

**“The Brazen Serpent Broken in Pieces” 2 Kings 18-19 5/12/24**

Today, we'd like to see the title of “The Brazen Serpent Broken in Pieces” in 2 Kings 18-19.

To the souls on this online word, *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. (**Maranatha Worship Songs**\_\_\_\_\_

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Q1. In 18:4, “He removed the high places and broke the *sacred* pillars, cut down the wooden image and broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for until those days the children of Israel burned incense to it, and called it Nehushtan,” what does it mean in the context? And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In 19:15, “Then Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said: ‘O LORD God of Israel, *the One* who dwells *between* the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth,’” what does it mean? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q3. In 19:18, “and have cast their gods into the fire; for they *were* not gods, but the work of men’s hands—wood and stone. Therefore they destroyed them,” what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?

**(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)**

In the last time, in 2 Kings 17:41, “So these nations feared the LORD, yet served their carved images; also their children and their children’s children have continued doing as their fathers did, even to this day,” God already told through Moses not to follow all the abominations of the conquered nations in the promised land, and later judgment through Isaiah. So, God was provoked to anger against Israel, removing Israel *Deu 18:9-14; Isaiah 8:19-22*.

In 2 Chronicles 29-32 and Isaiah 36-39, Hezekiah also is found. In Isaiah 1:1, “The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah,” Isaiah as a prophet delivered the words of God during the reign of Hezekiah too. These chapters regard as follows:

(18:1-8) The Reign of Hezekiah the good king of Judah

9-12 Israel conquered by Assyria

13-18 Hezekiah’s tribute again but Assyrian Invasion

19-37 Assyrian arrogance against God

(19: 1-7) Isaiah’s prophecy about Assyrian defeat

8-13 Sennacherib’s threatening letter

14- 19 Hezekiah’s Prayer

20-34 God’s answer

35-37 Assyrian defeat

**Note** Assyrian king Sennacherib sent Rabshakeh the chief staff who delivered his oral words in chapter 18 and his letter in chapter 19 to Hezekiah through Hezekiah’s servants.

**18** <sup>1</sup>Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea the son of Elah, king of Israel, *that* Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. <sup>2</sup>He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. <sup>3</sup>And he did *what was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David had done.

<sup>4</sup>He removed the high places and broke the *sacred* pillars, cut down the wooden image and broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for until those days the children of Israel burned incense to it, and called it Nehushtan. <sup>5</sup>He trusted in the LORD God of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him.

**18** 1-8 = (The Reign of Hezekiah the good king of Judah. Hezekiah became the 12<sup>th</sup> king of Judah during 716-687BC from Ahaz his father the 11<sup>th</sup> king.)

4=Q1 (Unlike even another good kings who had done what was right in the sight of the Lord but he had not removed the high places, such as Jehoshaphat the 4<sup>th</sup> king of Judah, Hezekiah removed the high places of idol worships. After many complaining Israelites against God & Moses were bitten by fiery serpents and dead, for some surviving people a bronze serpent was made by Moses according to God's commandment as whoever looked at it on a pole was healed. The bronze serpent, Nehushtan or a thing of brass, was a reminder of the forgiving God, but had become the object of worship with burning incense to it. God prohibits any others to worship except God alone in the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 10 commandments, i.e., any others to love more than or equal to God E.g. crosses, statutes, pictures, portraits etc. Also it is equally applied to provision, byproduct, or creature rather than God who is the provider, author, or creator respectively. So, Hezekiah was an outstanding good king among all kings of the northern Judah or even the southern Israel. 2 *Chro* 20:31-33; *Numbers* 21:4-9; *Ex* 20:4-6; *Gen* 22:13-14; *Heb* 12:2; *Isaiah* 40:28')

<sup>1</sup> 2 *Chro* 20:31-33 So Jehoshaphat was king over Judah. *He was* thirty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi.<sup>32</sup> And he walked in the way of his father Asa, and did not turn aside from it, doing *what was* right in the sight of the Lord. <sup>33</sup> Nevertheless the high places were not taken away, for as yet the people had not directed their hearts to the God of their fathers; *Numbers* 21:4-9 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. <sup>5</sup> 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." <sup>6</sup> So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.<sup>7</sup> 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.<sup>8</sup> 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." <sup>9</sup> 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; *Ex* 20:4-6 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of *anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath,

