**The Older Shall Serve the Younger**

**Notes**

Romans 9

**Israel’s Rejection of Christ**

**9**I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, **2**that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. **3**For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, **4**who are Israelites, to whom *pertain* the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service *of God,* and the promises; **5**of whom *are* the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ *came,* who is over all, *the* eternally blessed God. Amen.

**Israel’s Rejection and God’s Purpose**

**6**But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For **they *are* not all Israel who *are* of Israel**, **7**nor *are they* all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, “In Isaac your seed shall be called.” **8**That is, those who *are* the **children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God**; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.

**9**For **this *is* the word of promise**: **“At this time I will come and Sarah shall have a son.”**

**10And not only *this****,* but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, *even* by our father Isaac **11**(for *the children* not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), **12**it was said to her, “**The older shall serve the younger.”** **13**As it is written, “Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.”

Gen 25

19 This is the genealogy of Isaac, Abraham’s son. Abraham begot Isaac. 20 Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah as wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Padan Aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian. 21 Now Isaac pleaded with the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. 22 But the children struggled together within her; and she said, “If all is well, why am I like this?” So she went to inquire of the Lord.

23 And the Lord said to her:

“Two nations are in your womb,
Two peoples shall be separated from your body;
One people shall be stronger than the other,
And the **older shall serve the younger**.”

24 So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb. 25 And the first came out **red**. He was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau. 26 Afterward his brother came out, and **his hand took hold of Esau’s hee**l; so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

27 So the boys grew. And **Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field**; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents. 28 And **Isaac loved Esau because he ate of his game**, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

**The Blessing of Esau**

Gen 27:38-Gen 27:40 NKJV
And Esau said to his father, “Have you only one blessing, my father? Bless me—me also, O my father!” And Esau lifted up his voice and wept.

Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: “Behold, your dwelling shall be of the fatness of the earth, And of the dew of heaven from above. **By your sword you shall live**, And **you shall serve your brother;** And it shall come to pass, **when you become restless, That you shall break his yoke from your neck.”**

Isa 9:4 NKJV
For **You have broken the yoke of his burden** And the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian.

Isa 10:24-Isa 10:27 NKJV
Therefore thus says the Lord God of hosts: “O My people, who dwell in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrian. He shall strike you with a rod and lift up his staff against you, in the manner of Egypt. For yet a very little while and the indignation will cease, as will My anger in their destruction.” And the Lord of hosts will stir up a scourge for him like the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb; as His rod was on the sea, so will He lift it up in the manner of Egypt. **It shall come to pass in that day That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, And his yoke from your neck, And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.**

Isa 14:24-Isa 14:27 NKJV
The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying, “Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, And as I have purposed, so it shall stand: That I will break the Assyrian in My land, And on My mountains tread him underfoot. **Then his yoke shall be removed from them, And his burden removed from their shoulders.**

**The Yoke of the Law**

Acts 15

**15**And certain *men* came down from Judea and taught the brethren, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” **2**Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.

**3**So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren. **4**And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them. **5But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, “It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command *them* to keep the law**

**6**Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. **7**And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up *and* said to them: “Men *and* brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the **word of the gospel** and believe.

**8**So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as *He did* to us, **9**and **made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith**.

**10**Now therefore, **why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples** **which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?** **11**But **we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved** in the same manner as they.”

**Hebrew Servant - A Servant for Life**

Exodus 21

**21**“Now these *are* the judgments which you shall set before them: **2**If you buy **a Hebrew servant,** he shall serve six years; and in the seventh he shall go out free and pay nothing. **3**If he comes in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he *comes in* married, then his wife shall go out with him. **4**If his master has given him a wife, and she has borne him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master’s, and he shall go out by himself. **5But if the servant plainly says, ‘I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free**,’ **6**then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door, or to the doorpost, and **his master shall pierce his ear** with an awl; **and he shall serve him forever.**

Heb 10:4-Heb 10:7 NKJV
For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins. Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, **But a body You have prepared for Me**. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.’ ”

Ps 40:6-Ps 40:7 NKJV
Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; **My ears You have opened**. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require. Then I said, “Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me.

**The Love Signs of the Forever Servant**

John 20:19-John 20:21 NKJV

Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” **When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side**. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

**The Immediate Perfect Servant – Perfect Obedience – Time is not a factor.**

Mark 1:9-Mark 1:10 NKJV
It came to pass in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And **immediately**, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove.

Mark 1:12 NKJV
**Immediately** the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness.

