

## **“Might Bring Them Back to Your Law”** Nehemiah 9:1-38 6/23/24

Today, we'd like to see the title of “Might Bring Them Back to Your Law” in Nehemiah 9:1-38.

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 verse 3, “ And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God *for one-fourth* of the day; and *for another* fourth they confessed and worshiped the LORD their God,” what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In verse 20, “ You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, And did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, And gave them water for their thirst,” what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q3. In verse 29, “ And testified against them, That You might bring them back to Your law. Yet they acted proudly, And did not heed Your commandments, But sinned against Your judgments, ‘Which if a man does, he shall live by them.’ And they shrugged their shoulders, Stiffened their necks, And would not hear,” 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 Nehemiah 8: 17-18, “So the whole assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and sat under the booths; for since the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day the children of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness. <sup>18</sup> Also day by day, from the first day until the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day *there was* a sacred assembly, according to the *prescribed* manner,” every house made each booth at an available place in the 1<sup>st</sup> time after Joshua had conquered the Canaan land. Ezra read the Pentateuch daily for the feast of tabernacle 7 days and then on the 8<sup>th</sup> day or Sabbath day they altogether worshipped by keeping it holy; We shall live not only by daily bread but also by daily spiritual food.

To help understanding this chapter, we can divide as follows:

1-3= ready heart to worship God

4-38= Levites as the representatives of people were worshipping God with Israelites

5-6= Glory to our Lord

7-8= Abrahamic covenant

9-11= Exodus from Egypt

12-21= Wilderness life

22-25= Possession of Canaan

26-31= Disobedient Israel

32-37= Confession of Sin

38=Making a sure covenant in the next chapter 10.

<p><sup>1</sup>Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, in sackcloth, and with dust on their heads. <sup>2</sup> Then those of Israelite lineage separated themselves from all foreigners; and they stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. <sup>3</sup> And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God <i>for one-fourth</i> of the day; and <i>for another fourth</i> they confessed and worshiped the LORD their God.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Then Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, <i>and</i> Chenani stood on the stairs of the Levites and cried out with a loud voice to the LORD their God.</p>	<p><b>1-3= (Ready heart to worship God)</b></p> <p>1= (fasting is a self-type of affliction, denial of the flesh, being humble before the Lord and focusing on the Lord. Wearing sackcloth and putting dust on the head were a public sign of mourning, sorrow, or repentance)</p> <p>2=(Confession or admitting their sins to one another precede worshipping God because our sins separated us from God <i>Isaiah 59:2; Mat 5:23-24</i>)</p> <p>3=Q1 (They divided the day into 4 parts. From 6 AM to Noon, from Noon to 6 PM, from 6 PM to midnight, and from midnight to 6 AM. So, the 4<sup>th</sup> part would have been from 6 AM to Noon. When they read the Book of the Law of the Lord, they were listening to the word. Then they were spending the next 6 hours in confessing &amp; worshipping the Lord. Here, the reading of the Lord and the giving of the understanding resulted in confession, “clean because of the word spoken to you,” “a young man cleansed by taking heed according to Your word,” and “the word of God is living and powerful,” i.e., applicable to life, and powerful or workable. That’s why we just go through the word of God. <i>John 15:3; Psalm 119:9; Heb 4:12</i><sup>2</sup>)</p> <p><b>4-38= (Levites as the representatives of people were worshipping God with the Israelites)</b></p> <p>4-5= (One Levites addressed to whom, “the Lord their God,” and then the other Levites said. They worshipped the Lord, praised the Lord, with soul, and blessed the Lord, with spirit.. It is like saints, angles, elders and all creatures’ worshipping the Lord in <i>Rev 5:8, 11-14</i><sup>3</sup>)</p>
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<sup>1</sup> *Isaiah 59:2* But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, So that He will not hear; *Mat 5:23-24* Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

<sup>2</sup> *John 15:3* You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you; *Psalm 119:9* How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word; *Heb 4:12* For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

<sup>3</sup> *Rev 5:8, 11-14*<sup>8</sup> Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

<sup>13</sup> And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power *Be* to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!” <sup>14</sup> Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and

<sup>5</sup> And the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, *and* Pethahiah, said: "Stand up *and* bless the LORD your God Forever and ever! "Blessed be Your glorious name, Which is exalted above all blessing and praise!

<sup>6</sup> You alone *are* the LORD;  
You have made heaven,  
The heaven of heavens, with all their host,  
The earth and everything on it,  
The seas and all that is in them,  
And You preserve them all.  
The host of heaven worships You.