<p><sup>6</sup> For he held fast to the LORD; he did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses. <sup>7</sup> The LORD was with him; he prospered wherever he went. And he rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him. <sup>8</sup> He subdued the Philistines, as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower to fortified city.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> Now it came to pass in the fourth year of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea the son of Elah, king of Israel, <i>that</i> Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it. <sup>10</sup> And at the end of three years they took it. In the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is, the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. <sup>11</sup> Then the king of Assyria carried Israel away captive to Assyria, and put them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes, <sup>12</sup> because they did not obey the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed His covenant <i>and</i> all that Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded; and they would neither hear nor do <i>them</i>. <sup>13</sup> And in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them. <sup>14</sup> Then Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria at Lachish, saying, "I have done wrong; turn away from me; whatever you impose on me I will pay." And the king of Assyria assessed Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. <sup>15</sup> So Hezekiah gave <i>him</i> all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasuries of</p>	<p>6= (As God's words to seek God given to Asa the 3<sup>rd</sup> king of Judah, to meditate God's law day and night and observe to do it given to Joshua, or to observe to do the words of the law given to Israelites through Moses, Hezekiah clave to God, following God and keeping His commandments. So, he was prosperous, always spiritually or even usually physically, during his life. 2 <i>Chro</i> 15:2; <i>Joshua</i> 1:8; <i>Deu</i> 32:46-47<sup>2</sup>)</p> <p>7= (Hezekiah did not serve the king of Assyria, ceasing annual tribute.)</p> <p>9-12 = (Israel was conquered by Assyrian king Shalmaneser)</p> <p>11= (After Assyria conquered the northern Israel in 722BC at the 19<sup>th</sup> king Hoshea of Israel. Assyria resettled between the Israelites and foreigners to keep peace 2 <i>Kings</i> 17:24<sup>3</sup>)</p> <p>13-18 = (Hezekiah's tribute again but Assyrian Invasion. To keep Assyria from attacking, Ahaz the 11<sup>th</sup> king gave tribute annually. But Hezekiah ceased the tribute in verse 7, Assyria attacked and took</p>
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or that *is* in the water under the earth; <sup>5</sup> you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, <sup>6</sup> but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments; *Gen* 22:13-14 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him* was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. <sup>14</sup> And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided; *Heb* 12:2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.; *Isaiah* 40:28. Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>2</sup> 2 *Chro* 15:2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD *is* with you while you are with Him. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will forsake you; *Joshua* 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success; *Deu* 32:46-47 and he said to them: "Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe—all the words of this law. <sup>47</sup> For it *is* not a futile thing for you, because it *is* your life, and by this word you shall prolong *your* days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess."

<sup>3</sup> 2 *Kings* 17:24 Then the king of Assyria brought *people* from Babylon, Cuthah, Ava, Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they took possession of Samaria and dwelt in its cities.

<p>the king's house. <sup>16</sup> At that time Hezekiah stripped <i>the gold from</i> the doors of the temple of the LORD, and <i>from</i> the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria.</p>	<p>fortified cities of Judah. Hezekiah gave tribute again. Nevertheless, Assyria invaded Judah again)</p>
<p><sup>17</sup> Then the king of Assyria sent the Tartan, the Rabsaris, and <i>the</i> Rabshakeh from Lachish, with a great army against Jerusalem, to King Hezekiah. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. When they had come up, they went and stood by the aqueduct from the upper pool, which <i>was</i> on the highway to the Fuller's Field. <sup>18</sup> And when they had called to the king, Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who <i>was</i> over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came out to them.</p>	<p>17=(Assyrian king Sennacherib sent Tartan, Rabsaris, and Rabshakeh, likely chief commander, chief Eunuch, and chief staff to Hezekiah, for dismaying Judah to surrender. They went up the upper pool from which flew into Jerusalem, to Gihon spring toward the pool of Siloam -- the tunnel made later by Hezekiah 2 Chro 32:4-8<sup>4</sup>)</p>
<p><sup>19</sup> Then <i>the</i> Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: "What confidence <i>is</i> this in which you trust? <sup>20</sup> You speak of <i>having</i> plans and power for war; but <i>they are</i> mere words. And in whom do you trust, that you rebel against me? <sup>21</sup> Now look! You are trusting in the staff of this broken reed, Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So <i>is</i> Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him. <sup>22</sup> But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' <i>is</i> it not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and said to Judah and Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem?'" ' <sup>23</sup> Now therefore, I urge you, give a pledge to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses—if you are able on your part to put riders on them! <sup>24</sup> How then will you repel one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust in Egypt for chariots and horsemen? <sup>25</sup> Have I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me,</p>	<p>19-37= (Assyrian arrogance against God. Rabshakeh the chief staff delivered the oral ward of Assyrian king Sennacherib, whose arrogance had come from Assyrian battle achievements due to Assyrian works or wisdom, not any others' or even God's.)</p> <p>21-23= (Assyria had already known Judah's inquiry about the help of Egypt's aid and Judah's no cavalry probably from some captives)</p> <p>25=( Sennacherib's blasphemy against God also stated in the book of Isaiah, "The Lord said to me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it.'" It was going to be equally repaid by God in the next chapter 19. <i>Isaiah</i> 36:4, 7-10<sup>5</sup>)</p>

<sup>4</sup> 2 Chro 32:4-8 Thus many people gathered together who stopped all the springs and the brook that ran through the land, saying, "Why should the kings of Assyria come and find much water?" <sup>5</sup> And he strengthened himself, built up all the wall that was broken, raised *it* up to the towers, and *built* another wall outside; also he repaired the Millo *in* the City of David, and made weapons and shields in abundance. <sup>6</sup> Then he set military captains over the people, gathered them together to him in the open square of the city gate, and gave them encouragement, saying, <sup>7</sup> "Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that *is* with him; for *there are* more with us than with him. <sup>8</sup> With him *is* an arm of flesh; but with us *is* the LORD our God, to help us and to fight our battles." And the people were strengthened by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

