

28 Parable of Jesus
WALLS and Mammon of Unrighteousness
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Chapter 26 - "Friends by the Mammon of Unrighteousness"

What did God instruct Moses to build in the wilderness as a teaching tool for his plan of salvation?

Exodus 25:8

8 And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

This earthly sanctuary was a miniature model of the heavenly sanctuary that teaches us VICTORY over SIN!

Hebrews 9:1-7, 11, 12, 22-24

- 1 Then verily the first *covenant* had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.
 - 2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein *was* the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.
 - 3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;
 - 4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein *was* the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;
 - 5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.
 - 6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service *of God*.
 - 7 But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people:
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- 11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;
 - 12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.
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- 22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.
 - 23 *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.
 - 24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Review the earth sanctuary & meaning. TOTAL VICTORY OVER SIN!

One gate: Door – scarlet, blue, and purple; four pillars

Altar of Sacrifice: Brass... fire and blood

Laver

Temple: Holy & Most Holy – Entrance five pillars, table of

Holy: Entrance five pillars, table of shew bread, candlestick with 7 branches, altar of incense

Most Holy: Ark of the covenant (cherubims, mercy seat, inside ten commandments, Aaron budded, and pot of manna.

Two services: Daily & Yearly (Day of Atonement-cleansing of the sanctuary)

What went around the entire sanctuary?

A Wall of fine twined linen – bleached white! Spotless white & 7 ½ feet tall (Exodus 27:18)

What was the meaning and purpose of the WALL of fine twined bleached white linen that surrounded the sanctuary?

Revelation 19:8

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

2 Corinthians 5:21

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

White linen = Righteousness

Jesus is righteous!

What else is the standard righteousness in which we are judged by?

Psalms 119:172

172 My tongue shall speak of thy word: for **all thy commandments are righteousness.**

Deuteronomy 6:25

25 And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to **do all these commandments** before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

James 2:11-12

11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be **judged by the law of liberty.**

WALL around sanctuary = Righteousness = Standard-Ten Commandments

Children of Israel saw the wall around the sanctuary, they know that standard of righteous before they went in for the experience of justification and sanctification.

What is the purpose of walls?

Its partition of distinction and protection!

A WALL of Separation!

The fine twined linen WALL around the sanctuary was a wall of separation of the holy from the profane, the righteous from the unrighteous, saved from the lost, victory from the defeated, converted from the unconverted, truth from error, and life from death!

Only those who go and stay within the WALL have the experience of righteousness through the blood of Jesus Christ are safe.. victory over sin and death... It's an ark of safety... The sanctuary of truth and victory are safe!

Deuteronomy 6:2

2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

John 15:10-11

- 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.
- 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

Israel's Wall vs the Walls of the heathen nations

When the heathen nation built their walls they built it not only to mark their territory but to protect the people within from their enemies. They depended greatly on the fortifications of their walls. But as seen in the story of Jericho, those fortification meant nothing to God!

When Israel settled in Jerusalem their walls around the city a spiritual symbolism that God was their true protection from their enemies as long as they submitted to the righteousness of God and where obedient to his commandments they would remain safe and prosper. But if that became secure in their physical wall around the city and rebelled against the commandments of God their WALL would come down.

Why were the literal walls of Jerusalem destroyed by Babylon and centuries later by the Roman Empire?

Disobeyed the Ten commandments and rejected the testimonies

Deuteronomy 8:19-20

19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.

20 As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.

Isaiah 5:3-5

3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.

4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:

Fulfilled!

Babylon

2 Kings 25:8-10

8 And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem:

9 And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire.

10 And all the army of the Chaldees, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about.

Zephaniah 3:1,2,6

1 Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!

2 She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.

6 I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.

Another reason why the wall of Jerusalem was destroyed by Babylon!

Violated and Rejected God's Holy Seventh-day Sabbath

Nehemiah 13:17-18

17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day?

18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath.

Jesus Prophecy during the time of the Roman Empire

Matthew 24:1-2

1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple.

2 And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Fulfilled 70 AD! - Jerusalem destroyed, wall destroyed, people killed and scattered by Roman Empire...

Notice that it was Babylon and the Pagan Roman Empire that destroyed the literal walls of Jerusalem.

Spirituality who have destroyed the WALLS of truth according to Bible prophecy?

Rejected the Ten Commandments including the seventh-day sabbath... Corrupted the truth with lies
Babylon & Papal Rome...

Why has this happen? God's people disobeyed God commandments, compromised his truth!

In the last days what must God's Remnant people do?

Repair the WALL of truth and invite others to come within wall of safety, victory, and restoration through the blood of Jesus and testimonies. Through the power of the Holy Ghost we must rebuild the standard of righteous, the ten commandments including the seventh-day sabbath...

Why is Satan wrath with the Remnant?

Revelation 12:17

17 And the dragon was wrath with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 58:12-13

12 And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

13 If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

The remnant people of God in these last days have no time for worldliness they use all the resources that God has given to them to rebuild the WALL of truth and invite others to come in the sanctuary of truth!

Brief story of Nehemiah repairing and building WALL using the resources king of Persia..

Jesus WALL of TRUTH!