<sup>7</sup> "You *are* the LORD God,  
Who chose Abram,  
And brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans,  
And gave him the name Abraham;  
<sup>8</sup> You found his heart faithful before You,  
And made a covenant with him  
To give the land of the Canaanites,  
The Hittites, the Amorites,  
The Perizzites, the Jebusites,  
And the Girgashites—  
To give *it* to his descendants.  
You have performed Your words,  
For You *are* righteous.

**5-6= (Glory to our Lord)**

6= (God is not only the creator but he is the preserver of that creation, "You preserve them all." So, all creatures, even the host or angels of heaven, worship Him.)

**7-8= (Abrahamic covenant.** God's past works reminded us of God's natures, convicting us to Him.)

7=(Terah his father took Abram, a father of multitude, to the land of Canaan from Ur of the Chaldeans. God gave his name Abraham, a father of many nations. *Gen 11:31; Gen 17:5<sup>4</sup>*)

8= (God loves a faithful person because He is faithful to His words. He has performed His words. Abraham also was faithful. The everlasting covenant was made between God and Abraham, "thy seed," i.e., Jesus though David *Gen 17:4-7, 19<sup>5</sup>*)

worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

<sup>4</sup> *Gen 11:31* And Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, the son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out with them from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of Canaan; and they came to Haran and dwelt there; *Gen 17:5* No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.

<sup>5</sup> *Gen 17:4-7, 19<sup>4</sup>* As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.<sup>5</sup> Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.<sup>6</sup> And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.<sup>7</sup> And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. <sup>19</sup> And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

<p><sup>9</sup> “You saw the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, And heard their cry by the Red Sea.</p> <p><sup>10</sup> You showed signs and wonders against Pharaoh, Against all his servants, And against all the people of his land. For You knew that they acted proudly against them. So You made a name for Yourself, as <i>it</i> <i>is</i> this day.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> And You divided the sea before them, So that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; And their persecutors You threw into the deep, As a stone into the mighty waters.</p> <p><sup>12</sup> Moreover You led them by day with a cloudy pillar, And by night with a pillar of fire, To give them light on the road Which they should travel.</p> <p><sup>13</sup> “You came down also on Mount Sinai, And spoke with them from heaven, And gave them just ordinances and true laws, Good statutes and commandments.</p>	<p><b>9-11= (Exodus from Egypt)</b></p> <p>9= (God saw the affliction of our fathers and heard their cry, showing His compassion or love)</p> <p>10=(You draw out a nation out of Egypt against Pharaoh with signs and wonders, such as the last 10<sup>th</sup> sign, “strike down every firstborn son and firstborn animal.” It shows His almighty or nothing impossible. <i>Ex 12:12<sup>6</sup></i>)</p> <p>11=(God divided the red sea through Moses, that they went through the midst of the sea but pursuing Egyptians and all chariots threw into the deep water. It shows God’s righteousness against unbelievers or heathens as well as God’s almighty or nothing impossible. <i>Ex 14:21-23<sup>7</sup></i>)</p> <p><b>12-21= (Wilderness life)</b></p> <p>12=(The Lord led the way for them by day with a pillar of cloud and by night with a pillar of fire. It shows His leading His people. Even today, the adopted sons or daughters by faith or the children of God are led by the Spirit of God <i>Ex 13:21-22; Rom 8:14<sup>8</sup></i>)</p> <p>13=(God gave the 10 commandments on Mount Sinai to them through Moses. the 1 to 4 were about the love for God, while 5 to 10 were for love for each other. <i>Ex 20:1-17<sup>9</sup></i>)</p>
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<sup>6</sup> *Ex 12:12* On that night I will pass through the land of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son and firstborn male animal in the land of Egypt. I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the LORD!

<sup>7</sup> *Ex 14:21-23* Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry *land*, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry *ground*, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup> And the Egyptians pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

<sup>8</sup> *Ex 13:21-22* And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. <sup>22</sup> He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night *from* before the people; *Rom 8:14* For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God..