<sup>5</sup> *Isaiah* 36:4, 7-10<sup>4</sup> Then *the* Rabshakeh said to them, "Say now to Hezekiah, 'Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: "What confidence *is* this in which you trust? <sup>7</sup> "But if you say to me, 'We trust in the LORD our God,' *is it* not He whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and said to Judah and Jerusalem, 'You shall worship before this altar?'" ' <sup>8</sup> Now therefore, I urge you, give a pledge to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses—if you are able on your part to put riders on them! <sup>9</sup> How then will you repel one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust in Egypt for chariots and horsemen? <sup>10</sup> Have I now come up without the LORD against this land to destroy it? The LORD said to me, 'Go up against this land, and destroy it.' "

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<sup>26</sup> Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, Shebna, and Joah said to *the* Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, for we understand *it*; and do not speak to us in Hebrew in the hearing of the people who *are* on the wall." <sup>27</sup> But *the* Rabshakeh said to them, "Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall, who will eat and drink their own waste with you?" <sup>28</sup> Then *the* Rabshakeh stood and called out with a loud voice in Hebrew, and spoke, saying, "Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria! <sup>29</sup> Thus says the king: 'Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he shall not be able to deliver you from his hand; <sup>30</sup> nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria." ' <sup>31</sup> Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus says the king of Assyria: 'Make *peace* with me by a present and come out to me; and every one of you eat from his own vine and every one from his own fig tree, and every one of you drink the waters of his own cistern; <sup>32</sup> until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive groves and honey, that you may live and not die. But do not listen to Hezekiah, lest he persuade you, saying, "The LORD will deliver us." <sup>33</sup> Has any of the gods of the nations at all delivered its land from the hand of the king of Assyria? <sup>34</sup> Where *are* the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim and Hena and Ivah? Indeed, have they delivered Samaria from my hand? <sup>35</sup> Who among all the gods of the lands have delivered their countries from my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?' " <sup>36</sup> But the people held their peace and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, "Do not answer him." <sup>37</sup> Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, came to Hezekiah with *their* clothes torn, and told him the words of *the* Rabshakeh.

**19** <sup>1</sup> And so it was, when King Hezekiah heard *it*, that he tore his clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. <sup>2</sup> Then he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz. <sup>3</sup> And they said to him, "Thus says Hezekiah: 'This day *is* a day of trouble, and rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children have come to birth, but *there is* no strength to bring them forth. <sup>4</sup> It may be that the LORD your God will hear all the words of *the* Rabshakeh, whom his master the king of Assyria

26-28= (Rabshakeh insisted the blasphemous speech in Hebrew louder rather than in Aramaic in order to dismay the people of Judah to surrender to Assyria)

**19:**

1-7 = (Isaiah's prophecy about Assyrian defeat)

1= (The "tore his clothes" was emotional expression of affliction, pain, or suffering in Hebrew culture.)

has sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore lift up *your* prayer for the remnant that is left.' ” <sup>5</sup> So the servants of King Hezekiah came to Isaiah. <sup>6</sup> And Isaiah said to them, “Thus you shall say to your master, ‘Thus says the LORD: “Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me. <sup>7</sup> Surely I will send a spirit upon him, and he shall hear a rumor and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.” ’ ”

<sup>8</sup> Then *the* Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah, for he heard that he had departed from Lachish. <sup>9</sup> And the king heard concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, “Look, he has come out to make war with you.” So he again sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, <sup>10</sup> “Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying: ‘Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, “Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.” <sup>11</sup> Look! You have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by utterly destroying them; and shall you be delivered? <sup>12</sup> Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed, Gozan and Haran and Rezep, and the people of Eden who *were* in Telassar? <sup>13</sup> Where *is* the king of Hamath, the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?’ ”

<sup>14</sup> And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. <sup>15</sup> Then Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said: “O LORD God of Israel, *the One* who dwells *between* the cherubim, You are God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. <sup>16</sup> Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to reproach the living God. <sup>17</sup> Truly, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands,

\*The Spirit's realm against other spirits' realm – At the time of God's creation of heavens and earth, there had been the spiritual realm (the Spirit's ruling realm) and the physical realm. In the spiritual realm, all creatures of spirit had been obedient or good angels who had been also given the free will by God like the later created Adam, becoming the servants of God. But one angel, Lucifer, exercised his free will against God to be like God and about 1/3 followed him, falling into the other spirits' realm (Lucifer ruling realm). So, now (1) the left spiritual realm is called as the Spirit's realm to avoid confusion against the other falling spirits' realm, (2) the other spirits' realm, and (3) physical realm. See Wayne Kim, “*Solus Spiritus Sanctus For the perfect reformation*” 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (California: CCAH PRESS, 2024) 62-70.

