**Cast Out This Mountain!**

**“Nothing will be Impossible for You”**

Isa 51:7 NKJV
“Listen to Me, **you who know righteousness**, You people **in whose heart is My law**: Do not fear the reproach of men, Nor be afraid of their insults.

Isa 51:21-Isa 51:23 NKJV
Therefore please hear this, you afflicted, And drunk but not with wine. Thus says your Lord, The Lord and your God, Who pleads the cause of His people: “**See, I have taken out of your hand The cup of trembling**, The dregs of the cup of My fury; You shall no longer drink it. But I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you, Who have said to you, ‘**Lie down, that we may walk over you**.’ And you have laid your body like the ground, And as the street, for those who walk over.”

Isa 51:16 NKJV
And **I have put My words in your mouth**; I have covered you with the shadow of My hand, That I may **plant the heavens**, **Lay the foundations of the earth**, And say to Zion, ‘You are My people.’

Isa 58:9-Isa 58:10 NKJV
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’ “If you **take away** the **yoke from your midst**, **The pointing of the finger**, and **speaking wickedness**, If you extend your soul to the hungry And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall be as the noonday.

Isa 58:6-Isa 58:8 NKJV
“Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To **loose the bonds of wickedness**, To **undo the heavy burdens**, To **let the oppressed go free**, And that **you break every yoke**? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh? **Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard**.

Isa 58:12 NKJV
Those from among you Shall build the old waste places; You shall **raise up the foundations** of many generations; And you shall be called the **Repairer of the Breach**, The **Restorer of Streets** to Dwell In.

Isa 57:19 NKJV
“I create the **fruit of the lips**: **Peace**, **peace** to him **who is far off** and to him **who is near**,” Says the Lord, “**And I will heal him**.”

Isa 57:14 NKJV
And one shall say, “**Heap it up**! **Heap it up**! **Prepare the way**, **Take the stumbling block out** of the way of My people.”

Isa 59:21 NKJV
“As for Me,” says the Lord, “**this is My covenant** with them: **My Spirit** who is upon you, and **My words** which I have put in your mouth, **shall not depart** from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants’ descendants,” says the Lord, “**from this time and forevermore**.”

Gen 7:19-Gen 7:21 NKJV – “first mention of mountain/hill”
And the waters prevailed exceedingly on the earth, and **all the high hills under the whole heaven were covered**. The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and **the mountains were covered**. And **all flesh died** that moved on the earth: birds and cattle and beasts and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, and **every man**.

Gen 8:4-Gen 8:5 NKJV
Then the **ark rested** in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the **mountains of Ararat**. And the **waters decreased continually until the tenth month**. In the **tenth month, on the first day of the month**, the **tops of the mountains were seen**.

**“Ararat” – the curse reversed / precipitation of the curse**

Rom 7:8-Rom 7:9 NKJV
But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. **I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died**.

Gen 10:30 NKJV
And their dwelling place was from Mesha as you go toward **Sephar, the mountain of the east**.

Gen 21:5-Gen 21:8 NKJV
Now Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. And Sarah said, “God has made me laugh, and all who hear will laugh with me.” She also said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne him a son in his old age.” **So the child grew and was weaned**. And Abraham made a great feast on the **same day that Isaac was weaned**.

Heb 5:12-Heb 5:14 NKJV
For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For **everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness**, for he is a babe. But **solid food belongs to those who are of full age**, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

1 Corin 3:1-2

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with **milk** and not with **solid food**; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able;

Isa 11:8-Isa 11:9 NKJV
The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, And the **weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den**. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord As the waters cover the sea.

Gen 21:9-Gen 21:11 NKJV
And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, scoffing. Therefore she said to Abraham, “**Cast out this bondwoman and her son**; for the **son of this bondwoman shall not be heir** with my son, namely with Isaac.” And **the matter was very displeasing in Abraham’s sight because of his son**.

Gen 21:12-Gen 21:13 NKJV
But God said to Abraham, “**Do not let it be displeasing in your sight** because of the lad or because of your bondwoman. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice; for **in Isaac your seed shall be called**. Yet I will also make a nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he is your seed.”

Gen 21:22 NKJV
And it came to pass at that time that Abimelech and Phichol, the commander of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, “**God is with you in all that you do**.