<sup>9</sup> *Ex 20:1-17* And God spoke all these words, saying: <sup>2</sup> “I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. <sup>3</sup> “You shall have no other gods before Me. <sup>4</sup> “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, 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. <sup>7</sup> “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain. <sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the

<p><b>14</b> You made known to them Your holy Sabbath, And commanded them precepts, statutes and laws, By the hand of Moses Your servant.</p> <p><b>15</b> You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger, And brought them water out of the rock for their thirst, And told them to go in to possess the land Which You had sworn to give them.</p> <p><b>16</b> "But they and our fathers acted proudly, Hardened their necks, And did not heed Your commandments.</p> <p><b>17</b> They refused to obey, And they were not mindful of Your wonders That You did among them. But they hardened their necks, And in their rebellion They appointed a leader To return to their bondage. But You <i>are</i> God, Ready to pardon, Gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, Abundant in kindness, And did not forsake them.</p>	<p>14= (The keeping of the Sabbath on Saturday was a perpetual covenant between God and Israel under Mosaic law, but now Christians are under new covenant in blood of Jesus the master of Sabbath, under grace, not under Mosaic law. So, the Sabbath on Saturday is not mandatory longer. So, It wasn't necessarily a day of gathering to worship on Saturday. Nevertheless, God intends the Sabbath to be kept, one day of complete relaxation and rest per week, a complete day off "for man, not for Sabbath." Any 1 day of 7 days can be the Sabbath for physical body. <i>Ex 31:16-17; Mark 2:27-28</i><sup>10</sup>)</p> <p>15= (God provided manna and quail from heaven and water out of the rock via wilderness before Canaan land is a shadow, which is fulfilled with the substance of Jesus Christ whose follower, the Christian, lives a daily life on earth with spiritual food and drink – His word &amp; Spirit – via trials before entering the kingdom of God <i>Ex 16:35; 1 Cor 10:3-4</i><sup>11</sup>).</p> <p>16= (God is good, God is faithful, He gave them the good commandments and fed them and yet they rebelled against God)</p> <p>17=(They went so far in rebelling against God, that was the time when they came to Kadesh and the spies came back with the report. It's better for us to return to Egypt. There was a rebellion against Moses, against God. So our fathers failed but You God is ready to pardon, gracious, merciful, and slow to anger. All of this was demonstrated by the fact that God didn't forsake them. His patience or long suffering is amazing, applying to us through the Spirit of God to forgive those who fail and confess, or us, even "70 times 7," if necessary. <i>Num 13:26, 33; Num 14:2-3; Mat 18:21-22</i><sup>12</sup>)</p>
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Sabbath day and hallowed it. <sup>12</sup> "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup> "You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup> "You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup> "You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup> "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup> "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's."

<sup>10</sup> Ex 31:16-17 Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations as a perpetual covenant; Mark 2:27-28 And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

<sup>11</sup> Ex 16:35 So the people of Israel ate manna for forty years until they arrived at the land where they would settle. They ate manna until they came to the border of the land of Canaan; 1 Cor 10:3-4. All of them ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Christ.

<sup>12</sup> Num 13:26, 33<sup>26</sup> Now they departed and came back to Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel in the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh; they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. <sup>33</sup> There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and

<p>18 "Even when they made a molded calf for themselves, And said, 'This <i>is</i> your god That brought you up out of Egypt,' And worked great provocations, 19 Yet in Your manifold mercies You did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of the cloud did not depart from them by day, To lead them on the road; Nor the pillar of fire by night, To show them light, And the way they should go.</p> <p>20 You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, And did not withhold Your manna from their mouth, And gave them water for their thirst.</p> <p>21 Forty years You sustained them in the wilderness; They lacked nothing; Their clothes did not wear out And their feet did not swell.</p>	<p>18-19=(God is faithful, merciful, gracious, but they were unfaithful and rebelled against God. Nevertheless, God didn't forsake them, leading them with the pillar of cloud by day and with the pillar of fire by night. His mercy endures forever. <i>Ex 32:8; 1 Chr 16:34<sup>13</sup></i>)</p> <p>20=Q2 (The Holy Spirit to instruct you is a part of the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Jesus gave the great commission to disciples, "teach all nations (them) to observe all things," because the Spirit is teaching us all things. Without the Spirit's instruction, nobody could understand God's meaning truly <i>Mat 28:18-20; John 14:26; 1; 1 John 2:27<sup>14</sup></i>)</p> <p>21= (God preserved them with provision in wilderness during 40 years. God is gracious. )</p>
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we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."; *Num 14:2-3* And all the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron, and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had died in the land of Egypt! Or if only we had died in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup> Why has the LORD brought us to this land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt?"; *Mat 18:21-22* Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

<sup>13</sup> *Ex 32:8* They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'This *is* your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!'; *1 Chr 16:34* Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good! For His mercy *endures* forever.

