



Statue of David

I Stand In The Gap

“The First Stone”

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Eze 22:30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

I looked for a man that should make up the hedge, and stand in the Gap. That would stand and lead the people into repentance. One who would stand for holiness and righteousness, and stand for the Holy Word of God. The teachings of Jesus Christ and the Apostles. One who stands for truth. And against all heterodoxy - heresy, and false teaching. But then again are not truth and Jesus Christ the same?
Joh 14:6, Psa 119:104

Now for a bit of commentary other than my own:

From JFB Commentary.

Eze 22:30 -

the hedge - the wall (see on Eze 13:5); image for *leading the people to repentance*.

the gap - the breach (Psa 106:23); image for *interceding between the people and God* (Gen 20:7; Exo 32:11; Num 16:48).

From Adame and Clarke Commentary.

Eze 22:30 -

I sought for a man - I saw that there was a grievous breach made in the moral state and feeling of the people, and I sought for a man that would stand in the gap; that would faithfully exhort, reprove and counsel with all long-suffering and doctrine.

Please note: There are those in the Church today (The Pentecostal's) and charismatics, who bend and twist this scripture to what it should not be.

They place the "standing in the gap" for standing in for one for prayer. Such teaching is false, and heresy.

For scripture tells us that if their be sick among you, have them call for the elders of the church, and the prayer of faith shall save the sick. Jam 5:14-15

Note that scripture says they must call for the elders such brings their faith (the one seeking healing) into the equation. Just like with the healing's of Christ. Recall the woman with the issue of blood. And repentance, for if he hath committed sins, they shall be forgiven. For without true repentance there can be no forgiveness of sin.

If they ask not, they receive not. In faith. Many of the charismatics and Pentecostal's need to bring this to heart, and realize this. They could stand, and stand in for everyone on the Earth, and they would be waisting there time, and standing only hip deep in heresy.

Such is heresy seen in the Mormon sect and cult for the baptism of and for the dead.

Roughly about 2 years ago in Los Angeles, the local newspaper reported that someone within the Mormon cult had stood in and was baptized for Adolf Hitler. Hitler? Who are they kidding? What has happened to true repentance by the individual himself? Let alone one of the most evil men ever to live, and whom persecuted Israel.

It (repentance) has been lost from the equation. And thus is Heresy.

2Co 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

For without true repentance, salvation cannot occur. By the way they (the Mormon's) state Ez 22:30 as one of their scriptures that back this heresy as well.

As to the charismatics and Pentecostal's, and James 5:14-15:

It has become too easy: stand in the gap for someone, and remove all the personal contact that God's word and instruction was establishing. Let alone the specific instruction to anoint them with oil.

Jam 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord:

Not a stand in such as a Hollywood stunt double.

The same can be said of praying over a photograph. Is it just or should be the intercession itself that is being made, or the photograph or surrogate standing in the gap? What is it that actually is more important, the intercession or the picture? I believe you can see my point, or should I say "get the picture".

Go ahead anoint a photo; and all you will have is heresy and a real gooey photograph. Period.

I once watched as a charismatic Pentecostal Church of God Pastor, Pastor J, tried to heal an electronic keyboard foot pedal with prayer and anointing it with oil. (?) Swabbing the top of the pedal with olive oil, he held it aloft in fevered prayer. I couldn't tell if he thought he was healing it, casting out devils or offering a sacrifice. Must have been a sacrifice, because it still didn't work. No that can't be right, he oiled it and he would have burned it instead.

Perhaps the greatest tragedy of all, is those on the praise platform smiled as he was doing it. It is not cute people. It is heresy and falsehood. Deception by the Deceiver. And is not a bit cute nor a bit funny.

And what if there had been a non-believer in attendance? Would they not have thought him mad?

Rod Parsley a well known pastor within the charismatic movement, refers to such instances and people as "cereal charismatics".

Flakes, Nuts and Fruits.

Well that is one truth he has right.