Jesus rebuild the wall of truth and the law that was being trampled upon by the professed by of God

“Christ's coming was at a time of intense worldliness. Men were subordinating the eternal to the temporal, the claims of the future to the affairs of the present. They were mistaking phantoms for realities, and realities for phantoms. They did not by faith behold the unseen world. Satan presented before them the things of this life as all-attractive and all-absorbing, and they gave heed to his temptations.” COL 366

“Christ came to change this order of things. He sought to break the spell by which men were infatuated and ensnared. In His teaching He sought to adjust the claims of heaven and earth, to turn men's thoughts from the present to the future. From their pursuit of the things of time, He called them to make provision for eternity.” COL 366

Instead of Israel building the wall of truths and inviting others into the walls of safety the time of Christ, they were tearing them down!

Not only did Jesus repair and build the WALL of truth but is also invited people others to come within the WALL of salvation in which He the one gate...

Are you a repairer of the breach, building the WALL of truth, Law and the Testimonies? Are you inviting others to come within the WALL of salvation through Jesus? Have you taken into account the resources and talents that God gives you for the work of building and inviting?

Did you know that Jesus wants us to account for ALL that he has given us? Why does Jesus gives us resources and treasures? Jesus illustrates this in his parable of the unjust steward.

In a previous study we focused on the first half of the lesson of the unjust steward, today we are going to focus on the last part of the parable.

Luke 16:1-9

1 And he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich man, which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.

2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

3 Then the steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed.

4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

5 So he called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the first, How much owest thou unto my lord?

6 And he said, An hundred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

7 Then said he to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, An hundred measures of wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write fourscore.

8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

Remember:

What key lesson did we learn about the unjust steward previously?

He lowered the standard in order to be accepted by others.

Whenever you lower God's standard and break the law of God in order to be accepted by others are you building or tearing down God Wall of truth?

Many churches today are lowering the standard to be accepted by church in Babylon and serving the wine of Babylon. Churches that have rejected the law and the testimonies.

If you want to call people out of Babylon, do you join Babylon, drink their Babylonian wine to save Babylon? NO!

What rebuke was Jesus giving the professed people of God and the Jewish leaders at the time in Luke 16:8?

Luk 16:8 And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.

Why did the Lord call the unjust steward wiser than the children of light?

The unjust steward planning was well thought out and an executed with boldness in a worldly sense. He took action based on the situation.

The children of the light had the light but was not using and sharing the light. They were not making plans on how to invite people within the WALLS of TRUTH.... They have lowered the standard, broken on the WALLs of TRUTH!

They used God's resources and money giving to them by building up the kingdom of Satan instead of the kingdom of God. They spent their time, money, and talent in the Roman Entertainment world.... Didn't know fake news from real news... The "children of the light" wasted God stuff for the world!

In the last part of the parable Jesus gets very personal and describes why He gives us resources and money as the "children of the light."

Luke 16:9

9 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of [Greek: from] the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye [mammon] fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

Mammon = treasure (money)

Money is an inanimate object that has NO power to make you righteous. That why it is called "unrighteousness mammon"

Money is NOT evil

1 Timothy 6:10

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

Jesus calls us to give an account of how we spend his unrighteousness mammon. Are we using it to win people to Jesus Christ, rebuilding His WALL of Truth and the law and the testimonies?

To the unfaithful steward his lord's goods had been entrusted for benevolent purposes; but he had used them for himself. So with Israel. God had chosen the seed of Abraham. With a high arm He had delivered them from bondage in Egypt. He had made them the depositaries of sacred truth for the blessing of the world. He had entrusted to them the living oracles that they might communicate the light to others. But His stewards had used these gifts to enrich and exalt themselves. The Pharisees, filled with self-importance and self-righteousness, were misapplying the goods lent them by God to use for His glory. COL 398

What is the main lesson that Jesus is teaching in the parable of the unjust steward?

Luke 16:10-13

10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?

13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

And the means used to bless others will bring returns. Riches rightly employed will accomplish great good. Souls will be won to Christ. He who follows Christ's plan of life will see in the courts of God those for whom he has labored and sacrificed on earth. Gratefully will the ransomed ones remember those who have been instrumental in their salvation. Precious will heaven be to those who have been faithful in the work of saving souls. The lesson of this parable is for all. Everyone will be held responsible for the grace given him through Christ. Life is too solemn to be absorbed in temporal or earthly matters. The Lord desires that we shall communicate to others that which the eternal and unseen communicates to us. COL 373

Jesus call us again to repair and build the WALLs of truth

Remember why are the WALLs truth torn down? Disobedience!

Mixing the holy with the profane – WALL broken

Good with Bad – WALLS broken

Babylon with Truth – WALLS broken!

Commandments with the Commandments of man and tradition – WALLS broken!

Is this the time for the “children of the light” (law and testimonies) to be lowering the standards and spend unrighteous mammon to tear down the WALLS for unity seek with BABYLON?

Article:

Tear down this wall: Ecumenical week focuses on overcoming division

By Cindy Wooden Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- When a group of German Christians was asked in 2014 to prepare materials for the 2017 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, their choice of a "wall" as a symbol of sin, evil and division explicitly referred to the Berlin Wall.

The German reflections on the power of prayer to bring down walls and the Gospel call to reconciliation were adopted by the World Council of Church's Faith and Order Commission and the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and proposed to Christians worldwide for the Jan. 18-25 octave of prayer.

"The wall separating Christians seems to be equally immovable and entrenched," Father Curren said. But the continued prayer of Christians is "a way to show our hope and faith that God will bring his church to unity."

[Show picture of [Ganoune Diop](#) SDA Religious Liberty shaking hands with Pope Francis-Compare with spiritual Babylon unity to tear down the wall... SDA joining in that movement.... Papal Rome Mother of Babylon!]

Revelation 21:17-19

17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

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