<sup>14</sup> *Mat 28:18-20* And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit [Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost], <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen. *John 14:26* But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you; *1 John 2:27* But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

<sup>22</sup> "Moreover You gave them kingdoms and nations, And divided them into districts. So they took possession of the land of Sihon, The land of the king of Heshbon, And the land of Og king of Bashan.  
<sup>23</sup> You also multiplied their children as the stars of heaven, And brought them into the land Which You had told their fathers To go in and possess.  
<sup>24</sup> So the people went in And possessed the land; You subdued before them the inhabitants of the land, The Canaanites, And gave them into their hands, With their kings And the people of the land, That they might do with them as they wished.  
<sup>25</sup> And they took strong cities and a rich land, And possessed houses full of all goods, Cisterns *already* dug, vineyards, olive groves, And fruit trees in abundance. So they ate and were filled and grew fat, And delighted themselves in Your great goodness.

<sup>26</sup> "Nevertheless they were disobedient And rebelled against You, Cast Your law behind their backs And killed Your prophets, who testified against them To turn them to Yourself; And they worked great provocations.  
<sup>27</sup> Therefore You delivered them into the hand of their enemies, Who oppressed them; And in the time of their trouble, When they cried to You, You heard from heaven; And according to Your abundant mercies

**22-25= (Possession of Canaan.** God gave the promised land to them, dividing 12 parts for 12 tribes. Their children were multiplied. They possessed the land, strong cities, houses, cisterns, vineyards, olive groves, and abundant fruit trees. They ate and were filled and grew fat and delighted themselves in God's great good provisions. They felt self-sufficiency from the provisions and forgot God, rather than thankful to God the provider and closer to Him)

**26-31= (Disobedient Israel.** So, they were disobedient and rebelled against Him. God kept His word, the people failed miserably, and they killed Your prophets, provoking God. God allowed their enemies as the instrument of His judgment to them. Yet, upon hearing their crying from heaven, God delivered them from their enemies according to His abundant mercies. God was merciful, forgiving, and graceful. But after rest, they did evil again. They repeated and many times God delivered them according to His mercies.)

You gave them deliverers who saved them  
From the hand of their enemies.  
28 "But after they had rest,  
They again did evil before You.  
Therefore You left them in the hand of their  
enemies,  
So that they had dominion over them;  
Yet when they returned and cried out to You,  
You heard from heaven;  
And many times You delivered them according to  
Your mercies,

29 And testified against them,  
That You might bring them back to Your law.  
Yet they acted proudly,  
And did not heed Your commandments,  
But sinned against Your judgments,  
'Which if a man does, he shall live by them.'  
And they shrugged their shoulders, Stiffened their  
necks, And would not hear.

30 Yet for many years You had patience with them,  
And testified against them by Your Spirit in Your  
prophets.  
Yet they would not listen;  
Therefore You gave them into the hand of the  
peoples of the lands.

31 Nevertheless in Your great mercy  
You did not utterly consume them nor forsake  
them;  
For You *are* God, gracious and merciful.

29=Q3 (God brought His law to them as He wants them to obey the law, but they failed to keep it. The law of God is perfect, converting the soul and making wise. The law is God's word. God is good, and so the law is good. Human sinful passions in flesh couldn't fulfill the righteous requirement of the law, being under the curse of the sin from its violation. Today, we can fulfill the righteous requirement of the law according to the Spirit. *Ps 19:7; Rom 7:5-7; Rom 7:12; Rom 8:4<sup>15</sup>*)

30-31= (God is so patient. They did not listen to the prophets and God allowed them to their enemies. They failed over and over and over again. But God did not utterly consume them nor forsake them because God is gracious and merciful.)

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<sup>15</sup> *Ps 19:7* The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD *is* sure, making wise the simple; *Rom 7:5-7* For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death. <sup>6</sup> But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not *in* the oldness of the letter. <sup>7</sup> What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet."; *Rom 7:12* Therefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.; *Rom 8:4* that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.



<sup>32</sup> "Now therefore, our God,  
The great, the mighty, and awesome God,  
Who keeps covenant and mercy:  
Do not let all the trouble seem small before You  
That has come upon us,  
Our kings and our princes,  
Our priests and our prophets,  
Our fathers and on all Your people,  
From the days of the kings of Assyria until this  
day.

<sup>33</sup> However You *are* just in all that has befallen us;  
For You have dealt faithfully,  
But we have done wickedly.

