

They Did What was Right in their Own Eyes

Greetings! Welcome to Bible study. Characteristic of Biblical history, the moral degradation of Israel has been caused by departure from the law. “Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord ponders (weighs) the hearts” (**Proverbs 21:2**).

As I get older, my eyesight is changing. The right eye has developed a cataract and the left eye is limited to peripheral vision. Of course, I wish it were better. In the meantime, God has opened the door so that we can continue putting all of our audio files on Triumphpro.info which is our premier **major website** of *Triumph Ministries* now. It is up-to-date and user friendly. The DVD files archives, articles, Bible study audio tapes as well as search engines to help you locate any subject on which I have written. The original website *Triumphpro.com* is a backup that I maintain and keep updated at home which is basically on my computer, the Triumphpro.info is on the Internet “cloud”. We do hope to improve the streaming of the live weekly, 11 a.m. (PST) Sabbath Bible studies done simultaneously with the phone conference hook-up. Cappy transcribes (from tape to the computer) a seven to ten page *summary* of the weekly Bible Study which is in the process of being converted into a weekly Sabbath blog (talk) which is will be on both Websites. It takes eight to ten hours of time to summarize, verify scriptures, references, type and proof read each study. This was originally done for the deaf brethren so they could *see* the Bible studies in the absence of hearing. They told us they were “missing out being fed.” We have also been selectively sending the summaries to some prisoners. Recently, someone suggested that we post the summaries on the Websites for everyone, so we are using the “blog” to do so.

Some people are more auditory and want to hear with the ear, others are more visual preferring to see with their eyes. Some prefer audio tapes that can easily be stopped at any point to replay information. Others find the CD and DVD more to their liking. You can also download MP3's from the website. We mail MP3's consisting of six Sabbath's current Bible studies upon request for those who have a CD player that takes MP3's.

We have had a few trials this week which came up unexpectedly, but they are not health trials. It involves the Triumphpro.org website. On Sunday, June 2, I received an email from Darren Clarke, notifying me that the domain name for the Triumphpro.org website expired June 1 and accompanied with directions for renewing it. Despite the directions and my efforts in following them explicitly, nothing worked,. The site is still in existence, but right now it is not under Triumphpro.org. The site can still be accessed by going to your web router and typing in the IP# which is 96.0.42.21 and point your arrow on the number.

The situation has been a bit frustrating to me, as well as to those who use the live computer-streaming to join the Sabbath Bible study each week and audio files. I sent an email requesting Darren to make it simple by renewing the name with his provider, pay the \$20 owed and I would reimburse him and then I would be able to get my other site provider to transfer it over to my name as he requested. However, it appears that he doesn't seem to want to do that, as he said “don't go through my provider as it would create problems and complications”. This makes me wonder, what are the problems and complications. He says money is not the issue. So what is the issue? Why are we having this simple problem in communication? I do not know, so I am waiting for his answer to my email offering a couple of possible solutions that may help solve this dilemma. It is pleasant and helpful to have cooperation among true

believers (converted) that are willing to give and serve and do whatever is required within God's law to be part of the solution, instead of part of the problem .

Samuel said to Saul, the Lord sent me to anoint you to be king over his people Israel. Listen to this message from the Lord. This is what the Lord Almighty says: I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way up from Egypt. Now go attack the Amalekites and totally destroy everything that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys. So Saul mobilized his army and attacked the Amalekites all the way from Havilah to Shur, to the east of Egypt. But Saul and the people spared king Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and everything that was good. These they were unwilling to utterly destroy. **1 Samuel 15:10**—"The word of the Lord came to Samuel: "I deeply regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned back from following me and has not performed my command." It grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the Lord all night. Samuel did not want to lose Saul as a friend, but Saul was not doing the right thing.

