

## BELIEVE THE WORD (8/4 2018)

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I titled this study Believe the Word because the title really encompasses what we're going to be dealing with today regarding believing the Word, the Bible. To believe the Word is foundational, yet we make it seem easier than it is. As I observe many believers, it is like they are trying to grasp the wind with their hands when it comes to believing the Word. Understanding the Word of God is so important and foundational. If you are able to understand that statement, you will be able to walk in power, wisdom, and protection with the LORD at your side.

I want to start by taking you to the book of Numbers. Here we have an interchange between two men, Balak, King of Moab and Balaam, a diviner. Balaam is a man of great power. Whoever Balaam blesses is blessed; whoever he curses is cursed. Balak sees Israel has been delivered out of Egypt, so he calls Balaam and asks him to curse Israel for him. Balaam comes to Balak, and Balak takes him to the high places of Baal and tells Balaam to curse Israel from that place.

The two men offer a sacrifice, and Balaam takes up an oracle. However, instead of cursing Israel, he blesses them because God had blessed Israel. Balak is frustrated and beside himself, so he says, "OK. You won't curse Israel here, so I'm going to take you to another place. We're going to go to the top of Pisgah. What is interesting about Pisgah is this is the place God took Moses to view all the land He was going to give Israel after the death of Moses. This is the very place where Moses died. This is where Balak brought Balaam so Balaam could see the outer portion of Israel and curse them.

Once again, Balaam takes up his oracle. This time he says something absolutely critical that I want to draw your attention to. Numbers 23:18-19—<sup>18</sup> Then he took up his oracle and said: "Rise up, Balak, and hear! Listen to me, son of Zippor! <sup>19</sup> **"God is not a man, that He should lie ...."** (emphasis added).

I want you to stop for a second and let that statement sink in. He said— **God is not a man, that He should lie.** Every single word that proceeds from the mouth of God is one hundred percent truth. That is a game changer when we go to the Bible. When I go to the Bible, I have the confidence every single thing that comes out of God's mouth is the truth.

The verse goes on in Numbers 23:19—**nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good? (Emphasis added).** In other words, every single word that comes forth out of the LORD's mouth will come to pass. Every promise the LORD has ever made will be fulfilled. Remember what it says in Isaiah 55:11— **So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void.**

Let me ask you a question. How does this reality impact you? How does this reality impact your life? I would have to say, "I guess that depends on whether you believe it or not." Whether you believe it or not is the difference between life and death. It is the difference between forgiveness and condemnation. It is the difference between wallowing in plague with no hope and being healed. That's how powerful this subject matter is. It is very powerful!

Today I want to look at just some of the words of the LORD. Before we really get into this, I want to set the stage with a very important warning. This is going to take us back to the Garden of Eden for a moment—<sup>1</sup> **Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"** <sup>2</sup> **And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree [the tree of the knowledge of good and evil] which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die' "** (Genesis 3:1-3, emphasis added).

Eve speaks by saying, "God spoke. This is His Word." What did God tell Eve? If you eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you will die.

How did the Devil respond? Genesis 3:4—**Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die" (emphasis added).** Isn't that an amazing response? Eve says, "God said," and Satan responds and says, "That is not true. God has spoken, but He will not bring it to pass." Satan casts doubt on God's word by telling Eve she can't trust His word.

Believing it, it cost her everything. Ironically enough, what the LORD had told her and warned her about happened. She died. It is at this point you start looking at the words of the LORD and realize they cannot be broken. They are invincible, and you can't change them. You can't remove them. Nobody can erase the words of the LORD when they leave His mouth. Nothing can prohibit God's words from accomplishing what they were sent for. This is powerful!

Let me be clear on something. When we look at that story, and I've mentioned this in a previous series I did, we realize that story sets the precedent, the context, for the rest of the word. What I mean by that is, the devil is coming for you. He is coming to do the exact same thing he did to Eve. He is coming to strip you of the power of God. He is coming to strip you of all those promises and blessings we read about in this book. He is coming to strip you of the wisdom and understanding of the commandments. This is what Satan is coming to do. Remember what it says in Psalm 119:50? **For Your word has given me life.**

This is what the enemy is coming to do. It is what he came to do to Eve. He came to get her to disbelieve the word of God. Satan was taking life.