Mark 1:16-Mark 1:18 NKJV
And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” They **immediately** left their nets and followed Him.

Mark 1:19-Mark 1:20 NKJV
When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets. And **immediately** He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

Mark 1:21-Mark 1:22 NKJV
Then they went into Capernaum, and **immediately** on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:23-Mark 1:28 NKJV
Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, “Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!” And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him.

Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “**What is this? What new doctrine is this?** For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.” And **immediately** His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

Mark 1:29-Mark 1:31 NKJV
Now **as soon as** they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But Simon’s wife’s mother lay sick with a fever, and **they told Him about her at once**. So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and **immediately** the fever left her. **And she served them**. **(The effect of receiving His service first)**

Mark 1:32-Mark 1:34 NKJV
At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. And the whole city was **gathered together at the door**. Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

Mark 1:35-Mark 1:39 NKJV
Now in the morning, **having risen a long while before daylight**, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. When they found Him, they said to Him, “**Everyone is looking for You**.” But He said to them, “Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, **because for this purpose I have come forth**.” And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.

Mark 1:40-Mark 1:43 NKJV
Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.” Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.” As soon as He had spoken, **immediately** the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.

Mark 2

**2**And again He entered Capernaum after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in the house. **2Immediately** many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive *them,* **not even near the door**. And He preached the word to them. **3**Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four *men.* **4**And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

**5**When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”

**6**And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, **7**“Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

**8**But **immediately**, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? **9**Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘*Your* sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? **10**But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, **11**“I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” **12Immediately** he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “**We never saw *anything* like this!”**

**Jesus First Sign – Servant without Time – Ahead of the Servant Hour Shift**

**2**On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2**Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. **3**And when they ran out of wine, the **mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine**.”

**4**Jesus said to her, “Woman, **what does your concern have to do with Me**? **My hour has not yet come.”**

**5**His mother said to the servants, “Whatever He says to you, do *it.*”

**6**Now there were set there **six waterpots of stone**, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. **7**Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. **8**And He said to them, “Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast.” And they took *it.* **9**When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. **10**And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!”

**11This beginning of signs Jesus did** in Cana of Galilee, and manifested **His glory**; and His disciples believed in Him.

**(They drew out of the fullness of the perfect Man – 6 Full Waterpots and received perfect supply)**

**Jesus girds Himself**

John 13

**13**Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

**2**And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s *son,* to betray Him, **3**Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, **4**rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. **5**After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel with which He was girded. **6**Then He came to Simon Peter. And *Peter* said to Him, “Lord, are You washing my feet?”

**7**Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.”

**8**Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my feet!”

Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”

**9**Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head!”

**10**Jesus said to him, “He who is bathed needs only to wash *his* feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.” **11**For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, “You are not all clean.”

**12**So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? **13**You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for *so* I am. **14**If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. **15**For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. **16**Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. **17**If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

**The First – Servant of ALL**

Mark 9:35 NKJV
And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “If anyone desires to be **first**, he shall be **last** of all and **servant of all**.”

Matt 20:27-Matt 20:28 NKJV
And whoever desires to be **first** among you, let him be your **slave**— **just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve**, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Luke 22:24-Luke 22:30 NKJV
Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’ But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, **let him be as the younger**, and he who governs as he who serves. For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not **he who sits** at the table? **Yet I am among you as the One who serves**. “But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, **that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom**, and **sit on thrones** judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

**The Son Stand Still**

Matt 20:29-Matt 20:34 NKJV
Now as they went out of Jericho, a great multitude followed Him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the road, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!” Then the multitude warned them that they should be quiet; but they cried out all the more, saying, “Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!” **So Jesus stood still and called them, and said, “What do you want Me to do for you?**” They said to Him, “Lord, that our eyes may be opened.” So Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

Josh 10:7-Josh 10:11 NKJV

7 So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. 8 And the Lord said to Joshua, “Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you.” 9 Joshua therefore came upon them suddenly, having marched all night from Gilgal. 10 So the Lord routed them before Israel, killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, chased them along the road that goes to Beth Horon, and struck them down as far as Azekah and Makkedah. 11 And it happened, as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth Horon, that the Lord cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword.

12 Then Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel:

**“Sun, stand still** over Gibeon;
And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon.”
13 So the sun stood still,
And the moon stopped,
Till the people had revenge
Upon their enemies.

Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? **So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. 14 And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the Lord heeded the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel.**

15 Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

**Write what you see – “I am the First forever”**

**10**I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, **11**saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and, “**What you see, write** in a book and send *it* to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”

**12Then I turned to see** the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, **13**and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and **girded about the chest with a golden band**. **14**His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; **15**His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; **16**He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength. **17**And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; **I am the First and the Last**. **18**I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. **19**Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. **20**The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

**Chests Girded – Servant Sign**

Rev 15:5-Rev 15:6 NKJV
After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having **their chests girded with golden bands**.

**He will gird himself and serve**

Luke 12:35-Luke 12:38 NKJV
“**Let your waist be girded** and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may **open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants** whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that **he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them**. And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and **find them so, blessed are those servants**.

**Faith as a Servant depending on the Divine Servant**

Luke 17

**17**Then He said to the disciples, “It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe *to him* through whom they do come! **2**It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. **3**Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. **4**And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”

**5**And the apostles said to the Lord, “**Increase our faith.”**

**6**So the Lord said, “**If you have faith** as a mustard seed, **you can say** to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,’ and **it would obey you.**

**7**And **which of you, having a servant** plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and sit down to eat’? **8But will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk**, and afterward you will eat and drink’? **9Does he thank that servant because he did the things** that were commanded him? **I think not**. **10**So **likewise you, when you have done all those things** which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. **We have done what was our duty to do**.’ ”

Luke 17:11-Luke 17:19 NKJV
Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” So when He saw them, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice **glorified God**, and **fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks**. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned **to give glory to God** except this foreigner?” And He said to him, “Arise, go your way. **Your faith has made you well**.”

**Great Faith Equals Understanding Servants**

Matt 8:5-Matt 8:13 NKJV
Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.” And Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.”

The centurion answered and said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. **For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”**

When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, “Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found **such great faith**, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.” And his servant was healed that same hour.

**Jesus sighs deeply**

11 Then the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, testing Him. 12 But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, “Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation.”

**Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees and Herod**

13 And He left them, and getting into the boat again, departed to the other side. 14 Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than **one loaf** with them in the boat. 15 Then He charged them, saying, “**Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.”**

16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “It is because we have no bread.”

17 But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, “**Why do you reason** because you have no bread? Do you not yet **perceive** nor **understand**? Is your **heart** still **hardened**? 18 Having eyes, do you not **see**? And having ears, do you not **hear**? And do you not **remember**?

19 When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?”

They said to Him, “Twelve.”

20 “Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?”

And they said, “Seven.”

21 So He said to them, “How is it you do not **understand**?”

Mark 6:37-Mark 6:38 NKJV
But He answered and said to them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to Him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?” But He said to them, “**How many loaves do you have? Go and see**.” And when they found out they said, “Five, and two fish.”

Mark 8:4-Mark 8:5 NKJV
Then His disciples answered Him, “How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?” He asked them, “**How many loaves do you have?**” And they said, “Seven.”

Luke 12:1 NKJV
In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, “**Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy**.

**The One Question Final Exam**

John 6:4-John 6:6 NKJV
Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “**Where shall we buy bread**, that these may eat?” But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

John 6:33-John 6:36 NKJV
For **the bread of God** **is He** who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us **this bread** always.” **And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life**. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have **seen Me** and **yet** do not believe.

**“I counsel you to buy from Me”**

Rev 3:17-Rev 3:19 NKJV
Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that **you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked**— I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be **rich**; and white garments, that you may be **clothed**, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may **see**. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

**Jesus – The Bondservant**

Phil 2:5-Phil 2:11 NKJV
Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men**. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and **became obedient** to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.**

Phil 3:1-Phil 3:3 NKJV
**Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord**. For me to write the same things to you is not tedious, but for you it is safe. Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and **have no confidence in the flesh,**

Phil 3:8-Phil 3:10 NKJV
Yet indeed I also **count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord**, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and **count them as rubbish**, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, **the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection**, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

**The Vision of God & His Glory !**

Ezekiel 1

1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the River Chebar, that the heavens were opened **and I saw visions of God**.

2 On the fifth day of the month, which was in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin’s captivity, 3 the word of the Lord came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the River Chebar; and the hand of the Lord was upon him there.

4 Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire. 5 Also from within it came the likeness of four living creatures. **And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man**.

6 Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings. 7 Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the soles of **calves’ feet**. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze. 8 The hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides; and each of the four had faces and wings. 9 Their wings touched one another. The creatures did not turn when they went, but each one went straight forward.

