

# Hear The Shepherd's Voice

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Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel ...." These words, which were spoken by God to the prophet Jeremiah, and thus to the entire nation of Israel, are not a "prophecy," but a "promise." It is the promise of a "New Covenant;" an "everlasting covenant" which would never be broken, either by God or by the people of the covenant. There are two things that we should understand as we go into this message: **first**, this is the covenant that was initiated by the shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ at Calvary. Jesus confirmed this in Matthew 26:28 when He offered the sacraments at "The Last Supper," saying, "...this is **my blood of the new testament** (New Covenant), which is shed for many for the remission of sins." God's promise in Jeremiah 31:31-34 is a promise of the New Covenant, which we call the "Covenant of Grace," which was instituted for the salvation and deliverance of everyone who would receive Jesus as "the Christ of prophecy" and trust in Him. Many teachers of dispensationalism tell us that the "New Covenant" spoken of in Jeremiah 31:31 will not be in force until the "millennial reign of Christ," and that it will be a covenant made with the nation of Israel during that time. They are "unmistakable mistaken." The apostle Paul writes of both the "old" and "new" covenants in Hebrews 8:7-8; "For if that **first covenant** had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for **the second**. For find-

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Many people do not understand the calling of God on a person's life. They may look at you with eyes of disapproval because they do not understand why you don't like the things they like. Many people question why men and women who have been called of God will leave good paying jobs and families and friends to work for the Lord without earthly security or retirement plans. "It's the Calling of God!" And what a high calling it is!

*Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:*

*II Peter 1:10*

God has given "all things that pertain unto life and godliness" to those who have answered the holy calling God has given unto them. He has given "exceeding great and precious promises" to them. These promises are not to fulfill the lusts of the flesh, but that we might be "made partakers of his divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." I have had men working on construction jobs tell me that they would not serve a God that would not let them have fun and party with or have sex with other women. To them, being a Christian is a dull lifestyle, but to those that have partaken of the divine nature and have escaped the corruption that is this world, it is life that cannot be explained by words. If it were just a lifestyle, then you could explain it.

*According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life*

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ing fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah." Paul was not "prophesying" of a covenant with the Jews that would not be in effect for at least another two thousand years from his time; instead, he was telling the Jews about the "New Covenant" that had been instituted by the shedding of the blood of the Son of God on the cross at Calvary. He repeated this great truth in Hebrews 10:14-17, saying, "**For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.** Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, **This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.**"

The second thing we should understand is that the "New Covenant" is the same covenant of blessing that God gave to Abraham in Genesis 22:16-18; "**By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.**" The apostle Paul confirms this great truth in Galatians 3:16-17; "**Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, that THE COVENANT, that was confirmed BEFORE of God in Christ, THE LAW, which was four hundred and thirty years AFTER, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.**" Notice that God's covenant of blessing was confirmed four hundred and thirty years before the law was added. In verse nineteen, the apostle poses a question and answers it in the same verse; "**Wherefore then serveth the law (Why was the Law of Moses added)? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed (Christ, and all who 'trust in Him') should come to whom the promise was made**" (Galatians 3:19).

### An Immutable Covenant

**Hebrews 6:13-18:** "**For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by TWO IMMUTABLE THINGS, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us.**"

Notice the words "two immutable things" which I have capitalized. These two things are the things concerning the New Covenant that God promised and confirmed with an oath. When God "swears by Himself," there is absolutely nothing that can prevent Him from keeping His promise. The first "immutable thing" is the promise to Abraham. "**By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD... I will bless thee... I will multiply thy seed... thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; BECAUSE THOU HAST OBEYED MY VOICE.**" This great promise to Abraham's seed did not depend upon anything that Abraham would do in the future. It was based upon Abraham's "obedience" to God when he offered his son Isaac on the altar at Moriah (Genesis 22:1-18). It was a promise that could not fail. It would not, however, be fulfilled upon a "disobedient and gainsaying people" (Romans 10:21), even if that "people" were the direct descendants of Abraham.

The second "immutable thing" is the priesthood of Jesus Christ, who was made to be a priest "forever" by the oath of God which is first revealed in Psalms 110:4; "**The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a**

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**and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

**II Peter 1:3-4**

When God calls a person to come and partake of the "water of life" freely, it is foolishness to many people. "How can this be," they say." Even though it is foolishness and a stumbling block to many, yet to those who have believed in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, He has become their life, their drink and their bread.