Sometimes I often wonder what is wrong with these people? And by people I mean not just those in the charismatic and Pentecostal denominations, but those of all the Church. Many of the Baptists and Catholics included.

They love religious denominationalism and tradition and false doctrine more than they love God. They may argue that point, but they will lose, up against the perfect word of God. For unless they stand against falsehood, and stop embracing the bedfellow of the Babylon whore, they cannot stand for God.

Lets go ahead everybody and start oiling up the place. Open your eyes people, it's not the same thing.

I thank God that I carry none of the traditions of religion, and all discernment; for it allows me the vision to see with all clarity, allowing God to so speak to and through me in regard to his Holy Word.

Neither Baptist nor Pentecostal nor Methodist, Nazarene, not Catholic, nor Episcopal, nor of any denomination. I carry no traditions of man. For I am Evangelical. And such is not denomination, but a way of life and service. To do the work of an Evangelist. To Preach the full Gospel of Christ. To be apt to Teach. And above all to stand for truth of God's Holy Word.

Not unlike my predecessor Martin Luther, and his stand on truth, justification by faith, and the just shall live by that faith. A working faith. The faith. And the Holy word of God.

Apparently somewhere along the way, this charismatic Pentecostal Church of God pastor forgot that God created the universe and all the physical laws. And that things (physical things) actually do wear out from time to time. And no amount oil and prayer is going to stop that. True, God through His omnipotence, has the power to suspend the physical laws for a time, but he is not going to break the physical laws that He himself created. And not for a foot pedal. Even if you anoint it with oil.

If He did, my socks would be in perfect shape, and not just HOLeY Prayer Clothe. Yuk Yuk!

Oil them up boys! But wait a minute ...lets wait a minute.., they all would get gooey too. Period.

Oh well, I prefer my sandals anyway.

I guess this is when the truth of God has been ignored, and turned truth (by the charismatic and Pentecostal's that hold their version of man to be true), into a lie. For by believing otherwise they have done just that. And have attempted to justify their actions by twisting and placing scripture out of context. And the great deceiver, Satan loves that.

Satan also loves it when the word of God is ignored. And he also will use scripture against the Church. Just as he did in the temptation of Christ. Scripture must always be taken in light of other scripture, for

God's word is perfect. He, (Satan) is the deceiver and destroyer, and will stand at nothing to undermine God and twist His Word.

And no where in scripture does it say to pray over a picture or likeness, or a piece of paper for prosperity either. I suppose or imagine that if this would be the case, the Apostles and founding fathers of Christianity would have prayed over a few dead Ass's, or oxen of those in the early church. Same thing.

And yet onward into the falsehoods:

Nor give out prayer hankies. If they would read the scripture Acts 19:11, this (prayer) cloth was only an ability given by God to Paul. This means even the other disciples didn't have the gift. Amazing that everyone on late night tv and the Pentecostal church is hawking them. I verily verily verily honestly doubt if God puts Richard Roberts, Marilyn Hickey and Pastor J before Peter and John the Beloved. Nor before any Apostle.

It is said that in the latter days some will be (pose) as an agent or ministers of light. Stick to the word people, it is perfect truth, and the Holy Ghost will never lead you to a conclusion that is contrary to the word of God. Period. Where is their true discernment? There is none.

Act 19:11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:
Act 19:12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

Many in the charismatic and Pentecostal movement would argue that with God, there is no respect of persons. That if one has a gift, all should have it. And such is a quote from Romans 2:11. But God through scripture is talking about Glory, Honour and Peace to all that work Good. In Christ Jesus. Both Jew and Gentile. And in 1 Peter 1:17, God that will judge all by that work. It has nothing to do with Spiritual Gifts nor special ministry gifts. Period.

Are all Apostles? Are all prophets? Are all Prophet's and Teachers? Do all speak in Tongues? Do all interpret? And to the twisting of Act 2:4. Then not all can give proof of utterance, can they?

No.

Do all have true spiritual discernment? Well the answer to that is apparent. No they do not.