7= (After hearing of Rabshakeh's words on behalf of Sennacherib the king of Assyria through his servants, Hezekiah immediately went to the house of the Lord for prayer, as we should learn of immediate prayer not until a trouble or issue becomes serious. His servants were sent to go to Isaiah the prophet who would listen to God's words. God's words were delivered through Isaiah, Assyria was going to be defeated by a spirit upon Sennacherib, and a rumor to make him return to his own land and to be assassinated. It's amazingly detail prophecy. It's fulfilled in verses 19:35-37.)

8-13 = (Assyrian king Sennacherib's threatening letter. Sennacherib sent it through Rabshakeh the chief staff to Hezekiah in order to dismay him to surrender, with so many battle victories over others' and even God's.)

14-19 = ( Hezekiah's Prayer. He just spread Sennacherib's letter up as if the Lord didn't know what was in it. God see human heart although He knows all things.)

15=Q2 (Hezekiah began to pray about who God is and what God is, acknowledging or recognizing God among cherubim, of the Spirit's realm against other spirits' realm\*, only one true God among all gods on the earth, and the creator of heaven and earth over all creatures. Prayer is not your assertion of your position to God, but is recognizing who/what God is and actively following His direction for Him, venturing out in faith. *Prov 3:5-6*\*)

<sup>6</sup> *Prov 3:5-6* Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

<sup>18</sup> and have cast their gods into the fire; for they *were* not gods, but the work of men's hands—wood and stone. Therefore they destroyed them. <sup>19</sup> Now therefore, O LORD our God, I pray, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You *are* the LORD God, You alone.”

<sup>20</sup> Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard.’”

<sup>21</sup> This *is* the word which the LORD has spoken concerning him: ‘The virgin, the daughter of Zion, Has despised you, laughed you to scorn; The daughter of Jerusalem Has shaken *her* head behind your back!

<sup>22</sup> ‘Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? Against whom have you raised *your* voice, And lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy *One* of Israel.

<sup>23</sup> By your messengers you have reproached the Lord, And said: “By the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, To the limits of Lebanon; I will cut down its tall cedars And its choice cypress trees; I will enter the extremity of its borders, To its fruitful forest.

<sup>24</sup> I have dug and drunk strange water, And with the soles of my feet I have dried up All the brooks of defense.”

<sup>25</sup> ‘Did you not hear long ago How I made it, From ancient times that I formed it? Now I have brought it to pass, That you should be For crushing fortified cities *into* heaps of ruins.

18=Q3 (Assyrians destroyed all gods of the nations which they conquered. Those made by men's hands are not gods. Sadly, in other spirits' realm, a man often makes himself as a god or projects himself as a god with wood, stone, silver, gold, or thoughts -- To become a god or to project a god, a man requires a lot of efforts or works, “like God,” “like the Most High.” So, a man's god is often himself or the projection of himself by works or efforts, from the human bottom to the divine top. However, Christian's life is Christ's life over his life, from the divine top to the human bottom. So, Christian's life is the others' life upside down or in total opposite way of the others' life. *Isaiah 14:12-15; Gen 3:5; Col 3:3; Gal 2:20; Acts 17:6'*)

20-34 =(God's answer. God defends this city. God doesn't need human defense. He is perfectly capable of doing so. So the angel of the Lord smote Assyrian army, 185,000. God is almighty.)

23= (Sennacherib's achievements came from his or his own army's works and efforts over what God had allowed and caused long ago, i.e., it was predestined by God's foreknowledge -- showing his arrogance and pride to be destroyed by God *Prov 8:13; Prov 16:18'*)

<sup>7</sup> *Gen 3:5* For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil; *Isaiah 14:12-15* “How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! <sup>13</sup> For you have said in your heart: ‘I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.’ <sup>15</sup> Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. *Col 3:3* For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God; *Gal 2:20* I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me; *Acts 17:6* But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.

<sup>8</sup> *Prov 8:13* The fear of the LORD *is* to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate; *Prov 16:18* Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

<p><sup>26</sup> Therefore their inhabitants had little power; They were dismayed and confounded; They were as the grass of the field And the green herb, As the grass on the housetops And <i>grain</i> blighted before it is grown. <sup>27</sup> 'But I know your dwelling place, Your going out and your coming in, And your rage against Me. <sup>28</sup> Because your rage against Me and your tumult Have come up to My ears, Therefore I will put My hook in your nose And My bridle in your lips, And I will turn you back By the way which you came.</p> <p><sup>29</sup> 'This <i>shall be</i> a sign to you: 'You shall eat this year such as grows of itself, And in the second year what springs from the same; Also in the third year sow and reap, Plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them.</p> <p><sup>30</sup> And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah Shall again take root downward, And bear fruit upward.</p> <p><sup>31</sup> For out of Jerusalem shall go a remnant, And those who escape from Mount Zion. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.'</p> <p><sup>32</sup> "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: 'He shall not come into this city, Nor shoot an arrow there, Nor come before it with shield, Nor build a siege mound against it.</p> <p><sup>33</sup> By the way that he came, By the same shall he return; And he shall not come into this city,' Says the LORD. <sup>34</sup> 'For I will defend this city, to save it For My own sake and for My servant David's sake.' "</p> <p><sup>35</sup> And it came to pass on a certain night that the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead. <sup>36</sup> So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed and went away, returned <i>home</i>, and remained at Nineveh. <sup>37</sup> Now it came to pass, as he was worshiping in the temple of Nisroch his god, that his sons Adrammelech and Sharezer struck him down with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son reigned in his place.</p>	<p>28=(In OT time, God equally was going to repay to Assyria by the same way which Assyria treated captives cruelly, to be conquered by Babylon in 586 BC Ex 21:23-24<sup>9</sup>)</p> <p>29-31= (The Lord's sign for Judah – 3 years eating and remnants' divine protection)</p> <p>32-34 (The Lord says about the king of Assyria to be destroyed and the city of Jerusalem to be defended, by God.)</p> <p>35-37 = (Assyrian destruction. The angel of the Lord smote the Assyrian army, 185,000. The power of God against the Assyrians was shown to peoples. Sennacherib ran away to Nineveh the capital of Assyria, being assassinated. So, it fulfilled the God's word through Isaiah in verse 19:7. And then other his son Esarhaddon replaced his throne. )</p>
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Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study