Gen 21:34 NKJV
And Abraham **stayed in the land of the Philistines** many days.

Matt 4:23-Matt 4:25 NKJV
And Jesus went about all Galilee, **teaching** in their synagogues, **preaching the gospel** of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him **all sick people** who were afflicted with **various diseases and torments**, and those who were **demon-possessed**, **epileptics**, and **paralytics**; and He healed them. **Great multitudes followed Him**—from **Galilee**, and from **Decapolis**, **Jerusalem**, **Judea**, and **beyond the Jordan**.

Matt 5:1-Matt 5:2 NKJV
And seeing the multitudes, He **went up on a mountain**, and **when He was seated** His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

Matt 5:17-Matt 5:19 NKJV
“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. **I did not come to destroy but to fulfill**. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by **no means pass from the law** till **all is fulfilled**. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever **does and teaches them**, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matt 5:20 NKJV
For I say to you, that **unless your righteousness exceeds** the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will **by no means enter** the kingdom of heaven.

Matt 7:1 NKJV
“**Judge not**, that you be not judged.

Matt 7:7 NKJV
“**Ask, and it will be given to you**; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

Matt 17:1-Matt 17:4 NKJV
Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a **high mountain by themselves**; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, **Moses and Elijah** appeared to them, talking with **Him**. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “**Lord, it is good for us to be here**; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

Matt 17:5-Matt 17:8 NKJV
While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “**This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased**. **Hear Him**!” And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, “Arise, and do not be afraid.” When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but **Jesus only**.

Matt 17:14-Matt 17:16 NKJV
And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but **they could not cure him**.”

Matt 17:17-Matt 17:19 NKJV
Then Jesus answered and said, “O **faithless and perverse** generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?”

Mark 9:14-Mark 9:16 NKJV
And when He came to the **disciples**, He saw a great multitude around them, and **scribes disputing with them**. Immediately, when they saw Him, all the people were greatly amazed, and running to Him, greeted Him. And He asked the scribes, “What are you discussing with them?”

Gal 3:10-Gal 3:12 NKJV
For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.” But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for “the just shall live by faith.” Yet the **law is not of faith**, but “the man who does them shall live by them.”

Matt 17:20-Matt 17:21 NKJV
So Jesus said to them, “**Because of your unbelief**; for assuredly, I say to you, **if you have faith** as a mustard seed, **you will say to this mountain**, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; **and nothing will be impossible for you**. However, this kind does not go out **except by prayer** and fasting.”

Matt 17:26 NKJV
Jesus said to him, “**Then the sons are free**.

Matt 21:20-Matt 21:22 NKJV
And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree wither away so soon?” So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, **if you have faith** and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, **but also if you say** to this mountain, ‘**Be removed and be cast into the sea**,’ it will be done. **And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive**.”

Mark 11:20-Mark 11:24 NKJV
Now in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. And Peter, remembering, said to Him, “**Rabbi, look**! The fig tree which You cursed has withered away.” So Jesus answered and said to them, “**Have faith in God**. For assuredly, I say to you, **whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea**,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, **whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them**, and you will have them.

Mic 7:18-Mic 7:20 NKJV
Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, And **will subdue our iniquities**. **You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea**. **You will give truth to Jacob** **And mercy to Abraham**, Which You have sworn to our fathers From days of old.

Zech 9:4 NKJV
Behold, the Lord will cast her out; **He will destroy her power in the sea**, And she will be devoured by fire.

Matt 16:17-Matt 16:19 NKJV
Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. **And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven**, and **whatever you bind on earth** will be bound in heaven, and **whatever you loose on earth** will be loosed in heaven.”

Matt 18:15-Matt 18:18 NKJV

“Moreover if your brother sins against **you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone**. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.’ And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. “Assuredly, I say to you, **whatever you bind on earth** will be bound in heaven, and **whatever you loose on earth** will be loosed in heaven.

John 20:19-John 20:23 NKJV
Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “**Peace be with you**.” When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, “**Peace to you**! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “**Receive the Holy Spirit**. **If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained**.”