<sup>34</sup> Neither our kings nor our princes,  
Our priests nor our fathers,  
Have kept Your law, Nor heeded Your  
commandments and Your testimonies,  
With which You testified against them.

<sup>35</sup> For they have not served You in their kingdom,  
Or in the many good *things* that You gave them,  
Or in the large and rich land which You set before  
them; Nor did they turn from their wicked works.

<sup>36</sup> "Here we *are*, servants today!  
And the land that You gave to our fathers,  
To eat its fruit and its bounty,  
Here we *are*, servants in it!

<sup>37</sup> And it yields much increase to the kings  
You have set over us,  
Because of our sins;  
Also they have dominion over our bodies and our  
cattle At their pleasure;  
And we *are* in great distress.

<sup>38</sup> "And because of all this,  
We make a sure *covenant* and write *it*;  
Our leaders, our Levites, *and* our priests seal *it*."

**32-37= (Confession of Sin)**

32-35 (Great, mighty, and awesome God keeps covenant and mercy. We confess even small sin. Because of our great sin, God punished us justly as the kings of Assyria triumphed over us, northern kingdom of Israel, until now. Even if God showed goodness, by giving a large, and fertile land, they refused to turn from their wickedness.)

36-37= (God, we are now in subjection to king of Persia. We are servants, we are paying tribute. And though we are living in this land, we are still his servants. The abundant fruit now goes to these kings of Persia because of our sins.)

**38=(Making a sure covenant in the next chapter 10.** God, because of all of this, we want to make a covenant with You. We are going to serve You. We're going to be Your people.)

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. Also the whole verses of NIV as a reference are observed equally to KJV and NKJV for every online word. 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" (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

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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).**

<a href="#">English</a>	<a href="#">Spanish</a>	<a href="#">French</a>	<a href="#">German</a>	<a href="#">Italian</a>	<a href="#">Dutch</a>	<a href="#">Greek</a>	<a href="#">Turkish</a>
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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.**



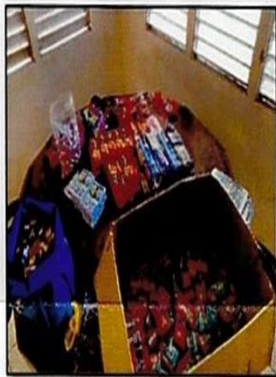
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The truth the Word of God matters wherever – indoor, outdoor, online, offline, at sea, or in sky --- and wherever – Sunday, Saturday, weekday, every day, this generation time, or the future generation time (John 4:23; 5:39; 17:17; Col 2:16-17). [Christian Population by Country](#)

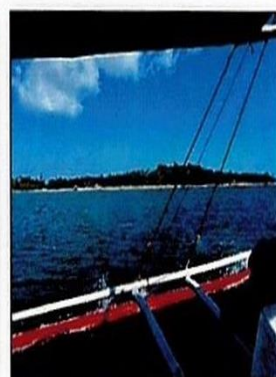
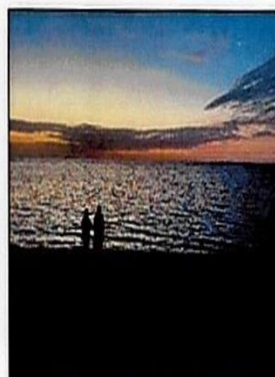
***teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.....(Matthew 28:20a)***

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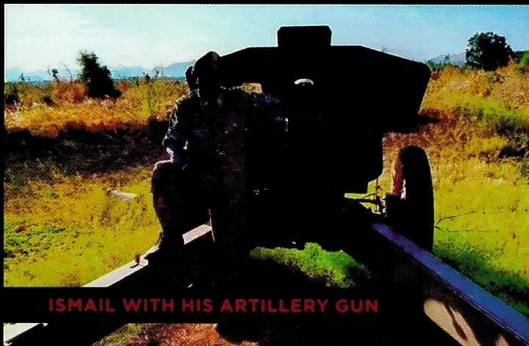
Pray for Philippines Ministry and for Pastoral Training of Asia (PTA) ministry at Dumaguete Island.



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.

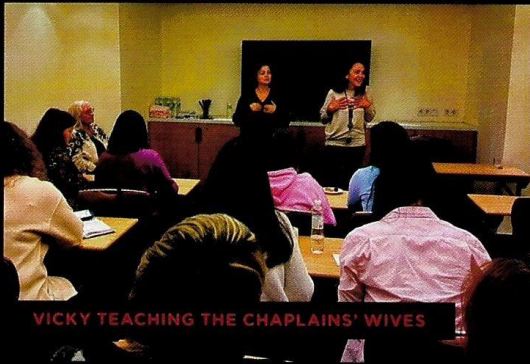
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

*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.

