harping with their harps:

And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God." Revelation 14:1-2,5.

Those who are among the 144,000 of the Lamb are to go forth to conquer the enemies of the Almighty. The Almighty's blessings will have continued for the faithful, from the time of Adam and Eve, to the end of God's purpose with the earth.

"... that God may be all in all." I Corinthians 15:28.

We live in a time when the Lord Jesus may soon return to accomplish God's purpose. We, brethren and sisters, have been cleansed by the waters of baptism, the old man of flesh having been crucified, and a new man born of the Spirit having been established, striving through God's mercy and grace to be obedient to His commandments. Jesus spoke to His disciples:

"... If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Matthew 16:24.

Jesus never sinned, and obeyed God's word until His death on the cross. We fail, we do sin, and are blessed in the provision of the Lord Jesus as a means of forgiveness and redemption. We must take up our cross, deny the old man of flesh, and strive to be a brother or sister of the Lord Jesus, pleasing to our Father, by obeying His word, as He spoke through His prophet, Isaiah:

"... though the LORD give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." Isaiah 30:20-21.

If we turn from the strait and narrow path of God's way, we are helped by His chastening and correcting, thus directing us back

to the way of righteousness, which leads to the kingdom of God. His commandments are signposts, leading us unto the right way of God.

David was one who knew God's blessing, as "a man after mine (God's) own heart" (Acts 13:22). He expressed his blessing:

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul (spirit): he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."

Psalm 23:1-3,6.

What great blessings David knew during his life, and also looking to the promised inheritance to come! Further, we are helped by David's words in Psalm 136, as he exclaimed:

"O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever."

Psalm 136:26.

Indeed, we are greatly blessed, as the Almighty's mercy and grace never fails for those who heed His words: "... This is the way, walk ye in it" (Isaiah 30:21).

Paul had a 'thorn' in his flesh, as we read:

"... lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan (flesh) to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

And he said unto me. My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

II Corinthians 12:7-9.

The thorn in his flesh was God's mercy and grace, reminding Paul that the hurt of the fleshly infirmity was a help, not a hindrance, in his determination to glorify God by obedience to His blessing.

The Lord Jesus brought blessing to:

“... a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any.

Came behind him, and touched the border (hem) of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchèd.

And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee, and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?

And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.

And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.

And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.” Luke 8:43-48.

Jesus’ virtue - power, might, miracle - blessed her because of her faith when she touched the border (hem) of his garment. The border of Jesus’ garments was in obedience to God’s law:

“Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garment throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:

And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them: and that ye seek not after your own heart, and your own eyes....

That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.” Numbers 15:38-40.

All the children of Israel would have this blue ribband to remind them of God’s commandments. The woman with an issue had such a ribband, and Jesus also, which would remind them of God’s commandments, as they put on and took off their garments. This woman knew of Jesus’ power, as He never failed to keep the word of God That virtue, that power blessed the woman, even though Jesus did not see her touch His borders. He knew her faith, her trust, that He could heal her issue.

Paul helped his brethren, as he wrote:

“Be careful (be anxious about) for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7.

How greatly blessed we are by the Almighty, in times when we are anxious, overly careful, in our daily living, with illness, adversity and enmity. We need His help! David was one who sought God’s blessing in times of trouble:

“I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.

Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.

Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings.”

Psalm 17:6-8.

We are few, who are striving to give glory unto the Almighty, in the hope of being under His wings. Jesus spoke to His disciples:

“... he opened his mouth and taught them, saying.

Blessed are-

The poor, they that mourn, the meek, those who hunger after

righteousness; who are merciful, pure in heart, peacemakers, persecuted for righteousness, when men shall revile you.

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

Matthew 5:2-12.

Let us, brethren and sisters, rejoice in the blessing of the LORD, looking toward the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ:

“Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.”

Revelation 22:14.

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**“THIS MAN WAS BORN THERE”**

**Psalm 87:6**

This psalm written by David is entitled:

“A Psalm or Song for the sons of Korah”.