Think about what it says in Deuteronomy 8:3—**man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.** How do we live? By believing every single word that proceeds out of God's mouth. That is the only way we survive. The enemy is going to come and attempt to steal that from you. He wants you to walk away from the promises and commandments so you're left completely broken and shattered in pieces. He wants you to be completely powerless, so you move into this land of despair. At that point, depression starts to sink in, and fear begins to creep in and take hold of you. Anxiety begins to control you.

Has anyone ever been there? This is the work of HaSatan. He is coming, and he wants you to be in a state of hopelessness because he knows what all these things do. Fear, anxiety, and doubt all combat belief and faith in God's word.

If you get into that state of hopelessness, it's very difficult to hear God. God doesn't want you in that state. He knows what it means. The devil also knows what that means.

Let me give you a little example of how scary of a place this is to be in. When we go back to Exodus six, we find the LORD is sending a deliverer to Israel, but they're in total bondage to the Egyptians. Pharaoh has lost his mind and is persecuting Israel at a level they had never experienced before. Persecution, tribulation, fear, and doubt are plaguing them, but the LORD sends the deliverer to tell them His words. Moses goes back to Egypt to tell them the promises God has spoken to them: I will take you out of this place, I will deliver you, and I will bring you to the Promised Land.

Let me show you what Exodus 6:9 has to say—**So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage (emphasis added).** They couldn't hear the words of the LORD because of all those things the devil had planted to take control such as fear, doubt, trials, tribulations, and the persecutions. Because of all these things, you will not hear the words; therefore, you won't believe. This is what the Devil is after. He inhibited their ability to believe. It is a scary thing.

You need to understand unless you truly believe with all your heart what God has said He will do, neither you nor I we will ever win the fight. We will never come out of the hole of depression, fear, anxiety, and bondage. The enemy will keep you there until you're totally destroyed.

I want to encourage you guys today concerning the word of the LORD and letting everything go. I want to help you get every lie and shred of doubt out of your heart so you can believe God will do what He has said He will do. To do that, let's go to Psalm 33:6-8—**<sup>6</sup>By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. <sup>7</sup>He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses. <sup>8</sup>Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him (emphasis added).** Why do we want to stand in awe of the LORD? Because He spoke and it was done. He commanded, and it held fast. That's why we are to stand in awe of Him. He merely spoke, and it was accomplished.

Do you think when He said, "Let there be light" the elements of the world went and voted on it? Do you think they deliberate whether or not they should let God have light? Nothing could prohibit it. The adversary could not prohibit light from coming into the world. When God said, "Let there be a firmament," guess what? There was firmament. When God said, "Let dry land appear," nothing could inhibit His word. When it leaves His mouth, it is going to happen. We sit, and we walk daily in His creation as testimony to this, yet we won't walk with Him. We don't believe His word. We won't walk in victory. We walk in depression, fear, and anxiety. We walk in all the things the world tells us instead of walking in His power.

Look at these two verses. Ecclesiastics 8:4—**Where the word of a king is, there is power (emphasis added),** and Hebrews 4:12—**For the word of God is living and powerful (emphasis added).** Everything in the Bible tells you the opposite of what the world and the devil tell you. God offers complete power, and the adversary wants to take that power from every one of us. He wants to keep us from believing in that power and from believing in God.

Do you want to increase your faith? Believe what God has said He will do. It is recorded in the book of Matthew that Yeshua told us we will have faith to move mountains. That is a true statement. The problem is most Christians really don't believe that statement even though we love to quote it.

2 Corinthians 1:19-20—<sup>19</sup> For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us--by me, Silvanus, and Timothy--was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. <sup>20</sup> For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us (emphasis added).

