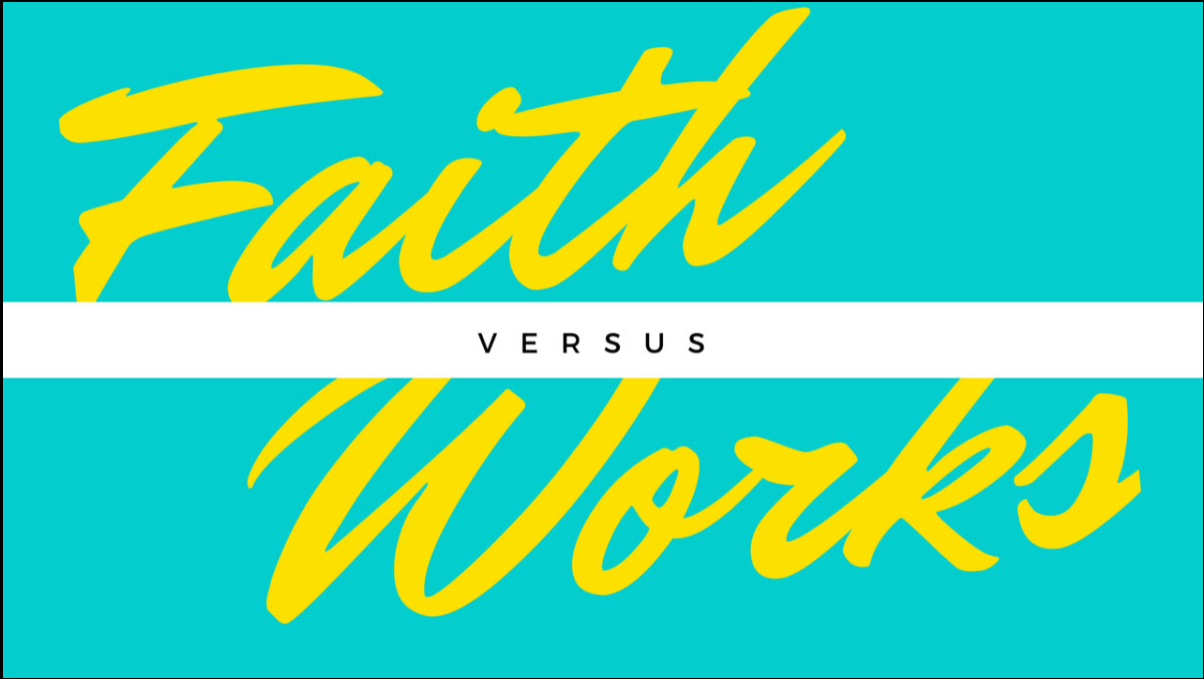


**Where the  
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By  
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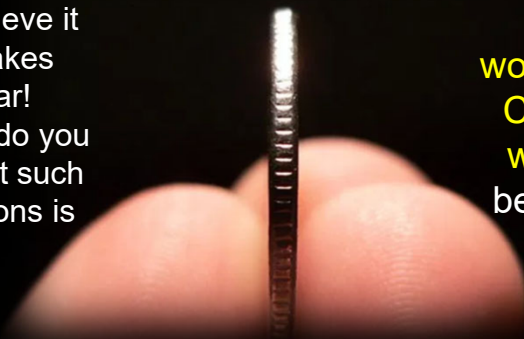
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James 2:18-21

18 But someone will say that you have faith and I have actions. **Show me this faith of yours without the actions, and I will show you my faith by my actions!** 19 You believe that “**God is one**”?<sup>m</sup> Good for you! The demons believe it too — the thought makes them shudder with fear! 20 But, foolish fellow, do you want to be shown that such “faith” apart from actions is barren?

Eph 2:8-10

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 **For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.



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“Shema” = Hear Obey

שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד:



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“Deeds without a creed cannot save us, but a creed without deeds will not save us either.”