10 As for the likeness of their faces, **each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle.** 11 Thus were their faces. Their wings stretched upward; two wings of each one touched one another, and two covered their bodies. 12 And each one went straight forward; they went wherever the spirit wanted to go, and they did not turn when they went.

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches going back and forth among the living creatures. The fire was bright, and out of the fire went lightning. 14 And the living creatures ran back and forth, in appearance like a flash of lightning.

15 Now as I looked at the living creatures, behold, a wheel was on the earth beside each living creature with its four faces. 16 The appearance of the wheels and their workings was like the color of beryl, and all four had the same likeness. The appearance of their workings was, as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel. 17 When they moved, they went toward any one of four directions; they did not turn aside when they went. 18 As for their rims, they were so high they were awesome; and their rims were full of eyes, all around the four of them. 19 When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. 20 Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went, because there the spirit went; and the wheels were lifted together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. 21 When those went, these went; when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up together with them, for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.

22 The likeness of the firmament above the heads of the [[g](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ezekiel%201&amp;version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-20487g)]living creatures was like the color of an awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads. 23 And under the firmament their wings spread out straight, one toward another. Each one had two which covered one side, and each one had two which covered the other side of the body.

24 When they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of many waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a tumult like the noise of an army; and when they stood still, they let down their wings. 25 A voice came from above the firmament that was over their heads; whenever they stood, they let down their wings.

26 And above the firmament over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone; **on the likeness of the throne was a likeness with the appearance of a man high above it.** 27 Also from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw, as it were, the color of amber with the appearance of fire all around within it; and from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire with brightness all around. 28 Like the **appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day**, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.

So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a **voice of One speaking**.

Rev 4:2-Rev 4:8 NKJV
Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne. And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal.

And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. The first living creature was like a **lion**, the second living creature like a **calf**, the third living creature had a face like a **man**, and the fourth living creature was like a **flying eagle**. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!”

**The for Gospels reflect the four faces of the Living Creatures reflecting the face of the Lord**

**Mathew** – The Lion of the Tribe of Judah

**Mark** – Tireless Ox

**Luke** – Son of Man

**John** – Eagle from Heaven

Mark does not record genealogy since the servant does not need genealogy.

John does not record genealogy since He is the God from Heaven without genealogy.

Mathew record the genealogy from Abraham since he is proving his Kingship lineage.

Luke records the genealogy since he is proving his genealogy form the first Man.

**Mark ends with the Lord working as a Servant from Heaven but Sitting!**

Mark 16:19-Mark 16:20 NKJV
So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and **sat down** at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the **Lord working with them** and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

**Ox – The Laborer**

Deut 22:10-Deut 22:11 NKJV
“You **shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together**.

“You shall not wear a garment of different sorts, such as **wool and linen mixed together**.

**Elisha Selection – Trusted the Strength and Supply of the Oxen**

I Kings 19

19 So he departed from there, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was **plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth**. Then Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle on him. 20 And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, “Please let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.”

And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?”

21 So Elisha turned back from him, and took a **yoke of oxen and slaughtered them and boiled their flesh, using the oxen’s equipment, and gave it to the people, and they ate**. Then he arose and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

**Ox and donkey combination effect**

Job 1:12-Job 1:15 NKJV
And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person.” So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord. Now there was a day when his sons and daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother’s house; and a messenger came to Job and said, “**The oxen were plowing and the donkeys feeding beside them**, when the Sabeans raided them and took them away—indeed they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword; and I alone have escaped to tell you!”

**God’s description of a Ox – 7 Things He should do !!**

Job 39:9-Job 39:12 NKJV
“Will the wild ox be willing to **serve** you?

Will he **bed** by your manger?

Can you bind the wild ox in the furrow with ropes?

Or will he **plow** the valleys behind you?

Will you **trust** him because his strength is great?

Or will you leave your **labor** to him?

Will you trust him to **bring** home your grain,

And **gather** it to your threshing floor?

**“YES HE WILL” – Because he is not WILD**

**Speak to the Rock**

Numbers 20

**20**Then the children of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the Wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh; and Miriam died there and was buried there.

**2**Now there was no water for the congregation; so they gathered together against Moses and Aaron. **3**And the people contended with Moses and spoke, saying: “If only we had died when our brethren died before the Lord! **4**Why have you brought up the assembly of the Lord into this wilderness, that we and our animals should die here? **5**And why have you made us come up out of Egypt, to bring us to this evil place? It *is* not a place of **grain** or **figs** or **vines** or **pomegranates**; nor *is* there any **water** to drink.”