The Apostle Paul is telling these Gentiles, who have been grafted into the faith, these promises God has made in His word, every word He has spoken, they are yes. They're not maybe; they are not no. They are only yes through Messiah Yeshua. Every single promise is true; however, the devil is going to come and say, "No.

God has said yes, but He will not do it. That was all for a different generation; it's not for you. All those amazing miracles and all this power of God was only for the apostolic age. It is not for this age. It is for other people. All of the miracles the healings are for other people. To think they are for you is ludicrous."

That is what Satan does, and that is what he does best. He comes to destroy your belief and your faith in the word. God's word is true, period!

There are so many Psalms I want to share with you today, but I'm just giving you a glimpse. I love the Psalms because there is such a vulnerability and transparency to them. In other words, we read about all these titans of faith in Scripture and about what they accomplished and what God accomplished through them, and we stand in awe, but the Psalms show the internal conflict, the crying out, the fear, and the struggle within the war, and I love that transparency. We need to recognize this transparency.

There's a reason the book of Psalms is in the Bible, and I want to show you what this says because this is really powerful. Psalm 42:5—<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? **Hope in God** (emphasis added).

He says—**Hope in God**. Now look at this. He's so transparent. He is showing you his world, and he's having this discussion with himself. He recognizes he is a mess. Fear is coming in on every side. There are trials and tribulation. A couple of verses earlier he said, "My tears are my food day and night." This man is in hell. Then he tells himself, "No. I need to hope in God." He's saving his own life by hoping.

He continues in Psalm 42:5—**for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance**. Look at how he responds to the trials, tribulations, and fear. He praises in the storm. He praises the LORD.

He then goes on in Psalm 42:6 and says—<sup>6</sup> O my God, my soul is cast down within me; **therefore I will remember You** (emphasis added). He feels the heat of the enemy coming upon him, but what is he doing? He looks up. Continuing—**from the land of the Jordan, and from the heights of Hermon, from the Hill Mizar.** <sup>7</sup> Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and billows have gone over me. <sup>8</sup> **The LORD will command His loving-kindness in the daytime** (emphasis added).

Do you see what it says? It says the LORD will speak, and it will bring forth loving-kindness. This is amazing! This is what the devil doesn't want you to believe. He wants you to believe there will be no

grace or mercy for you. He wants you to think your prayers are in vain, but this Psalmist does not believe that. He understands when God speaks, loving-kindness comes.

Finishing the verse in Psalm 42:8-9—**and in the night His song shall be with me-- A prayer to the God of my life. <sup>9</sup> I will say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me? (Emphasis added).** Do you see how it's going back and forth? He is in agony, but he responds in truth with belief.

Continuing—**Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" <sup>10</sup> As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me, while they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" (Psalm 42:9-10, emphasis added).**

You need to understand something. This is exactly what the devil is going to do. When all these things are happening to you, and it looks like there's no help, that is when the devil comes and say, "Where is this supposed God you're praying to? Where is this God who is supposed to be your helper in your time of need?" This is the beauty of Scripture. It reveals the mind-games the enemy is going to play out with you. The moment you start listening to this type of rhetoric, it will be the final nail in your coffin. Go back to the story of the Garden of Eden and look at what the devil did the moment Eve stopped believing in God's word. That is when the curse came upon her.

I want to give you a few scriptural examples in addition to what we just read here regarding how the adversary moves. This goes back to the exodus of the Israelites out of Egypt. God brings them through the Red Sea, and they started to enter into the wilderness and camped in Rephidim. The problem was there was no water for the people. You don't need to be a survivalist to understand you need water to survive in the desert. Every single one of us would have a panic attack in that situation. There is no water, and they know their life is in jeopardy.

Hold on a second! What did God say to them when He sent them a deliverer? He said He would bring them into the Promised Land. That's what He said. However, you can see as soon as the trials and tribulations come, the belief in God's words starts to dissipate. Exodus 17:7—**So he (Moses) called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?" (Emphasis added).**

Does this sound familiar to Psalm 42 when the enemy came up against the Psalmist and asked, "where is your God." Now Israel is confronted with fear and tribulation, and what do they say, "Where is our God?"