1 Samuel 13:19 –there was no blacksmith to be found in the whole land of Israel, because the Philistines had said, "Otherwise the Hebrews will make swords and spears!" Therefore, all Israel went down to the Philistines and paid a Philistine blacksmith to have their plowshares, mattocks, axes and sickles sharpened. So on the day of battle, not a soldier with Saul and Jonathan had a sword or spear in his hand; only Saul and his son Jonathan had them.

Saul waited for Samuel seven days, but Samuel did not arrive at the time appointed and the Philistines mustered a mighty army of three thousand chariots, horsemen, and as many warriors as the grains of sand along the seashore! When the men of Israel saw their critical position and the army's hard pressed situation they scattered, hid in caves, rocks, holes, thickets and pits. Some crossed the Jordan River and escaped into the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul realized his troops were rapidly slipping away. He demanded, bring to me the burnt offering and the peace offerings and Saul sacrificed the burnt offering himself even though he was not authorized.

God looks to the man who is meek and humble and a true servant—willing to serve. Saul was becoming proud and important in his own sight. "Early in the morning Samuel got up and went to meet Saul, but he was told, Saul has gone to Carmel where he has set up a monument in his own honor and has turned and gone on down to Gilgal". Saul did not fully understand what obedience really meant. He thought that he had done ok. As soon as Saul had finished making the burnt offering, Samuel arrived. Saul greeted Samuel, "Blessed are you of the Lord: I have performed the command of the Lord! I slaughtered the Amalekites." Samuel then asked, "What then is this bleating of sheep and lowing of cattle in my ears? What is this that you have done?"

Saul had some explaining to do and had to backtrack. **1 Samuel 13:11**—"When I saw that the men were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the set time (7 days), and that the Philistines have encamped ready for battle at Michmash ready to march against us, then I said to myself, I haven't sought the Lord's help. Therefore, I felt compelled and offered a burnt offering." **1 Samuel 15:15**—"They brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice unto the Lord your God: the rest we have utterly destroyed."

1 Samuel 13:13-14—"You acted foolishly", Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. But now your kingdom will not endure. The Lord has sought for himself **a man after his own heart**, and the Lord has commanded him to be commander (leader) over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you." **Verses 20-21**—"But, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and gone on the mission on

which the Lord sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal.” Saul blamed the people, saying they were the ones to blame. But Saul let them do it; so as their leader and commander, he was responsible.

It was not true that the Amalekites were utterly destroyed, as there were hundreds of Amalekites living later in the kingdom of Persia. Haman (in the book of Esther) who sought to kill all the Jews in the kingdom of king Xerxes was a descendent of this very king –Agag. **1 Samuel 15:16 -19 (NKJV)**—“Be quiet!” Samuel said to Saul. “I will tell you what the Lord said to me this night. When you were little in your own sight, were you not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the Lord anointed you king over Israel? And he sent you on a mission, saying, ‘Go and utterly destroy those sinners (wicked people) the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.’ Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the Lord?”

1 Samuel 15:22-25—So Samuel said: “*Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord?* [Which one is the most important to God?] **To obey is better than sacrifice. And to heed (the word of the Lord)** is better than the fat of rams. For **rebellion** is as like the sin of witchcraft, and **stubbornness** (arrogance) like the evil of idolatry. *Because you have rejected the word of the Lord (transgressed), He has also rejected you from being king*” (God is taking the authority away from you). **Verses 24-34**—Saul finally admitted his sin to Samuel, and pleaded for forgiveness—“I have sinned: for I transgressed the commandment of the Lord, and your words, *because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.*”

“Please pardon my sin and return with me, so that I may worship the Lord.” Samuel replied, “I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel. As Samuel turned to leave, Saul caught hold of the hem of his robe, and it tore. Samuel said to him, ‘*The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to one of your neighbors—to one better than you. He who is the Strength of Israel (God) does not lie or change his mind: for he is not a man that He should repent.*’ Saul then said, “I have sinned: yet **honor me** now, please, before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may worship the Lord your God.” So Samuel went back with Saul and Saul worshiped the Lord. Saul wanted a by-pass, but he still had not fully completed God’s command. **He wanted to be forgiven without full repentance.** King Agag and all the animals were still alive.