**But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence.**

**II Corinthians 1:23-29**

The call is made to whosoever will to come and take the water of life freely. Will you answer the call of the Spirit today?

**And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.**

**Revelation 22:17**

Please answer the call of God today. Whatever you do, don't let this day pass without surrendering your life to Jesus Christ, the one who loved you and gave His life for you.

"Knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men." People that have answered the call to be a voice for the Lord are responsible to God himself, and He will hold them accountable. I told a church one time that if I did not preach the truth to them, their blood would be on my hands. They did not believe what I said. I had to show them the scripture in the Bible where it says, "When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand (Ezekiel 3:18)." The calling of God has a greater accountability than a doctor, lawyer, judge, or leader of any country, and a greater responsibility than punching a time clock everyday. The carnal mind cannot comprehend the great responsibility of a man or woman who has answered the call of God to be a voice for the Lord.

**(For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.**

**II Corinthians 5:7-11**

**And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.**

**Romans 13:11**

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priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek." The apostle Paul concludes, in Hebrews 7:22, "By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament." Jesus could not have been a priest under the old covenant, the Law of Moses, because He was of the tribe of Judah, and every priest under the law had to be of the tribe of Levi. God's oath that Jesus Christ, His Son, would be a "priest forever," guaranteed that the Law of Moses must be abolished and a new and better covenant must be established upon the "better promises" which were sworn to Abraham. The "New Covenant" was consecrated for us when Jesus, our high priest, offered His own body and blood as a sacrifice to God for the sins of the whole world. He is the "mediator of the New Covenant" (Hebrews 12:24), made so by the unchangeable oath of God, His Father.

## Israel's Transgression

The scripture tells us that "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted unto him for righteousness." God "chose" a nation in Abraham, and desired to set His blessing upon them. That "nation," though few in number when God chose them, was the children of Israel, who were the direct descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob, and became the nation of Israel. The "Law of Moses," which the apostle Paul says "was added because of transgressions" (Galatians 3:19) was given to Israel because of their refusal to hear and obey the voice of God when He spoke to them at Mount Horeb. It was their transgression, and not Adam's, that brought the Law of Moses, which we know as "The Old Covenant," upon them. Adam's disobedience brought sin and death into the world and a curse upon all the earth. Israel's disobedience brought "the curse of the law" upon all of humanity, which could not be lifted until Christ came to "redeem us from the curse of the law" (Galatians 3:13). "Sin" entered through Adam's transgression, but "the law," which could not justify anyone, but only "strengthened the curse of sin" (I Corinthians 15:56), entered through Israel's transgression.

Adam's transgression was that he "disobeyed the voice of God" who had told him, "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17). When God gave the immutable covenant of blessing to Abraham, it was "because thou hast obeyed my voice" (Genesis 22:16-18). When God came down on Mount Horeb to speak audibly to the entire nation of Israel, He first gave a promise to them that was conditional and not immutable; "If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be..." (Exodus 19:5). These were the direct descendants of Abraham, and should have been his "seed of promise." God would have blessed them with all the blessings of His immutable promise to Abraham, but first, they must "hear God" when He speaks, "believe God" as Abraham believed, and "obey His voice" as Abraham also obeyed. Had Adam obeyed the voice of God, he would have lived forever in the paradise of Eden in wonderful fellowship with God, and all his descendants would have lived eternally upon earth without the curse of sin, sickness, and death. Abraham "believed God," and he also "obeyed the voice of God." It was his obedience that caused God to "swear by Himself" an immutable promise to Abraham "and his seed" that could not fail. The children of Israel, however, who were Abraham's natural seed, refused to even listen to God at Horeb. According to the words of the apostle Paul in Hebrews 12:25, they "...refused Him that spake" from the mountain. They cried to Moses, "Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die" (Exodus 20-19).

