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**GENERAL SUBJECT:
NOAH, DANIEL, AND JOB—PATTERNS OF LIVING AN OVERCOMING LIFE
ON THE LINE OF LIFE TO FULFILL THE ECONOMY OF GOD**

Message One

Living and Working according to the Vision of the Age to Change the Age

Scripture Reading: Ezek. 14:14, 20; Gen. 6:8; Matt. 24:37-39; Dan. 2:34-35; Job 42:5-6

Ezek. 14:14—Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in the midst of it, they would deliver *only* their own souls by their righteousness, declares the Lord Jehovah.

Ezek. 14:20—Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in the midst of it, as I live, declares the Lord Jehovah, they could not deliver *even* a son or daughter; they would deliver *only* their own souls by their righteousness.

Gen. 6:8—But Noah found favor in the sight of Jehovah.

Matt. 24:37-39—For just as the days of Noah were, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸For as they were in those days before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day in which Noah entered into the ark, ³⁹And they did not know *that judgment was coming* until the flood came and took all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Dan. 2:34-35—You were watching until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the image at its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. ³⁵Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at once, and they became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Job 42:5-6—I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye has seen You; ⁶Therefore I abhor *myself*, and I repent In dust and ashes.

I. Noah, Daniel, and Job are patterns revealing how we can live an overcoming life on the line of life to fulfill the economy of God; this is to live and work according to the vision of the age to change the age—Ezek. 14:14, 20; Gen. 2:9; Rev. 2:7; 22:1-2; Matt. 24:37-39, 45-51; Dan. 2:34-35; Acts 26:19; 2 Tim. 4:8.

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Gen. 2:9—And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Rev. 2:7—He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.

Rev. 22:1-2—And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street. ²And on this side and on that side of the river was the tree of life, producing twelve fruits, yielding its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

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Matt. 24:45-51—Who then is the faithful and prudent slave, whom the master has set over his household to give them food at the proper time? ⁴⁶Blessed is that slave whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. ⁴⁷Truly I say to you that he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁸But if that evil slave says in his heart, My master delays, ⁴⁹And begins to beat his fellow slaves and eats and drinks with the drunken, ⁵⁰The master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect *him* and at an hour which he does not know, ⁵¹And will cut him asunder and appoint his portion with the hypocrites. In that place there will be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

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Acts 26:19—Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

2 Tim. 4:8—Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.

II. The lives of Noah, Daniel, and Job reveal the Triune God dispensing Himself, working Himself, into His chosen and redeemed people to fulfill His eternal economy; the entire Bible was written according to the governing principle of the Triune God dispensing Himself into us for us to experience Him, enjoy Him, and express Him for the fulfillment of His divine economy—cf. 1 Tim. 1:3-4; Eph. 3:2; 1 Pet. 4:10; Psalms 36:8-9; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 3:16-19:

cf. 1 Tim. 1:3-4—Even as I exhorted you, when I was going into Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus in order that you might charge certain ones not to teach different things ⁴Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

cf. Eph. 3:2—If indeed you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of God which was given to me for you,

cf. 1 Pet. 4:10—Each one, as he has received a gift, ministering it among yourselves as good stewards of the varied grace of God.

cf. Psa. 36:8-9—They are saturated with the fatness of Your house, And You cause them to drink of the river of Your pleasures. ⁹For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.

cf. 2 Cor. 13:14—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

cf. Eph. 3:16-19—That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, ¹⁷That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are ¹⁹And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

A. With Noah we see God the Father in His faithfulness to keep His eternal covenant (signified by the rainbow), which is His eternal economy to dispense the all-inclusive Christ into His chosen people as righteousness, holiness, and glory to make them the wise exhibition of all that Christ is—Gen. 3:24; 9:8-17; Ezek. 1:26-28; 36:22-38; Matt. 26:28; Heb. 8:8-12; 1 Cor. 1:9, 24-30; 2:9-10; Eph. 2:10; 5:25-27; Rev. 4:3; 21:18-20.