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Hebrew Mind vs. Greek Mind

THE NATURE OF MAN

Lesson Ten

by Brad Scott

THE GREEK VIEW OF THE NATURE OF MAN

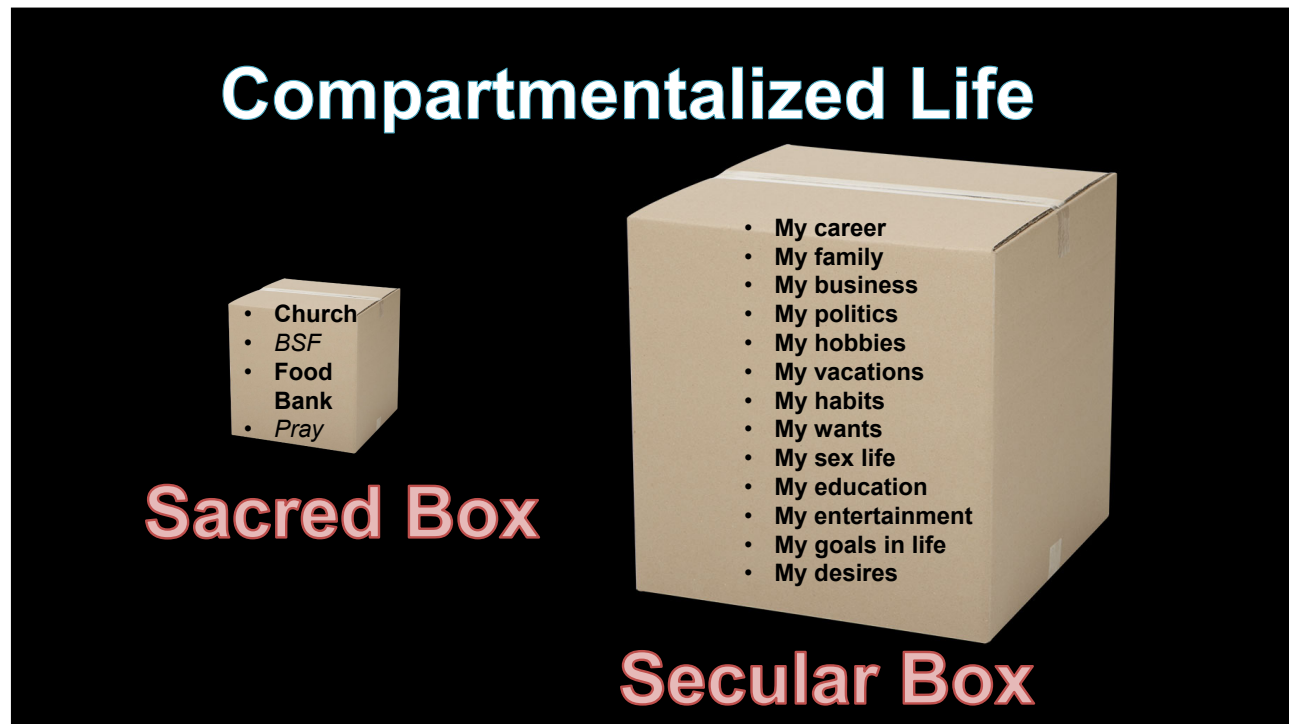
As we continue our journey in understanding Greek thinking, it will become more and more obvious what I am going to teach. As we get more and more accustomed to this view, it will be very easy to detect the use of this thinking when we read commentaries or listen to most modern day sermons. How the very essence of man is seen is very important in understanding why modern Christianity has a difficult time teaching, believing, or accepting most of the Old Testament theology. As I have said

or essence of man springs forth from Greek thinking and teaching. To the Greeks, man is dual, as we have covered many times. He is made up of flesh (body, physical, material, that which is carnal) and soul (mind, spirit, invisible, eternal, that which is holy or godly). It is the soul which is considered eternal and redeemed by the gods. It is the soul that ascends to the heavens.

Knowledge and enlightenment or become needs the soul. Words and ethics are intellectual concepts and by their very nature are for the soul. This is why commandments and laws from Scripture which primarily deal with the physical are irrelevant to the spiritual man. The gnostic world has no need of higher governing laws, as laws are only for the weak. The Jews of the Tanakh had not this esoteric understanding (i.e. No Holy Spirit) (a nice sarcasm) so they were in need of laws in order to sustain them in their weak faith. To the Greek, the heart is good and the body is evil. When a brother sins or commits atrocious acts, it is merely evil flesh doing what it does by nature. Since the flesh or body does not enter into the heavens, then it does not matter what the body does. Here is how 1Corinthians 6:9-10 would be interpreted by Hellenistic or gnostic thinking: "Know ye not that the

shall inherit the kingdom of God.": In gnostic thought only the flesh or physical does these things, the real you doesn't. The body is doing what comes naturally. So all things are lawful, acknowledging that some things are not good to do. Man is, in reality, a spirit being, and operates only in another existence, and the things of the world are mundane and for the weak. The soul belongs to the gods and the body is the product of a fallen world and can do no good. The sooner the soul leaves the body the better.