This is vile. This is the exact opposite way God wants us to respond. It is the way the devil wants you to respond. This has the devil's fingerprints all over it. When he comes in and sells fear, it will lead to disbelief every time. There's only one way that road goes, to total disbelief. That'll be your disconnect and your nail in the coffin.

Go back and look at the verse. Notice how it says—**they tempted the LORD.** To not believe in the LORD is to put Him to test Him. It says in Deuteronomy 6:16—**You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted Him in Massah.** Notice the location of where they tempted Him. Massah is the very birthplace of that commandment. You're not to tempt the LORD your God. We are not to fall into that behavior.

Think about the story of the ten spies in Numbers 13-14. Twelve spies went to spy out the land, but ten came back, and what did they do? We know from Scripture they gave a bad report. It is interesting

considering God had spoken and told them He would give them the Promised Land. Those were His words. Yet the ten spies came back and said, "We are grasshoppers in the sight of these giants. Their cities are fortified. If we go up against them, we will be slaughtered. God has brought us here to kill us." They saw everything through the flesh.

Do you know any military commander we have today who would have done the same? They would have looked at the situation through the flesh. Because Israel did not look at it in the spiritual realm and acknowledge the promises of God, there is no question Israel would have been slaughtered.

The point is, God spoke and told them, "I will bring you into the Promised Land." It is a guarantee. It cannot be thwarted except by us individuals when we do not believe His word.

Do you remember what the Israelites wanted to do? They wanted to select a leader and go back to Egypt. I ask you, did any of these men enter the land? The same fate Eve had, in that she experienced death, was the same fate these people who doubted experienced. Every single one of them died in the wilderness because they didn't believe His words. This belief in His words is not optional. You need to believe.

Let me show you an interesting illustration about this just to build unto what we're looking at. There's a man who was actually called No Hope Carter. Listen to this story. [While attending college, I visited a psychiatric institution with a group of students to observe various types of mental illness. The experience proved to be very disturbing. I remember one man who was called "No Hope Carter." His was a tragic case. A victim of venereal disease, he was going through the final stages when the brain is affected. Before he began to lose his mind, this man was told by the doctors that there was no known cure for him. He begged for one ray of light in his darkness but had been told that the disease would run its inevitable course and end in death. Gradually his brain deteriorated, and he became more and more despondent. When I saw him in his small, barred room about two weeks before he died, he was pacing up and down in mental agony. His eyes stared blankly, and his face was drawn and ashen. Over and over he muttered these two forlorn and fateful words: "No hope! No hope!" He said nothing else \(Our Daily Bread, Tan, P. L. \(1996\). Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations: Signs of the Times \(564\). Garland, TX: Bible Communications, Inc.\).](#)

Do you understand what happened in this story regarding what the doctors did? They were looking through the flesh instead of the spirit. They told him there was nothing they could do for him. They told him there was no hope for him. They spoke death into his life. Life and Death are in the power of the tongue.

This man took these respected doctors at their word. As a result, what were his dying words? No hope. No hope. He died without hope. This is what the enemy is coming to do to you, and I'm not making this up.

You have no idea how many couples have sat in front of me crying because they had gone to the doctor because they were pregnant. The doctors were adamant about them having an abortion and told them their child was going to have a serious birth defect. The doctors told them there was a serious chance of their child having Down Syndrome. They spoke fear into these couples, who were pregnant, encouraging them not to have their child. I prayed with these couples who came to me with tears in

their eyes. Every single one of them that were prayed over has had healthy babies. Every single one.

However, I'll tell you even if there was a birth defect, we believe in the words of the LORD. We hold fast to them because it doesn't matter in the LORD's head. He has instructed us, "We shall not kill." That's what He said, and we believe in Him.