This is the way a lot of people are today, they want to be forgiven, but they do not want to fully repent and give up their sins. They want to hang on to their sins and have God’s blessing, too. As in confessing to the priest in the Roman Catholic Church and paying some money for getting an “indulgence”. There is no possible way to buy your entrance into God’s kingdom. There is no way to be in the kingdom of God without repenting fully of your sins (stop transgressing God’s law). Whoever tells you differently is teaching a doctrine of demons. If Saul had really repented in his heart, God would have been willing to forgive him. However, when the Spirit of God left him, Saul became troubled by an evil spirit and later tried to kill David.

1 Samuel 15:32-34—“After Saul worshipped the Lord”, Samuel said, “Bring Agag king of the Amalekites here to me.” So Agag came to Samuel cautiously and said, “Surely the bitterness of death is past.” But Samuel said, “As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women.” “And Samuel hacked Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal.” Saul would not do it. The people would not do it. But Samuel the prophet did! Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again though he mourned for Saul. And the Lord repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.”

Saul turned out to be a man of great pride, unwilling to repent and listen, unwilling to be corrected and take instruction. He determined to be his own boss in charge of his own destiny, but he failed to realize, none of us are in charge of our own destiny. Almighty God is in charge of our destiny, our future and our life. God is the one who appoints and raises people up, sets up kings, and takes down kings and leaders in his church—spiritual offices. God is the one who ordains people to the ministry, not other men. It is God who chooses his servants. **John 15:16**—“*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in my name He may give you. These things I command you, that you love one another.*”

This week I received a letter from a man who says that he has sampled different ministries that reached him in prison—Flurry in the Philadelphia Church of God, Rod Meredith in The Living Church of God, HWA from the Worldwide Church of God. “I was disappointed in all of these ministries and I was still searching when I received *The Prophecy Flash* and other articles from your ministry. Your ministry is smaller than these others, but you have the truth. All these others are bigger and have more people, but you are keeping the truth.” I also received a letter from a friend of mine who had received a magazine from one of his friends who was a minister in the former WWCG by the name of Dale Shurter. Dale was into agriculture “according to God’s ways” and organic farming. Our mutual friend is also into farming plus raising goats. Mr. Shurter has recently been appointed number two man in the Restored Church of God led by Ambassador College graduate and former WWCG minister David Pack. He was with the Living Church for a while and then started the Restored Church of God. A fifty page flag-ship magazine with full page color articles on heavy duty paper touts his accomplishments and organization which is closely patterned after H.W.A.’s footsteps.

TPM does not compare itself with other ministries. All I want to do is serve God, do His work according to his will and teach the truth – the “strong” meat not just milk. Those who are grown up in God’s truth have need of “strong” meat. **Hebrews 5:12**—“For though by this time you ought to be teachers you need one to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

We are living in the days of apostasy. The whole world is falling away from God and his truth. Our whole nation is in rebellion against God. All the problems that ancient Israel experienced were forecast in advance and preordained. Let’s look at what was happening to Ancient Israel in the days when there was no king **Judges 21:24-25** compared with our day today. “The children of Israel departed from *there* at that time. In those days there was no king in Israel: **every man did that which was right in his own eyes.**” [*This time was after the yearly feast of the Lord at Shiloh. The women were destroyed out of Benjamin, the cities had been burned to the ground by the other tribes because of their wicked behavior and 200 men of the tribe of Benjamin (of the 600 left of that whole tribe) that escaped from the war remained without wives needed to have heirs so that a tribe of Israel will not be wiped out; so they were allowed to catch a wife from the daughters of Shiloh who danced at this feast and returned to their inheritance to repair their cities and dwell in them.*]