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Matt 9:9

An illustration showing Jesus, dressed in a white robe, standing and gesturing towards Matthew. Matthew is seated at a wooden desk, wearing a red hat and a green robe, with a sign above him that reads 'RECEIPT OF CUSTOM'. Other people are standing in the background.

And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, ***Follow me.*** And he arose, and followed him.

**Follow: “to walk with Him”**

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## Halakhah: Jewish Law

הלכה

*Level: Intermediate*

### Halakhah

***“The path that one walks”***  
***“a comprehensive way of life...that effects every aspect of life”***

On the contrary, when properly observed, halakhah increases the spirituality in a person's life, because it turns the most trivial, mundane acts, such as eating and getting dressed, into acts of religious significance. When people write to me and ask how to increase their spirituality or the influence of their religion in their lives, the only answer I can think of is: observe more halakhah. Keep [kosher](#) or light [Shabbat](#) candles, [pray after meals](#) or [once or twice a day](#). When you do these things, you are constantly reminded

<http://www.jewfaq.org/halakhah.htm>

- Halakhah is a set of Jewish rules and practices
- It affects every aspect of life
- It adds religious significance to everyday activities
- Halakhah comes from the Torah, the rabbis, and custom

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Matt 28:19

Go therefore and **make disciples** of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

Acts 11:26

And the **disciples** were called **Christians** first in

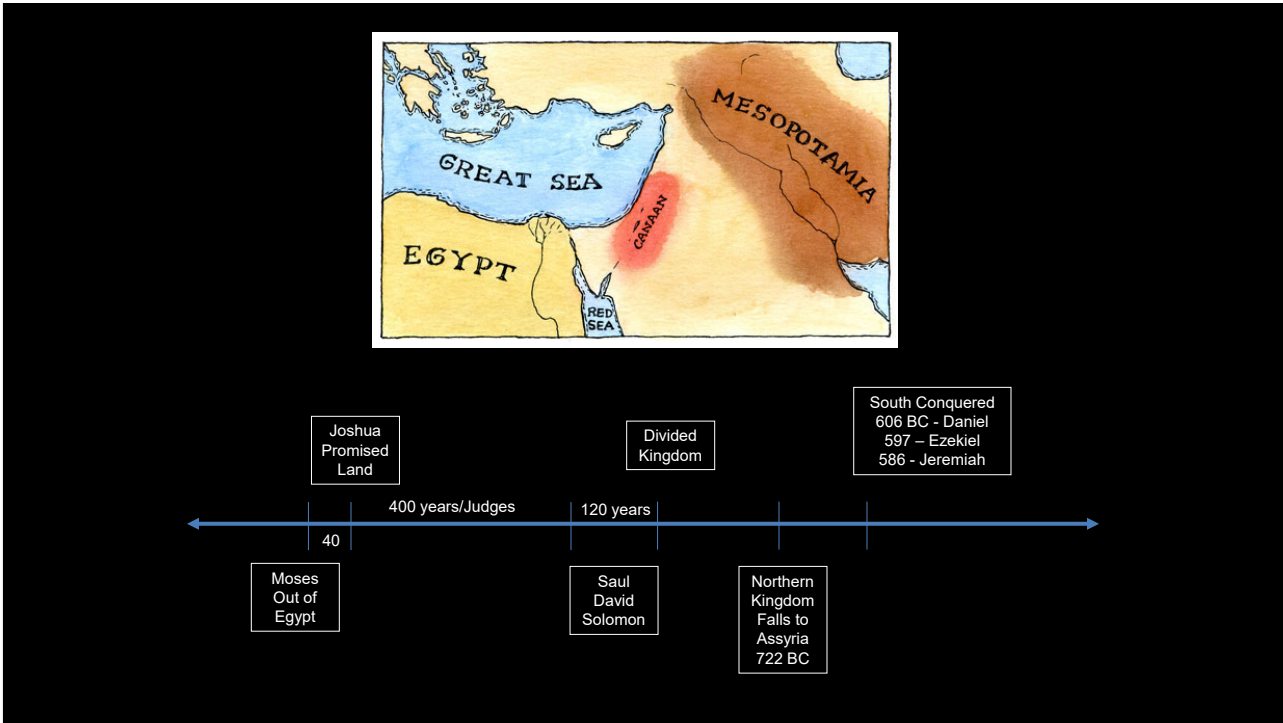
[NT:5546](#) Χριστιανός **Christianos** (khris-tee-an-os'); from [NT:5547](#); a Christian, i.e. follower of Christ:

**KJV** - Christian.

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A faithful nation consists  
of Christian people  
living lives of righteousness.