<sup>9</sup> Ex 21:23-24 But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, <sup>24</sup> eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,



(NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that literal experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jer 23:28; Ne 8:8).

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**Truth matters, regardless of online, offline, indoor, outdoor, at sea, or in sky services.**



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*Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!*

## European Union Mission

The conviction was handed down on October 28, 2023.

In 2023, during Paul's footsteps mission tour and evangelism, several significant observations were made: Firstly, English emerged as the predominant language among people in the European Union (EU). Secondly, despite a rich Christian history, there are relatively few Christians in the midst of a post-Christian culture. Thirdly, it was noted that upon sharing the words of God, many individuals displayed unexpected curiosity or interest. Lastly, leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) tools, the dissemination of God's words can be accelerated significantly, aligning with the prophecy of Daniel 12:4b, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

These findings serve as a compelling motivation for us, as debtors of Jesus' love, to endeavor to spread the entirety of God's words throughout the EU whenever providence allows.

### all Scripture

*"He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).*

*"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Matthew 24:35).*

*EU mission tour (9/26 – 10/4), with AI tool.*

## Calvary Anaheim Hills Missions:

"Greater Works" in John 14:12 -Our prayer support group are praying, offering, or going. You may do so. Psalm 83:18 "That they many know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth."

Bosnia and Herzegovina -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

China -- Hannah, Jeremy, Merry, Mi Young... MAP

European Union – Lily, Wayne, Jane, T K, Raura, Paul.....MAP EU

France -- Joy Diacou... MAP

Haiti – Brian McDaniel MAP

India -- Abraham Motakatia, Varughese Saji, Kris Davis, Y Suri, K P Yohannan MAP

Iran -- Christina, David, Ray Sleiman, Shahin, Reza, Brian.... MAP

Indonesia -- Choon Choi, Jong Kim, Robinson Pea MAP

Iraq, Afghanistan -- Heather Mercer, Sami T (in other Muslim countries)..... MAP MAP

Israel -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

Italy -- Brent Harrell... MAP

Japan -- Chester Hudspeth, Janet Mctaggart, Kyomasa & Taeko.... MAP

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Lebanon -- Raymond Sleightman... MAP

Nepal -- Joseph & Esther Choi..... MAP

Nicaragua -- Michael & Jackelin Gaude..... MAP

Mexico -- Alex & Cruz Sanchez, Garry & Keri Goo, James & Monica Arista, Octavio, Martin, Victor & Sonia Mayoral..... MAP

North Korea -- Ed, Inquired Anonymous Missionaries..... MAP

Peru -- Timothy Kim, J Y Oh..... MAP

Philippines -- Dodong, Jim Davis..... MAP

Russia -- Robert Ovcharenko..... MAP

Scotland -- Chris & Jenn Lawsons, Steve Kostlan MAP

South Korea -- Mike, Peter, Seoung, Victor, Loudermilk... MAP

Sudan -- Gary Kusunoki, Robert, In Hwa Shin(Leprosy in other African countries), Wes ... MAP

Uganda -- Brian Kelly... MAP

United Arab Emirates – Simon Baek .... MAP

Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan -- Jed & Renee Gourley, George & Pam Markey.. MAP MAP

*Please pray for Missionaries and for Christians over all the earth.  
James 5:16b ".....The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*

See <https://calvarychapelanahemhills.com/missioncountries.htm>

# Delivery of the words of God

in Gospel and in all Scripture

[Calvary Chapel Anaheim Hills](#) (all Scripture)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith (Romans 1:16-17).

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***Affluent and Well-prepared Retiree*** And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said to him, Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided? 21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God (Luke 12:19-21).