Gen. 3:24—So He drove the man out, and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword which turned in every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

Gen. 9:8-17—Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying, ⁹And I Myself now establish My covenant with you and with your seed after you ¹⁰And with every living animal that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every animal of the earth with you, of all that came out of the ark, every animal of the earth. ¹¹And I establish My covenant with you, that never again will all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth. ¹²And God said, This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living animal that is with you, for perpetual generations: ¹³I set My bow in the clouds, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴And when I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living animal of all flesh, and never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶And the bow will be in the clouds, and I will look upon it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living animal of all flesh that is upon the earth. ¹⁷And God said to Noah, This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

Ezek. 1:26-28—And above the expanse that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, like the appearance of a sapphire stone; and upon the likeness of the throne was One in appearance like a man, above it. ²⁷Then I saw *something* like the sight of electrum, like the appearance of fire encased all around, from the appearance of His loins and upward; and from the appearance of His loins and downward, I saw *something* like the appearance of fire. And there was brightness all around Him. ²⁸Like the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud on a day of rain, such was the appearance of the

brightness all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Jehovah. And when I saw *it*, I fell on my face and I heard the voice of someone speaking.

Ezek. 36:22-38—Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord Jehovah, I am not doing *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went. ²³And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations will know that I am Jehovah, declares the Lord Jehovah, when I am sanctified in you in their sight. ²⁴And I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you will be clean; from all your filthiness and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶I will also give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will take away the heart of stone out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and My ordinances you shall keep and do. ²⁸And you shall dwell in the land which I gave to your fathers; and you will be My people, and I will be your God. ²⁹And I will save you from all your uncleanness, and I will summon the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. ³⁰And I will multiply the fruit of the trees and the produce of the field, that you may no longer receive the reproach of famine among the nations. ³¹Then you will remember your evil ways and your doings that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. ³²It is not for your sake that I am doing *this*, declares the Lord Jehovah; let it be known to you. Be ashamed and humiliated on account of your ways, O house of Israel. ³³Thus says the Lord Jehovah, On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt. ³⁴And the land that was desolate will be tilled instead of being desolate in the sight of all who passed by. ³⁵And they will say, This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are fortified *and* inhabited. ³⁶Then the nations that are left all around you will know that I, Jehovah, have rebuilt the ruined places *and* planted that which was desolate. I, Jehovah, have spoken, and I will do *it*. ³⁷Thus says the Lord Jehovah, Moreover for this I will be inquired of by the house of Israel to do *it* for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. ³⁸Like the holy flock *for sacrifices*, like the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so will the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they will know that I am Jehovah.

Matt. 26:28—For this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

Heb. 8:8-12—For finding fault with them He says, “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, and I will consummate a new covenant upon the house of Israel and upon the house of Judah, ⁹Not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord. ¹⁰For this is the covenant which I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will impart My laws into their mind, and on their hearts I will inscribe them; and I will be God to them, and they will be a people to Me. ¹¹And they shall by no means each teach his fellow citizen and each his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for all will know Me from the little one to the great one among them. ¹²For I will be propitious to their unrighteousnesses, and their sins I shall by no means remember anymore.”

1 Cor. 1:9—God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Cor. 1:24-30—But to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For consider your calling, brothers, that there are not many wise according to flesh, not many powerful, not many wellborn. ²⁷But God has chosen the foolish things of the world that He might shame those *who are* wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world that He might shame the things that are strong, ²⁸And the lowborn things of the world and the despised things God has chosen, things which are not, that He might bring to nought the things which are, ²⁹So that no flesh may boast before God. ³⁰But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

1 Cor. 2:9-10—But as it is written, “Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard and *which* have not come up in man’s heart; things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” ¹⁰But to us God has revealed *them* through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

Eph. 2:10—For we are His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand in order that we would walk in them.

Eph. 5:25-27—Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her ²⁶That He might sanctify her, cleansing *her* by the washing of the water in the word, ²⁷That He might present the church to Himself glorious, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be holy and without blemish.

Rev. 4:3—And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance, and *there was* a rainbow around the throne like an emerald in appearance.

Rev. 21:18-20—And the building work of its wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. ¹⁹The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald; ²⁰The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

- B. With Daniel we see that Christ the Son is the centrality and universality of God’s move and that the goal of God’s eternal economy is to have the corporate Christ, Christ with His overcomers, as the crushing stone to be His dispensational instrument to end this age and become a great mountain to fill the whole earth, making the whole earth God’s kingdom—Dan. 2:31-45; 7:13-14; 10:4-9; Joel 3:11; Rev. 12:1-2, 5, 11; 19:7-21.