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Deut 15:11-14

11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

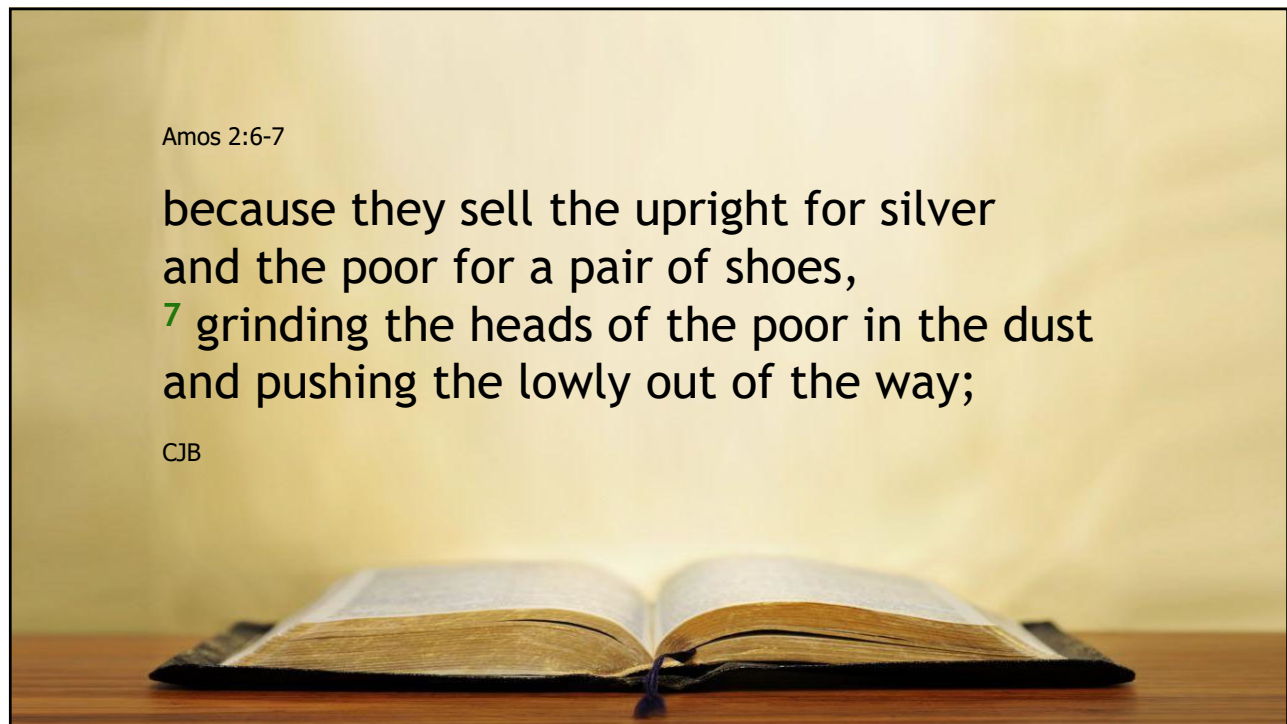
12 And if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee.

13 And when thou sendest him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty:

14 Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy floor, and out of thy winepress: of that wherewith the Lord thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.



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Jer 34:13-16

13 Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen, saying,

14 At the end of seven years let ye go every man his brother an Hebrew, which hath been sold unto thee; and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: **but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear.**

15 And ye were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:

16 **But ye turned and polluted my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom ye had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.**

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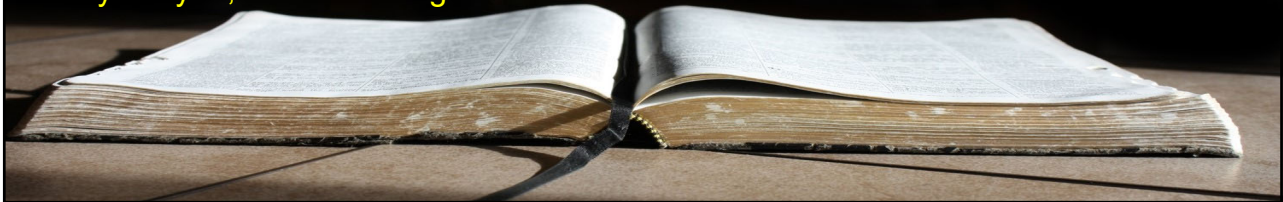


Jer 34:8-10

8 This is the word that came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, after that **the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them;**

9 That every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant, being an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, to wit, of a Jew his brother.