And no where in scripture is the "Baptism" of the Spirit listed as "a spiritual gift". A gift of the Spirit. A gift of God, yes. Nor are we told to pursue it. As the Pentecostal's of the Church of God teach. Pastor J, a Pastor in the local Pentecostal Church of God here in Jonesboro, stated to me that not all receive the Baptism of the Spirit, yet one can be saved without it. (In ref. to saved in other denominations) What of the promise? Acts 2:38, John 14:16, John 14:26, John 15:26. Scripture tells us to be filled with the spirit, Yes; yet that All are baptized into one Body. Into Christ.

For it is upon repentance, water baptism and confession of faith.

Act 2:38

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

1Co 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also *is* Christ.

1Co 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

If you do a search of the KJV under gift and spirit, the "baptism, baptized- spirit or ghost, the only results you get back that are even close would be Acts 2:38. Act 2:38 The charismatic version is false. Perhaps they confuse the filling with the baptism.

The Pentecostal Church of God's definition from their own web site states that all will receive it (the baptism of the spirit). Which version do they stand by? Their own or Cox's? And then they state that such a baptism is accompanied by the speaking of other

tongues. What of Paul's question (or statement) in 1 Corinthians 12:29-30.

1Co 12:29 *Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?*

1Co 12:30 *Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?*

If by their definition, all believers receive the Baptism, and that baptism is given evidence by tongues, then those in ALL OTHER DENOMINATIONS that give no evidence, (as to the gift of tongues) or the rest of "the church" are lost. For they cannot be believer's. And have not received the promise that Christ gave to us. All. Same thing. And Jesus was incapable of lying. I believe you can see my point.

Now let us all get this and grasp hold of this:

Pastor J's version: Not all receive the Baptism. Yet they are still saved. Yet this is a promise to all believer's. This makes Jesus a liar. And He has turned the truth of God into a lie.

Joh 14:16 *And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;*

Joh 14:17 *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

Or the "Official" Pentecostal Church of God position: That all believer's shall receive it, and it is followed by tongues.

Now let us all get this and grasp hold of this:

Then all other's that have not received the gift of tongues, are lost, for they have not the promise, nor the gift. This makes Paul and His inspired scripture a lie. And they have turned the truth of God into a lie.

The Pentecostal Church of God, and Pastor J and many Charismatics and Pentecostal's are digging themselves into a hole

they cannot crawl out of. Quite a different Gospel, and "You Have To Go Deep" a message that I once preached there at their Church. Luke 6:48. You have to Go deep, deep into the word, and deep to the rock that is Jesus Christ.

Now just briefly: On the Lord's Supper. A spiritual communion and time of remembrance and reverence with our Lord Jesus Christ.

I attended Pastor J's assembly for a year. And once again as I have always said, God is the Best teacher of All. Only one time did they partake of the Lord's Supper, and that was at my constant prodding. Pastor J, used as an excuse, that He didnt feel led by God to do so. Scripture tells us, that Jesus told us, "Do This In Remembrance Of Me"; such is not an elective, and you should not have to be led.

The true tragedy of this all is that Pastor J and his wife co-pastor took of the Lord's Supper frequently, at home. Apart from the congregation. (?) They excluded them. . And what of Unity of the church? Such is division. Christ also told us:

Joh 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.**

Joh 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

And what if they not eat of His flesh and drink His blood?

Cox by withholding the Lord's Supper from his congregation, was not only causing division (taking of the Lord's Supper himself, and not his congregation), has jeopardized his congregation.

His congregation will state on how they hold true that their Pastors love them. Is this Pastoral love? Is it the actions of a true Pastor to his flock? Now to people within the congregation, of that assembly. This is not love, it is your damnation. And is tragedy as well as falsehood.

I was sent to correct this. Rom 10:14-15 . And many other problems within the assembly, as well as observe.

However as most, Pastor J was more interested in his religious liberty, and denominational tradition than of that of his congregation. It is with great love and sorrow, I weep for this congregation. If only he had listened.