II Corin 5:18-19

18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that **God was in Christ** **reconciling the world to Himself**, **not imputing their trespasses to them**, and **has committed to us the word of reconciliation.**

Luke 17:3-Luke 17:5 NKJV
Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ **you shall forgive him**.” And the apostles said to the Lord, “**Increase our faith**.”

Luke 17:6-Luke 17:10 NKJV
So the Lord said, “**If you have faith** as a mustard seed, **you can say** to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,’ and **it would obey you**. And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and sit down to eat’? But will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink’? Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. So likewise you, **when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do**.’ ”

Matt 23:1-Matt 23:4 NKJV
Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples, saying: “**The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat**. Therefore whatever they tell you to observe, that observe and do, but do not do according to their works; **for they say, and do not do**. **For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders**; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

Matt 23:13 NKJV
“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites! For you shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither go in yourselves**, **nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.**

**Unjust Steward**

Luke 16:1-8

16 He also said to His disciples: “There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. 2 So he called him and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’

3 “Then the steward said within himself, ‘What shall I do? For my master is taking the stewardship away from me. I cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have resolved what to do, that when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.’

5 “So he called every one of his master’s debtors to him, and said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ 6 And he said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ So he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ 7 Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ So he said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ 8 **So the master commended the unjust steward** because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.

Luke 16:16-Luke 16:17 NKJV
“**The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it**. **And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail**.

Luke 24:46-Luke 24:47 NKJV
Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus **it was necessary** for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that **repentance and remission of sins** should be preached **in His name** to **all nations**, beginning at Jerusalem.

Mark 16:15-Mark 16:18 NKJV
And He said to them, “Go into all the world and **preach the gospel** to every creature. He who **believes** and is baptized will be saved; but he who **does not believe** will be condemned. And **these signs will follow those who believe**: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Luke 18: 18

18 Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

19 So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. 20 You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother.’ ”

21 And he said, “**All these things I have kept from my youth.”**

22 So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”

23 But when he heard this, he became very sorrowful, for **he was very rich**.

24 And when Jesus saw that he became very sorrowful, He said, “**How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God**! 25 For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

26 And those who heard it said, “Who then can be saved?”

27 But He said, “**The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.”**

Luke 19:1-Luke 19:5 NKJV
Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus **who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich**. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, “**Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house**.”

Luke 19:6-Luke 19:8 NKJV
So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, “**He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner**.” Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.”

Matt 9:1-Matt 9:2 NKJV
So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, **“Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you.”**

Matt 9:9 NKJV
As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, **“Follow Me.”** So he arose and followed Him.

Matt 9:11-Matt 9:13 NKJV
And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, “**Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners**?” When Jesus heard that, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice**.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, **but sinners**, to repentance.”

Matt 9:22 NKJV
But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, “**Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well**.” And the woman was made well from that hour.

Matt 9:35-Matt 9:38 NKJV
Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, **teaching** in their synagogues, **preaching the gospel** of the kingdom, and **healing every sickness and every disease among the people**. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “**The harvest truly is plentiful**, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Matt 10:1 NKJV
And when He had **called His twelve disciples** to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to **heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease**.

Matt 10:7-Matt 10:8 NKJV
And as you go, **preach**, **saying**, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. **Freely you have received, freely give**.

Matt 10:12-Matt 10:15 NKJV
And when you go into a household, **greet it**. If the household is worthy, **let your peace come upon it**. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And **whoever will not receive** you nor **hear your words**, when you depart from that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

John 4:7 NKJV
A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, **“Give Me a drink.”**

John 4:27 NKJV
And at this point His disciples came, and **they marveled that He talked with a woman**; yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why are You talking with her?”

John 4:19-John 4:21 NKJV
The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. **Our fathers worshiped on this mountain**, and you Jews say that in **Jerusalem is the place** where one ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, **believe Me**, the hour is coming when you will **neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem**, worship the Father.

John 4:23 NKJV
But the **hour is coming, and now is**, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in **spirit** and **truth**; for the **Father is seeking such** to worship Him.

John 11:38-John 11:40 NKJV
Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “**Take away the stone**.” Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, “**Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days**.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that **if you would believe** **you would see the glory of God**?”

John 11:41-John 11:44 NKJV
Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.” Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, “**Lazarus, come forth**!” And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “**Loose him, and let him go**.”

I John 5:14-17

14 Now **this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us**. 15 **And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him**.