10 Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed, and let them go.



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Jer 34:15-20

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17 Therefore thus saith the Lord; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the Lord, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.

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18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof,

19 The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf;

20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth.

21 And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you.

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11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

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15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

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19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.



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17 **Learn to do well;** seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

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17 Learn to do well; **seek judgment,** relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

***Do what is just and right.  
Don't lie or steal.  
Use just weights and balances.  
Pay what you owe.***

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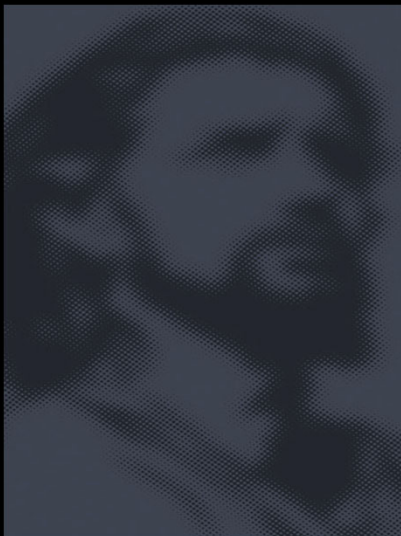


17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, **relieve the oppressed**, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

- **Jer 22:13** *Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work;*
- **Amos 5:12-15** *For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right... Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the Lord, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate:*
- **Amos 2:6-7** *...they sell the upright for silver and the poor for a pair of shoes, grinding the heads of the poor in the dust and pushing the lowly out of the way;*

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17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, **judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.**



**Mark 12:40** Which **devour widows' houses**, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.

**Mark 7:10-11** For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: **But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free.**

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James 1:27

The religious observance that God the Father considers pure and faultless is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being contaminated by the world.

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Isa 9:6-7

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and **the government shall be upon his shoulder:** and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. **Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.** The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.*



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## Jer 23:5-6

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and **a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.** In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE Lord OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.



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Ezek 7:23

*Make a chain: for the land is full of **bloody crimes**, and the city is full of **violence**.*

OT:2555 חָמָאֵךְ **chamac** (khaw-mawce'); from OT:2554; violence; by implication, wrong; by meton. unjust gain:

**KJV** - cruel (-ty), damage, false, injustice, **x** oppressor, unrighteous, violence (against, done), violent (dealing), wrong.

**VIOLENCE – actions motivated through hatred or greed.**

Greed motivated the rich and powerful to exploit the powerless, robbing them of their rightful property. Amos condemned the wealthy leaders of Samaria for storing up "violence and robbery in their strongholds".

Various proverbs warn against following the path of those who enrich themselves by exploiting others. See also **EXTORT; OPPRESS ; POOR ; RICHES**

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## ***Charges Against Judah:***

