

**“May the Lord Be with You” 1 Chronicles 21-22 5/26/24**

Today, we'd like to see the title of “May the Lord Be with You” in 1 Chronicles 21-22.

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 21:1, “Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel,” why was David’s numbering Israel wrong in the context? And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In 21:7, “And God was displeased with this thing; therefore He struck Israel,” explain the difference between the Old Testament (OT) time and the New Testament (NT) Time regarding God’s judgment against sin? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q3. In 22:11, “Now, my son, may the LORD be with you; and may you prosper, and build the house of the LORD your God, as He has said to you,” explain it with verses 12, 13, and 19, compared with today fundraising for a church building? 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 1 Chronicles 20:8, “These were born to the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants,” David used the people of Ammon as slaves to work; other pagan enemies were defeated by Israel – at Gezer with the Philistines, Sippai and Lahmi the brother of Goliath, the holder of the huge sized spear like the beam of a weaver, were killed. At Gath, a tall man with 12 fingers and 12 toes and other giants were killed. They fell by David as “the LORD preserved David wherever he went” in 18:6 and 18:12 because he was after God’s own heart. After the constant war was over from 1 Chronicles 18-20, David took the census of Israel now.

**TEXT: NKJV [KJV]**

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

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<sup>1</sup>Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel.

<sup>2</sup> So David said to Joab and to the leaders of the people, “Go, number Israel from Beersheba to Dan, and bring the number of them to me that I may know *it*.”

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1=Q1 (God does not see just the end such as the sight, work, service, or success, but also see the beginning – everything prior to the set end, such as reason, heart, motive, or faith because God accepts the righteous work with heart to fear God, not just outward appearance the end causing favoritism or partiality. Also God wants reason the beginning for sin. God wants not just service the end but also reason the beginning for the reasonable service. Here, God sees not just David’s census of Israel the end but also David’s reason or motive the beginning. Unlike previous Moses’ census the end with all who were able to war in Israel 20 years old or older, the reason or the beginning, David numbered Israel even after the constant war was over while God preserved him whenever he went, feeling subconsciously or consciously self-sufficiency or proud of

<sup>3</sup> And Joab answered, "May the LORD make His people a hundred times more than they are. But, my lord the king, *are* they not all my lord's servants? Why then does my lord require this thing? Why should he be a cause of guilt in Israel?"

<sup>4</sup> Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Therefore Joab departed and went throughout all Israel and came to Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup> Then Joab gave the sum of the number of the people to David. All Israel *had* one million one hundred thousand men who drew the sword, and Judah *had* four hundred and seventy thousand men who drew the sword. <sup>6</sup> But he did not count Levi and Benjamin among them, for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

<sup>7</sup> And God was displeased with this thing; therefore He struck Israel. <sup>8</sup> So David said to God, "I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing; but now, I pray, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly." <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, <sup>10</sup> "Go and tell David, saying, 'Thus says the LORD: "I offer you three *things*; choose one of them for yourself, that I may do *it* to you." ' " <sup>11</sup> So Gad came to David

his victory upon military power provided by God. Now he was tempted by Satan to rely upon the military power the provision rather than the power of God the provider. The reason or motive the beginning was his self-sufficiency or pride for the census the end. For example, a minister boasted the increased ministry rather than boasted His work of the ministry. *Rev 22:13; Acts 10:34-35; Isaiah 1:18; Rom 12:1; James 2:26; Numbers 1:1-3; 1 Cor 4:7<sup>1</sup>*)

3= (Joab recognized David's casue, reason, heart, or motive the beginning for the census the end, during peace and quiet time of Israel, to David whose pride blinded him to recognize the way of escape from Satan's temptation even if faithful God allowed the way of escape through Joab from the temptation. Hereby, we learn to be sensitive to the Spirit's saying through constant prayers *1 Cor 10:13-14<sup>2</sup>*)

7=Q2 (In the OT, under Mosaic law a sinner got even punishment every time through priests from God, life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, or various sacrifices. But in the NT, upon Jesus' blood sacrifice once for all, the old covenant of law was taken away but the new covenant of grace has been established. At the time of the 1<sup>st</sup> faith in the Lord Jesus Christ the Savior through your repentance of all sin including unbelief, distinguished from unbelief, (1) you are saved in the position of the faith; (2) The Spirit of God dwells in you forever, sanctifying you until you meet Jesus in heaven; (3) your all sin is cleansed away under Jesus' grace, not under law; and (4) you are holy or righteous, imputed by Jesus' righteousness from the relationship via the faith or the fellowship between you and Jesus. So every believer of Jesus the Son of God has eternal life under grace and has been sanctified until either last breath or rapture. So every believer has