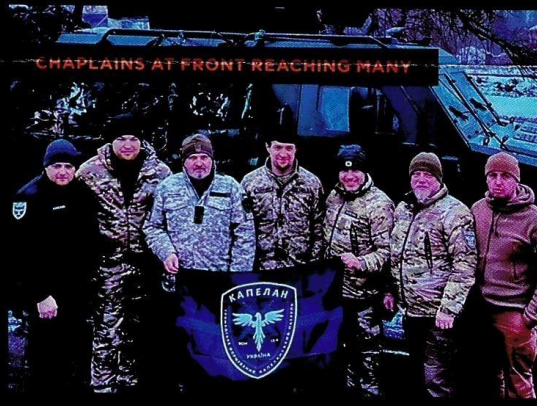
I have always thought that if I reached an age when I was too old to travel, I would enjoy restoring a classic car. I enjoy watching shows that take an old car that is a wreck and bring it back to life. Truthfully, I would enjoy having a garage with half a dozen cars that I could slowly restore. Watching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



## Pray for Feeding the Lord's Lambs in Ukraine and in S Sudan

Second, I want to share an update on our orphanage project in Ukraine. We have found a great location that is even better than the first. It not only has room for an orphanage but future Bible school as well as a chaplain base. The property is seven acres and has a natural waterway. When the owner found out believers from the U.S. wanted to help Ukrainian orphans, he lowered the price from \$180,000 to \$140,000. We have raised the complete amount to purchase the property so that the next phase will be the construction of the first dorm for 100 children. For another \$250,000, we will be able to complete a kitchen and cafeteria, and the new children's dorm. We have already raised the first \$100,000 and only need another \$150,000 to complete the initial phase of



the project. One of the ideas is to build the buildings in an Austrian or German Bavarian style so that the children will grow up in a beautiful home and have many happy memories.

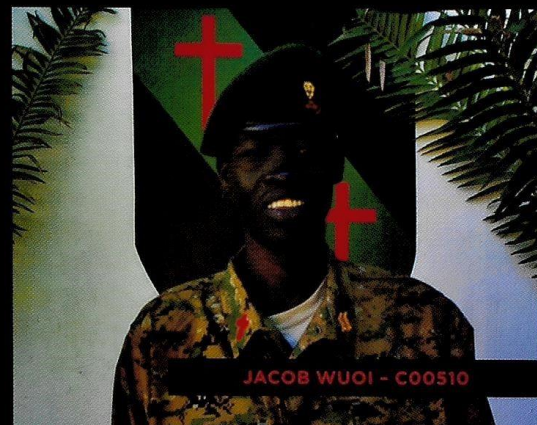
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We are also looking for pastors to come to Ukraine to train the chaplains.

The third thing I need to share is that Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) has shipped a container of Bibles into China. We can share no details so as not to hamper future operations.

The fourth thing we must report is the loss of two more chaplains—Chaplain Jacob Wuoi and Chaplain John Ebele. With the death of three more chaplains in the last year, this brings the total to 76 chaplains lost since the beginning of the ministry.



Jacob joined the chaplaincy program in 2019. He fell ill one evening and was gone by morning. Being in South Sudan, he was buried the next day, and whatever took him, we will never know. Jacob had graduated in Class 11 and served for four years before he was summoned home by our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 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 (e.g. David's motive for census in 1 Chro 21:1). 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; Acts 20:28). 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. Every Christian is exhorted to go to church at any convenient place unless she is against "the principles of doctrine of Christ" (Heb 6:1) because of "one church (Ekklesia) on the earth" (Eph 1:22-23). 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 (1 Chronicles 22:11). 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. 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, the 1st part rather than 2nd money part, according to the Scripture (Mark 12:43; Luke 21:3-4). In fact, the fund raising or the fund seeking is not necessary for CCAH but the Lord seeking is sufficient because God is continually working through His church, CCAH, in Acts 29 (1 Chronicles 28:9; 2 Chronicles 15:1-2). We have spent offerings/donations about 40% for external ministries (for missions in Philipppians 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%; 4th 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**

## CGN International Conference June 23-26, 2024

(Please pray for the 5 joining co-ministers to be blessed richly and to share the blessings with the Lord's lambs at each ministry that each received from Him.)

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## 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