If you read the Book of Judges, you will find out that period was the bloodiest period in the history of Israel. The Lord left certain nations in the land to test those Israelites who had not participated in the wars of Canaan. He did this to teach warfare to generations of Israelites who had no experience in battle. They were left to test the Israelites to see whether they would obey the Lord’s commands, which he had given their forefathers through Moses. Israel lived among these six nations and intermarried with them. Israelite sons married their daughters, and Israelite daughters were given in marriage to their sons, and served their

gods. The entire book is about Israel obeying God in one generation and then disobeying God—turning to evil, and the next generation going into captivity. Then they would cry out to God and he would forgive them and rescue them. **Judges 3:9-19**—“Nevertheless, the Lord raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them. And when the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judges.” They would be alright for a while but when the judge was dead they reverted to their wicked ways and behaved more corruptly than their fathers, by worshiping pagan gods to serve them and bow down to them and God would send them into captivity again. They refused to give up their evil practices and stubborn ways. The Spirit of the Lord came upon Othniel, Caleb’s younger brother, who judged Israel and the land had rest for forty years. The commentary says Othniel is another name for **Jabez. 1 Chronicles 4:9-10**—**Jabez** was more honorable than his brothers and was the head of a school of writers. He cried out to God who heard him and granted his request by blessing him, enlarged his territory, and kept him from evil so that he would not cause pain.

Why is the U.S. having such problems today and all these evil things happening? The whole nation is doing evil in the sight of the Lord, and has turned their back on God. I don’t blame President Obama, his wife Michelle or Secretary of State Hillary Clinton when Ben Ghazali occurred. These people would not be in their current jobs unless God allowed them to rise up in their position. God is allowing it, because our people have turned their back on Him as Ancient Israel did which is recorded in the Book of Judges. Israel did evil again in the sight of God and he brought Eglon the king of Moab, a very fat man, against Israel who served him for eighteen years. Again the children of *Israel cried out to the Lord*, and he sent a deliverer for them—Ehud.

First of all, Israel had to cry out to God for delivery. **Judges 3:15-31**—“The Israelites sent Ehud with a tribute to Eglon. Ehud, a left-handed man, made himself a double-edged dagger that was eighteen inches long and strapped it to his right thigh, keeping it hidden under his clothing. After presenting the tribute, he sent away the men who had carried it. At the idols near Gilgal, he himself turned back and said, “I have a secret message for you, O king.” The king commanded his servants to be quiet and sent them all out of the room. As king Eglon rose up from his seat, Ehud drew the sword from his right thigh with his left hand and plunged it into the king’s belly. Even the hilt went in after the blade, which came out his back and the fat closed over the blade, for he did not draw the dagger out of his belly. Ehud went out through the porch and shut the doors of the upper room behind him and locked them. Eglon’s servants were surprised to find the doors locked. They waited until they were embarrassed, but when he had still had not opened the doors of the room, they took the key and unlocked them. When they opened the door, they found their master dead on the floor.”

“While the servants were waiting, Ehud escaped to Seirah. When he arrived in the hill country of Ephraim, Ehud blew the trumpet and Israel followed him down from the hills. They took possession of the fords of the Jordan leading to Moab and did not allow anyone to cross over. They killed about ten thousand Moabites all stout men of valor; not a man escaped. That day Moab was made subject to Israel, and the land had peace for eighty years” – a generation. After him came Shamgar son of Anath, who killed six hundred men of the Philistines with an ox goad; and he also delivered Israel.”

When Ehud was dead, the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord. So the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The children of Israel cried out to the Lord; for Jabin had nine hundred chariots of iron and for twenty years he had harshly oppressed Israel.” God gave them up. That is what is happening in America today, God is giving our nation up into the hands of our enemies. Make no mistake. President Barack Obama is an enemy of the American way of life. He

believes in his own power as elected president and America is going to see what happens when we elect a foreign king who is becoming a dictator.