***Let go, Let God*** CCAH has been led daily by the Spirit in the Whole Counsel of God for its beliefs, and their consequent practices since over 20 years ago. Through CCAH, our Lord has been increasing faith, the word of God, its consequent practice, love, or joy with the perishable means. God has faithfully been touching the least souls like flames such as the addicted, the retirees, the indigent, the homeless, the veterans, and the rarely touched souls in the world -- free from where Christ is named, commercial capitalism is controlling, territorial boundaries are lined, and racial, material, or hereditary partiality underscores -- in the light of Matthew 25:40, "And the King will answer and say to them, Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

We have been volitionally, joyfully, and thankfully praying and following His continual direction until our Lord comes again. That's our privilege and our blessing. Please pray through our love for each other as long as we the one body of Christ on the earth are not against the principles of the doctrine of Christ.

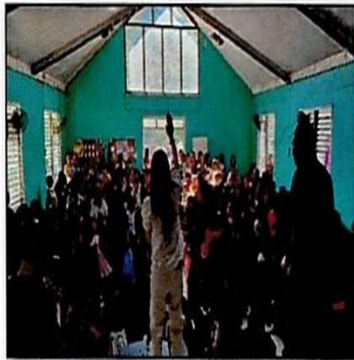
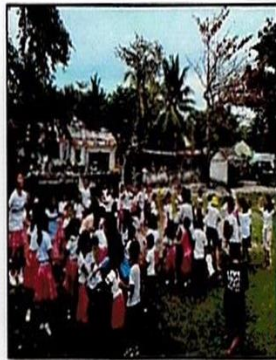


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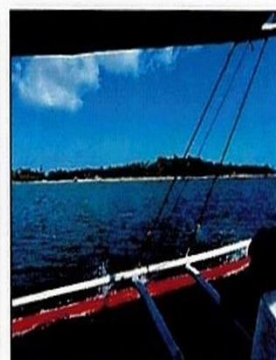
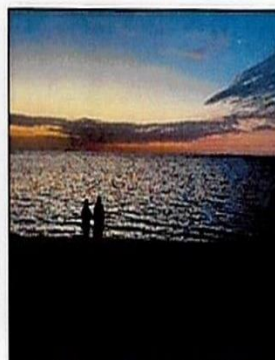
*teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.....(Matthew 28:20a)*

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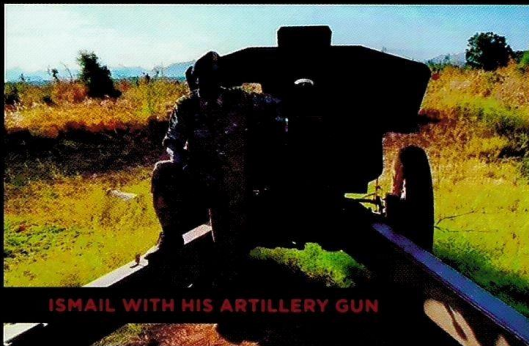
Pray for Philippines Ministry and for Pastoral Training of Asia (PTA) ministry at Dumaguete Island.



You helped us pay to have the church roof repaired :)



# Pray for the Feeding People From Starvation and Sickness.



**ISMAIL WITH HIS ARTILLERY GUN**

God could deliver him. Ismail said that if God can heal me from this, He is real, and I will follow him and he did.

In one particular battle Ismail was in, his unit was being attacked by 700 Islamic enemy soldiers and his unit had only 100 men. His unit was told to attack even though they were greatly outnumbered, but he said, "Today is Sunday. Let us pray this whole day and seek our God that He will be with us." So, all the soldiers spent the



**WE STARTED THE FEEDING PROGRAM TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM STARVATION AND SICKNESS**

day in prayer. The next day, Ismail took his artillery gun and fired seven shots; all seven hit critical enemy positions, and within a few minutes, the enemy was in full retreat leaving the area and did not return. The men spent the day giving thanks to the Lord for His deliverance. Ismail was known for many great feats of heroism, once capturing 16 enemy soldiers and three trucks full of military supplies. On another occasion, his position was hit by a surface-to-air missile (SAM) that killed over 100 soldiers and 30 civilians. Once again, Ismail escaped uninjured, and the people said it was because of his relationship with Christ that he was delivered.

I am at the chaplain base as this letter is being written. We sent for Ismail's wife to be brought from the Nuba

Mountains to the base. We will do our best to comfort her in her grief and give her the stipend that we give for each fallen chaplain, which can take care of her for years. Ismail was around 55 years of age and served in the war for 37 years. In his life, he had brought many men and



**NEW CHURCH BUILT BY JOSHUA SPRINGS CALVARY CHAPEL AND JEREL HAGERMAN**

women to Christ. He had planted a church in a radical Muslim area where the people were some of the most violent, but to this day, his church is still alive with over 200 converted Muslims.