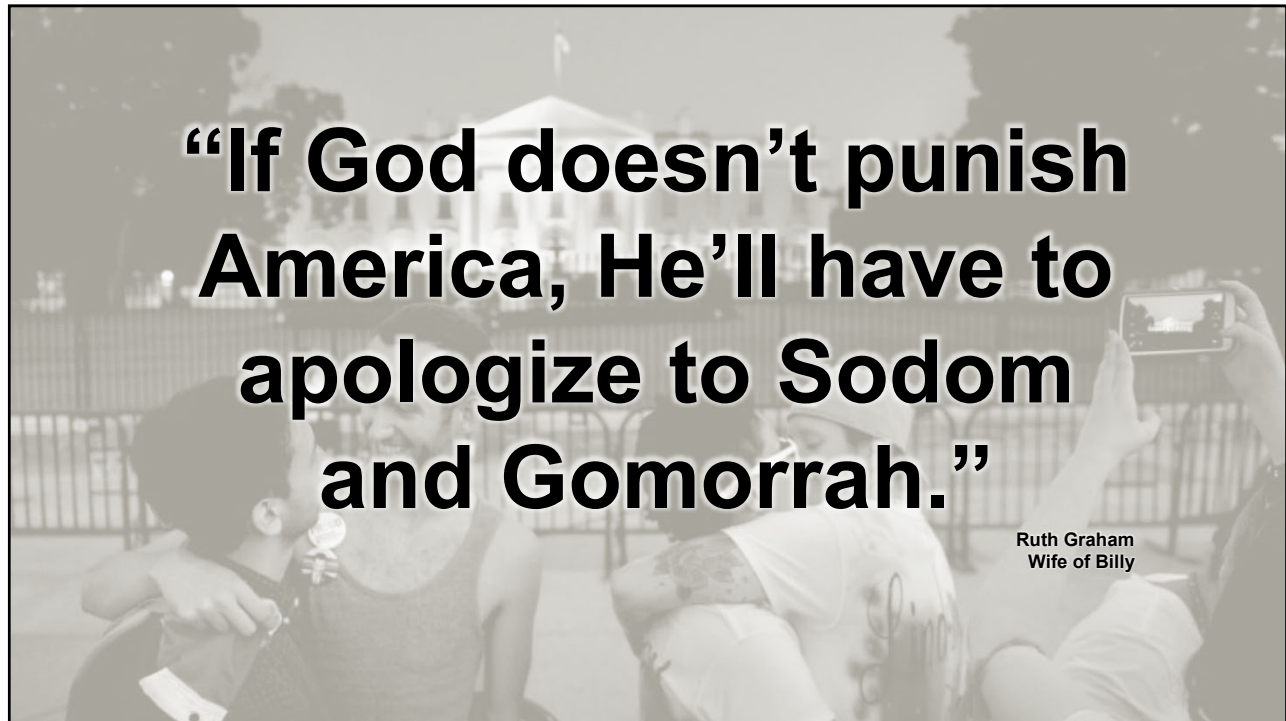
- Dishonest in Business
- Ignored Sabbatical Release
- Unjust weights and measures
- Removed landmarks
- Bribed judges
- Leaders fed off of the flock rather than caring for it
- Disrespectful to parents and elders.
- Didn't care for their family
- They lived for revelry and drunken parties.
- They murdered their children.
- Religion became big business.
- They were no longer ashamed of immorality even CELEBRATING homosexuality and paraded and reveled in their debauchery.
- Things that common sense and God said was evil, they called good.
- Things that experience and common sense and God called good, they called evil.
- They were proud and arrogant
- Their court system became corrupt
- The government was corrupt
- They worshipped other 'gods.'
- They went through the motions of religion – "Look! We have the Temple."

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Ps 33:12

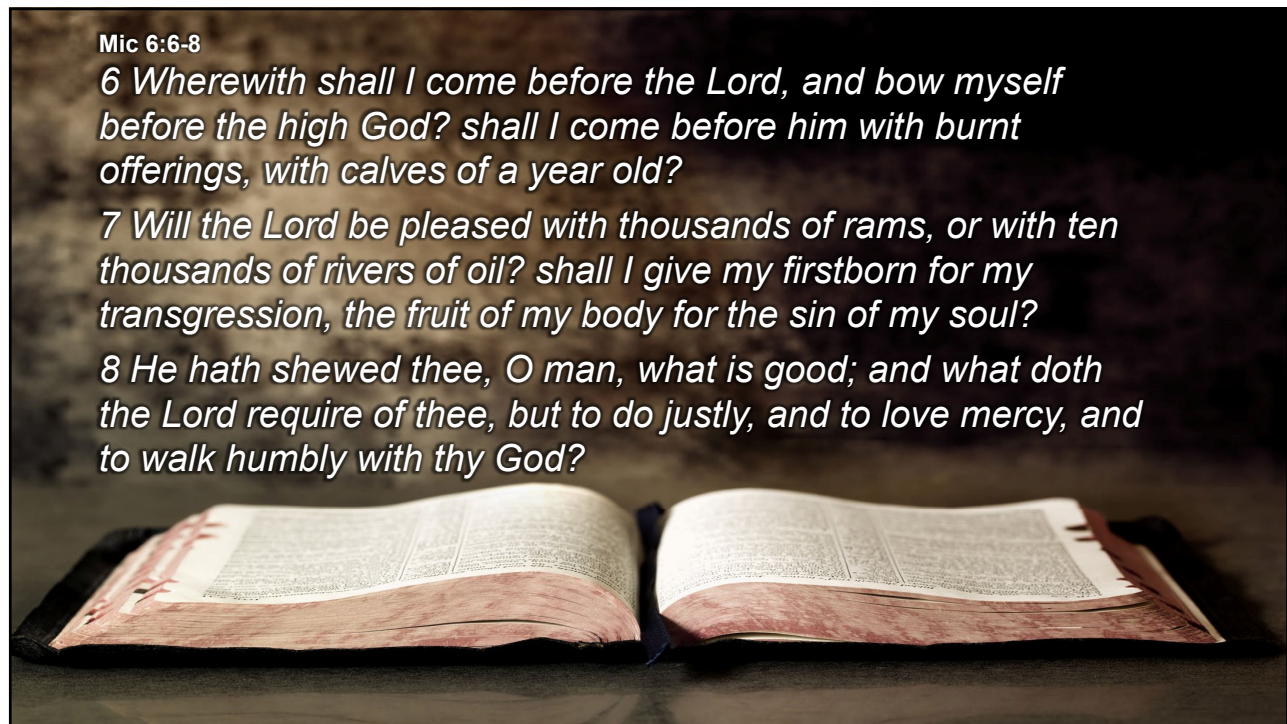
*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord: and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.*