 **6**So Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and they [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Numbers%2020&amp;version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-4318a)]fell on their faces. And the glory of the Lord appeared to them.

**7**Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, **8**“Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation together. **Speak to the rock before their eyes, and it will yield its water; thus you shall bring water for them out of the rock, and give drink to the congregation and their animals**.”

**9**So Moses took the rod from before the Lord as He commanded him.

**10**And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, “Hear now, you rebels! **Must we bring water for you** out of this rock?” **11**Then Moses lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and **water came out abundantly**, and the congregation and their animals drank.

**12**Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, “**Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel**, therefore **you shall not bring this assembly into the land** which I have given them.”

**13**This *was* the water of [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Numbers%2020&amp;version=NKJV&interface=print#fen-NKJV-4325b)]Meribah, because the children of Israel contended with the Lord, and He was hallowed among them.

**The Law will not bring you into the Land – Only the Son Will**

Josh 1:1-Josh 1:3 NKJV
**After the death of Moses the servant** of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to **Joshua the son** of Nun, Moses’ assistant, saying: “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. **Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you**, as I said to Moses.

**“I have given you” – Past Perfect Tense**

Num 21:4-Num 21:5 NKJV
Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the **soul of the people became very discouraged on the way**. And the people spoke against God and against Moses: “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this **worthless bread**.”

Num 21:6-Num 21:9 NKJV
So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. Then the Lord said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live.” So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

**Lesson Learnt – Sing to the Well**

Num 21:16-Num 21:18 NKJV
From there they went to Beer, which is the well where the Lord said to Moses, “Gather the people together, and I will give them water.”

Then Israel **sang this song**: “Spring up, O well! **All of you sing to it**— The well the leaders sank, Dug by the nation’s nobles, By the lawgiver, with their staves.” And from the wilderness they went to Mattanah,

**The Samaritan Woman speaks to the Well**

John 4

**4**Therefore, when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John **2**(though Jesus Himself did not baptize, but His disciples), **3**He left Judea and departed again to Galilee. **4**But He needed to go through Samaria.

**5**So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. **6**Now Jacob’s well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from *His* journey, sat thus by the well. **It was about the sixth hour**.

**7**A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” **8**For His disciples had gone **away into the city to buy food.**

**9**Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.

**You would ASK if you KNEW**

**10**Jesus answered and said to her, “**If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him**, and He would have given you living water.”

**11**The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? **12**Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?”

**13**Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, **14**but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

**No Water and No Husband – No problem – Go ahead - ASK**

**15**The woman said to Him, “Sir, **give me this water,** that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

**16**Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

**17**The woman answered and said, “I have **no husband**.”

Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ **18**for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”

**19**The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. **20**Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.”

**The clock just struck 7**

**21**Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. **22**You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. **23But the hour is coming, and now is**, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. **24**God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

**25**The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.”

**26**Jesus said to her, “**I who speak to you am** *He.*”

**27**And at this *point* His disciples came, and they marveled that He talked with a woman; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”

**28**The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, **29**“Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?” **30**Then they went out of the city and came to Him.

**31**In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

**32**But He said to them, “**I have food** to eat of which **you do not know.”**

**33**Therefore the disciples said to one another, “Has anyone brought Him *anything* to eat?”

**34**Jesus said to them, “**My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.**

**35**Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! **36**And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

**37For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps**.’ **38**I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”

**39**And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I *ever* did.” **40**So when the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and **He stayed there two days**. **41**And many more believed because of His own word.

**42**Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

**43**Now **after the two days He departed from there** and went to Galilee.

**Isaiah 53 – The gospel of A Divine Servant**

Isa 52:13-Isa 52:15 NKJV
**Behold, My Servant shall deal prudently**; He shall be exalted and extolled and **be very high**. Just as many were astonished at you, So His visage was marred more than any man, And His form more than the sons of men; So shall He sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; For what had not been told them they shall see, And what they had not heard they shall consider.

Isa 53:1 NKJV
Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

Isa 53:10-Isa 53:12 NKJV
Yet it pleased the Lord to **bruise Him**; He has **put Him to grie**f. When You make **His soul** an offering for sin, He shall see **His seed**, He shall prolong **His days**, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in **His hand**. He shall see the labor of **His soul**, and be satisfied. **By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many**, For **He shall bear** their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And **He shall divide** the spoil with the strong, Because **He poured** out His soul unto death, And **He was numbered** with the transgressors, And **He bore** the sin of many, And **made intercession** for the transgressors.