Judges 4:4-16—“Deborah, a prophetess the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time. The children came up to her for judgment (settle their disputes) in the hill country of Ephraim. She sent for Barak the son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: ‘Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead the way to Mount Tabor. I will lure Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.’” Barak said to her, “*If you go with me, I will go; but if you don’t go with me, I will not go!*” So she said, “Very well, I will surely go with you; nevertheless there will be no glory for you in the journey you are taking, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” Heber the Kenite, of the children of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, had separated himself from the Kenites and pitched his tent near the great tree near Zaanannim, near Kedesh. Deborah said to Barak, “Go! For this is the day in which the Lord has delivered Sisera into your hand.” At Barak’s advance with his ten thousand men, the Lord routed Sisera and all his chariots and army by the sword, and Sisera abandoned his chariot and fled on foot. Barak chased the enemy and killed all of Sisera’s warriors. Not a single one was left alive.

Judges 4:17-23 —“Sisera, however, ran to the tent of Jael, wife of Heber the Kenite, because there was peace between King Jabin of Hazor and the house of Heber. Jael went out to meet Sisera and said: ‘Come, my lord, don’t be afraid.’ So he entered her tent and she covered him with a blanket. He said, ‘I’m thirsty, please give some water. She opened a jug of milk, gave him a drink and covered him. ‘Stand at the door of the tent,’ he told her. ‘If anybody comes and asks you if there is anyone here, say no.’ But Jael, took a ten peg and a hammer in her hand and went quietly to him and drove the peg into his temple, and it went down into the ground; for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died. When Barak came looking for Sisera, Jael went out to meet him and said to him, ‘Come, I will show you the man whom you seek.’ And when he went into the tent with her, he found Sisera lying there dead with the tent peg through his temple. On that day God subdued Jabin king of Canaan in the presence of the children of Israel who became stronger and stronger against Jabin, until they destroyed him.” On that day Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam sang the *Song of Deborah and Barak* which is written in **Judges Chapter 5** (please read the song for yourself). Then land had peace for forty years. “*Praise the Lord for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves.*”

Sometimes, people feel that they need to get recognition or a pat on the back from me and want human approval—some evidence that I appreciate them. Well, my wife might agree with that. She likes to know that I love her and that is understandable. Paul says in **Galatians 1:11**—“I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.” **Psalms 75:6**—“For promotion comes neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: He puts down one, and exalts another.” Promotion (recognition) is a gift from God. If people do the right thing, God will show them honor and recognition. God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek him. If people want recognition from me, they are looking in the wrong place. Honor comes from only God, not from men. If a person is serving in God’s work, that person will be paid, honored, blessed, and exalted by God himself. God is the one who raises people up, takes people down and replaces the ones he takes down.

2 Samuel 11:2-17—God is not a respecter of persons, but he looks to the humble and repentant person. If God was going to replace anybody, he might have thought of replacing David who committed adultery with a beautiful woman who was the wife of Uriah the Hittite; one of David’s elite trusted special Thirty Mighty men of valor (warriors), whom David trusted with his life. The woman Bathsheba conceived so

David brought Uriah back from the battle front to go sleep with his wife and cover the transgression of David resulting in child. However, Uriah in his loyalty to David and the army would not in good conscience go home to his wife while on active duty and slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. So the next morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah to his commander Joab, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire from him, that he may be smitten and die." Joab assigned Uriah to a place where he knew that valiant men were fighting near the city wall and Uriah the Hittite among others of David's servants was killed by shooters from the city wall. "Joab sent report of the matters of war by messenger to David and charged the messenger, if at the end of the report the King's wrath arises, then say to him: your servant, Uriah the Hittite is dead also. When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. When the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son."

2 Samuel 12:1-7—"The thing that David had done displeased the Lord. The Lord sent Nathan the prophet to David. Nathan said to David, "There were two men in one city; the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds. But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. And there came a traveler to unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the Lord lives, the man that has done this thing shall surely die: And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." And Nathan said to David, "You are the man, Thus says the Lord God of Israel, I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul."

Verses 8-12—"And I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto you such and such things. Wherefore have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and had him slain with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house; because you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord, Behold, **I will raise up evil against you out of your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them unto your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.** For, you did it secretly; but **I will** do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun."

