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

Acts 6: 4 ASV

Signs

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- **Share the peace:**

The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts binding. Its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. Heaven is restored, paradise opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the Glory of God its end.

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- Did the 11th of September 2017, the sixteenth anniversary of 9-11-2001, cause you to think of a break in the hedge of protection keeping foreign enemies off United States soil?
- Do you recognize Jehovah blesses with a hedge about His children?
- Satan certainly did! He said unto Jehovah, hast not thou made a hedge about Job, and about his house, and about all that he hath, on every side?

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- The Prosperity Gospel: Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land (Job 1: 10 ASV).
- The psalmist did; Thou hast cast off and rejected, Thou hast been wroth with thine anointed. Thou hast abhorred the covenant of thy servant: Thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground. Thou hast broken down all his hedges; Thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin (Psalm 89: 38-40 ASV).
- Since the solar eclipse have physical, mental

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and spiritual manifestations arisen from Harvey, that Texas storm? On the 16th anniversary of 911, were you focused on Irma traveling up the west coast of Florida causing difficulties in life? Is it significant another act of God happened on 911, in the United States of America? Is it significant two events happened on the date represented as the universal number dialed for help, 911?

- Established at creation by God, marriage is a sacred relationship.

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- We gather in God's presence, to witness the groom join with his bride in holy matrimony. This conscious and deliberate action is will, and is recognized as a legal and binding testament.
- God intends the union of husband and wife in heart, body, and mind is for mutual joy; help or comfort given one to the other in prosperity or adversity.
- When God wills, procreation of children, it

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includes their nurture in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

- Parents have a stewardship entrusted to them, to train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. A parents first responsibility is to love the Lord with all their heart, soul and might.
- Marriage is covenant with God.
- Enter into it soberly, deliberately, in reverent fear before God.

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- Planned parenthood sounds innocent enough. More than 50 million of God's creatures have had their blood spilled, because no one wanted them. What does blood testimony from more than 50 million sound like crying out against the United States of America in the court of Heaven?
- Marrying someone you love seems innocent enough. What does the testimony of 20 million sodomites (10% of a 200 million population) sound like crying out against the United States

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of America in the court of Heaven? What did the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah sound like when it reached the throne of God?

- Making certain of whom you choose to marry seems innocent enough. Women become the Asherah (a fertility goddess), when they live with men. What does testimony from 20 million Baby Mommas sound like crying out against the United States of America in the court of Heaven?
- **Text:** Genesis 18: 17-21 ASV

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- Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham that which I do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of Jehovah, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that Jehovah may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. Jehovah said, the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and their sin is

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very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

- Somehow the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah reached the throne of God. The outcry presented evidence the city was worthy of judgment and destruction. God, Himself, went down to examine the cries and evidence before Him that demanded judgment. Abraham was brought into the equation because God

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was seeking legal reason to show mercy. He knew Abraham would seek to give a legal reason to spare the wicked place. Abraham petitioned God on the basis of Him being Judge and judging righteously. God agreed with Abraham saying He would not destroy Sodom and Gomorrah for the sake of fifty righteous. Abraham continued to petition God as Judge and finally had it reduced to ten righteous men. God agreed.

- God was looking for a legal reason to be

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merciful and Abraham gave it to Him. Hebrew culture recognizes ten men as the smallest number constituting a government. For the sake of ten righteous men God would spare the whole population.

- Some think a whole population is required to repent. A governmental representation of the population who can petition the courts of Heaven for mercy and judgment, is all that is required.
- The church of God is that representation!

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- God is Judge of all.
- He is also our Father who desires to bless us and release to us our inheritance.
- God looks for a reason to be righteous and show us mercy. This is the passion of a loving Father's heart.
- If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not the truth (1 John 1: 6 ASV).
- It is our job to get things into place so He can

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fulfill His fatherly passion.