The “sons of Korah” translates as, “those being made smooth” and speaks of the process of smoothing a rough surface by continual wear. In a spiritual sense, the flesh is perfected into a man of spirit by submitting to tribulation upon him, wearing away the rough surfaces of his flesh nature in order to become spiritually acceptable to God.

In this short seven-verse psalm, David twice refers to “Selah” which means, “value it considering the end”. This is a term that points our eyes forward to the end of God’s purpose in the kingdom age, as seen in verses 1-3:

“His foundation is in the holy mountains.

The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah”.

Psalm 87:1-3.

Throughout this psalm, David focuses upon Jerusalem, which is known as the city of David. The glorious things spoken of Jerusalem will become a reality only when the kingdom age arrives, for then will that city be the capital of God’s kingdom on earth.

David also speaks of the love which God has for Zion or Jerusalem - the ultimate dwelling place of Christ and His saints, from which righteousness will flow to the entire earth.

“And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her.

The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah”

Psalm 87:5-6.

When any travel today and cross into another country, the first question asked by customs officials is, “where were you born?” Our

citizenship or where we were born, is a vital part of our identity. In a spiritual sense, it will be very important in the kingdom age to be associated with Jerusalem and if "born there", one will be known as a part of that righteous reign.

John in the Revelation given him, saw the bride of Christ identified as "new Jerusalem", because they with Christ their Redeemer, will reign as kings and priests, dispensing righteous judgment from Jerusalem. The old order of man's unrighteousness will be erased throughout the world and replaced with the Spirit's righteous judgment.

Paul encouraged his Hebrew brethren to keep to the path which would lead them to the end promised - in order to be part of that new Jerusalem when Christ returns:

"But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,  
To the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect." Hebrews 12:22-23.

That "church of the first-born" is part of new Jerusalem - the spiritual birthplace of those who have been redeemed through the blood of Christ - all those from the time of Adam who have in God's mercy, been found approved at Christ's judgment seat and thus granted the gift of immortality.

The prophet Isaiah teaches those of his day of this same hope of being part of new Jerusalem:

"Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. But there the glorious LORD will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby. For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us"  
Isaiah 33:20-22.

Historically Jerusalem has not been a city of “solemnities” - a sacred place upon which God’s eyes are fixed, for it has been the site of countless wars, suffering under the conquest of many nations. But just as Jerusalem has suffered through the reign of men, at the return of Christ the city shall be founded as the capital of Christ’s realm, which will cover the entire earth. Paul speaks of this glorious time in his letter to the Romans:

“For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, there shall come out of Sion the deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.”

Romans 11:25-27.

This will be a time when national pride will be centered on one nation alone - Israel. Regardless of what part of the world people live, they will desire to be known as a spiritual Israelite, if they endeavor to please God.

This will be very different from what has been experienced over the years - even unto today, as many nations publicly despise Israel and seek to harm her. Some of the Arab nations are kept at bay from attacking Israel only because of their superior military prowess and the backing of their allies. While others like Iran, are very public with their hateful rhetoric, even refusing Israel’s right to exist as a nation. However, at the return of Christ, all those who seek Israel’s destruction will be themselves destroyed:

“And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the LORD of hosts.”

Malachi 3:11-12.

Throughout His word, God has made known His devotion and love for Jerusalem and her people. To be born there, is what

every man who seek's God's approval will desire, when Christ's kingdom on earth is established. For out of Jerusalem will go forth righteous judgment, unlike the corruption of man's system.

When the responsible to God's word appear at Christ's judgment seat, their deeds will be weighed. Have they endeavored to overcome their natural flesh nature with spiritual understanding and obedience, or have they succumbed to the flesh's perversions? If they are deemed worthy, they will be granted the gift of eternal life - to live and reign with Christ as His brethren and sisters from Jerusalem. In David's words, he portrays these righteous individuals as those who "are born there:"

"The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the people,  
that this man was born there. Selah."

Psalm 87:6.

Let us endeavor Brethren and Sisters to walk uprightly before the Lord during our time of probation, that we may hope to be counted as citizens of that city, when He returns.

