

The mystery of the Ten Silver Coins

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**THE GREAT TRUTHS OF
THE BIBLE**

"Thy word is truth" ...John 17:17

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PLEASE NOTE: Kindly refer to your Bibles for every scripture reference and read thoroughly.

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Today we will take up the study of a parable of Jesus and its deep **SIGNIFICANCE** and the great **MYSTERY** behind the meanings !!

Yes ! Let us go to that parable in -

Luke 15:8-10

“Either what WOMAN having TEN PIECES OF SILVER, if she lose ONE piece, doth not light a CANDLE, and sweep THE HOUSE, and seek diligently till she find it ? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.”

Now these **“pieces of silver”** are referred to as - **“silver coins”** in the **NIV** translation.

This is a parable that is popularly known as the -

➡ **"PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN"**

and comes between the other two parables of Jesus in this 15th chapter of LUKE -

➡ **"THE LOST SHEEP" and....."THE LOST SON".**

Many questions arise when reading this parable -

Who is this "woman" ?

What are the "ten pieces of silver" ?

Why is the woman so worried and concerned on losing JUST "one piece of silver" ?

What is the importance of THAT LOST "piece of silver", that on finding it she rejoices so much ?



Is there any **SIGNIFICANCE** or **MEANING** behind this parable of Jesus ?

Let us try to find the answer to these questions **TODAY !!**

If this parable is taken **LITERALLY** it seems rather ridiculous that a woman who **LOSES ONE** out of "ten pieces of silver" (coins) should begin to search so diligently and then on finding it should rejoice so much as to celebrate

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with friends and neighbours !

Yes ! She displays so much joy and celebration for the finding
👉 of - one **LOST** "piece of silver" (coin) !



IMAGINE ! WOULD YOU OR ME DO THAT ?!

OF COURSE NOT !!

Then what does this passage of scripture mean ?



Let us remember, **FIRST OF ALL** that it is a **PARABLE** of Jesus !

And as with all of the Lord's parables we must **SEARCH** for the spiritual meaning behind it and understand the parabolic language being used .

BUT BEFORE WE DO THAT WE MUST FIRST UNDERSTAND

 **THE BACKGROUND**

**TO THIS PARABLE AND...THE WOMAN AND...THE
TEN PIECES OF SILVER !!**

Our Lord Jesus was born a **JEW** and we must always keep in mind that He was speaking to the Jews of his day.

So this parable must be something relating to **JEWISH CUSTOMS OR CULTURE**.

Ah, Yes ! This parable relates to the Jewish **CUSTOMS** relating to their system of **MARRIAGE**.



Marriage was always preceded by an **ENGAGEMENT** which took place **ONE YEAR** before or preceding the marriage day.

In that **ENGAGEMENT CEREMONY** the girl was presented with



- **“ten pieces of silver”** (or silver coins)

which were **VERY PRECIOUS** and usually containing the **INSIGNIA** (logo) of

THE HOUSE OF THE BOY
into which she was to be
wedded.

**Yes ! THIS WAS SOME KIND
OF HEIRLOOM OF THE
FAMILY !**

She was to keep the coins
SAFELY for a **WHOLE
YEAR** and on the wedding
day she would attach it to a
chain and would **DISPLAY**
it **PROMINENTLY** on her
forehead



...reflecting her **CHARACTER OF TRUST AND ... INTEGRITY.**

➡ The ten "pieces of silver" would be mounted on a
beautiful silver chain and as an ornament would be proudly
displayed !





Thus if **ANY ONE** of those coins were somehow lost it was
➡ a **VERY SERIOUS MATTER**

and could even cause the **CANCELLATION** of the marriage itself !!

YES ! IT WAS A MATTER OF WHETHER HER MARRIAGE WOULD TAKE PLACE OR NOT - HER FUTURE LIFE WAS AT STAKE !

 Thus we see and **UNDERSTAND HOW SERIOUS** the loss of one coin would be !

 And what **JOY** would be manifest **AT FINDING AGAIN THAT LOST COIN !**

 Having understood **THE BACKGROUND MEANING** of this parable let us now begin to understand Jesus "spiritual" reference in it, because let us **REMEMBER** this was one of Jesus **PARABLES** and **WOULD DEFINITELY HAVE A SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE !**

 **"the woman"**

WHO DOES SHE REPRESENT ?

She symbolizes the **CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST** who as a "virgin" is now engaged to be married to **"the Lamb"** at **HIS SECOND COMING**.

Where in the scriptures do we read that the **CHURCH** is engaged to Christ?

Let us now read from -

II Corinthians 11:2

"For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused

(ENGAGED) you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ”.

Yes ! Indeed ! The **CHURCH** has been “**ENGAGED**” to Christ or -

**PROMISED TO BE MARRIED TO HIM !!**

This took place at His First Coming when through the Lord the “**calling**” went out to **SELECT** and **FIND** the “**BRIDE**” of Christ !



And at the Second Coming of the Lord this “**MARRIAGE**” will take place as we read in prophecy in -

Revelation 19:7

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him; for the MARRIAGE of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.”

Yes ! There it is !!

The time of the **MARRIAGE** of Jesus Christ and the church !

THUS THIS PARABLE SPEAKS OF SOMETHING CONCERNING THE MARRIAGE OF THE CHURCH WITH CHRIST !!

What could that be ?

It has to do with the **“ten pieces of silver”** !

 **WHAT DOES THAT SIGNIFY !**

Let us see.....

 **“ten pieces of silver”**

What does “silver” **SIGNIFY** in the Bible ?

We find the answer in -

Psalms 12:6


“the words of the Lord are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times”.

Ah ! Yes ! **SILVER** is a symbol for **THE WORDS OF GOD !**

And we all know that it is said of the **WORD OF GOD** in -

John 17:17 - “....thy word is TRUTH...”

Thus these **“pieces of silver”** would **SIGNIFY** the **WORDS OF GOD** and.....**THE TRUTH !!**

 Their being **TEN “pieces of silver”** would thus mean that the reference here is to **“TEN TRUTHS”**.

Yes ! These are **TEN GREAT** and **SPECIAL** truths in God's Word -

 **.....TEN GREAT DIVINE TRUTHS.**

They are referred to again in -

Genesis 24:10

“And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master and departed...”





Yes ! Here Eliezer the servant represents the **HOLY SPIRIT**
 and.....Abraham represents the **HEAVENLY FATHER**
 and.....the **“ten camels”** of Abraham represent -

 **THESE TEN DIVINE TRUTHS.**

Now these **TRUTHS** were all **KNOWN** to and **POSSESSED**
 by the early church -

 **“the woman”.**

**YES ! THE CHURCH RECEIVED THOSE TEN TRUTHS OR
 “ten pieces of silver”.**

THEN WHAT HAPPENED ?