It was the "Ten Commandments" that God had spoken audibly to the children of Israel. Forty years later, Moses reminded the congregation of the day God came down on Horeb to speak to them. He related to them the commandments God had spoken, and said, "He added no more" (Deuteronomy 5:22). If the children of Israel had "drawn near" to the mountain and "listened attentively" when God spoke (the Hebrew word translated "obey" means to "hear intelligently"), God's words would have been "written in their heart." When the people "drew back" and refused to even listen to His words, God said to Moses, "O that there

were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever!" (Deuteronomy 5:29). True obedience to God can only come out of a "heart" that is right with God. The children of Israel transgressed against God exactly as Adam had transgressed before them. They were just as guilty as Esau, the "birthright son" of Isaac, who "despised his birthright," and lost his inheritance. God had "chosen" the children of Israel to be his "birthright son," according to the words of God to Pharaoh while the Israel was still in bondage, saying, "Israel is my son, even my firstborn (birthright son)" (Exodus 4:22). It was not "law" that God offered to them at Horeb; it was "the spirit of grace," which, had they received it, would have written all the words of God in their heart. It would have been their "new nature" to do the things that pleased God. They were the first to "despise the spirit of grace" and thus bring the vengeance of God against themselves (Deuteronomy 32:35; Hebrews 10:30).

The words that God spoke from Mount Horeb, which we call "The Ten Commandments," brought a wonderful blessing to the children of Israel "if" they would "obey His voice." They would be "a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation" according to the promise of God to them in Exodus 19:6. Above and beyond that, however, they would be God's "peculiar treasure," a people "above all people." It is impossible for the natural mind of man to grasp exactly what this would have meant to them if they would have "drawn near" at Horeb and "chosen God" who spoke from the mountain. About eight hundred years later Isaiah confirms this sad truth when he writes, "For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him" (Isaiah 64:4). The words of Jesus as He wept over Jerusalem are very revealing; "If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace (the things God had prepared for them)! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation" (Luke 19:42-44). God had visited them at Horeb and they had rejected them. For fifteen hundred years after, He "stretched out His arms to a disobedient and gainsaying people" (Romans 10:21), as He sent His prophets to them. Finally, He sent His only begotten Son to them, whom they also rejected. They never understood the things that "belonged to them," which they did not receive, because they never knew the time of God's visitation to them.

**Galatians 3:10:** "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them."

The Law of Moses was not given as a blessing to the children of Israel, but as a "curse." After Moses had completed his law and read it to the entire congregation of Israel, he told the priests to place it in the side of the Ark of the Covenant "...that it may be there for a witness against thee" (Deuteronomy 31:26). As long as the children of Israel are under the "Law of Moses," it is a testimony against them, that they refused God when He spoke to them at Horeb (Hebrews 12:25), and they refused the Christ, the Son of God whom God sent to them (John 1:11-12).

The "Law of God," which was spoken audibly by the voice of God to the children of Israel, was given to be a great blessing if they would "receive Him that spake." God would have "written" His law in their hearts if they had received Him. His law would have been "life" to them. It would have been their new "nature" to do those things that please God. The Law of Moses would have never been given. They would have never again offered an animal sacrifice or a burnt offering. There would not have been a Levitical priesthood, and they would have never observed new moons or holy days. The prophet Jeremiah understood this when God spoke to him in Jeremiah 7:22-28.

**Jeremiah 7:22-28:** "I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt

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offerings or sacrifices: **But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers. Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee. But thou shalt say unto them, This is a nation that OBEYETH NOT THE VOICE of the LORD.**"

When God could not write His law in the hearts of the children of Israel, He wrote it upon stone. We should understand that when the law of God is written on anything other than the hearts of the people, it is death to those who are under it. This is what the apostle Paul refers to in Romans 7:10 when he says, "...the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death." The Law of Moses was never ordained to life. It was a punishment and curse upon those who refused to hear God. The Law of God, however, is life to everyone who has it written in their heart, but "written in stone" it also is "the ministration of death" to everyone who either breaks it or trusts in it.

**II Corinthians 3:7-8:** "But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?"

### The New Covenant of Grace

**I Peter 1:10-11:** "Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of THE GRACE that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow."

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and other prophets of God spoke of a "new covenant" which was to come, though not always in those words. Peter says they prophesied of "the grace that should come unto you." That is a promise of the "New Covenant of Grace," which would be established by "the sufferings of Christ," bringing "the glory that follows." Here we encounter opposing forces in man's understanding of the nature of the covenant of grace. God spoke explicitly through Jeremiah to say, "...this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people" (Jeremiah 31:33). The "New Covenant of grace" is "God's law, written in the hearts of His people." This is the best possible definition of "grace" that can be given; it is "God's law, written in the hearts of His people." This is the "glorious liberty" of the children of God, which Paul spoke of in Romans 8:21. It is not a "liberty" to "continue in sin," but a "glorious liberty" in which we are "free from sin" (Romans 6:7, 18, 22) to serve the living God.