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**“HEART OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN.”**

**Malachi 4:6**

Oh! how failing are some of the fathers. How striking was the news recently, we will quote some of it:-

“Twenty eight children seized in raids as police smash begging ring. Police smashed a massive child-trafficking ring. - - - A total of one hundred and three were found, most part of families. It is believed the youngsters were trained - - - and brought to Britain to steal and beg - - - who used them to claim - - - in state benefits. - - - The Scotland Yard (police) probe exposes the shocking scale of the crisis in Britain.”

These young people were aged between three and seventeen. Police believe each child is worth a hundred thousand pounds a year to those who exploit them. One very young child was found, (with others) suffering bruising and facial injuries, was taken to hospital. A leading police officer commented:-

“These children are exploited by gangs and in some cases their own parents. - - - Parents are told - - - they can earn money if they give up their child (to be taken abroad).”

They are used to beg, steal, and take part in state benefit frauds. Some people have complained they have been plagued by “children running amok”. One mother, who had ten children, doubtless sought for a large family, to go along for some of the benefits of having, such a position. One police Inspector said:-

“The most visible aspects of the profits - - - are the building of large houses, the purchase of vehicles, and the possession of disposable cash. - - -”

As we consider the arising in the world of failing family love and concern, the question we ask is, “What does the scripture say about this?.” Let us look at some verses:-

“Behold, I will send Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

Malachi 4:5-6.

Very great events are coming to this world, which are to deal with failing world family situations. The New Testament tells us:

Jesus said, concerning John the Baptist:-

"And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was to come."

Matthew 11:14.

And Luke's gospel record says concerning John the Baptist's work:-

"And he shall go before him (Christ) in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

Luke 1:17.

Failure by present day society, with their children is going to be put right by a Heavenly Overruling. And we see in the present day media reporting, how necessary and good will be that Heavenly overruling which is coming!

A BIBLE CLASS

**"THEY HAVE NO CHANGES"**

Psalm 55:19

In this Psalm, David sought help from God against those who were his enemies:

"Give ear to my prayer. O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication. Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

And I said, O that I had wings like a dove! For then would I fly away, and be at rest."

Psalm 55 :1-3,5-6

What was David's situation which was responsible for his oppression? David mourned:

"... it was not an enemy that reproached me, then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him.

But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.

We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.

Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell (grave); for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them"

Psalm 55:12-15.

Absalom, David's son, sought to take the kingdom away from David, and said to his father:

"... let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron.

For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode ... then I will serve the LORD.

And the king (David) sad unto him, Go in peace: so he arose, and went to Hebron.” II Samuel 15:7-9.

Absalom did not go to make a vow, but rather:

“... sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron.”

II Samuel 15:10.

David’s own son, Absalom, took over the kingdom of Israel, David fled from Jerusalem lest Absalom should slay him! The Almighty saved David, while Absalom was killed, and the kingdom was returned to David. Absalom did not change from his evil ways, and did not fear God.

David feared God and kept His covenant. However, he did fail in the matter concerning Bath-sheba, resulting in adultery, the killing of Uriah, and coveting his neighbor’s wife. These three offenses under the law were subject to death by stoning. However, God sent Nathan, His prophet, to reveal David’s failures, and David changed his spirit, as he cried out:

“... I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin, thou shalt not die.

Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.”

II Samuel 12:13-14.

The fear of God was in David’s heart, and he changed his thinking, seeking forgiveness and God’s mercy, lest he die!

Paul is also an example of having changed his way of persecuting the followers of Jesus, as the light from above made him blind on his way to Damascus. What was his response?

“... he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.” Acts 9:6.

Paul feared the Lord, and changed his spirit, giving his life in obedience to God and the Lord Jesus. He was able to say after over 30 years:

“... I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”  
II Timothy 4:6-8.

For 30 years Paul changed from an enemy of God, to an apostle who gave his life, because of his love for God and His Son, the Lord Jesus.