<sup>1</sup> *Rev 22:13* I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End*, the First and the Last; *Acts 10:34-35* Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. <sup>35</sup> But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him; *Isaiah 1:18* Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.; *Rom 12:1* I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service*; *James 2:26* For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also; *Numbers 1:1-3* Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of meeting, on the first *day* of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying: <sup>2</sup> "Take a census of all the congregation of the children of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of names, every male individually, <sup>3</sup> from twenty years old and above—all who *are able to go to war* in Israel. You and Aaron shall number them by their armies; *1 Cor 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*?"

<sup>2</sup> *1 Cor 10:13-14* No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Choose for yourself, <sup>12</sup> either three years of famine, or three months to be defeated by your foes with the sword of your enemies overtaking *you*, or else for three days the sword of the LORD—the plague in the land, with the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.' Now consider what answer I should take back to Him who sent me." <sup>13</sup> And David said to Gad, "I am in great distress. Please let me fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies *are* very great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man."

<sup>14</sup> So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel, and seventy thousand men of Israel fell.

been sanctified by each indwelling Spirit who teaches the words of God under His grace up to the image of Jesus into the inheritance of heavenly kingdom, i.e., until either last breath or rapture, called as glorification. Hereby the gap between the first faith from unbelief and the glorification of the perfect image of Jesus is the missing points to the perfect image Jesus target, called as HAMARTIA ἁμαρτία "sin." It is "undeadly sin" or "forgivable sin." So, if we the believers say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar because His word is not in us, but if so, the Spirit convicts us with it to His image. So, the Christians' sin is the debt owed to Jesus who already forgave all sin from 1<sup>st</sup> faith. E.g., in Lord's prayer "forgive us our debts as we forgive other debtors (Mat 6:12. KJV)." Know this truth and win against Satan's many times to try to make us feel that God won't forgive – the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. *Ex 21:23-24; Heb 7:27; Heb 9:12; Heb 10:9-10; 1 John 5:13; Rom 6:14; Gal 2:20-21; Acts 20:32; 1 Peter 1:2; 1 John 5:16; 1 John 1: 3,8-10<sup>3</sup>*)

14= (7,000 men were killed by a plague due to David's sin. When you commit a sin, its consequences have already begun to your neighbors. When you ask God to forgive the sin, you are forgiven and God often intervene to make its consequences less severe but its scar remains. Here, the sin of David as the king of Israel affected the people of Israel, that its consequences were 7,000 people dead by plague for 3 days – that's the price of leadership and the cost of sin.)

<sup>3</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.; *Heb 7:27* who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.; *Heb 9:12* Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption; *Heb 10:9-10* then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will, God." He takes away the first that He may establish the second. <sup>10</sup> By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*; *1 John 5:13* These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue* to believe in the name of the Son of God; *Rom 6:14* For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace; *Gal 2:20-21* 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. <sup>21</sup> I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain; *Acts 20:32* So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified; *1 Peter 1:2* elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ; *1 John 5:16* If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin *which does not lead* to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not *leading* to death. There is sin *leading* to death. I do not say that he should pray about that; *1 John 1: 3,8-10<sup>3</sup>* that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

<sup>15</sup> And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was destroying, the LORD looked and relented of the disaster [repented him of the evil], and said to the angel who was destroying, "It is enough; now restrain your hand." And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.

<sup>16</sup> Then David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, having in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. So David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces. <sup>17</sup> And David said to God, "Was it not I who commanded the people to be numbered? I am the one who has sinned and done evil indeed; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, O LORD my God, be against me and my father's house, but not against Your people that they should be plagued."

<sup>18</sup> Therefore, the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David that David should go and erect an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. <sup>19</sup> So David went up at the word of Gad, which he had spoken in the name of the LORD. <sup>20</sup> Now Ornan turned and saw the angel; and his four sons *who were* with him hid themselves, but Ornan continued threshing wheat. <sup>21</sup> So David came to Ornan, and Ornan looked and saw David. And he went out from the threshing floor, and bowed before David with *his* face to the ground. <sup>22</sup> Then David said to Ornan, "Grant me the place of *this* threshing floor, that I may build an altar on it to the LORD. You shall

15= (To describe the nature of eternal God, the humans limited to time and place have indescribable languages. Here is the word of "repent (KJV)" or "relent (NKJV)." It's the expression of God's compassion or empathy upon human suffering even the consequences of sin, likely sorrowful feeling to dethroned Saul, to wicked people, or to 7000's death from David's pride *1 Sam 15:29; 1 Sam 15:35; Gen 6:5-6*<sup>4</sup>)

17= (The consequences of a sin do an impact on a sinner's neighbors as stated in the verse 14. If the sinner is the person influential to more people such as a leader, a king like David, a president, a minister, etc., the more people suffer the consequence.)