Dan. 2:31-45—You, O king, were watching, and there was a single great image. This image, large and its brightness surpassing, stood opposite you; and its appearance was frightful. ³²Concerning this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its abdomen and its thighs of bronze, ³³Its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴You were watching until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the image at its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. ³⁵Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at once, and they became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that no trace of them

was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. ³⁶This is the dream; and we will tell its interpretation before the king. ³⁷You, O king, are king of kings, to whom the God of the heavens has given kingship, power, and strength and glory. ³⁸And wherever the children of men, the beasts of the field, or the birds of the sky dwell, He has given *them* into your hand and has made you ruler over all of them. You are the head of gold. ³⁹And after you another kingdom will arise, inferior to you; and *there will be* another kingdom, a third one, of bronze, which will rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰And there will be a fourth kingdom as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron crushes and shatters everything; and like iron that smashes all these, it will crush and smash. ⁴¹And in that you saw the feet and the toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom will be a confused mass; but there will be some of the firmness of iron in it, for you saw the iron mixed with the earthy clay. ⁴²And *as* the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, *so* some of the kingdom will be strong and part of it will be fragile. ⁴³And in that you saw the iron mixed with the earthy clay, they will be mixed together through the seed of men, but they will not cleave to one another, even as iron does not mix with clay. ⁴⁴And in the days of those kings the God of the heavens will raise up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and its reign will not be left to another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms; and it will stand forever. ⁴⁵Inasmuch as you saw that out of the mountain a stone was cut without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will happen afterward; and the dream is certain, and its interpretation trustworthy.

Dan. 7:13-14—I watched in the night visions, And there with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming; And He came to the Ancient of Days, And they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴And to Him was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations, and languages might serve Him. His dominion is an eternal dominion, which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

Dan. 10:4-9—And on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the great river, that is, the Hiddekel, ⁵I lifted up my eyes and I looked, and there was a certain man, clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with the fine gold of Uphaz. ⁶His body also was like beryl, His face like the appearance of lightning, His eyes like torches of fire, His arms and His feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of His words like the sound of a multitude. ⁷And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; instead, a great dread fell on them, and they fled to hide themselves. ⁸Thus I was left alone and I saw this great vision; and no strength was left in me, but my color turned deathly pale; and I retained no strength. ⁹Yet I heard the sound of His words; and when I heard the sound of His words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

Joel 3:11—Hurry and come, All you surrounding nations, And be gathered. There cause Your mighty ones to descend, O Jehovah!

Rev. 12:1-2—And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon underneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; ²And she was with child, and she cried out, travailing in birth and being in pain to bring forth.

Rev. 12:5—And she brought forth a son, a man-child, who is to shepherd all the nations with an iron rod; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.

Rev. 12:11—And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.

Rev. 19:7-21—Let us rejoice and exult, and let us give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. ⁸And it was given to her that she should be clothed in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the saints. ⁹And he said to me, Write, Blessed are they who are called to the marriage dinner of the Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true words of God. ¹⁰And I fell before his feet to worship him. And he said to me, Do not do this. I am your fellow slave and *a fellow slave* of your brothers who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of the prophecy. ¹¹And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sits on it called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹²And His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems, *and* He has a name written which no one knows but Himself. ¹³And He is clothed with a garment dipped in blood; and His name is called the Word of God. ¹⁴And the armies which are in heaven followed Him on white horses, dressed in fine linen, white *and* clean. ¹⁵And out of His mouth proceeds a sharp sword, that with it He might smite the nations; and He will shepherd them with an iron rod; and He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶And He has on His garment and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. ¹⁷And I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid-heaven, Come here; gather yourselves to the great dinner of God, ¹⁸That you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of generals and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free and slave and small and great. ¹⁹And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war with Him who sits on the horse and with His army. ²⁰And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet, who in his presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire, which burns with brimstone. ²¹And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeds out of the mouth of Him who sits on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

- C. With Job we see God the Spirit bringing His lovers through the process of transformation by the renewing of the Holy Spirit in their seeing God to gain God and be transformed by God to carry out what is in the heart of God by becoming God in life, in nature, and in appearance but not in the Godhead for the corporate expression of God, the glory of God—Job 10:13; 42:5-6; Eph. 3:9; Matt. 5:8; 2 Cor. 3:16-18; Titus 3:5; 1 Cor. 10:31; Eph. 3:20-21; Rev. 21:10-11.

Job 10:13—But You have hidden these things in Your heart; I know that this is with You:

Job 42:5-6—I had heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye has seen You; ⁶Therefore I abhor *myself*, and I repent In dust and ashes.