- God will never compromise Himself as Judge in order to fulfill His fatherly desires. To do so would make Him less than God.
- As the Lord's minister, I must gently correct them that oppose themselves. God may give them repentance unto the knowledge of the truth, and they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him unto his will (II Timothy 2: 24-26 ASV).

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- We deceive ourselves, if we say we have no sin, and the truth is not in us (1 John 1: 8 ASV).
- Jehovah God said unto the woman, What is this thou hast done? The woman said, I did eat. Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy pain and thy conception; in pain thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband (Genesis 3: 13 & 16 ASV).
- Jehovah God said, man is become as one of us, to know good and evil (Genesis 3: 22 ASV).

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- Jehovah God said, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever therefore Jehovah God sent him forth from the garden of Eden (Genesis 3: 22-23 ASV).
- Covenant with God, established at creation by God, marriage is a sacred relationship, setting in place a divine order blessing the husband, and his bride and blessing fruit of their union, their children.
- Jehovah has made a hedge about the family on every side.

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- Knowing good from evil and being blessed for walking in His ways, keeping His statutes, commandments, ordinances, and hearkening unto His voice with all their heart, and with all their soul (Deuteronomy 26: 16-18); man has the liberty to purpose his own destiny instead of choosing divine destiny.
- Just as Eve and Adam were beguiled by Satan, today many make the same beguiled choice.

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- We are purposing our own destiny when we choose abortion, abominable lifestyles, or make babies without the hedge of protection afforded to the family from our Creator.
- Choosing to purpose our destiny limits family blessing.
- He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoso keepeth his word, in him verily hath the love of God been perfected.

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Hereby we know that we are in him: he that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk even as he walked (1 John 2: 4-6 ASV).

- Actions of the Holy Spirit are not always understood, until the believer recognizes divine destiny and becomes obedient. Physical, mental or spiritual manifestations can arise causing difficulty in life, until they receive blessing. Such experiences come into sharp focus in ministry.
- The Prosperity Gospel, is good news!

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- Yet, I caution don't quench the Holy Spirit.

God the Judge of all, and Jesus the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 12: 23-24 ASV), will comfort and console us when we fail. They chasten and press us to greater holiness.

- Grace doesn't just forgive us; it empowers us to overcome sin.

- **Praise God singing:** Disc 1 Hymn 14
IN THE GARDEN

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1. I come to the gar-den a-lone, While the dew is
still on the ros-es,

And the voice I hear, Fall-ing on my ear, The Son
of God dis-clos-es.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And
He tells me I am His own;

And the joy we share as we tar-ry there, None
oth-er has ev-er known.

NEXT

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2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so
sweet the birds hush their sing-ing,
And the mel-o-dy That He gave to me, With-in my
heart is ring-ing.
And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And
He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tar-ry there, None
oth-er has ev-er known.

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3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him Tho' the night
a-round me be fall-ing,

But He bids me go; Thro' the voice of woe His
voice to me is call-ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And
He tells me I am His own;

And the joy we share as we tar-ry there, None
oth-er has ev-er known.

END

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Breaking of Bread

- **Let voices unite in prayer:**
- Jesus has borne my griefs, carried my sorrows; was wounded for my transgressions, and bruised for my iniquities; the chastisement of my peace was upon Him; and with His stripes I am healed. Isaiah 53: 4-5
- Jesus took bread, blessed, and brake it. He said, Take, eat; this is my body. Matthew 26: 26
- My body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me. Luke 22: 19

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- Jesus took a cup, gave thanks, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is My blood of the covenant, poured out for remission of sins. Matthew 26: 27-28
- God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3: 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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Breaking of Bread

- **Celebrate Breaking of Bread**
- **Praise God singing the Doxology:**

Praise, God, from whom all bless-ings flow,

Praise Him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Praise Him a-bove, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost! A-men.

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- **Let voices unite in a Benediction Prayer**

I declare I am a steward of Jehovah, who has been blessed so I can bless others.

You are invited to join us!

*Lord willing, we study doctrine and pray every
Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.*