As we see in the parable the **“woman”**
**LOST ONE OF THOSE SILVER COINS !!**

Then what happens ?

We see in the parable that “the woman” -

 **LIGHTS “a candle”**

 **....SWEEPS “the house”**

 **...and SEEKS “diligently till she finds it.”**

THIS IS A PICTURE of how the **CHURCH AGAIN** finds that **LOST GREAT DIVINE TRUTH.**

Before we see **WHICH** great **DIVINE TRUTH** is being referred to over here let us **FIRST UNDERSTAND** some of the parabolic language that is being used over here !



Yes ! What is this “candle” that the “woman” lights over here ?

In the **NIV BIBLE** it is translated as - **“lamp”**

The significance of this is found in -

Psalms 119:105

“thy word is a LAMP unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Yes ! The **“lamp”** or **“candle”** is a reference to the **WORD OF GOD - THE BIBLE !!**



And yes ! It is in the Word of God that we see that **“LIGHT”** of **TRUTH.**

Now what is meant by **“the house”** which the woman sweeps ?

We find that answer in -

I Timothy 3:15

“...That thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the

house of God, which is the church of the living God..."

Yes ! The house is a reference to...**THE CHURCH !!**

 Now in what way was the **CHURCH** "swept" ?

This is a reference **TO THE PERIOD OF REFORMATION**
.....from **1517** onwards

when the **BIBLE**, having been translated into the people's languages of English and French and German, began to cast its "**LIGHT of TRUTH**" into the hearts of the people and caused them to **RECOGNIZE** and **SEE** much "**RUBBISH**" that had come into the house !!

 **What is meant by this "RUBBISH" ?**

It represents all the "Dark ages" **ERRORS** and **FALSE DOCTRINES** that had entered the "house"

**THE CHURCH.**

Among this **RUBBISH** were the **TEACHINGS** so "popularly" believed of -

THE IMMORTALITY AND THE UNDYING NATURE OF THE SOUL,

HELL AS A PLACE OF ETERNAL TORMENT.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS TO BE PURCHASED THROUGH "INDULGENCES" AND WITH MONEY.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER THROUGH MARY AND THE "SAINTS"

....AND MANY, MANY MORE !



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Yes ! In the **“light”** of the **“lamp”** and through **BIBLE STUDY** it was revealed that **ALL THESE DOCTRINES** were -

 **NOT TAUGHT** in the scriptures....

 ...and **HAD NO SCRIPTURAL BASIS** at all !!

They were **DISCOVERED** as **“RUBBISH” BELIEFS** and gradually began to be **SWEPT** away.

Finally what do we read ?

We read -



“...and seek diligently till she find it..”

Yes ! It took some time of **SEARCHING DILIGENTLY** to find that **LOST** “piece of silver”.

What is meant by this **“seek diligently”** ?

We find that answer in -

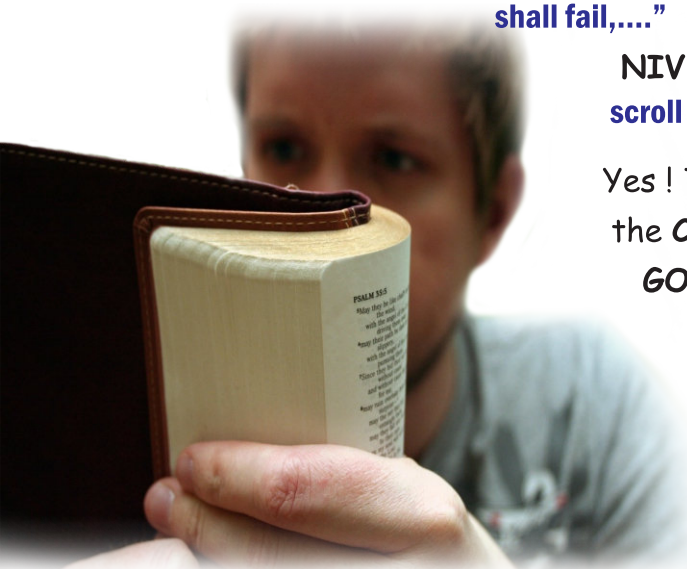
Isaiah 34:16

“Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read : no one of these shall fail,....”

NIV BIBLE - “Look in the scroll of the Lord and read....”

Yes ! This is a reference to the **CAREFUL STUDY OF GOD'S WORD - THE BIBLE !**

This **“seek diligently”** represents



BIBLE STUDY OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME !!

Having now understood the parabolic language being used over here let us now see the **CONCLUSION** of this parable and the meaning and the **SIGNIFICANCE** of it !

Yes ! The **“woman”** holding the **“lamp”** found that its **“light”** showed forth the **RUBBISH** which was swept away, and then gradually the **“light”** of the **“lamp”** revealed -

that **LOST “piece of silver”**.

This shows that in this **PERIOD OF BIBLE STUDY** the **CAREFUL** study of the Bible led to the finding of that **LOST “piece of silver”**.

YES ! THE LOST ONE GREAT DIVINE TRUTH !!

AND WHAT WAS THAT GREAT DIVINE TRUTH ?

It was the **GREAT TRUTH** that is found mentioned in **ONLY TWO VERSES** in the scriptures and that too, in the very last book of the Bible !



Yes ! The **BOOK OF REVELATION !**

The very book which so few Christians ever **attempt even to read !!**

And these two scriptures are found in **THE VERY END** of that Book of **REVELATION**.

Let us now turn to them in -

Revelation 20:4

“...neither had received his mark upon their foreheads or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”



**YES ! THE GREAT TRUTH OF THE THOUSAND YEAR
REIGN OF CHRIST ON EARTH.**

We read of it again in -

Revelation 20:6

**“But they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with
him a thousand years.”**

Yes ! There it is again !!

In the **GREAT DIVINE PLAN OF GOD** His Son Jesus would
rule the world for a thousand years !

THIS IS THE MILLENNIUM OF CHRIST !!

And in **BOTH VERSES** the **TRUTH** reveals **THE CHURCH
RULING WITH CHRIST** during those thousand years.

Ah Yes ! It was with the knowledge of

THIS GREAT TRUTH that the Apostle Paul wrote those words in -

II Timothy 2:12

“If we suffer, we shall also reign with him...”



Just as the **“woman”** in the parable **LOST** one
“piece of silver”



....so too the **CHURCH** gradually **LOST SIGHT** of this
GREAT TRUTH and thought it must reign **NOW**
as Christ's representative **“in the flesh”**



.....**NOT REALIZING** that the reigning would be **WITH
CHRIST** at His Second Coming and in the special
RESURRECTED BODIES of the **DIVINE NATURE !!**

YES ! WHAT GREAT JOY IT BROUGHT TO THE TRUE CHURCH TO DISCOVER THIS GREAT LOST TRUTH or "piece of silver".

