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ministry of the word.

Acts 6: 4 ASV

Welcome to Bible Study and Prayer
**WHEN NOSES RUN AND FEET
SMELL**

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(Anno Domini – In the year of our Lord)

Wednesday 4 Tammuz, 5777

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- With a twinkle in her eye, and a smile on her face, my mother-in-law would say her nose ran and her feet smelled; chuckling how something was wrong with life.
- With a smile on my face, a twinkle in my eye, and thoughts of my mother-in-law in my heart; let me tell you my nose runs and my feet smell. Something is wrong in life!
- Bigger ain't better its Walmart Syndrome.

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- It is Wednesday, 4 Tammuz, 5777, when this Bible Study and Prayer meeting is convened.
- Significant because records exist for more than 37 centuries before Jesus walked this earth.
- $5777 - 2017 = 3760$
- Jehovah could have chosen any date to fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah; Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call

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his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7: 14 ASV Which the apostle Matthew referenced in his gospel; Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, And they shall call his name Immanuel; **which is, being interpreted, God with us.** Matthew 1: 23 ASV

- **Text:** Ephesians 1: 9-10 ASV

Making known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in him unto a dispensation of the

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fulness of the times.

To sum up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens, and the things upon the earth; in him.

- **Text:** Acts 1-: 40-43 ASV

Him God raised up the third day, and gave him to be made manifest, not to all the people, but unto witnesses that were chosen before of God, even to us, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he charged us to preach unto the people, and to testify that this is

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he who is ordained of God to be the Judge of the living and the dead. To him bear all the prophets witness, that through his name every one that believeth on him shall receive remission of sins.

- Those chosen of God, the Hebrew nation, Israel, recognized 10 men as the smallest unit of worship. Ten men was required to hold synagogue; a word derived from the common verbal Greek translated "to gather together."

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- When the number of men attending synagogue reached 20 the fellowship was split in two.
- Earliest use of the term is in the Septuagint. It appears 145 times. It is rendered synagogue 127 of those times. It is rendered assembly or convocation the remainder.
- The synagogue and not the Temple is the central institution of worship for the majority of the Hebrew nation.

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- **Text:** Mark 14: 55 & -58 ASV

Now the chief priests and the whole council against Jesus heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands.

- Prophecy was fulfilled in A.D. 70 with the seige and destruction by Rome.
- By the end of the first century a synagogue was located at center of the market square in most towns.

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- Synagogue worship was affected by offices.
- Officers had responsibilities requiring personal walk with Elohim, allowing Jehovah to bless the synagogue, officer, and those in fellowship.

Synagogue Offices

- Ruler of the synagogue.
- Translator of the synagogue.
- Servant or attendant of the synagogue.

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- Council of the synagogue.
- Elders of the synagogue.

Synagogue facts:

- 10 to 20 men
- 1 ruler
- 1 translator
- 1 servant
- 3 councilmen

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- ? a varying number of elders

Simple math: $5/10 = 50\%$ or $5/20 = 25\%$

- Every small synagogue had a minimum of 50% involvement of the men in the community.
- Every large synagogue had a minimum of 25% involvement of the men in the community.
- These ratios promote and invite success.
- Do today's fellowships involve 25% of the men in the community?

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- 37 centuries of a proven method has been discarded to have families travel for miles for two hours of preaching and teaching with 1% or less of the men in the community involved.
- Realize we have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3: 23 We like sheep have gone astray; We have turned to our own way.
Isaiah 53: 6
- Has the prophecy of Hosea been fulfilled?

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- **Text:** Hosea 4: 1-6 ASV

Hear the word of Jehovah, ye children of Israel; for Jehovah hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor goodness, nor knowledge of God in the land. There is nought but swearing and breaking faith, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery; they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field and the

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birds of the heavens; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. Yet let no man strive, neither let any man reprove; for thy people are as they that strive with the priest. And thou shalt stumble in the day, and the prophet also shall stumble with thee in the night; and I will destroy thy mother. My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I also will forget thy children.

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- **Text:** Mark 5: 22 & Luke 8: 41 ASV

There came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name.

- **Text:** Acts 18: 8 ASV

- Crispus, ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with all his house.

- **Text:** Acts 18: 17 ASV

They all laid hold on Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him.

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- Notice two of the three names of rulers of the synagogue are Gentile in the New Testament.
- The ruler of the synagogue was responsible not merely for the upkeep and operation of the house but also for the order and sanctity of the service.
- **Text:** Luke 13: 14 ASV

The ruler of the synagogue, being moved with indignation, said to the multitude, there are six days in which men ought to work.

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- **Text:** Matthew 1: 23 ASV

Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, And they shall call his name Immanuel; **which is, being interpreted, God with us.**

- **Text:** Mark 5: 41 ASV

- And taking the child by the hand, he saith unto her, Talitha cumi; **which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, Arise.**

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- **Text:** Mark 15: 22 ASV
- And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, **which is, being interpreted,** The place of a skull.
- **Text:** Mark 15: 34 ASV
- And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? **which is, being interpreted,** My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

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- **Text:** John 1: 41 ASV
- He findeth first his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah **which is, being interpreted, Christ.**
- **Text:** Acts 4: 36 ASV
- Joseph, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas **which is being interpreted, Son of exhortation, a Levite, a man of Cyprus by race.**

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- The translator of the synagogue, chosen from the congregation, was responsible to interpret the text from Hebrew into Aram for the lesson.
- Aram and Greek, was used to teach instead of the Hebrew found in manuscripts.
- Paul honors this custom in his exhortation to speaking in tongues.
- **Text:** I Corinthians 14: 28 ASV
if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence

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in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

- **Text:** Luke 4: 20 ASV

He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

- **Text:** Matthew 10: 17 ASV

Beware of men: for they will deliver you up to councils, and in their synagogues they will scourge you.

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- **Text:** Matthew 23: 34 ASV

I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: some of them shall ye kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city.

- **Text:** Mark 13: 9 ASV

But take heed: they shall deliver you up to councils; and in synagogues shall ye be beaten; and before governors and kings shall ye stand for my sake, testimony unto them.

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- The servant of the synagogue was responsible for cleaning the premises, removing and/or replacing the scrolls, and carrying out the corporal punishments of the council.
- In modern times he became the director of education and the chief singer of the service; wherein his title changed to cantor.
- Are the number driven NWO mega fellowships with bands, choirs, emotional controlled audio visual presentations, choreographed services

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making disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever commanded unto the end of the world?

- How can a fellowship three counties removed shepherd rural sheep?
- Does the shepherd know the sheep by name?
- Does the sheep hear his voice and obey?
- What should Christians do?

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- They are to testify to the truth of the Bible.
- Preach the gospel to every creature.
- They are competent witnesses.
- They have experience of its truth.
- The Christian has no more need of external evidence to prove the truth of the Bible to his mind, than he has to prove his own existence.
- To doubt it is against his own consciousness.
- The whole plan of salvation is fully spread and settled in his conviction.

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Of what truths is the Christian to testify?

- The immortality of the soul.
- The vanity of earthly things.
- The satisfaction and glory of Christianity.
- The guilt and danger of sinners.
- The reality of hell and eternal punishment for the wicked.
- The love of Christ.
- The necessity of a holy life.

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- The necessity of self-denial and living above the world.
- The necessity of meekness, heavenly-mindedness, humility, and integrity.
- The necessity of an entire renovation of character and life.
- These are the subjects Christians are to witness for God; bound to testify in such a way as to constrain men to believe the truth.

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- **Text:** Mark 16: 16 KJV

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

You are invited to join us!

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