<sup>4</sup> *1 Sam 15:29* And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor relent [repent]. For He *is* not a man, that He should relent."; *1 Sam 15:35* And Samuel went no more to see Saul until the day of his death. Nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul, and the LORD regretted that He had made Saul king over Israe; *Gen 6:5-6* Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD was sorry [it repented the Lord] that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

grant it to me at the full price, that the plague may be withdrawn from the people.”<sup>23</sup> But Ornan said to David, “Take *it* to yourself, and let my lord the king do *what is good* in his eyes. Look, I *also give you* the oxen for burnt offerings, the threshing implements for wood, and the wheat for the grain offering; I give *it all*.”<sup>24</sup> Then King David said to Ornan, “No, but I will surely buy *it* for the full price, for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing.”

<sup>25</sup> So David gave Ornan six hundred shekels of gold by weight for the place.<sup>26</sup> And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called on the LORD; and He answered him from heaven by fire on the altar of burnt offering.<sup>27</sup> So the LORD commanded the angel, and he returned his sword to its sheath.<sup>28</sup> At that time, when David saw that the LORD had answered him on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he sacrificed there.<sup>29</sup> For the tabernacle of the LORD and the altar of the burnt offering, which Moses had made in the wilderness, *were* at that time at the high place in Gibeon.<sup>30</sup> But David could not go before it to inquire of God, for he was afraid of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

## 22

<sup>1</sup>Then David said, “This *is* the house of the LORD God, and this *is* the altar of burnt offering for Israel.”<sup>2</sup> So David commanded to gather the aliens who *were* in the land of Israel; and he appointed masons to cut hewn stones to build the house of God.<sup>3</sup> And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails of the doors of the gates and for the joints, and bronze in abundance beyond

24= (David wanted sacrifices to God on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite or today the old town of Jerusalem. So, David rejected to receive the land as a free gift from Ornan's offer but insisted on bearing the sacrifice to God by buying it for the full price. That's why many volunteers --- who have been saved upon each faith by grace or 100% free gift even if the gospel of Christ for the salvation cost His life -- desire joyfully or willingly to sacrifice by themselves with his time, labor, skill, or money to the Lord.)

29= (The tabernacle of God was at Gibeon city in the land of Benjamin tribe, 6 miles or 10 km in NW from Jerusalem 2 *Chron* 1:3<sup>5</sup>).

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1= (This is the house of the Lord, i.e., This is the place for the temple of God. The site of God's temple was the symbol of God's presence among His people. Every time the people went to the temple they would remember that God is their true King. We need the presence of God however in our hearts for every endeavor that we do for God. God stopped the angel above the threshing floor, there on mount Moriah where Abraham called the name of the place, “The-Lord-Will-Provide” or “Jehovahjireh.” About a thousand years after David, Jesus was led to the top of mount Moriah, nearly a place called Golgotha or Calvary, and there He was crucified. *Gen* 22:13-14<sup>6</sup>)

<sup>5</sup> 2 *Chron* 1:3 Then Solomon, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that *was* at Gibeon; for the tabernacle of meeting with God was there, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup> *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 [Jehovahjireh]; as it is said *to this day*, “In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

measure,<sup>4</sup> and cedar trees in abundance; for the Sidonians and those from Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.<sup>5</sup> Now David said, "Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the LORD *must be* exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all countries. I will now make preparation for it." So David made abundant preparations before his death.<sup>6</sup> Then he called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build a house for the LORD God of Israel.<sup>7</sup> And David said to Solomon: "My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the name of the LORD my God;<sup>8</sup> but the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight.<sup>9</sup> Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days.<sup>10</sup> He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I *will be* his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'