It encouraged a FAITHFUL sacrifice of one's ALL in following in



THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE MASTER !!



Now if **ONE** of those "pieces of silver" or **COINS OF SILVER** could be **SO PRECIOUS**, imagine how precious must have been the other **NINE** "pieces of silver" or **SILVER COINS**.

Yes ! How we do long to understand the **MEANING** and **SIGNIFICANCE** of these "ten pieces of silver" or the "ten silver coins" or.....the **TEN GREAT DIVINE TRUTHS !!**

Let us now begin our study of these "ten silver coins"



"CREATION"

The first "piece of silver" or "silver coin" is **THE GREAT DIVINE TRUTH** of the **CREATION** of man.

We read of this in -

Genesis 1:26,27

"And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion..... so God created man in his own

image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them”.



Yes ! The **FIRST** great **DIVINE TRUTH** of God's Word is the testimony of **THE CREATION OF MAN** -

“in the image,.....and likeness of God.” 

This meant **MAN** was created in **PERFECTION** and with the authority to **LIVE** on forever subject to him being -

**OBEDIENT** to God and His laws of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**.

Now Satan the **“FATHER OF LIES”** and the **“god of this world”** has sought to deceive man as we read in -



Isaiah 5:20

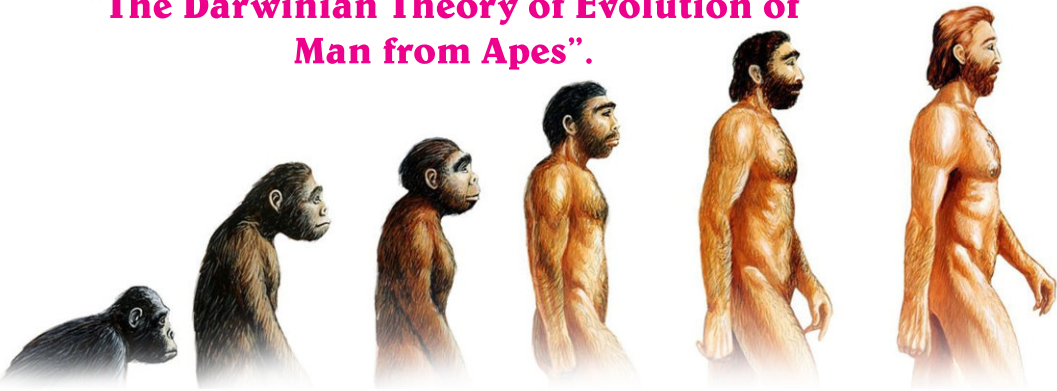
“...that put darkness for light, and light for darkness....”

Thus in keeping with this **PRINCIPLE** of his he has sought to **REPLACE** or “**COVER**” these divine truths with **LIES** and **ERRORS** and **FALSE DOCTRINES**, which are propagated within the **NOMINAL CHURCH SYSTEM**.



Thus the **CORRESPONDING LIE** to this **FIRST** great divine truth is the greatly popular and widely believed and accepted -

“**The Darwinian Theory of Evolution of Man from Apes**”.



Yes ! It is considered to be **MORE REASONABLE** to believe that man has “**developed**” from the lower state of being apes than to believe the **SIMPLE AND GLORIOUS TRUTH** of God's Word that man was **ORIGINALLY** made



“**in the image....and after the likeness of God.**”

JUST IMAGINE ! WHAT A TERRIBLE BLINDING HAS AFFLICTED MAN !!



“THE FALL”

Yes ! When we come to the **SECOND GREAT DIVINE TRUTH** of God we read of it in -

Genesis 2:16,17

“And the Lord God commanded the man saying,.....but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”



Yes ! This was the **COMMAND** of **GOD** to Adam and Eve, placing a **TEST OF OBEDIENCE** to His word -
A SIMPLE TEST !

And we read of the testimony of what later happened in -

Genesis 3:4-6

“And the serpent, said unto the woman, ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened.....and..... the woman....did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”

Yes ! This describes how **EVE FIRST** disobeyed the

words of God and then was **JOINED** in that **DISOBEDIENCE** by Adam a little later !



Now this disobedience of God's words and **COMMANDS** or **LAWS** is called **SIN** as we read in -

I JOHN 3:4 - "...for sin is the transgression of the law."



And **SIN** has wages, which we read of in -

ROMANS 6:23 - "For the wages of sin is death...."

Yes ! **SIN** leads to **DEATH** !

THUS MAN CREATED IN PERFECTION "FELL" !

We read of this "fall" more clearly in -

Romans 5:12

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned".

This scripture details the **FALL** of man as also explains how this **FALLEN CONDITION** of,



SIN AND DEATH



was then passed on by **INHERITANCE** and “through the genes” (Psalms 51:5) to the **WHOLE RACE OF MANKIND !!**



Man is further defined by scriptures at His creation to have -



“....become a LIVING SOUL”.

Yes! Man **IS** a soul and **DOES NOT HAVE**.....a soul !

Thus, due to sin, the soul dies as we read very clearly in -

Ezekiel 18:4

“The soul that sinneth it shall die.”

And due to the **INHERITED “fallen”** condition of sin **UPON ALL**, we read further in -

Psalms 22:29

“...and NONE can keep alive his own soul....”

Yes ! THE TRUTH OF THE FALL OF MAN IS VERY CLEAR !!

The **CORRESPONDING LIE** of Satan to “**COVER**” this **DIVINE TRUTH** is the worldwide believed theory and doctrine of



“THE UNDYING AND IMMORTAL HUMAN SOUL”

This theory **denies** the **FALL** of man from perfection due to sin and denies the **UTTER DESTRUCTION** of the soul by claiming its indestructibility !!

This theory is propogated through **ALL** religions **INCLUDING “CHRISTIANITY” !!**



“THE RANSOM”

After “THE FALL” the next great divine truth of God is **THE WAY** God God planned to save the “fallen” world of mankind as described in -

I Timothy 2:5-6

“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus: Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.”

Yes ! This scripture details the **THIRD GREAT DIVINE TRUTH** of



THE RANSOM SACRIFICE



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that Jesus came to give in order to fulfill the demands of
DIVINE JUSTICE which says in -



Exodus 21:23 - "...thou shalt give life for life.."

The coming of Jesus in **"the flesh"** was also the
FULFILLMENT of the promise made by God Himself in -

Hosea 13:14

**"I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem
them from death..."**

Yes! And how did God **ACCOMPLISH** this?

It was by **"sending"** JESUS to become **"the second Adam"** -



A PERFECT MAN AS WAS ADAM!