Verses 13-23—"David said to Nathan, *I have sinned against the Lord,*" and Nathan said to David, "**The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die.**" "Howbeit, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto you shall surely die. And Nathan departed to his house. The Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife bare to David, and it was very sick. David prayed and fasted before God for the child all night upon the earth and would not eat. It came to pass on the seventh day the child died. David got up from the earth, washed, anointed himself, changed his clothes and came into the house of the Lord and worshipped. David said to his servants, 'While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept; who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, so why should I fast? I cannot bring him back again.'

God forgave David because David repented from the bottom of his heart. **Psalm 51** describes the anguish, pain and turmoil that was in David's heart after his transgression. We all sin and transgress. Anyone of God's people can make a huge mistake –fall from grace in the eyes of the Lord. But they can repent and

be forgiven, IF they really repent. King Saul could have repented in fact, but he did not. He pretended to repent. He wanted Samuel to stay with him and to show him honor after he had sinned, but he did not repent or stop sinning. But when David was found out he repented with his whole heart. THIS LESSON WE ALL NEED TO LEARN:

1. **If** you have *sinned* against the Lord, “**be sure your sin will find you out**” (Numbers 32:23).
2. **If** we truly will *genuinely repent* from our sins, **God will forgive.** 1 John 1:9—“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 Samuel 13:14—“the Lord has sought him **a man after his own heart**, and has commanded him to be captain over his people.” David was that man and God anointed him king over Israel. David strove earnestly to walk closely to God and overcome his human pride, lust of the flesh and eyes and the deceitfulness of the human heart. However, the House of David bore the penalty of his mistake—the sword would never leave.

The economy in America and the world are getting twenty times worse than it was in 2008 when the current depression began. The demographics of the population are changing within the Israelite countries of Britain, France, America, Germany and Europe within a generation with a great influx of Spanish and Arab Muslims and others not natives by birth causing a heavy economic burden. Unknown gods are rising up and being worshiped. It is becoming unlawful to disagree or say “negative comments” against preaching and teaching what the word of God (calling a spade a spade) says about gays. Pastors have been cited for a hate crime by quoting antigay statements. The truth of God is beginning to be called a hate crime! Terrorism is happening in the streets (as in the Boston Marathon), homelessness is rising, continuing war, the U.N. and U.S. legislation push to end the sovereign right for citizens to have guns (a reminder of Hitler’s Germany which had citizen gun control, and the nation of Ancient Israel in the days of the Judges where not a spear or shield was to be had among 40,000 men). It was announced that President Obama is going to sign America onto the United Nation’s gun control treaty in which private citizens of nations are denied firearms! Government control is increasing and government accountability to the citizens is missing.

Deborah, a prophetess, judged Israel. Her song praises the Lord for his righteous acts and the avenging of Israel, when the princes of the tribes of Israel took the lead; risked their lives and willingly offered themselves and fought the kings of Canaan— the people gladly followed in victory. “So let all your enemies perish, O Lord: but let them that love Him be as the sun when he goes forth in his might. When Israel’s leaders take charge and the people gladly follow—bless the Lord God of Israel!”

The conditions found in Ancient Israel are being repeated today in America with departure from the ONE true God and embracing witchcraft, the worship of idols joining themselves to false, pagan rituals and customs leading to captivity. Christians are being persecuted and no longer have the freedom of worship. The New World Order is coming and we need to cry out to God to strengthen our hearts and resolve to endure to the end. Spread the message of the gospel and testimony of Jesus Christ (the spirit of prophecy) that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and power of God. **Isaiah 58:1-2** –“Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression and the house of Jacob their sins.” Christ is coming soon! Let no one cause you to lose focus from the job we have been called to do for God in this day and age.

Praise God in all things: for His Holy Spirit, his truth, his power, his love, his mercy, his faithfulness and his forgiveness and for those he has called to serve Him.