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**Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.**

Proverbs 1:24-33

If an individual or a nation refuses to answer the call of God for salvation there is nothing remaining for them but the anger of God as revealed in these scriptures. If the scriptures I have given you will not prompt you to answer the call to repent and believe the gospel of Jesus Christ then there is nothing I can say or do to help you. I have seen the destruction and the whirlwinds that come upon those who harden their hearts against God. I have seen the distress and the anguish of a daddy that held me by my shirt and cried, "Preacher, don't let my son die lost." One lady pushed me into a room at a hospital screaming at the top of her lungs saying, "Don't let my husband die lost." She did not care if the doctors heard her screaming and praying at the top of her lungs because the time of her calamity and anguish was upon her. She was not ashamed of the preacher or of God. She needed the preacher and his God and thank God for His mercy that saved a life from death. Sadly, when the whirlwind and calamity passes, many people don't need the preacher or God any longer. God said there is coming a day when He will mock, and He will laugh at them when desolation and destruction comes their way because they refused his calling.

You may not like what I am saying and you can run to some preacher that will lie to you and tell you that God would never do that to you, that God loves you too much to allow that to happen to you. Besides, you are a good guy and you give to the church. But you know you are living in sin, and in your heart of hearts you know you are a slave to sin. God has his hand out stretched, saying, "repent."

There is coming a day of darkness upon the earth in the near future. It will be a day of darkness like this world has never seen before. **Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand; A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. (Joel 2:1-3)** These people Joel prophesied of are here in America right now, but America has not repented. Please people, if you have ever loved your children and heard the gospel message, please repent and ask God to save you and our beloved America. God has been sending His Godly men and women with warnings for America to repent since the early 1950s. You may say that over fifty years have passed, and God has not judged America yet. Peter said that God is longsuffering, not willing that any should perish, but, "The day of the Lord will come." The men of God have warned for over fifty years of the darkness and destruction that is coming. Now is the time to repent, because there is coming a day that it will be too late, and there will be no more "remedy."



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It will more than just the old Sunday School as usual we are calling it "Advance Chrisitan Development". We will be addressing the proplem that the youth and young adult are facing today. It will be FUN! FUN! for the student to learn that there are answers too life issues.

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Mother's Work # \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*And the Lord God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy.*

*II Chronicles 36:15-16*

*That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of waste-ness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness...*

*Zephaniah. 1:15*

Call me stupid for what I see coming on America and the world but when you can read the Bible and pick up a newspaper or turn on the television and see it is already here, then it is time to repent. When my Dad would warn me not to do something and I went ahead and did it, I did not start repenting and begging for mercy until I saw the razor strap in his hand. I can see the "razor strap" so to speak, and the redness in the face of God and he is angry.

*For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds.*

*II Peter 2:3-9*

*Jesus is calling!!!*



From the heart of  
**Betty  
Jean  
Robinson**

I would like to share again something I believe the Holy Spirit impressed on my heart back in 1989. I call it "America."

**America**

America you're losing your freedom,  
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You have rejected the Lord God Jehovah  
And made pagan gods your own.

America, whom God has exalted,  
Whose children in freedom have thrived,  
We've drank from polluted fountains,  
And now more are dead than alive.

America, your plains and your mountains  
With cattle and fruit and bread,  
The cankerworm now is destroying,  
For you have rejected your God.

You have called on the witches of Endor,  
Took counsel from the prophets of Baal,  
You've opened the gates of your cities,  
Behold, now a living hell.

Oh America, hear the cry of the innocent  
Whose blood testifies of your sin:  
Oh God, have mercy upon us,  
Oh Jesus, come to us again.

Oh dear God, would the tears of repentance  
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## A GUEST OR A BRIDE

By: Leslie Jordan

An invitation has been given. This invitation is given to all who will hear and will respond. Nothing about the invitation is casual, trite or to be ignored. However so many people pay little or no heed to the invitation. Ordinarily most people would be excited and thrilled to be given such an invitation from one so high, important, of royal standing. Can you even imagine receiving a summons to come to the palace of a reigning monarch, or from the White House in our country? Nothing could stop you from being there at the appointed time. Yet you have indeed been called. He who is above all, who is the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace; He it is Who calls you to Himself. "Come unto me", He says. Do you hear Him?