Yes! It was God who **"sent"** Jesus and **NOT** that Jesus came
on his own, as we read very clearly in -

John 3:16

**"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only
begotten Son....."**

and again in -

John 8:42

**"...for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself,
but He sent me..."**

Thus Jesus became -

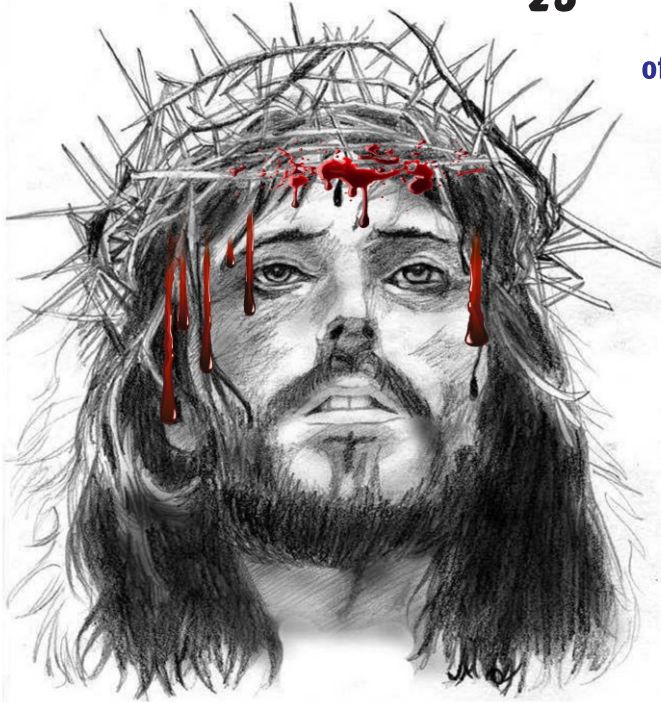


"THE EQUAL CORRESPONDING PRICE" or "RANSOM"

to redeem **ADAM** and **"in Adam"** **THE WHOLE HUMAN
RACE**, as we read clearly from -

I Corinthians 15: 21,22

"For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection



of the dead. For as in Adam
all die, even so in Christ
shall
all be made alive.”

Thus it was that
Jesus said those
words in -

Mark 10:45

“For even the Son of man
cameto
minister, and to give his
life a RANSOM for
many”.

Now the corresponding **LIE** of Satan to “cover” this truth is
the view in the **NOMINAL CHURCH** that Jesus's
REDEEMING work on the cross is -



**RESTRICTED ONLY TO THOSE WHO ACCEPT AND
BELIEVE ON HIM AND BECOME CHRISTIANS.**

This **VIEW** is based on the verse in -

Acts 4:12

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is **NONE OTHER NAME**
under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”.

THIS IS WHY NOMINAL CHRISTIANITY is constantly
making efforts through missionary works **TO CONVERT AND**
“SAVE” India and the world !!

Here the **APOSTLE PAUL** was emphasizing the **TRUTH** that


JESUS

is the "ONLY WAY" of SALVATION from SIN and DEATH !

But the verse does not detail the MANNER and SCOPE
of God's PLAN OF SALVATION FOR MANKIND

which is the



"mystery of the Cross"

and which covers TWO salvations in two ages -
(II Timothy 1:10)

 THE GOSPEL AGE and THE MILLENNIAL AGE.

The Nominal Christians having NO IDEA of the DEPTH
of GOD'S PLAN and this truth of the RANSOM, go to great
efforts and expend their TIME and MONEY
in FUTILE MISSIONARY WORKS to convert India
and the world !!



"JUSTIFICATION"

After the great divine truth of the
Ransom the NEXT great divine truth of
God is THE MANNER in which a SINNER is delivered from
sin, as we read in -

Romans 1:17

**"For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as
it is written, the just shall live by faith."**

Yes ! This scripture details the **FOURTH GREAT DIVINE TRUTH** of the manner of forgiveness of sins -

 **"by faith".**

WHAT IS THIS FAITH ?

It is the **"faith"** and **BELIEF** upon Jesus and the **MERIT** of His **"ransom sacrifice"**.



This **FAITH** is said to get **REMISSION** of **SINS** for the sinner as we read in -

Acts 10:43

"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."

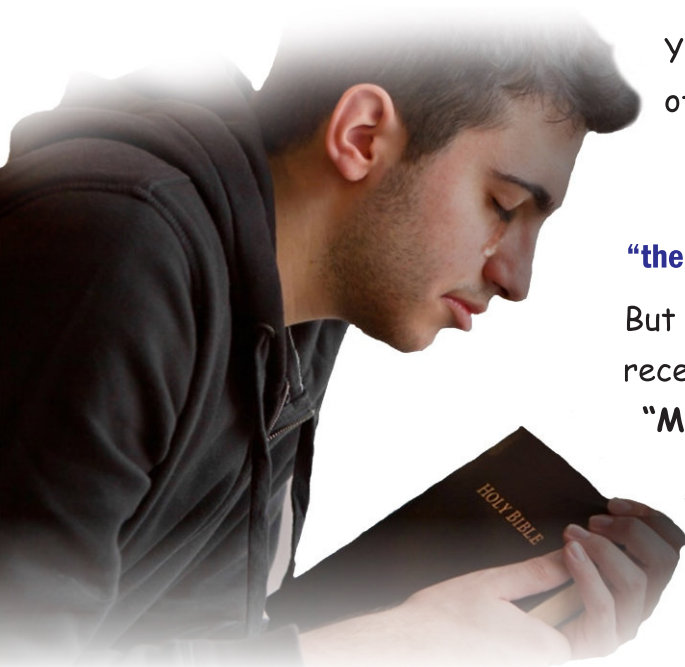
Yes ! This is how a **SINNER** becomes **"JUST"** !!

THIS IS THE JUSTIFICATION "GRACE" FROM GOD !

This is **SYMBOLIZED** as a **"GARMENT"** that **"COVERS"** the **SINNER'S "sin condition"** as we read in -

Isaiah 61:10

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness....."



Yes ! This **"COVERING"** of the sins which comes by **"faith"** is shown here as

"the robe of righteousness." 

But subsequent sins after receiving this **ROBE** make **"MARKS"** and **"DIRTY"** that robe !

Those can be cleaned by the method shown to us in -

I John 1:8,9

"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Yes ! It is achieved only through.....the **CONFESSION OF ONE'S SINS !!**



And the forgiveness is gained by **"FAITH"** upon this verse of scripture !!

Yes ! This is how *God* makes the **SINNER** "worthy" to stand before him and approach him in prayer and worship.

➡ The corresponding **LIE** of Satan to "**COVER**" this divine truth is **TWOFOLD** -

For the **ROMAN CATHOLICS**.....the Papacy propagated justification and the forgiveness of sins through

➡ **THE CONFESSIONAL**

and through the priests in what was called "**the sacrament of confession**".