In contrast, we have the example of Judas Iscariot, who was one of Jesus’ twelve apostles:

“... and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him”  
Matthew 10:4.

Judas betrayed Jesus, obtaining thirty pieces of silver for his betrayal:

“... lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he: hold him fast.

And forthwith he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.

And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.”

Matthew 26:47-50.

Judas did not change but continued his betrayal; he did not fear the Lord. Also he revealed his mind as he called Jesus: “Hail, master; and kissed him” - not changing from his hypocrisy.

We all fail, we all sin; we need to strive to change our ways, seeking God’s mercy and grace, in the hope of eternal life when the Lord Jesus comes to gather His people to His right hand.

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## THE BARREN FIG TREE

We have read in Luke's record, the Lord Jesus' parable of the barren fig tree and its implied message of working through a lack of spirituality with repentance.

The 13th chapter of Luke begins with some in the multitude telling Jesus of the fate of some Galilaeans:

"There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices." Luke 13:1.

After hearing of this report, the Lord Jesus answers:

"... Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Luke 13:2-3.

It seems obvious from His answer that His audience felt these victims were deserving of their fate because they were sinful. The Lord Jesus told them this was NOT the case and boldly stated that all men are sinners and without repentance deserve to perish. Their attitude seemed to be one of self-righteousness, lacking in humility while deeming themselves more worthy than others. Because of their attitude, the Lord Jesus went on to teach the parable of the fig tree:

"... A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none, Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down." Luke 13:6-9.

This fig tree brought forth no fruit - a striking example to remind us of what God looks for in His people - fruitful works pleasing to Him. This tree was planted for only one reason - to bring forth fruit. After three years it had not produced and the master of the vineyard told his dresser to cut it down - it was worthless in his eyes and taking up room that another tree could occupy.

However, the dresser pleaded for time to redeem the tree. He

would dig and fertilize around the tree, cultivating it in hopes it would become more fruitful in the future. This speaks of how much we too need to change to cultivate and change our own living - repenting of past unfruitful habits and be nurtured through God's word and ways. John the Baptist taught in a like manner:

"Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." Luke 3:8-9.

John was speaking to his fellow Jews - God's people called out to serve Him and bring forth fruit that they might be at one with Him. Their lineage through Abraham did not give them an automatic pass into the kingdom of God (as some of them thought) - for God is able to give their inheritance to others more faithful than they.

Many hearing John's sober warning were touched and asked, "What shall we do then?" To each he gave guidance how they might live an honorable and righteous life before God.

John the Baptist's role was to prepare the people for the coming of the Christ by teaching them of the need for repentance. When Christ came, He likewise taught the good news of the kingdom of God but also the need for repentance - for the way to that kingdom was at hand before their very eyes, if they would but hear and obey.

Not many did hear and were as the barren fig tree, yet others like the twelve disciples did respond to His teachings and followed Him. So too were the company of faithful believers who followed Him on his journey to Calvary:

"And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him."

Luke 23:27.

Early in His ministry the Lord Jesus reminded the multitude that followed Him to be careful in discerning false prophets from those preaching the way of righteousness:

"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

Matthew 7:15-20.

Peter also drew upon the same thoughts as he wrote of the need for repentance and humility in order to please the Lord at His coming:

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

II Peter 3:9.

All are in need of repentance - just as the dresser of the vineyard pleaded with the owner for more time to give that fig tree another chance to bring forth fruit. Whether that tree was successful in bringing forth fruit we are not told. It really doesn't matter for the message is clear - to be fruitful is to be pleasing. However, if that tree continues to be barren, it will be cut down and destroyed.

There is none that do not need repentance - for all flesh is prone to sin. Only one man was able to restrain His flesh through a perfect understanding of God's word and love for His Father, resulting in a sinless life - the Lord Jesus Christ.

For we who experience the frailty of our flesh nature, repentance and an approach to God for forgiveness through Christ our Mediator, is our only means of mending the breach we have created through our own failure:

"... what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it?

And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

Luke 15:8-10.

M.C.S.