Do you understand how real this is getting? When you go to the doctor, the enemy will utilize your surroundings. You will look at all these people who are dying of the same thing you may have, and you have fear. I have had family members who have died of cancer, and I have other family members who are wallowing in fear the same fate is going to happen to them because they saw how their relatives died. The fear creeps in and controls them. When you stop believing in the words of God, this is what leads to disbelief.

Remember what it says in Matthew 19:26—**With God, all things are possible.** Do you believe it or not? That is why I always say I don't want anyone praying for me who does not have first-century faith. If you don't have that, you don't need to pray for me. I don't need those prayers. The only prayers I need are from people who literally live in first-century faith and walk in first-century power. They believe, without reservation. This is the kind of power we need to walk in. You will never walk in the power of the Apostles unless you believe in the word of God.

Moving on to 2 Chronicles 16:12—**And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa became diseased in his feet, and his malady was severe; yet in his disease, he did not seek the LORD, but the physicians (emphasis added).** I want to be clear. I'm not anti-doctor. I believe God gives these doctors talents to save people; however, the moment you put your trust in them, it is over for you. <sup>5</sup> **Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength.** <sup>7</sup> **Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD (Jeremiah 17:5 & 7).**

So here you have Asa who was righteous before the LORD, but then this tribulation of diseased feet hits him, he didn't go to God. We are supposed to go to Him. We are supposed to cast your cares upon Him for he cares for you.

There's a complete breakdown when we don't bring everything we are dealing with to Him. The devil is going to tell you God doesn't care. However, we need to pray to Him knowing He is in heaven, and He does hear.

Here, however, is what is interesting. Asa is diseased in his feet, and he doesn't turn to the LORD. Instead, he turns to his physicians. As a result, here is the next verse—<sup>13</sup> **So Asa rested with his fathers; he died in the forty-first year of his reign (2 Chronicles 16:13).** When you trust in man, this is going to be your fate. This is what's going to happen.

I want to move from that aspect into the beautiful promises we need to believe. 2 Chronicles 7:14—if **My people who are called by My name will [what?] humble themselves, [second] and pray and seek My face, [third] and turn from their wicked ways, [what does it say?] then I will hear from heaven (emphasis added).** Do you believe it? Do you believe the words of the LORD? If you believe it, it would

drive you to your knees in repentance. It would drive you to seek ye first the Kingdom of God and nothing that is in the world. Do you want the ear of the LORD? Scripture says He cannot deny Himself. He can't deny His word. It says He will hear in heaven.

There's only one thing I really want, and it is to have the ear of Yeshua and know when I pray He hears me. So now we've been told how to make that happen. We must humble ourselves because He will not listen to anyone who is prideful. We must also turn from our wicked ways.

I'm going to tell you right now. All the sins you are struggling with that have held you in bondage, you better get rid of them. You need to turn from sin. If you actually believe this, you're going to have the ability and the strength to be delivered of these things.

There are people who have gone through these deliverance things, and three weeks later they are back in their sin. If you want to know what the key to deliverance is when you're going to Yeshua, listen to His words and believe them. When you believe them, you will act upon them. There is no question about it.

The problem is we are constantly filling our eyes with the things going on in the world. We fill them with immorality, ideology, covertness, sickness, and disease. This is where depression comes from.

Let's continue with these beautiful promises by looking at Psalm 103:2—<sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits (emphasis added)**. The writer tells us not to forget His benefits. Why would he tell us this? Because this is exactly what we do, we forget.

You will find this as a common thread throughout the Tanakh, Bible. There is warning after warning because we forget His benefits. What are the benefits? <sup>3</sup> **Who forgives all your iniquities (Psalm 103:3)**.

Look at 1 John 1:9—If we confess our sins, **He is faithful (emphasis added)**. Again, do you believe the word? If we want forgiveness, we have to go forward and confess what we know we have done wrong. I would also advise you to confess the things you don't know you have done wrong that have displeased Him. These are the things done in ignorance. If you confess your sins, He is faithful. You can put that on your refrigerator, "He is faithful."