Then came the **INDULGENCES** which were sold for money and were claimed to be **SYMBOLS** for the forgiveness of one's sins.



☞ For the **PROTESTANTS**.....justification is claimed to be through "**works**" of **CHARITY** in **EDUCATION**, **MEDICINE** and **MISSIONS** !!!

Let us see what *God* thinks of **THESE GOOD WORKS** as a "**covering**" for sin in -

Isaiah 64:6

“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags;.....”



YES ! ISN'T IT VERY CLEAR !!



“SANCTIFICATION”

After the great truth detailing the “grace” of God, which is **JUSTIFICATION** we now see the next great truth, which is the **SANCTIFICATION** of the sinner or **THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING** into the “likeness of the son” as described in

Romans 12:1

“I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”

This scripture details the **FIFTH GREAT DIVINE TRUTH** of the manner in which the **ALREADY JUSTIFIED** sinner is -



CLEANSED OF THE WAYS OF SIN.

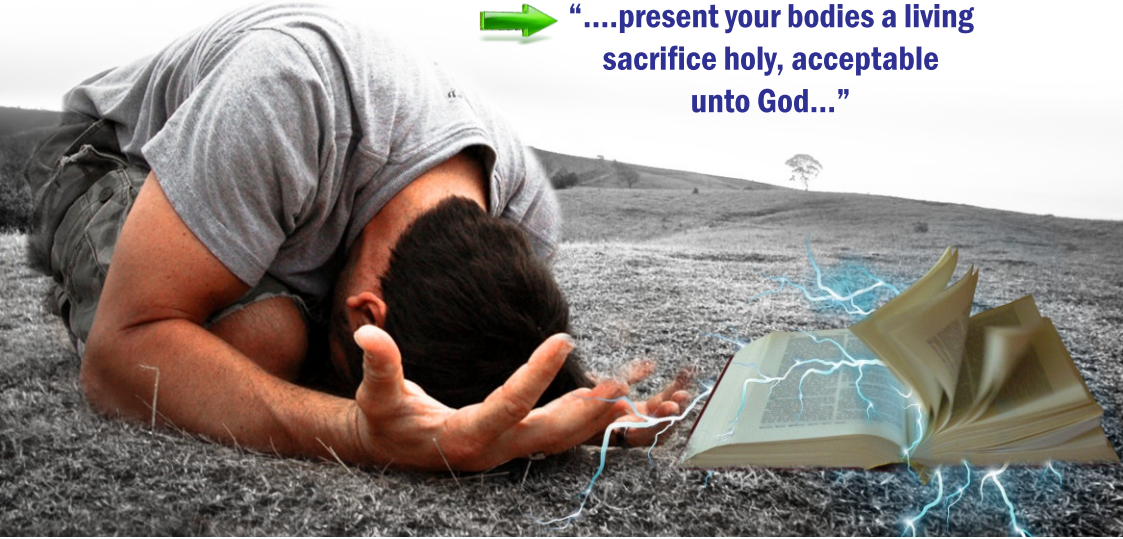
This is the PROCESS called “SANCTIFICATION” !

Yes ! This process begins with the “**JUSTIFIED SINNER**” being called to **THE SURRENDER OR THE DENIAL OF SELF WILL.**

Note the **JUSTIFIED** condition here by the words -



“...present your bodies a living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto God...”



This is where the **SINNER** exercises his **FREE MORAL AGENCY** to seek to **OBEY** God and **TO DO HIS WILL !!**

THIS IS CALLED "CONSECRATION" OR SURRENDER.

Thus a sinner **ACKNOWLEDGES** his/her need for God and His **GUIDANCE** in -



THE DELIVERANCE FROM THE WAYS OF SIN.

Having consecrated oneself we see that then God **DOES SOMETHING** to these who come to **HIM** in wilful surrender.

We read about that in -

II Corinthians 1:22

“....who hath also sealed us , and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts....”

Yes ! This represents the receiving of God's Holy Spirit and also represents the **STAGE** of -



SPIRIT BEGETTAL (of becoming a **NEW CREATURE**).

Having received the **HOLY SPIRIT** then, it is seen that these will be able to **DISCERN** the **UNDERSTANDING** of the words of God because we read in -

I Corinthians 2:14

“But the natural man receiveth not the things of God.....neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

Yes ! It is only with the **HOLY SPIRIT** that one can understand the **WORDS OF GOD !**

AND THEN.....we read of the POWER of these words of God in -

John 17:17

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.....”



Yes! The **SANCTIFICATION** process of a **SINNER** from the ways of **SIN** is only possible through the **POWER OF THE TRUTH !!**

Thus it is also that we read of God's provision for the **WORLD'S SALVATION** and its **SANCTIFICATION**, through the **TRUTH** in -

I Timothy 2:3,4

“For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved and come unto the knowledge of the truth.”

Yes ! It is very clear !

This is **GOD'S PLAN** for - **“all men”**.



The corresponding **LIE** of Satan to **“COVER”** this **TRUTH** is **THE VIEW AND BELIEF** in the Nominal

Church that through **HUMAN EFFORTS** alone it is possible to be **SANCTIFIED !!**

Yes ! That through the exercise of **SELF WILL** towards abstaining or **TRYING** to abstain from the ways of sin is **ALL** that is expected of the Lord after having exercised **FAITH** upon Jesus and that thus they would gain a



“SALVATION TO HEAVEN”



OH ! WHAT A TERRIBLE DELUSION !!



“THE ELECTION”

The next great truth has to do with

the **CHURCH** and its **SELECTION PROCESS** in the Divine Plan of God as we read in -

Ephesians 1:4

“...according as he hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:”

YES ! This scripture details the **SIXTH GREAT DIVINE TRUTH** which is popularly known as -

➡ **“THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION.”**

This great truth speaks of how God has **BEFORE** the foundation of the world **CHOSEN** - **“us”**

➡ **NOW WHO IS MEANT BY THIS “US” ?**

It is quite clear to us now that this here being referred to by the **APOSTLE PAUL**


➡was surely **NOT** a reference to **ONLY** the Ephesian church





.....nor was it a reference to **THE EARLY CHURCH** of the **FIRST CENTURY** only



.....but on the contrary was **A PROPHETIC REFERENCE** to
 the **WHOLE** church of the *Gospel Age* -
THE BODY OF CHRIST !!

Further the **“us”** is **NOT** a reference to the election of predetermined **INDIVIDUALS** but refers to
A CLASS OF PEOPLE !!

INDIVIDUAL SELECTION would **NOT** be an election and would further imply a partiality and bias with God, **WHICH IS NOT SO AT ALL !!**



God himself had **CONCEPTUALIZED** such a class and.....chose the various **DETAILS** and **CONDITIONS** for this **“election”**.

This as we read in the above scripture was done



“before the foundation of the world.”