*John 15:7, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."*

*John 15:16, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."*

Each of us has been bidden by Jesus to open our heart and allow Him to come in and dwell with us, and we will be in Him. I in thee and thou in me; the invitation is to be one with Jesus Christ. It is no light thing to which the Savior calls us. He is calling us to be not a guest, which could be temporary and even impersonal. No, He calls us to be the bride. As the church is the bride of Christ then we who make up the church are those who make up His bride. A bride is completely different from a guest. As a young girl on my first visit to the home of the young man whose bride I became, I was only a visitor with his folks and we did not know each other. I had no say about anything in the house, I had no real liberty in their house; I was not in the family. But we became bride and groom and then they were also my family and still are today a part of my life and the life of our children. My husband and I are no longer separate entities, we are one unit. All we do for good or bad impacts the other. We love one another and our love has grown over the years. We have learned more about one another and we know better how to work together and thank the Lord we are able to worship the Lord together. He invited me into his heart and life and home, I accepted and we have grown together.

A most distinctive singular expression of love and care has been offered to each of us by One of greater authority and power than our mind could possibly imagine. Yet so often His call is ignored. You may actually read a Bible and see His invitation. You may have someone call you or visit you and encourage you to live for the Lord and heed His Word. Daily we can hear music singing His praise; we hear sermons and testimonies of His working in lives. Yet, when the feast of the King begins we stand out in the cold feeling lonely and hungry. If you have heard His call and you have allowed Him room in your heart then you are the bride, not a guest. His house is your house, be at home. You may freely say to Him, please pass that blessing to me and he will! Too often we exist on meager fare when great feasts are so near.

Even as Jesus is calling to you and you think you hear Him, so the enemy will try to interfere. Our enemy is never far away and he always seeks to hide the truth and the goodness of God from us. But remember, greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world. You do not have to be overtaken. Look for the things that are of God. The world appears to hold many brilliant shining trinkets, goods and pleasures that last a while. Then they crumble and are gone and we are left alone. Look instead to the things of God that will last forever and are pure treasure. As the bride rather than the guest you are not having a short visit. The invitation you received is intended to last longer than the proposal I received from my husband to be his bride. Our union is to be for our life time while the invitation from the Savior is to be eternal. Whatever your station in life may be you can attest to the fact that upon becoming a bride all of your life changed. Whatever else you may be you are the bride of

your husband. It is a wonderful time when a couple joins together and the wedding is a great celebration of the new union. So it is when we become united together with Jesus and He abides in us and we in Him.

Are you a guest in the house of the Lord? Or are you the bride of Christ? In this case being man or woman is irrelevant as the bride of Christ is made up of all who have accepted Him into their heart be they man or woman, boy or girl. As we read in the book of John, He has chosen us and has sent us forth to bear fruit. I hope that in your life fruit can be seen. He is so worthy, He is so lovely, how could we but do His bidding? Hear His invitation and follow His Word. Great blessings and great peace will be to those who love and follow as He has told us in His word.

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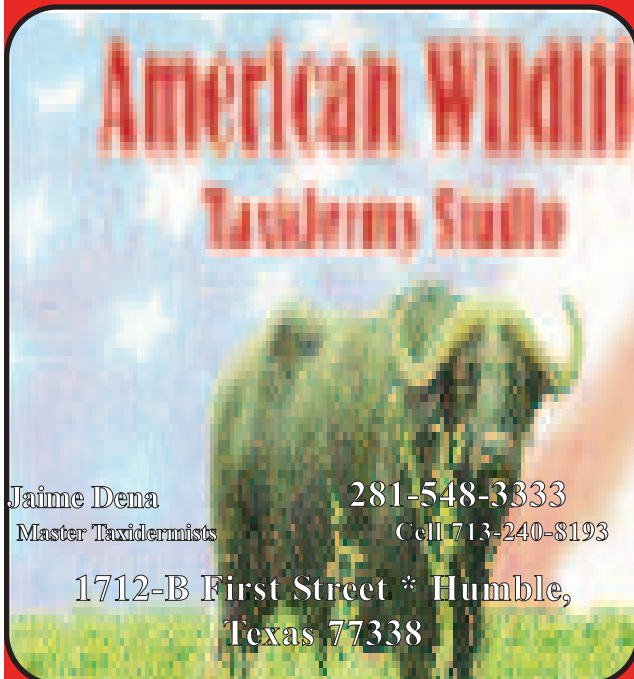
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