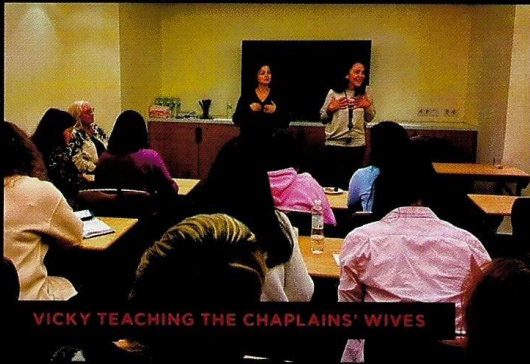
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

*Wes Bentley*

Wes Bentley

Far Reaching Ministries

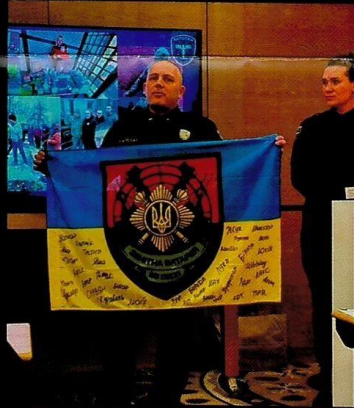
# Pray for Abandoned children in Ukraine and for His increase



VICKY TEACHING THE CHAPLAINS' WIVES

I cannot live with myself knowing this is going on, and I am willing to spend the rest of my life protecting and caring for those who do not have the ability to protect and care for themselves.

I have always thought that if I reached an age when I was too old to travel, I would enjoy restoring a classic car. I enjoy watching shows that take an old car that is a wreck and bring it back to life. Truthfully, I would enjoy having a garage with half a dozen cars that I could slowly restore. Watching shows that bring a wreck back to a thing of beauty reminds me of how the Lord takes broken lives and restores them. But I would far more desire to save these children and set up places of refuge for the handicapped and children of all ages, including babies and toddlers. Please understand we plan on starting what does not exist in Ukraine, and when we find children who are being abused by parents, we will not allow it to continue. When the laws of the land do not protect women and children, we, as believers, answer to a higher law, God's law, and will do what is necessary to ensure these children are not harmed by parents or anyone, such as a boyfriend.



FLAGS SIGNED BY CHAPLAINS GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM IN APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN CHAPLAINS

In March of last year, we wrote about children who were being sexually abused in Central and South America, and I was truly stunned by how the body of Christ responded. It was far beyond what I ever expected. Because the response was so tremendous, many children are being rescued, but now we need people to come alongside and help us build the infrastructure to save children in Ukraine. You can sign up for a monthly amount of whatever you feel led to give. It could be \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100. And if you can give far more because of how God has blessed you, we welcome the gift and assure you that these funds will be used solely for this project. I want to let you know that as we begin this project, we cannot send you a biography and photo of a specific child. Once we have children in our care, we will send you information about a child for whom you can pray. So please consider joining us in the rescue of these children.

Hopefully, in time, we will have the ability to facilitate adoptions. It would be my heart's desire that the homes would be a place of love until we can find a family that will care for these children.



CHAPLAINS AT FRONT REACHING MANY

Folks, I have some investments that should bring a great return in the next couple of years, and if the Lord blesses I will willingly give it to care for these children.

The Bible says in Psalm 68:5-6 that He is a father to the fatherless and sets the lonely in families.

We will actively seek to follow every lead to find the children who are abandoned and abused. A few years ago, a couple was arrested, and when the police came, they found that the couple had a little girl. When the officers asked her what her name was, she responded, "Stupid." The child had a black eye and deep-purple

Pray for the Rescue from Afghanistan & Ukraine and for His glory.



## WHEN MY HEART IS OVERWHELMED

I have too much to share once again but let me just give you an update on Afghanistan first.

On our Afghanistan operation, we have rescued around 2,700 individuals. During this operation, we raised about \$5.5 million, but we will have spent close to \$6.5 million by the time our last refugees are safely resettled. Brent came to me and asked what I wanted to do when the money had run out, and I told him that we would spend what was needed to get every last person the Lord had entrusted us with to relocate to a safe country. For all of you who have given, thank you, I believe you have touched the heart of God. And I would like to give a special thanks to North Country Chapel for helping to save so many lives. Far Reaching Ministries is in the final stages of shutting down operations in Afghanistan.

In March, Luke, Vicky, and I were at the chaplain refresher course in Ukraine. The time was far better than

I could have imagined. We had brought eight pastors from the U.S., most had been with us the last time men like Pastor Lloyd Pulley, Pastor James Class, and Pastor David Mercer to name a few. The fact that many of us returned had great meaning to the Ukrainians. One of the chaplains said that the last year had been "hell on earth". And when he was traveling with his family, his son said, "Dad, where are we going?" His father replied, "Paradise!" I was told that the Radisson Resort we were staying at, in the Carpathian Mountains, was considered by many Ukrainians to be a once in a lifetime destination. One brother told me that if you had stayed at this resort, you had arrived and were considered to have lived a life worth living. It was a nice hotel, but by U.S. standards it would be considered average. But for our chaplains and their families, these retreats are a great blessing.