Yes ! While God **FORESAW** the result of the **FALL** of mankind into sin as a race and the **PERMISSION OF EVIL** he thought in His wisdom that it was



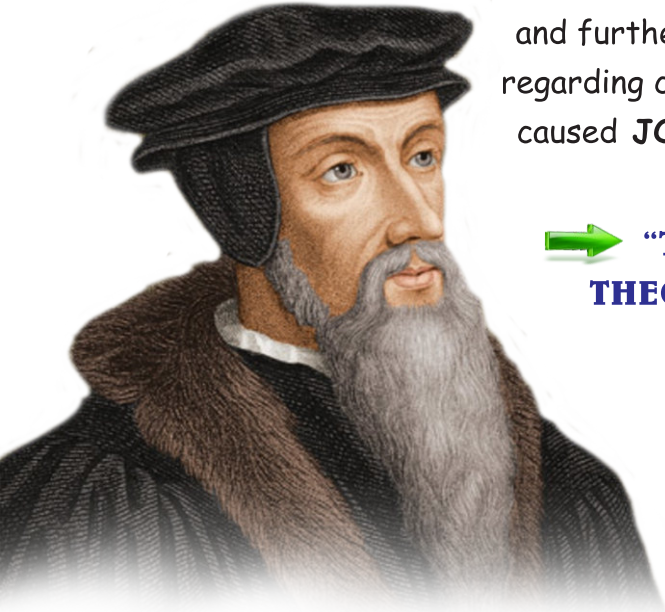
THE PERFECT GROUND TO DEVELOP THIS CLASS OF PEOPLE.

YES ! THE “ELECTION” IS THE “CALLING” AND THE DEVELOPING OF THE GLORIOUS BODY OF CHRIST.

Now the corresponding **LIE** of Satan to **“COVER”** this glorious **TRUTH** was the implication of an election of



PREDETERMINED INDIVIDUALS



and further **CONFUSION** arose regarding certain scriptures which caused **JOHN CALVIN** to bring forth -



“THE CALVINISTIC THEORY OF INDIVIDUAL ELECTION AND SALVATION.”

According to this theory it was claimed that God has planned the

SALVATION of only certain **PREDESTINATED INDIVIDUALS**

and all the rest would be damned to an eternity in Hell !

This theory was based on a scripture in -

Galatians 1:15

“But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace...”

Yes ! A lot of emphasis was placed on -



“it pleased God who separated me...”

“....and called me by his grace...”

It was made to seem as if the **APOSTLE PAUL** was claiming **A SPECIAL PREDESTINATED ELECTION TO SALVATION !!**



But that was **FAR** from the thought that was expressed by the Apostle here !

One only has to refer to another scripture of his to know that he did **NOT** claim any such **PREDESTINATED SALVATION**.

Let us now read from -

I Corinthians 9:27

“But I keep under my body, and bring it unto subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway”.

Ah ! There it is ! **IS'NT IT SO CLEAR !!**

But with the **“leavened”** doctrines of **THE DARK AGES** it was **ALL A BIG CONFUSION!!**



“THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD”

The next great truth was the **TRUTH** about **GOD** Himself as we read in -

John 17:3

“....that they might know thee the ONLY TRUE God....”

Yes ! This scripture details the **SEVENTH GREAT DIVINE TRUTH** of the **IDENTITY** of who God is, as **HERE TESTIFIED BY JESUS HIMSELF !**

This is further explained in the **testimonies** of the Apostle Paul in -

I Timothy 2:5 / I Corinthians 8:6

“...For there is **ONE** God and one mediator between God and men...”

“...But to us there is but **ONE** God, the Father...”

Yes! Both **JESUS** and the **APOSTLE PAUL** show and testify to us that -



THE ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD IS THE HEAVENLY FATHER !

And Jesus further clearly testifies that

HE IS THE CREATION and

.....the **FIRST CREATION**....of **GOD** in -

Revelation 3:14

“...Saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God.”



IS'NT IT VERY CLEAR ?!

But the corresponding **LIE** of Satan to “**COVER**” this great and **SIMPLE** truth is the **HIGHLY POPULAR** and widely and strongly believed **BLASPHEMOUS** doctrine of



“THE TRINITY”.

This theory **TEACHES** of God **CONSISTING** of **THREE** persons and.....**YET BEING ONE GOD.**

Thus the **Heavenly Father** and the **Son of God, Jesus** and the **Holy Spirit**



are considered to be **THREE PERSONS** and yet parts or manifestations of **ONE GOD !!**



To substantiate this **THEORY** it is claimed



It is called -

“A DIVINE MYSTERY”

due to the fact that its **CONCEPT** is wholly unexplainable and is **AGAINST REASON** and.....is **NOT** understood by the Trinitarians themselves !!



“THE SECOND COMING”

The next great truth speaks of the long awaited event referring to

THE SECOND COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST as found described in -

I Thessalonians 5:2 & 4

“For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.”

“But ye, brethren, are NOT in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.”

This scripture details the **EIGHTH GREAT DIVINE**

TRUTH which is about the Second Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yes ! The “coming” which He himself promised in -

John 14:3

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself....”

Yes ! Christians from the early church itself have yearned for **THE RETURN OF THE GRACIOUS LORD** from heaven !

But the scriptures describe his second coming as -

 **“a thief in the night”.**

This, of course is **SYMBOLIC** and refers to the **SECRECY** of the second Coming which will be

....**UNKNOWN** and.....**INVISIBLE TO ALL !!**

 But we read the **STUNNING TRUTH** in vs -4- of I Thessalonians 5th chapter that

 **“ye brethren”**

will **NOT** be in darkness (**ignorance**) about this matter **AND WILL KNOW !!**

All the details of this **GREAT TRUTH** we have already studied in the **THREE PART STUDY OF**

THE SECOND COMING !

(REFER CLASSES # 42/43/44 FOR A DETAILED STUDY)

**It is a VERY PRECIOUS TRUTH INDEED TO THE
LAODICEAN PHASE OF THE CHURCH !!**

The corresponding **LIE** of Satan to “cover” this truth
is based on -

Matthew 24:36

**“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of
heaven, but my father only”.**

and again in.....

Mark 13:32

**“But of that day and that hour knoweth no man no, not the angels
which are in heaven, NEITHER THE SON, but the FATHER.”**

 **YES ! THESE VERSES ARE USED TO SHOW THAT
NO ONE WOULD**

....EVER BE ABLE TO KNOW - NOT EVER !!

Thus it is that the vast majority of Christians **DO NOT PAY
ANY ATTENTION** to the study of this glorious matter in
the scriptures !

