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We continue steadfastly in prayer, and in the
ministry of the word.

Acts 6: 4 ASV

Welcome to Bible Study and Prayer
THE DECAY OF PAGANISM

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- Lord willing, we continue to develop a more complete scriptural understanding answering the question: What is a man?

Let our voices unite in prayer:

- My Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Luke 11: 2
- I know effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5: 16

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- I come boldly unto the throne of grace, that I may obtain mercy, and find grace to help Home Ministry fulfill divine calling. Hebrews 4: 16
- Commissioned to make disciples of all nations, observing all things You command, always, to the end of the world; baptizing into the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit: Matthew 28: 19-20
- give them utterance to make known the mystery of the gospel, Ephesians 6: 19

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- increasing the number of Your disciples; who are obedient to the faith. Acts 6: 7
- May their speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt; Colossians 4: 6
- preaching, reproof, rebuking, and exhorting with all longsuffering and doctrine. II Timothy 4: 2
- Full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, Acts 6: 5
- may whatsoever they do in word or deed, all be in the name of Adhonai Jesus, giving thanks to Elohim and the Father by Him. Colossians 3: 17

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- May they be blameless and harmless, without rebuke, Phillipians 2: 15
- shaking off the dust from their feet, a testimony against them that receive You not, when they depart them. Luke 9: 5
- May they rejoice they didn't run or labor in vain, at the day of Christ. Phillipians 2: 16
- May Jesus Christ be glorified in them, and them in Jesus Christ. II Thessalonians 1: 12

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- We pray for others, Joe Stewart, Kassie Suter, and Jeff Young knowing effectual fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much. James 5:16
- Asking all in Jesus name. John 14: 14
- Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as in heaven. Matthew 6: 10
- For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Matthew 6: 13 Amen.

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- **W A R N I N G**

Text: Matthew 24: 4 ASV

Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man lead you astray.

- **W A R N I N G**

Text: Mark 13: 5 ASV

And Jesus began to say unto them, Take heed that no man lead you astray.

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- **W A R N I N G**

Text: 1 John 2: 26 ASV

These things have I written unto you concerning them that would lead you astray.

- **W A R N I N G**

Text: 1 John 3: 7 ASV

My little children, let no man lead you astray.

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- **Text:** Romans 1:24-25 ASV

God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts unto uncleanness, they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

- An overwhelming majority are devotees to Paganism.
- This majority accepts natural law as the Alpha and Omega.

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- There can be no variance. To promulgate anything superior is barbaric. It suggests insult to reigning intelligence.
- Paganism has blunted the message of healing. Healing must move within the defined borders of natural law. Looking at Acts of the Apostles and James it raises questions and eyebrows, making Jehovah a prisoner in His own house.
- Multiple thousands who build church real estate and then prostrate themselves at the altar of nature should read the words of Job. In subtle

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and devious routes the apostles of spiritual decadance, Darwin, Wallace, and Spencer and their progeny, have superseded God by their unswerving avowal to natural law. They ascribe all authority. It becomes premise and fix. They thrust deification upon sun, moon, and stars. They allow no alternate. They make the modern campus its cathedral. To all intent the material universe is God. Job warns: ²⁶ if I have beheld the sun when it shined, Or the moon walking in brightness, ²⁷ And my heart hath been secretly enticed, And my mouth hath kissed my hand:

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28 this also were an iniquity to be punished by the judges; For I should have denied the God that is above. Job 31: 28 ASV Those words present the entire case.

- Nature lovers have never been without a cult. Page after Old Testament page wrestles with Baal or Lord. Egyptians ordered their lives and destiny by Ra the sun god. The Phoenicians worshiped it as Chemosh. The descendants of Lot served this big lamp as Moloch. The sun was benefactor and master. The sun was

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ultimate authority. So priestcraft, with promise or penalty, prompted sun worship. Spiritual contest is a matter of Bible record. Moses spoke the Word of Jehovah to Israel: ¹⁵ Take heed unto yourselves; ¹⁹ lest thou seest the sun and the moon and the stars, even all the host of heaven, be drawn away and worship them, and serve them. Deuteronomy 4: 15, 19 ASV

- When the giant tree goes down in the forest, it goes down suddenly. Unexpectedly. To the close observer, the preparation for the fall

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dates back. Slowly the worm cuts its way to the heart of the tree. Slowly the rain swells the tiny hole. The frost loosens. The heat enlarges the aperture. Slowly the gases and acids begin to cut the fiber. Little by little the decay goes to the heart. Outwardly the bark is sound. The great tree seems like king of the forest. But the heart is gone. The tree is a mere shell. The day comes when it topples. Years before it would have laughed at the wind and storm. It stood strong and resolute. It fell because it had a rotten heart.

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- The story of empires, nations, and individuals. Lean upon God, or topple toward hell.
- Men of Sodom didn't read signs of impending judgment. It was over before they could call a session of the City Council.
- Belshazzar threw a party for 1,000 of his lords. His invitations didn't include the words, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. ²⁶ This is the interpretation; thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. This writing that was added by God, inscribed on the wall.

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- By law dew distills, the snowflakes form and fall. By law, the seasons come and go. By law, the clouds store secret forces.
- There is a law of retribution! No judgment of God on Sodom, or Jerusalem, or Pompeii, or Constantinople, or Berlin, or Tokoyo is an arbitrary and wanton judgment.
- Every evil man, city, and empire slowly prepares the explosives that by natural processes bring about their own retribution.

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- People are blind to signals that hang from the battlements of heaven. They are deaf to overtures of God. They head toward ruin.
- It makes you catch your breath when you see a giant crumble. Its a gloomy day when David flees Jerusalem with a handful of followers, unable to prevent the ravage of civil war, led by his own son. But the makings started in the bedroom of the palace.
- Its an item you wish would never be published, when you read of the defection of Demas;

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¹⁰ Demas forsook me, having loved this present world, and went to Thessalonica. II Timothy 4: 10 ASV
You hate to see a name scratched.

- Natural law condemns. We brown our bodies to show allegiance. We design our buildings to measure our appreciation. We turn our clocks in testimony.
- No one argues with the natural law. Christian revelation says there is Law above. It can say no less and remain the gospel of Christ.

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- The Bible is either fancy, fraud or fact. If it is fact, and our President must still place his hand upon its pages and swear to uphold and protect the Constitution and Bill of Rights, intervention of God is clearly chronicled.
- General Eisenhower writes about intervention in weather that would have canceled the invasion of D-Day. That intervention wrote history. It spelled the end to Hitler's dream. General Eisenhower acknowledged that a Superior Being, capable of decision and administration, effected that change. I believe it.

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- The grace of God saves you. You need more than the beach, or penthouse, or science laboratory, or golf course, or barbacue patio. You need Calvary. You need the altar. That is your salvation.

You are invited to join us!

We continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.