16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, **he will ask**, and **He will give him life for those who commit sin** not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. 17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.

Gal 4:24-Gal 4:26 NKJV
For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar— for this **Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia**, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children— but the **Jerusalem above is free**, which is the mother of us all.

Gal 4:28-Gal 4:31 NKJV
Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? “**Cast out the bondwoman and her son**, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.” **So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free**.

Gal 5:1-Gal 5:3 NKJV
**Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free**, and do not be **entangled** **again with a yoke of bondage**. Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing. And I testify again to every man who becomes circumcised that **he is a debtor to keep the whole law**.

Gal 5:13-Gal 5:15 NKJV
For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; **only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh**, but through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

Gal 5:25 NKJV
If **we live** in the Spirit, let us **also walk** in the Spirit.

Col 2:14-Col 2:15 NKJV **(The WOW Chapter)**
**having wiped out the handwriting of requirements** that was against us, which was contrary to us. And **He has taken it out of the way**, having nailed it to the cross. **Having disarmed principalities and powers**, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Col 2:16-Col 2:22 NKJV
**So let no one judge you** in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ. **Let no one cheat you** of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God. Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations— “Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,” which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men?

**The Lure of Mount Sinai – “What are you doing here?”**

**Peter**

Matt 17:1-Matt 17:4 NKJV
Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a **high mountain by themselves**; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, **Moses and Elijah** appeared to them, talking with **Him**. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “**Lord, it is good for us to be here**; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

Acts 9:32-Acts 9:35 NKJV
Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, “**Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed**.” **Then he arose immediately**. So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Acts 9:36-Acts 9:41 NKJV
At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was **full of good works and charitable deeds which she did**. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them.

Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. **But Peter put them all out**, and **knelt down and prayed**. And turning to the body he said, “**Tabitha, arise**.” **And she opened her eyes**, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

Acts 10:9-Acts 10:16 NKJV
The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. Then he became very hungry and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, he fell into a trance and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth.

In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. And a voice came to him, “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.” But Peter said, “**Not so, Lord!** For I have never eaten anything common or unclean.” And a voice spoke to him again the second time, “What God has cleansed you must not call common.” This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again.

Acts 10:22 NKJV
And they said, “Cornelius the centurion, a just man, one who fears God and has a good reputation among all the nation of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house, and **to hear words from you**.”

Acts 10:25-Acts 10:29 NKJV
As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. But Peter lifted him up, saying, “Stand up; I myself am also a man.” And as he talked with him, he went in and found many who had come together. Then he said to them, “You know how **unlawful** it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation. But God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean. **Therefore I came without objection** as soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for what reason have you sent for me?”

Acts 10:34 NKJV
Then Peter **opened his mouth** and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.

Acts 10:43-Acts 10:46 NKJV
To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, **whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins**.” While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And **those of the circumcision who believed were astonished**, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

**Elijah**

I Kings 19

19 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.” 3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and **went to Beersheba**, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

4 But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, “It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for **I am no better than my fathers**!”

5 Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, **“Arise and eat.”** 6 Then he looked, and there by his head was a **cake baked on coals, and a jar of water**. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. 7 And the angel of the Lord came back the second time, and touched him, and said, “**Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you**.” 8 So he arose, and ate and drank; and **he went in the strength of that food** forty days and forty nights as far as **Horeb, the mountain of God**.

9 And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, **“What are you doing here, Elijah?”**

10 So he said, “**I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts**; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.”

(Rom 11:2-Rom 11:4 NKJV
God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know **what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel**, saying, “Lord, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life”? But what does the **divine response say to him**? “I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.”)

11 Then He said, “**Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord**.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the **Lord was not in the wind**; and after the wind an earthquake, but the **Lord was not in the earthquake**; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the **Lord was not in the fire**; and after the fire a **still small voice**.

13 So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, “**What are you doing here, Elijah?”**

14 And he said, “**I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts**; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.”

15 Then the Lord said to him: “**Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus**; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. 16 Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. 17 It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. 18 **Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”**

**Paul**

Gal 1:11-Gal 1:17 NKJV
But I make known to you, brethren, that **the gospel which was preached by me** is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the **revelation of Jesus Christ**. For you have heard of my former conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. **And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers**. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother’s womb and called me through His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; **but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus**.