<sup>11</sup> Now, my son, may the LORD be with you; and may you prosper, and build the house of the LORD your God, as He has said to you.<sup>12</sup> Only may the Lord give you wisdom and understanding, and give you charge concerning Israel, that you may keep the law of the LORD your God.<sup>13</sup> Then you will prosper, if you take care to fulfill the statutes and judgments with which the LORD charged Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and of good courage; do not fear nor be dismayed.<sup>14</sup> Indeed I have taken much trouble to prepare for the house of the Lord one hundred

9=(David was not able to build the temple of God because of his shedding much blood, a probable negative impact on peace and quietness among the people, but God charged his son Solomon, meaning "peaceful" in the light of "peace and quietness," to build the temple. David fully obeyed God and prepared for the building, as we as parents learn what we succeed to our children such as how to live the spirit led life in the whole counsel of God. The story of Solomon is tragedy because he started out well but as the years went by, he was prosperous, wealthy, and self-sufficient and then he began to multiply his wives and to trade horses with the Egyptians, turning away from the words of God. *Deu 17:16-17; 1 Kings 11:9-10*<sup>7</sup>)

11=Q3 (In the interpretation with verses 12, 13, & 19, David said to Solomon, (1) may the Lord be with you; (2) may you prosper; and (3) build the house of the Lord as God has said to you. God is your master or Lord who is with you. God provides the prosperity. And build the house of God with the provision as God leads you. So, as long as the Lord leads you, the Lord provides. How about today fundraising to build a church building? In general, we feel it seeks Fund, not the Lord. In specific, it has the following risks to be tempted by Satan: (1) two masters in heart, motive, or mind the beginning might come to reach the counted cost money the end to build it because money has purchasing power although money is made with the metals and paper/trees created by God from nothing; (2) the love of money might come subconsciously or consciously to reach the end under time pressure or people's duress; (3) the love of money might cause a root of all kinds of evil, against willing or cheerful donation to God, lawlessness, or various unbiblical beginnings; and (4) The Lord's church might become a human church, controlled by people, e.g., a merchandising church; church for a profit rather than for non-profit. Without the risks

<sup>7</sup> *Deu 17:16-17* But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the LORD has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.'<sup>17</sup> Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself; *1 Kings 11:9-10* So the LORD became angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice,<sup>10</sup> and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not keep what the LORD had commanded.

thousand talents of gold and one million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond measure, for it is so abundant. I have prepared timber and stone also, and you may add to them.<sup>15</sup> Moreover *there are* workmen with you in abundance: woodsmen and stonecutters, and all types of skillful men for every kind of work.<sup>16</sup> Of gold and silver and bronze and iron *there is* no limit. Arise and begin working, and the LORD be with you.”<sup>17</sup> David also commanded all the leaders of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying*,<sup>18</sup> “Is not the Lord your God with you? And has He *not* given you rest on every side? For He has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before the LORD and before His people.

<sup>19</sup> Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God. Therefore arise and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the holy articles of God into the house that is to be built for the name of the LORD.”

to be tempted by Satan, it’s hard to raise money to build the church building or to do any issue in a church/ministry for God’s purpose. And so, we tolerate the fundraising plan in a church or a non-profit ministries because of supremacy of agape love, relying upon the Lord who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts, e.g. Andrew rather Philip in Jesus’ feeding the 5,000. Although we don’t really know the answer of an issue, but we’re going to wait upon the Lord, and see what He’s going to do because the Lord is with us. We’ll not be dismayed. We’ll not dread. So, we are active followers of our Lord, venturing out in faith. God will answer the issue in His time and in His way for His church. Note an offering box in a church service or a donation button on websites through CCAH is a way to express a donor’s love for God by willing donation according to the Scripture, not to raise up a set fund for an issue. *Luke 16:13-15; 1 Tim 6:10; Mat 16:16-18; John 6:5-9; Luke 14:28; 1 Cor 4:3-5<sup>8</sup>*)

19= (Set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord. David asked Solomon to serve Him with undivided loyalty, wholeheartedly, or heartily, in order to build the sanctuary of the Lord, to bring the ark of covenant the symbol of God’s presence, and the holy articles of God into the temple of God – not looking back. Solomon took over the task at his death. *Luke 9:62<sup>9</sup>*)

<sup>8</sup> *Luke 16:13-15* “No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.”<sup>14</sup> Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him.<sup>15</sup> And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God; *1 Tim 6:10* For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows; *Mat 16:16-18* Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”<sup>17</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.<sup>18</sup> And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it; *John 6:5-9* When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?<sup>6</sup> But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.<sup>7</sup> Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.”<sup>8</sup> One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him,<sup>9</sup> “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?”; *Luke 14:28* For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish *it*—; *1 Cor 4:3-5* But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by a human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself.<sup>4</sup> For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord.<sup>5</sup> Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one’s praise will come from God.