Eph. 3:9—And to enlighten all *that they may see* what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

Matt. 5:8—Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

2 Cor. 3:16-18—But whenever *their heart* turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

Titus 3:5—Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

1 Cor. 10:31—Therefore whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Eph. 3:20-21—But to Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us, ²¹To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

Rev. 21:10-11—And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹Having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, as clear as crystal.

III. “But Noah found grace in the sight of Jehovah”—Gen. 6:8:

- A. Noah’s life and work reveal how much grace can do for fallen people; grace is the wonderful Christ as our burden bearer, doing everything in us on our behalf for our enjoyment—vv. 1-14; Matt. 24:37-39; 2 Cor. 12:7-9:

Gen. 6:1-14—And when men began to multiply on the surface of the ground, and daughters were born to them, ²The sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair; and they took wives for themselves from all whom they chose. ³And Jehovah said, My Spirit will not strive with man forever, for he indeed is flesh; so his days will be one hundred twenty years. ⁴The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore children to them; these were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown. ⁵And Jehovah saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶And Jehovah repented that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him in His heart. ⁷And Jehovah said, I will blot out the man whom I have created from the surface of the ground, from man to beast to creeping things to the birds of heaven; for I repent that I have made them. ⁸But Noah found favor in the sight of Jehovah. ⁹These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generations; *and* Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and now I am about to destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make rooms in the ark and shall cover it within and without with pitch.

Matt. 24:37-39—For just as the days of Noah were, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸For as they were in those days before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day in which Noah entered into the ark, ³⁹And they did not

know *that judgment was coming* until the flood came and took all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

2 Cor. 12:7-9—And because of the transcendence of the revelations, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up. ⁸Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

1. The flesh is the presence of the devil, and grace is the presence of God; in order for us to face the presence of Satan, we need the presence of God—Gen. 6:3, 8; Rom. 7:17-21; Heb. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15:10.

Gen. 6:3—And Jehovah said, My Spirit will not strive with man forever, for he indeed is flesh; so his days will be one hundred twenty years.

Gen. 6:8—But Noah found favor in the sight of Jehovah.

Rom. 7:17-21—Now then *it is* no longer I *that* work it out but sin that dwells in me. ¹⁸For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but to work out the good is not. ¹⁹For I do not do the good which I will; but the evil which I do not will, this I practice. ²⁰But if what I do not will, this I do, *it is* no longer I *that* work it out but sin that dwells in me. ²¹I find then the law with me who wills to do the good, that is, the evil is present with me.

Heb. 4:16—Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

1 Cor. 15:10—But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.

2. The issue of grace is righteousness; by the power of grace, the strength of grace, and the life of grace, we can be right with God, with one another, and even with ourselves—Rom. 5:17, 21; 2 Pet. 2:5.

Rom. 5:17—For if, by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Rom. 5:21—In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Pet. 2:5—And did not spare the ancient world but guarded Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

- B. Noah walked with God and built the ark for the carrying out of the divine economy—Gen. 6:8-22; Heb. 11:7; 1 Pet. 3:20-21; Matt. 16:18:

Gen. 6:8-22—But Noah found favor in the sight of Jehovah. ⁹These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generations; *and* Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah begot three sons: Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹And the earth was

corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; and now I am about to destroy them with the earth. ¹⁴Make yourself an ark of gopher wood; you shall make rooms in the ark and shall cover it within and without with pitch. ¹⁵And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶You shall make an opening for light for the ark, and you shall finish it up to a cubit from the top; and you shall put the entrance of the ark in its side; you shall make it with lower, second, and third *stories*. ¹⁷And now I am about to bring a flood of water upon the earth to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish My covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And of every living thing, of all flesh, two of every *kind* you shall bring into the ark to preserve *them* alive with you; they shall be male and female. ²⁰Of the birds according to their kind and of the cattle according to their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every *kind* will come to you in order to preserve *them* alive. ²¹And for your part, take some of every *kind* of food that is edible, and gather *it* to yourself, and it will be for food for you and for them. ²²And Noah did *this*; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

Heb. 11:7—By faith Noah, having been divinely instructed concerning things not yet seen *and* being moved by pious fear, prepared an ark for the salvation of his house, through which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

1 Pet. 3:20-21—Who had formerly disobeyed when the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared; *entering* into which, a few, that is, eight souls, were brought safely through by water. ²¹Which *water*, as the antitype, also now saves you, *that is*, baptism, not a putting away of the filth of the flesh but the appeal of a good conscience unto God, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Matt. 16:18—And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

1. The first building of God in the Scriptures is Noah's ark, signifying Christ as the building of God and man; God's building is a God-man—John 1:14; 2:19; 1 Cor. 3:9, 16-17; Rev. 21:2, 22; Eph. 2:22; Psalms 27:4.