 It is always - **“JESUS IS COMING” !**

 Now it has become - **“JESUS IS COMING VERY SOON” !!**

**O ! WHAT A GREAT SURPRISE IT WILL BE
WHEN THE TRUTH**

 **OF THIS MATTER BECOMES KNOWN IN DUE TIME !**



“THE MILLENNIUM OF CHRIST”

The next great truth speaks of a **GLORIOUS**, but **MYSTERIOUS** matter as revealed in -

Revelation 20:4

“...And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.”

Yes ! This matter is found mentioned again in -

Revelation 20:6

“...But they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years.”

Both these scriptures detail the **NINTH GREAT DIVINE TRUTH** which reveals **THE THOUSAND YEAR REIGN OF CHRIST** upon the earth called -



“THE MILLENNIUM”.

This will be the **FULFILLMENT** of that long prayed for prayer in -

Matthew 6:10

“Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.”

YES ! THAT LONG PROMISED KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH !

This will also be the world's **JUDGEMENT DAY** when **ALL**
the world of mankind -

“even so in Christ shall ALL be made alive.”

(I CORINTHIANS 15:22).



and receive an **EARTHLY SALVATION** from Jesus and the
CHURCH as seen in -

Revelation 22:17

**“And the spirit and the bride say, come.....and whomsoever will,
let him take the water of life freely.”**

YES ! The CHURCH as the “**bride**” of Jesus will be GLORIFIED with Jesus in this GREAT WORK !

YES ! THIS WAS THAT “LOST COIN” OR “PIECE OF SILVER” OF “THE WOMAN” (THE CHURCH) IN THE PARABLE.



The corresponding LIE of Satan to “COVER” this great truth was



...ITS COMPLETE LOSS FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS from the SIGHT of the church !!



Even NOW among the Nominal Christian churches NONE really know about this truth and its details.



And in the ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH this thousand year reign is taken to be the thousand years of the ruling of Papacy from 799 to 1799 A.D. in what was called



“THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE”.



“THE SECOND DEATH”

This last truth speaks of God's FINAL JUDGEMENT upon WILFUL, UNREPENTANT SINNERS as we read in -

Revelation 21:8

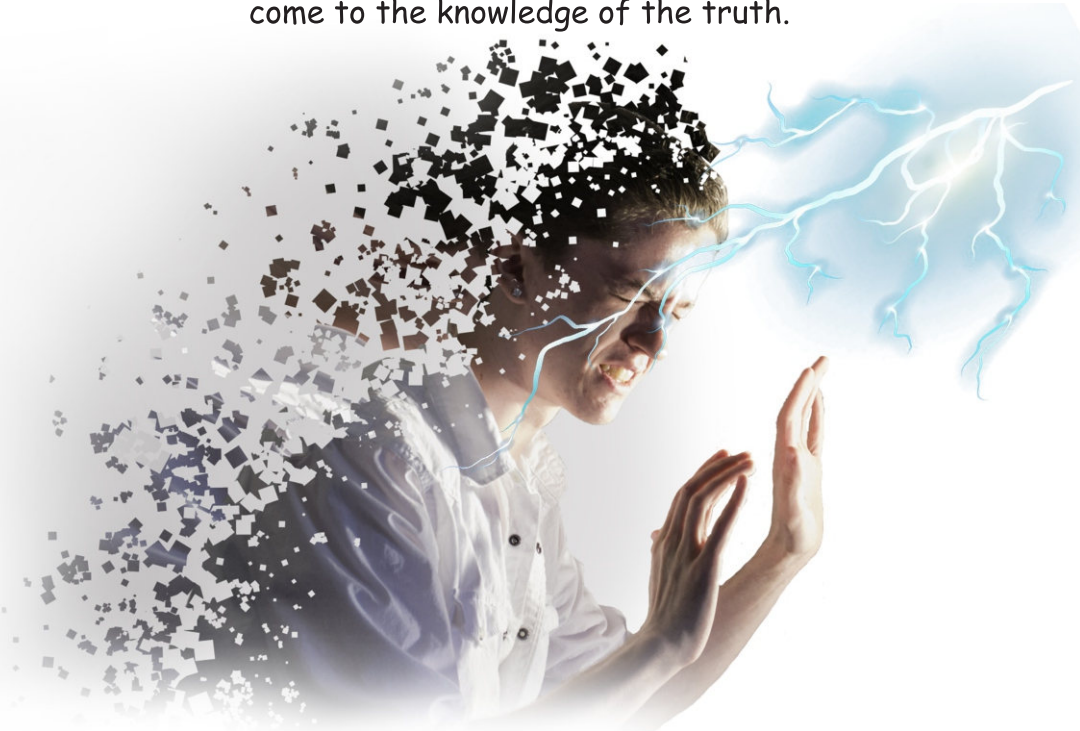
“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolators, and all liars, shall

have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone:
which is the second death.”

This scripture details the **TENTH GREAT DIVINE TRUTH**
about - **“the second death”**.



This is God's **JUST** and **FINAL** punishment for all
who **WILFULLY RESIST** the **DIVINE ORDER** of
righteousness and that too **AFTER.....tasting God's**
ABUNDANT GRACE and.....having the **OPPORTUNITY** to
come to the knowledge of the truth.



Yes ! Of this class we read prophetically in -
Isaiah 26:10

**“Let favor be shewed to the wicked , yet will he NOT learn
righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will
not behold the majesty of the Lord.”**

The "second death" is **SYMBOLIZED** by



"fire and brimstone"

to signify **UTTER DESTRUCTION** for in God's **LAW** it is **ALWAYS -**

"the wages of sin is death".

This is very unlike the **ADAMIC DEATH** which was an **INHERITED CONDITION** gained at birth and had a **PROMISE** of a **RESURRECTION FOR ALL**, through Jesus death on the **CROSS** of Calvary !

Here this is an **INDIVIDUAL DEATH CONDEMNATION** as we read in -

Jeremiah 31:29,30

"In those days they shall say no more, the fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge."

Yes ! Those whose **"teeth shall be set on edge"** or **DIE** will be **DYING** for **HIS OWN WILFUL SIN** and will have **NO MORE REDEMPTION OR RESURRECTION !**



THIS IS UTTER AND FINAL EXTINCTION OF LIFE.



The corresponding **LIE** of Satan to **"COVER"** this great truth is

"THE THEORY OF HELL AS A PLACE OF EVERLASTING TORMENT"

where God is supposed to have planned to **TORTURE**
 undying souls for all eternity !