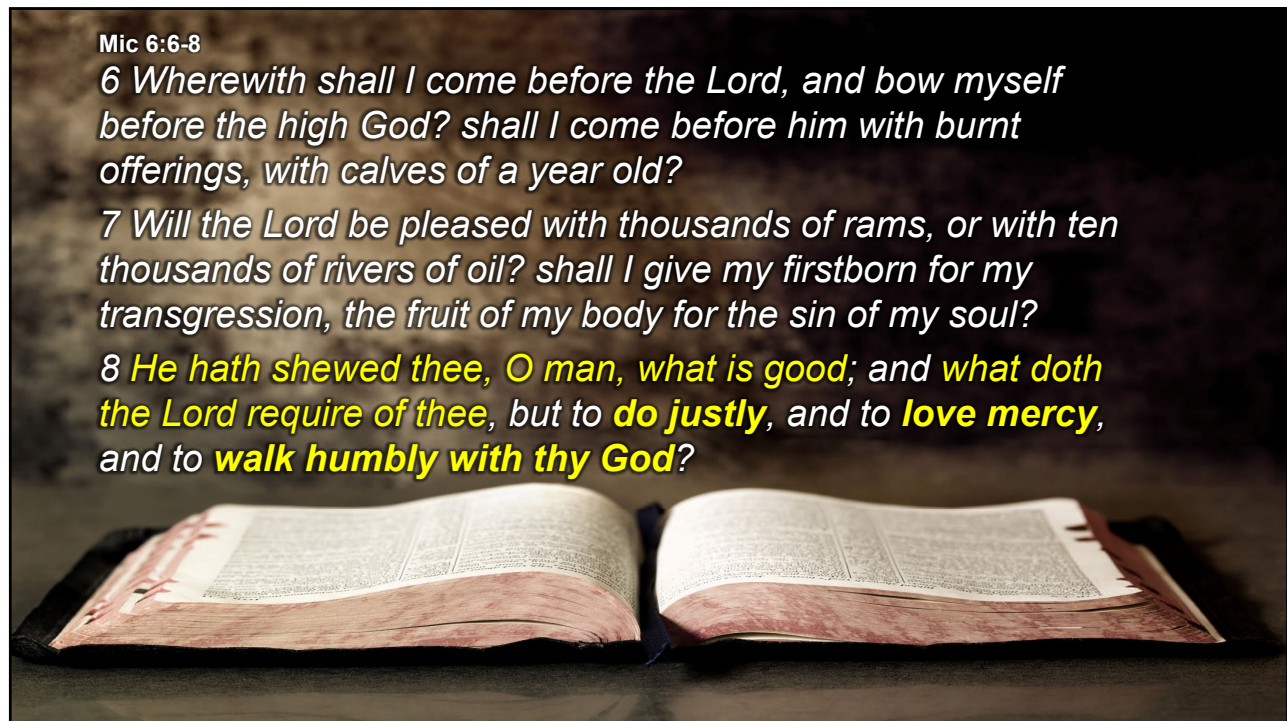
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