John 1:14—And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

John 2:19—Jesus answered and said to them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

1 Cor. 3:9—For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's cultivated land, God's building.

1 Cor. 3:16-17—Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him; for the temple of God is holy, *and* such are you.

Rev. 21:2—And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev. 21:22—And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

Eph. 2:22—In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.

Psa. 27:4—One thing I have asked from Jehovah; That do I seek: To dwell in the house of Jehovah All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of Jehovah, And to inquire in His temple.

2. The building of the ark typifies the building of the corporate Christ, the church as the Body of Christ, with the element of Christ's riches as the building material—Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 3:9-12a; Eph. 3:8-10; 4:12.

Matt. 16:18—And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

1 Cor. 3:9-12—For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's cultivated land, God's building. ¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid a foundation, and another builds upon *it*. But let each man take heed how he builds upon *it*. ¹¹For another foundation no one is able to lay besides that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²But if anyone builds upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, stubble,

Eph. 3:8-10—To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel ⁹And to enlighten all *that they may see* what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things, ¹⁰In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church,

Eph. 4:12—For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ,

3. The three stories of the ark signify the Triune God according to our experience of Him; the Spirit, signified by the lower story, brings us to the Son (1 Pet. 1:2; John 16:8, 13-15), and the Son brings us higher in our experience to the Father (14:6; Eph. 2:18; 1 John 1:5; 4:8).

1 Pet. 1:2—Chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father in the sanctification of the Spirit unto the obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

John 16:8—And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and concerning righteousness and concerning judgment:

John 16:13-15—But when He, the Spirit of reality, comes, He will guide you into all the reality; for He will not speak from Himself, but what He hears He will speak; and He will declare to you the things that are coming. ¹⁴He will glorify Me, for He will receive of Mine and will declare *it* to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is Mine; for this *reason* I have said that He receives of Mine and will declare *it* to you.

John 14:6—Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

Eph. 2:18—For through Him we both have access in one Spirit unto the Father.

1 John 1:5—And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

1 John 4:8—He who does not love has not known God, because God is love.

4. On the third story of the ark there was only one window, toward the heavens, signifying that in the church, God's building, there is only one revelation and one vision through the one New Testament ministry—Gen. 6:16; Acts 26:19; Prov. 29:18a; 1 Tim. 1:3-4; 2 Cor. 3:6-9; 4:1.

Gen. 6:16—You shall make an opening for light for the ark, and you shall finish it up to a cubit from the top; and you shall put the entrance of the ark in its side; you shall make it with lower, second, and third *stories*.

Acts 26:19—Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

Prov. 29:18—Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law.

1 Tim. 1:3-4—Even as I exhorted you, when I was going into Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus in order that you might charge certain ones not to teach different things⁴Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

2 Cor. 3:6-9—Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, *ministers* not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. ⁷Moreover if the ministry of death, engraved in stone in letters, came about in glory, so that the sons of Israel were not able to gaze at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, *a glory* which was being done away with, ⁸How shall the ministry of the Spirit not be more in glory? ⁹For if there is glory with the ministry of condemnation, much more the ministry of righteousness abounds with glory.

2 Cor. 4:1—Therefore having this ministry as we have been shown mercy, we do not lose heart;

IV. Daniel shows us that we must redeem the time to enjoy Christ as the supreme preciousness of God for us to be constituted with Him to be men of preciousness, even preciousness itself, as His personal treasure—Dan. 9:23; 10:11, 19; 1 Pet. 2:7; Exo. 19:4-6:

Dan. 9:23—At the beginning of your supplications the command went forth, and I have come to tell *you*, for you are preciousness itself. Therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

Dan. 10:11—And he said to me, Daniel, man of preciousness, understand the words that I am about to tell you and stand in your place, for I have now been sent to you. And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

Dan. 10:19—And he said, Do not be afraid, man of preciousness. Peace to you. Be strong, yes, be strong. And when he spoke to me, I received strength and said, Speak, sir, for you have strengthened me.