Pro 1:7 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge: *but fools* despise wisdom and instruction.

I pray that Pastor J repents, and turns from all falsehood. Perhaps it is "HE" that should step down or be sat down for a season, not unlike he corrects, those young to preach under him. True people make mistakes, and they should learn from them and turn from them, and be restored. After a season. Perhaps through the disobedience of one, and perhaps a few, many shall gain vision...insight.

For without vision the people shall perish.

As to the frequency of the Lord's Supper, I wish you not to be ignorant. The answer lies here:

Joh 6:48 I am that bread of life.

Joh 6:49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

Joh 6:50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

Joh 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

Joh 6:55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

Daily Sustenance. And as the fathers did eat Manna in the Wilderness,

Partake of the (Manna) Body.

Just as one would have their "Daily Bread". As the body needs to be sustained daily, so does the spirit to exist in harmony with Christ and remain healthy. (Also seen for we are to bear our cross daily) For the early church to not take daily communion in remembrance of their fallen and crucified Lord, was unthought of.

No small wonder that the Apostles and those within the early church took of the "meat and drink" daily. Or in the case of the assembly of ourselves together Heb 10:25, Upon each assembly of the Body. In all reverence, and in all Unity.

For do we not assemble for the purpose of worship, reverence, and remembrance (as oft as we do this), of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Father, Lord God Jehovah?

To which all glory and all praise forever. Amen.

Now let us continue.

Just as Pastor J and the Church of God, many confuse sanctification (see thesis on sanctification) with the/an ongoing process, that really is only a process of the "renewing of the mind" and putting aside the carnal unto the spiritual.

The walk in the flesh that so many in the Church today walk in. Flesh vs the walk in the spirit.

How can one not obtain the baptism? Which is the indwelling? For by one spirit we are baptized into one body.

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

And this is talking about the indwelling, as of the gift of the spirit. The comforter given to all. This is in part, a step of the salvation process- this sanctification.2Th 2:13. For without Christ's work upon the cross, and sanctification and purification by the Spirit, the Spirit of God could not dwell within us.

Recall the Holy of Holies of first the Tabernacle then of the Temple.
Are we not the temple?

Co 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Sanctified and Holy. Heb 10:14-16, Heb. 10:29.

Just as the serpent on the pole was a forerunner to healing and salvation of Jesus Christ upon the cross, and his taking the sin of mankind, so was the tabernacle and temple, a forerunner to the Spirit of God within us. And the Holy of Holies.

Let it no longer be a great mystery. Nor mysteries that I speak.

Pastor J, has a very bad habit of having all within the congregation repeat the sinner's prayer, when he cannot get one to come forward. His reasoning is that all will be saved that way. Well the truth is it doesn't work that way. His way. All may receive salvation, but they themselves individually must take that first step. Toward God, and Our Lord Jesus Christ, and salvation.. for there is salvation in no other. He is whom, whose hands, in all our salvation rests.

On this point, God is no respect of persons. Just as all may obtain salvation, Jew and Gentile, Bond or Free, if they but seek Him, and.. His...

Grace. And Repentance. - Of Sins. A Turning of one's life around. A turning toward God and Truth.

Grace. And Faith. Justification. The Faith. In Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son. And in He and God Alone.

Grace. And Baptism by Immersion. - An outward confession of faith In Jesus Christ. And spiritual identification with Him and His Death Burial and Resurrection.

Grace. Sanctification. - The indwelling and Gift of the Spirit of God.
The Spirit of the Holy, Living God in You. In us all. Such, such
Grace.

Grace. And Following Christ. The Bearing of Our Cross. Obedience,
Trust, Faith. Abide in/on the Vine. Make Disciples of all nations.
Being a Disciple. Following Christ.

Mat 10:38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is
not worthy of me.

Joh 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of
itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide
in me.

Joh 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me,
and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye
can do nothing.

Joh 15:6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and
is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and
they are burned.

Fruit.

Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith.
Truth. And above all Love.

And yet still more Grace.