There are so many people who are so laden with sin and shame over what they've done. There have been people who have lived their lives doing drugs. They have grown up on the streets. Some of these people even curse God. There are women who have had abortions. The enemy comes and tells these people there is no hope for them because they went too far. He tells them they are horrible people, and their sin can't be forgiven. We know that is a lie. Scripture tells us if we confess our sins, Yeshua is faithful and will forgive us. Don't believe the lies.

Isaiah 55:6-7—<sup>6</sup> **Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near.** <sup>7</sup> **Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon (emphasis added)**. There is always hope no matter what sin has happened.

Psalm 103:2-3—<sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: <sup>3</sup> Who forgives all your iniquities, **Who heals all your diseases** (emphasis added). Notice it doesn't say. "He heals some of your diseases."

Now when we live in a land being plagued by disease, and we do, I'm going to warn you right now, stop looking at all the diseases and what's happening to the world because you have hope. You have a savior. Through God all things are possible. That verse does not tell me He only heals during particular times of the year. It doesn't tell me He heals only a particular generation. No! It is up to us to believe His word in our heart, and when we believe it, we will have what He says we will have. But we don't believe. We don't believe it, and that is scary.

I want to take you to Mark 5:21-23—<sup>21</sup> Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. <sup>22</sup> And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet <sup>23</sup> and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."

The first thing I want you to know is this guy is a man of God. He believes in what Yeshua can do; therefore, the man has confessed it. He knows what Yeshua can do for you. He has confessed it. Life and death are in the power of the tongue.

Continuing in Mark 5:35, we find this gets very interesting. **While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further"**(emphasis added)?

Isn't that interesting? The enemy came and told this man there was no hope. The enemy is basically telling this man, "Don't go to prayer. Don't go to the Master because He can't help you." Think about what is happening in this story and how the adversary tells us every day there is no hope. Worst of all, we are buying into it!

So how does the story end? <sup>36</sup> **As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe"** (Mark 5:36, emphasis added). Yeshua tells the man to believe and not be afraid.

Again, that is another passage you need to put on your refrigerator. **Do not be afraid; only believe.** All the things happening in the world and coming upon you, **do not be afraid only believe.** This is the difference between life and death and forgiveness and condemnation. It is the difference between whether you rise to victory, or you fall in defeat.

Matthew 9:28—<sup>28</sup> **And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this"** (emphasis added). These blind men have been begging to be healed, but first Yeshua asks them—**Do you believe that I am able to do this?** How do the men answer? **They said to Him, "Yes, LORD."**

They have faith. They believe in His power and what He can do. Because of that, this is Yeshua's response in Matthew 9:29—<sup>29</sup> **Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you" (emphasis added).**

You have heard me say this how many times? According to your faith, it will be done to you. Where is your faith? Do you have any? Do you actually believe the words written in the Bible? If you did, it would radically transform you. Do you want a renewing of the mind? If so, all you need to do is believe what is written in the Bible. If you do that, you will have a massive renewing of the mind. When you come up against trials and tribulations, the righteous will not be moved. They stand in faith and believe. You just need to believe and—**according to your faith, it will be to you.**

Psalms 119:114—**You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word (emphasis added).** The author hopes in His word. Scripture tells us, "The secret things belong to the LORD, but the things that have been revealed belong to us."

We are the richest generation in the history of the world. Do you know that? Every single one of us has access to His words in the Bible. We can even get them on cell phones. Previously we were able to find Bibles in hotel rooms. We are the richest generation the world has ever known, and now you look out and find we are the wickedest. How is that possible? That's crazy.

I want to close with this. Ephesians 2:11-12—<sup>11</sup> **Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh--who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands--** <sup>12</sup> **that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world (emphasis added).**

When we did not have Yeshua, there was no hope. All the promises of the Covenant, everything in the Bible, were not yours. But what does the verse go on to say? <sup>13</sup> **But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13, emphasis added).**

Because of Yeshua, we have hope. **According to your faith, it will be to you.**