1 Pet. 2:7—To you therefore who believe is the preciousness; but to the unbelieving, “The stone which the builders rejected, this has become the head of the corner,”

Exo. 19:4-6—You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and *how* I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. ⁵Now therefore if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My personal treasure from among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine. ⁶And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the children of Israel.

A. The excellent Christ appeared to Daniel in His supreme preciousness as a man for his appreciation, consolation, encouragement, expectation, and stabilization—Dan. 10:4-9:

Dan. 10:4-9—And on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, while I was by the great river, that is, the Hiddekel, ⁵I lifted up my eyes and I looked, and there was a certain man, clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with the fine gold of Uphaz. ⁶His body also was like beryl, His face like the appearance of lightning, His eyes like torches of fire, His arms and His feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of His words like the sound of a multitude. ⁷And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; instead, a great dread fell on them, and they fled to hide themselves. ⁸Thus I was left alone and I saw this great vision; and no strength was left in me, but my color turned deathly pale; and I retained no strength. ⁹Yet I heard the sound of His words; and when I heard the sound of His words, I fell into a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground.

1. Christ appeared as a Priest in His humanity, signified by the linen robe, to care for His chosen people in their captivity—v. 5a; Exo. 28:31-35.

Dan. 10:5—I lifted up my eyes and I looked, and there was a certain man, clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with the fine gold of Uphaz.

Exo. 28:31-35—And you shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue *strands*. ³²And there shall be an opening for the head in its center; around its opening there shall be a *binding* edge of woven work, like the opening of a coat of mail, so that it will not be torn. ³³And you shall make on its hem pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet *strands*, all around its hem, and bells of gold between them all around: ³⁴A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, on the hem of the robe all around. ³⁵And it shall be upon Aaron when *he* ministers, and its sound shall be heard when he goes into the sanctuary before Jehovah and when he comes out, so that he may not die.

2. Christ appeared in His kingship in His divinity, signified by the girdle of gold, for ruling over all the peoples—Dan. 10:5b.

Dan. 10:5—I lifted up my eyes and I looked, and there was a certain man, clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with the fine gold of Uphaz.

3. For His people’s appreciation, Christ appeared in His preciousness and dignity, as signified by His body being like beryl; the Hebrew word for *beryl* could refer to a bluish-green or yellow precious stone, signifying that Christ

in His embodiment is divine (yellow), full of life (green), and heavenly (blue)—v. 6a.

Dan. 10:6—His body also was like beryl, His face like the appearance of lightning, His eyes like torches of fire, His arms and His feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of His words like the sound of a multitude.

4. Christ also appeared in His brightness for shining over the people, as signified by His face being like the appearance of lightning (v. 6b), and in His enlightening sight for searching and judging, as signified by His eyes being like torches of fire (v. 6c).

Dan. 10:6—His body also was like beryl, His face like the appearance of lightning, His eyes like torches of fire, His arms and His feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of His words like the sound of a multitude.

5. Christ appeared in the gleam of His work and move, as signified by His arms and His feet being like the gleam of polished bronze—v. 6d.

Dan. 10:6—His body also was like beryl, His face like the appearance of lightning, His eyes like torches of fire, His arms and His feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of His words like the sound of a multitude.

6. Christ appeared in His strong speaking for judging people, as signified by the sound of His words being like the sound of a multitude—v. 6e.

Dan. 10:6—His body also was like beryl, His face like the appearance of lightning, His eyes like torches of fire, His arms and His feet like the gleam of polished bronze, and the sound of His words like the sound of a multitude.

- B. Daniel received the revelation that the entire world situation is under the rule of the heavens by the God of the heavens in order to give Christ the preeminence, the first place, in everything—2:34-35, 44-45; 7:9-10; 4:34-35; Col. 1:15, 17-18; Rev. 2:4-5.

Dan. 2:34-35—You were watching until a stone was cut out without hands, and it struck the image at its feet of iron and clay and crushed them. ³⁵Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed all at once, and they became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

Dan. 2:44-45—And in the days of those kings the God of the heavens will raise up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and its reign will not be left to another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms; and it will stand forever. ⁴⁵Inasmuch as you saw that out of the mountain a stone was cut without hands and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold, the great God has made known to the king what will happen afterward; and the dream is certain, and its interpretation trustworthy.