## SIGNS OF HIS COMING

“The King of the south (shall) push at him. . .”

Daniel 11:40

The above prophecy is speaking about the time of the end. Who will the king of the south be opposed to? The prophecy of Ezekiel tells us of a great power which is to come from the north parts, we will quote the meaningful words:-

“ - - - son of man, prophecy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord God; in that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it? And thou shalt come from thy place OUT OF THE NORTH PARTS, thou and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army; And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; IT SHALL BE IN THE LATTER DAYS, and I will bring thee against my land that the (NATIONS) may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.”

Ezekiel 38:14-16.

The United Kingdom in these last days, though having a tradition of inclination, to the United State of America, is, and has been very much also towards the Common Market of Europe. But though there is this inclination, nevertheless a strong towardness persists towards the U.S.A. We ask the question, To what do we look at in this last time, to see in it a group that can be spoken of as the King of the South? European nations of the Common Market, calling themselves EEC, are greatly allied, but Britain though having such a connection, has an additional association with the United States, and this is significant. Yes, because of this I think we can say that the United Kingdom, in its towardness to the USA can be called jointly to be “the King of the South”. This scripture tells us that such a position is to prepare these English speaking people for a special purpose concerning Israel, who are called to be God’s people. As various political efforts of the nations continue, Britain and the United States do have a special regard for each other. We will quote a report in the media, which does strike us in its significance:-

“Throughout its inglorious history the European Union has liked to regard itself as a force for stability. Indeed the

bureaucrats of Brussels frequently argue that the justification for the EU's very existence is its creation of a new era --- . Britain is not in the Eurozone. --- Its passing would be a cause for celebration. ---"

Another U.K. media comment is perhaps appropriate to quote, which we will now do:-

"The European Parliament's demand is outrageous. I do not think it can be in the slightest bit justified."

So world trend moves onwards towards that great day of divine intervention that is coming, when will come to pass the fulfilment of the prophetic words that will take place in the land of the Almighty, concerning which God declares:-

"- - - that the nations may know me, when I shall be Sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes. - - - and the King of the south - - - shall push at him."

Daniel 11:40.

We will conclude this article finally, with a very significant media comment:-

"E.U. treaty calls may force UK to hold a referendum --- after France and Germany demanded a new E.U. treaty within two years. --- the Prime Minister --- has opposed any fresh E.U. institutional changes - - - . (the Prime Minister) has renewed his pledge to hold a popular vote in Britain on any future treaty that passes new power to Brussels - - - the treaty change pact between France and Germany will put (the Prime Minister) on a collision course (with E.E.C. leaders) - - - on 'economic governance' to be held in Brussels - - - EU taxes would fundamentally shift the relationship between Brussels and London!"

## NEWS FROM THE ECCLESIAS FOR JANUARY 2011

Hamburg, NEW YORK, Corner Southwestern Blvd. & Pleasant Avenue.

Sunday: Breaking of Bread 11:30 am

Thursday: Bible Class 3:30pm; Forestville, Hamburg & Fredonia

Every Third Week: Revelation Study

As we look back over the past year, we rejoice in the many blessings our Heavenly Father has granted in His gracious mercy. The knowledge of God's future plan for this earth, allows us to place our living in the proper balance, helping us in overcoming our nature.

We pray for the continuance of God's help through the Lord Jesus to strengthen our spirits, in order to serve God now, while looking forward in hope to doing so eternally.

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## MANCHESTER

Sundays: Breaking of Bread 11.00 a.m.

Thursdays: Bible Class 2.00 p.m.

The New Year has now come along, and as an Ecclesia we continue in God's grace.

Help and provision from Heaven is a very great blessing to us. In what we know from God's holy word, comfort of a glorious hope gives to us a soothing and a rejoicing though we live in a world which is greatly troubled by the failure of mankind to follow the wonderful standard of behaviour shown by Jesus Christ. As we look back at what He showed in the way He lived in this Good Earth what an assurance comes that there will be an ultimate deliverance which will bring joy and peace which is to be everlasting.

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