<sup>9</sup> *Luke 9:62* But Jesus said to him, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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 (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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***Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!***

## European Union Mission

The mission was funded over 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" (Mathew 24:35). EU mission tour (9/26 – 10/4), with the aid of an 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

Kenya -- Ed Compean, Helen Ju, Rob Gordon... MAP

Lebanon -- Raymond Sleighman... MAP

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

Nicaragua -- Michael & Jackelin Gaudé..... 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.

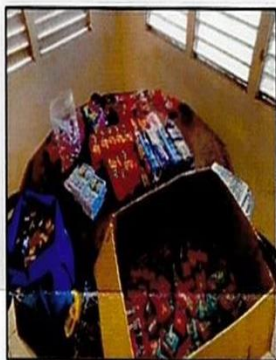
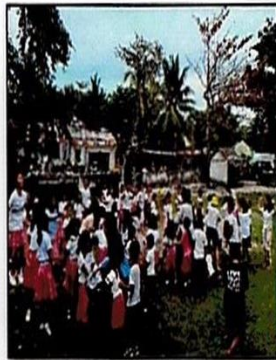


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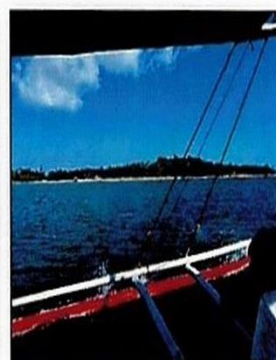
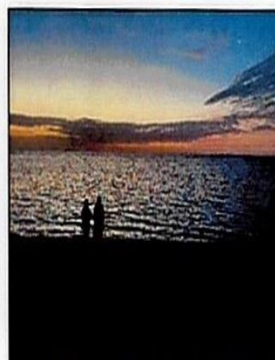
*teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.....(Matthew 28:20a)*

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

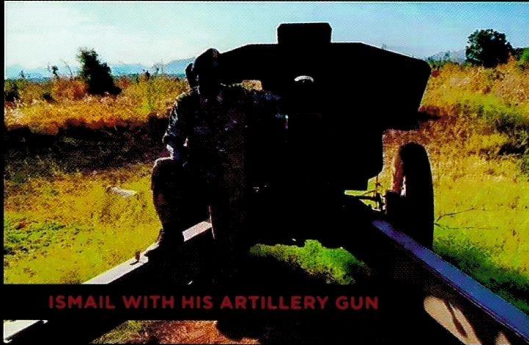


You helped us pay to have the church roof repaired :)





# 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.

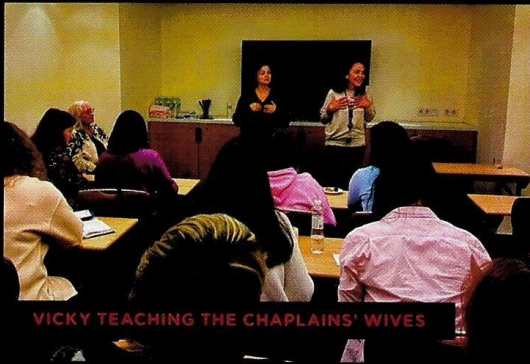
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

*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.

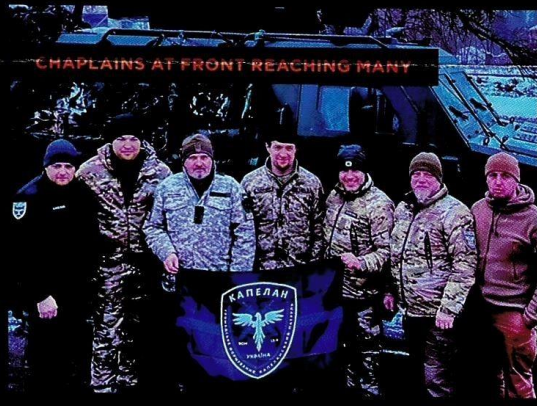
I have always thought that if I reached an age when I was too old to travel, I would enjoy restoring a classic car. I enjoy watching shows that take an old car that is a wreck and bring it back to life. Truthfully, I would enjoy having a garage with half a dozen cars that I could slowly restore. Watching 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

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

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.,

## 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