Dan. 7:9-10—I watched Until thrones were set, And the Ancient of Days sat down. His clothing was like white snow, And the hair of His head was like pure wool; His throne was flames of fire; Its wheels, burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued forth And came out from before Him. Thousands of thousands ministered to Him, And ten thousands of ten thousands stood before Him. The court of judgment sat, And the books were opened.

Dan. 4:34-35—And at the end of *those* days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me; and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored the ever-living One; For His dominion is an eternal dominion, And His kingdom is from generation to generation; ³⁵And all the inhabitants of earth are considered as nothing, But He does according to His will in the army of heaven And *among* the inhabitants of the earth; And there is no one who can resist His hand Or say to Him, What are You doing?

Col. 1:15—Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,

Col. 1:17-18—And He is before all things, and all things cohere in Him; ¹⁸And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Rev. 2:4-5—But I have *one thing* against you, that you have left your first love. ⁵Remember therefore where you have fallen from and repent and do the first works; but if not, I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place, unless you repent.

V. “Then Jehovah answered Job” (Job 38:1a); “then Job answered Jehovah” (42:1a); “and Jehovah turned the captivity of Job” (v. 10a):

- A. The logic of Job’s friends was according to the line of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in their thinking that Job’s sufferings were a matter of God’s judgment; however, Job’s sufferings were God’s consuming that God might gain Job so that he might gain God more—9:15; 11:12; 13:4; Phil. 3:8, 12-13:

Job 9:15—I, though righteous, could not answer *Him*; I could *only* plead for mercy before my Judge.

Job 11:12—But an empty-headed man acquires intelligence When the foal of a wild ass is born as a man.

Job 13:4—Yet you are plasterers of lies; Physicians of no value are you all.

Phil. 3:8—But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count *them* as refuse that I may gain Christ

Phil. 3:12-13—Not that I have already obtained or am already perfected, but I pursue, if even I may lay hold of that for which I also have been laid hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³Brothers, I do not account of myself to have laid hold; but one thing *I do*: Forgetting the things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before,

1. God’s intention with Job was to tear down the natural Job in his perfection and uprightness that He might build up a renewed Job in God’s nature and attributes—Job 1:1; Titus 3:5.

Job 1:1—There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and this man was perfect and upright, and he feared God and turned away from evil.

Titus 3:5—Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

2. God's intention was to usher Job into a deeper seeking after God that Job might realize that what he was short of in his human life was God Himself and that he might pursue God, gain God, and express God—Col. 2:19.

Col. 2:19—And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

3. God's intention was to have a Job in the line of the tree of life and to make Job a man of God—Gen. 2:9; 1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 3:17; Eph. 3:14-21.

Gen. 2:9—And out of the ground Jehovah God caused to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, as well as the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

1 Tim. 6:11—But you, O man of God, flee these things, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, meekness.

2 Tim. 3:17—That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

Eph. 3:14-21—For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, ¹⁵Of whom every family in the heavens and on earth is named, ¹⁶That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, ¹⁷That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are ¹⁹And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God. ²⁰But to Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us, ²¹To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

- B. Job reveals that the Bible of sixty-six books is for only one thing: for God in Christ by the Spirit to dispense Himself into us to be our life, our nature, and our everything that we may live Christ and express Christ; this should be the principle that governs our life—Job 10:13; Eph. 3:9; Phil. 3:8-9; Eph. 1:22-23; 2:15; Rev. 21:2.

Job 10:13—But You have hidden these things in Your heart; I know that this is with You:

Eph. 3:9—And to enlighten all *that they may see* what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

Phil. 3:8-9—But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count *them* as refuse that I may gain Christ ⁹And be found in Him, not having my own righteousness which is out of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is out of God *and* based on faith,

Eph. 1:22-23—And He subjected all things under His feet and gave Him *to be* Head over all things to the church, ²³Which is His Body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

Eph. 2:15—Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace,

Rev. 21:2—And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

- C. The way to live and work in this principle is to be and do everything by the Spirit, with the Spirit, in the Spirit, and through the Spirit by exercising our spirit—Gal. 5:25; Rom. 8:4; Phil. 3:3; Rev. 2:7; 22:17a.

Gal. 5:25—If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Rom. 8:4—That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

Phil. 3:3—For we are the circumcision, the ones who serve by the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh,

Rev. 2:7—He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.

Rev. 22:17—And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is thirsty come; let him who wills take the water of life freely.