It is time for the Body of Christ to awaken, and flee 500 years (since
Luther's Reformation) of false religious tradition and teaching, and
yes use all discernment. If they have any. Before it is to late.

500. 50 x 10 - a fast approaching true Jubilee.

Just briefly, once again as to the gift of tongues; yes they still exist,
just as all the spiritual gifts still exist. However just in the days of
old, and the Church at Corinth, they are still abused.

I wonder what part of "keep silent in the church if there be no
interpreter", "as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may

excel to the edifying of the church" and "this is a commandment of the Lord" they don't understand. 1 Corinthians Chapter 14.

The purpose of the spiritual gifts are to glorify God and to edify and build up the Body of Christ. Not to edify one self. For when we edify and build up the Body, we lift up the Head. When we do not, and edify self, or ourselves, we tear the Body down. And the Head or Lord Jesus Christ as well. Unity of the Body is forsaken for self. It was either Augustine, or St Francis, I cannot right now recall which, understood the crucifixion of self, and unity, as do I.

Luk 9:23 And he said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

The loss or denial of self. And as to 1 Corinthians 14, God is a God of order. Period. There is no room for compromise. Such is to compromise "the true church" and the faith itself. Complacency, Compromise, and Heresy; the bedfellow and unholy trinity of the Babylon whore. Antichrist.

I. There is no I. I give to God and Son all glory due. For without His son Jesus Christ, and His Spirit, I am nothing; but an empty shell. An animated corpse.

It amazes me quite a bit in their services (The charismatic and Pentecostal's) they say quite frequently "Have Your Way Jesus"; yet like Burger King, "Want it There Way". This is not Burger King People.

On a good note of praise to the charismatic and Pentecostal's, I will have to give them an A for enthusiasm in worship. For it is all about God the Father and His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. All of the church could take a lesson from them in this area. Such is a part of becoming through our worship "Hot for God". And all could turn the burner up a notch or two. Or maybe seven. Rev 3:15-16

I prophesy, that unless "the Church" turn from it's current ways, like this great nation that is moving away from the Holy Word of God; unless they return as the modern day prodigal, they shall be overrun and lost.

All ready we are seeing a drastic change in society from the morals and faith then that was seen just a scant half decade ago. A drastic change for the worse. And many of those, within the church itself.

And to the leaders of the world and this great nation, 911 was a warning.

Return to God, the God of our forefathers. Restore His Commandments. Less we be overrun by our enemies. Just as the Israelite's where, and just as the Jews where overtaken.

Mal 3:5 And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in *his* wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger *from his right*, and fear not me, saith the LORD of hosts.

Mal 3:6 For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Mal 3:7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept *them*. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return?

As I have stated before, we are indeed in need of a "great awakening" a revival; and true revival begins with the Word as well as the heart.

Indeed as God has led me, "there is a wind blowing across this great nation, and there is revival upon the wind".

1Pe 4:17 For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?

It has been said, and I fully agree, that one of the largest areas for Evangelism and growth is within the church itself. And please trust, as I know this well, it is also one of the hardest areas to reach. Decades and in some instances centuries, of religious denominational tradition, false teaching and prejudice, must be

overcome, and as in the great statue of David, carved away chip by chip.

It is only then, that the true church can spring forth.

Can you see it? The true church? Do you have the vision? I do. Just as in the statue of David, when it was yet still an uncarved stone.

But first, we must examine and judge ourselves. It is quite sad, for just in ONE area, that in a Gallop poll, 86% of this great nation considers themselves and profess to be "Christian", yet less than 10% of those tithe. And trust, the tithe is for all. Everyone.

Mal 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

Mal 3:9 Ye *are* cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, *even* this whole nation.

Mal 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

Mal 3:11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

In tithes and offerings: And above all the offering of our hearts.

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it:

Lord, as my predecessor Martin Luther; by your Grace alone, I Stand in that Gap.

"In God I Trust"

And I remain, His Servant.

Jeffrey Jackson

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