Today among a vast majority of Nominal Christians the fear
 of God and worship of God is **BASED ON THIS FEAR** and
 the attempt to escape the **FIRES OF HELL !**

But the Bible **plainly** speaks in -

Matthew 10:28

**“.....but rather fear HIM which is able to destroy BOTH SOUL
 AND BODY IN HELL.”**

Yes ! The Bible teaches **HELL** as a place of **DESTRUCTION**
 of **LIFE** and.....**SOULS!**

**THESE THEN ARE THE TEN GREAT DIVINE
 TRUTHS AS SYMBOLIZED BY THE 'TEN PIECES OF
 SILVER' OR 'TEN SILVER COINS'.**

These **TEN GREAT
 TRUTHS** of the Bible are
 also referred to by another
 symbol in -

Psalms 144:9

**“I will sing a new song unto thee , o
 God: upon a psaltery (harp) and an
 instrument of TEN STRINGS will I sing
 praises unto thee.”**

Yes ! A **HARP** of **TEN
 STRINGS !**



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We read of this symbol again in -

Psalms 33:2

“Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto Him with the psaltery and an INSTRUMENT OF TEN STRINGS.”

Yes! Thus the **TRUE** praise of God is only with the **KNOWLEDGE** of these **“TEN STRINGS”** or **TEN GREAT TRUTHS** of God.



Now these **“pieces of silver”** were presented to **“the woman”**

the **TRUE** church of Jesus Christ at **THE ENGAGEMENT** of which we read in the scriptures in -

Jude :3

“...the faith which was once DELIVERED unto the saints”

and again in

John 16:13

“...Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into ALL TRUTH....”

Yes! At **THE BEGINNING** of the Gospel Age

“the woman”

THE CHURCH received the **“ten pieces of silver”**

....the **TEN GREAT DIVINE TRUTHS !**



We see how these **TEN GREAT DIVINE TRUTHS** are **THE VERY BASIS** of the Bible as shown in the **“Holy”** of the Tabernacle in -

Leviticus 24:5

“And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth deals shall be in one cake.”

This is a reference to the **TABLE OF SHEW BREAD** which was in the "Holy".

Here the 12 cakes placed in two rows of "six" each represent **THE 66 BOOKS OF GOD'S WORD.**

But let us note the measure of flour that comprises each cake -



"...two tenth deals shall be in one cake".

Thus it can be said that **ALL** the "cakes" contained "two tenth deals of flour".



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN ?

This represents a measure of "ten" in "two" parts.

Yes! This represents the **TWO PARTS** of God's Word



THE OLD TESTAMENT and **THE NEW TESTAMENT.**

The measure of "ten" would represent these

TEN GREAT DIVINE TRUTHS

which are found **all through the Bible** and in its two parts - the **OLD** and **NEW TESTAMENTS** and upon which **THE WHOLE BIBLE** is based !



And **FINALLY**, as it was the Jewish wedding custom to **DISPLAY** the "ten pieces of silver" or the "ten silver coins" upon the forehead at the wedding -

.....SO TOO WILL IT BE AT.....THE 'WEDDING OF THE LAMB'!!

Yes! The **TEN GREAT TRUTHS** displayed upon

"the forehead"

IMPLYING THAT THE KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF OF THE SAME will be the **CONDITION** of the engaged church as they await the inspection of this by the Bridegroom **BEFORE the GRAND WEDDING** to follow of which we read in -

Revelation 19:7

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His WIFE HATH MADE HERSELF READY.”



Finally this matter of the **TEN GREAT DIVINE TRUTHS** is shown again in a **typical picture** in -

Genesis 24:10 / 61

“...and the servant took ten camels of his master...”

“...and Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels.....”

Yes ! The symbols as we have already studied in an earlier lesson signifies -



“Rebekah”

represents the **BRIDE OF CHRIST - THE CHURCH**

“Eliezer”



represents **THE HOLY SPIRIT.**



“the ten camels of his master

represent the **“TEN GREAT DIVINE TRUTHS”** of God.

Just as “camels” have a great capacity to take in water - so too the **KNOWLEDGE** of these **TEN DIVINE TRUTHS** lead to



A DEEPER AND COMPLETE (COMPREHENSIVE)

UNDERSTANDING of **ALL** the truths of God as revealed in His Word - **THE BIBLE !**

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And Rebekah was **CARRIED** upon the "ten camels" along with
ELIEZER unto Isaac and the wedding

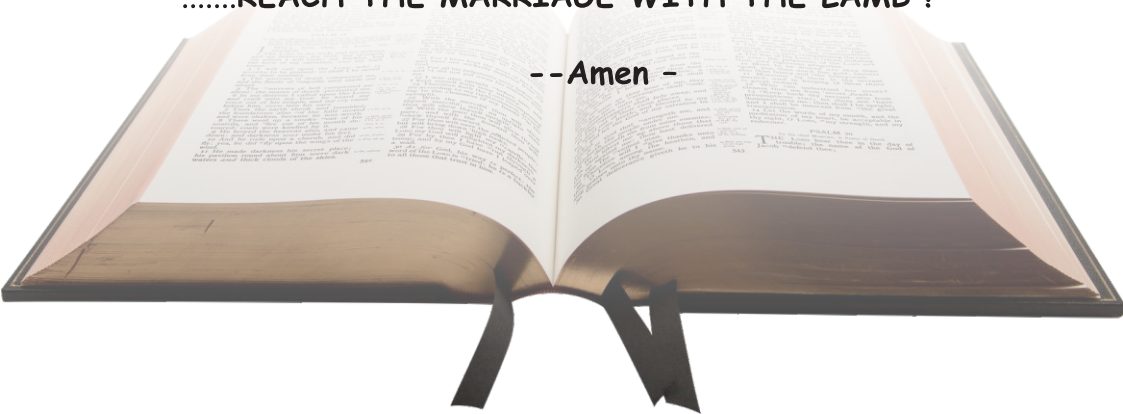
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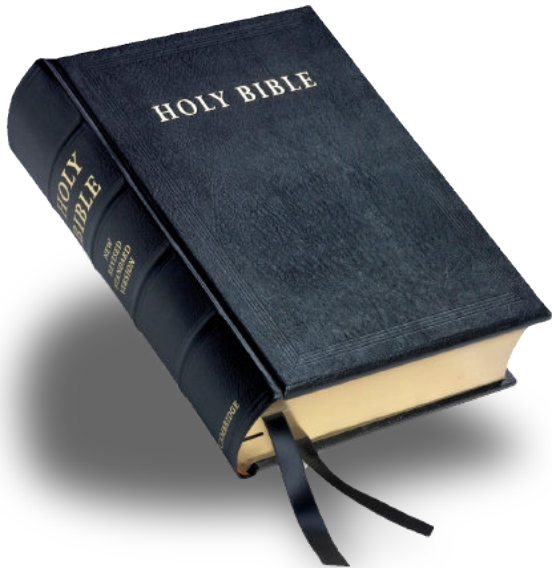
 **BY MEANS OF THESE TEN TRUTHS ("the camels")**

 **....AND THE HOLY SPIRIT ("Eliezer")**

.....REACH THE MARRIAGE WITH THE LAMB !

-- Amen --





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