After the conference the pastors traveled back to the U.S.,

**THEY DID NOT CHOOSE  
THIS WAR; IT WAS  
FORCED UPON THEM**

## Q 1. How many members or offerings are at CCAH?

A 1. People say, "How many people have been saved?" we don't know, but God knows, although we acknowledge that God has arranged over 1,000 units of communities, 7 sober living facilities, over 200 units of veteran community, KJV English & RVR Spanish Bibles & 200 lunches per week for the homeless, and over a million online visitors (Mat 22:2). It doesn't matter. It's something we leave the numbers with God. He knows those that are His and that's the important thing. Therefore, we don't worry about the numbers of the members and of tithes and offerings because the Lord has given the increase, He has added them to CCAH so far (1 Cor 3:7; Acts 2:47; 2 Sam 24:1-3), not as we have done at all, and CCAH is His own church (souls), the Lord's church, "Jesus is all in all," purchased with His blood (Mat 16:18; 1 Cor 6:20). Since His foolishness is wiser than men, such as all men's visions/ plans/ programs (1 Cor 1:25; Zechariah 4:6), and His thoughts unto each soul are more in number than the sand (Psalm 139:17-18), we are just active obedient followers of the Lord, venturing out in faith, "**Let CCAH go, let God.**"

And if you did indeed receive the increase, why do you boast as if you had not received it? (1 Cor 4:7) For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ (2 Cor 2:17), CCAH continues faithfully in teaching the entire Bible simply without alteration, fellowship, communion, and prayers, being the witnesses to Christ, powered with the Spirit, in Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8; 2:42, 47). The truth the Word of God matters wherever - offline, indoor, outdoor, online, at sea, or in sky - and whenever - Sunday, Saturday, weekday, every day, this generation time, or the future generation time (John 5:39; 17:17). The truth shall make us free (John 8:32), from where Christ is named, where commercial capitalism is controlling, where territorial boundaries are lined, or where racial, material, or hereditary partiality underscores. Touchable over 1,000 souls by offline and foreseeable over 1 million souls by online at CCAH are being fed by the whole counsel of God throughout the Spirit, living by every His word (1 John 2:27; Luke 4:4). CCAH does care about each soul because we believe that everybody is impartially created by God in His image (Gen 1:26) -- regardless of race, gender, age, wealth, or education such as Caucasian, male, youth, rich, Ivy league graduate, or not-- and that the eternal value of each soul is much greater than the value of any material/ temporal/ perishable things on the earth (James 3:17; Mat 16:26).

When God leads, God provides. So, we don't seek money because it follows the faith in the almighty Lord by the love of God. Therefore, we never ask people for money, but would offer what we have to the Lord and pray Him to handle the issues (like Andrew rather than Philip in John 6:6-9). Individually, we can discern our each mind before the Lord, as how much love for Him can be observed (1) by the money index to divide willing expenditures to God by total expenditures (Luke 12:34; 21:2-3), as well as (2) by how much the words of God we love (John 1:1). We know that any offering to God without willing mind is not accepted by God (2 Cor 8:12). The public love money especially in capitalism society because without money capitalism would not exist. However, we as Christians should not love money but should know its nature (1 Timothy 6:10). CCAH has been controlled not by money even in the capitalism society but by sovereign almighty God. The foundation of CCAH finance has begun from a homeless person's 2 dime offering to the Lord for CCAH at the Rock Fortress facility. The willing mind part for an offering should always prevail over its money part. We have spent offerings/donations about 40% for external ministries (for missions in Philippians 4:15-19 & for charity in Matthew 25:40) based upon our faith of "one church (Ekklesia) on the earth" -- the holy universal church, not unholy ecumenical church -- (e.g. 1st Quarter 2014, 43.15%; 4st Quarter 2013, 55.6 %; 3rd Quarter 2013, 20.11%; 2nd Quarter 2013, 55.91%; 1st Quarter, 2013 43.26%; 4th Quarter, 2012 45.57%, etc.), rather than spent them for additional social/cultural/popular internal programs. But about 60% for the internal ministries following the model of the early church in the Book of Acts is spent for sheep to be fed with spiritual food (Galatians 6:6) and for staff (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

CCAHA is **the poor in material and spirit**, but is the rich to give it away for Christ's sake, e.g., about 40% of annual offerings, with the poor hearts in spirit. The Lord is the shepherd of CCAH who is "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (2 Cor 6:10).

*Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:47b "...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."*

*Matthew 16:26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"*

*1 Corinthians 4:7 "For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?"*

Source: <https://www.calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/Q&A.htm> for full Q&A



## Hope, Suffering, and Glory: Studies in 1 Peter

Dear Friends,

We are really looking forward to this year's CGN International Conference. As the Executive Team sat down to think and pray about this year's theme, we all agreed that, based on the tumultuous nature of the times, we needed to look to a text of Scripture that would speak to our current cultural moment. We agreed that 1 Peter would be an excellent place to draw encouragement from since Peter wrote to those who were also living out their faith in challenging times. Our theme, Hope, Suffering, and Glory, captures much of what the Apostle addressed in the letter and speaks to much of our experience here in this present hour. I am delighted that we have been able to put together a great lineup of speakers to address important and relevant topics. I look forward to seeing each of you, and being encouraged together with you, as we look to the Lord to speak through His word and strengthen each of us through His presence as we gather in His name.



Blessings,

Brian Brodersen

President, Calvary Global Network