

## **Leaven, Three Measures Of Meal & A Woman**

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“Many educated and influential men had come to hear the Prophet of Galilee. Some of these looked with curious interest upon the multitude that had gathered about Christ as He taught by the sea. In this great throng all classes of society were represented. There were the poor, the illiterate, the ragged beggar, the robber with the seal of guilt upon his face, the maimed, the dissipated, the merchant and the man of leisure, high and low, rich and poor, all crowding upon one another for a place to stand and hear the words of Christ. As these cultured men gazed upon the strange assembly, they asked themselves, Is the kingdom of God composed of such material as this? Again the Saviour replied by a parable: {COL 95.1}

Key Text: Matthew 13:33

### Luke 13:20-21

20 And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?

21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

### **Review On The Kingdom Of God/Heaven:**

#### 2 Phases

-The Kingdom Of Grace

-The Kingdom Of Glory

We have already saw that in the parables of Jesus when he mentioned the kingdom of heaven He was breaking down the experience of God's grace upon the heart that we must have in order to enter the kingdom of glory.

### Romans 14:17

17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

### Luke 17:21

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

### **Leaven**

## **Why leaven?**

Leaven (GREEK)zumē

Probably from [G2204](#); *ferment* (as if *boiling* up): - leaven.

Yeast is an agent used to leaven bread causing the dough to ferment dough in order for it to rise. The dough has no power in of itself to transform by rising but it takes an agent from the outside to come inside of the dough causing it to rise and grow.

Leaven(Dictionary.com):

-A substance, as yeast or baking powder, that causes fermentation and expansion of dough or batter.

-An element that produces an altering or transforming influence.

## **Understanding this parable in the context of the Kingdom of heaven(Spiritual phase), What is it that will help us to grow spiritually?**

Philippians 2:13

13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Based upon the understanding that we have on the kingdom of heaven/God this leaven represents the working of an outside agency working on the inside of the heart of man and bringing about a transformation of heart and life, reforming man from the inside out. We will learn who is the agent that God uses and what is the agent that God uses.

## **Who is the agent that God uses to bring about a transformation of the life and character?**

Zechariah 4:6

6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

Titus 3:5

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

But in the Saviour's parable, leaven is used to represent the kingdom of heaven. It illustrates the quickening, assimilating power of the grace of God. {COL 95.3}

**The change is wrought only through the Holy Spirit's power:**

John 3:5-8

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

**How can I experience this transformation which is possible by the inward working of the Holy Spirit?**

John 4:10-15

10 Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

11 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?

12 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle?

13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.

John 7:37-39

37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.

38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

John 1:12-13

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Romans 12:1-2

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

James 4:7-8

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

None are so vile, none have fallen so low, as to be beyond the working of this power. In **all who will submit themselves to the Holy Spirit a new principle of life is to be implanted; the lost image of God is to be restored in humanity.** {COL 96.1}

But man cannot transform himself by the exercise of his will. He possesses no power by which this change can be effected. The leaven--something wholly from without--must be put into the meal before the desired change can be wrought in it. So the grace of God must be received by the sinner before he can be fitted for the kingdom of glory. All the culture and education which the world can give will fail of making a degraded child of sin a child of heaven. The renewing energy must come from God. The change can be made only by the Holy Spirit. All who would be saved, high or low, rich or poor, must submit to the working of this power. {COL 96.2}

As the leaven, when mingled with the meal, works from within outward, so it is by the renewing of the heart that the grace of God works to transform the life. No mere external change is sufficient to bring us into harmony with God. There are many who try to reform by correcting this or that bad habit, and they hope in this way to become Christians, but they are beginning in the wrong place. Our first work is with the heart. {COL 97.1}

**What is the agent that God uses to bring about a transformation of the life and character?**

1 Peter 2:1-2

1 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,

2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

Ephesians 4:15

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

**How does Jesus define truth?**

John 17:17

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

Sanctify(GREEK)hagiazō

From G40; to *make holy*, that is, (ceremonially) *purify* or *consecrate*

The Scriptures are the great agency in the transformation of character. Christ prayed, "Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth." John 17:17. **If studied and obeyed, the word of God works in the heart, subduing every unholy attribute.** The Holy Spirit comes to convict of sin, and the faith that springs up in the heart works by love to Christ, conforming us in body, soul, and spirit to His own image. Then God can use us to do His will. The power given us works from within outwardly, leading us to communicate to others the truth that has been communicated to us. {COL 100.1}

The truths of the word of God meet man's great practical necessity--the conversion of the soul through faith. These grand principles are not to be thought too pure and holy to be brought into the daily life. They are truths which reach to heaven and compass eternity, yet their vital influence is to be woven into human experience. They are to permeate all the great things and all the little things of life. {COL 100.2}

Received into the heart, the leaven of truth will regulate the desires, purify the thoughts, and sweeten the disposition. It quickens the faculties of the mind and the energies of the soul. It enlarges the capacity for feeling, for loving. {COL 101.1}

**Is making a profession of truth alone able to bring about the transformation of heart?**

Matthew 7:20-27

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Professions means nothing if the fruit of a changed life is not seen, if a soul has not made a complete surrender to Christ! Many professed christians want to wear the cross but do not want to bear the cross.

“Often the question arises, Why, then, are there so many, claiming to believe God's word, in whom there is not seen a reformation in words, in spirit, and in character? Why are there so many who cannot bear opposition to their purposes and plans, who manifest an unholy temper, and whose words are harsh, overbearing, and passionate? There is seen in their lives the same love of self, the same selfish indulgence, the same temper and hasty speech, that is seen in the life of the worldling. There is the same sensitive pride, the same yielding to natural inclination, the same perversity of character, as if the truth were wholly unknown to them. **The reason is that they are not converted. They have not hidden the leaven of truth in the heart. It has not had opportunity to do its work.** Their natural and cultivated tendencies to evil have not been submitted to its transforming power. Their lives reveal the absence of the grace of Christ, an unbelief in His power to transform the character.” {COL 99.1}

### Three Measures Of Meal

#### What does the 3 measures of meal represent?

Based upon what we have studied thus far & the context of the parable we see that this meal represents the heart of the individual that is receptive to God's word and makes a full surrender to Christ!

**Why 3 measures? What is the truth that the person receives into the heart?**

Romans 10:16-17

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

They have faith in God's word and they obey the gospel that was preached unto them by studying the word and obeying it!

**What gospel?**

Matthew 24:14

14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

**So this is a specific gospel, what does the bible call it?**

The everlasting gospel- The THREE angels messages [Revelation 14:6-12]

So the 3 measures of meals represents the heart of the individual that has received and obeyed the truth of the everlasting gospel that is divided into THREE clear messages, the THREE angels messages!

**Once one has received the truths of God's word what NAME must they publicly come under & how?**

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

1 John 5:7

7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

“The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the three holy dignitaries of heaven, have declared that they will strengthen men to overcome the powers of darkness. All the

facilities of heaven are pledged to those who by their baptismal vows have entered into a covenant with God (MS 92, 1901).” {SDA Bible Commentary Vol. 5 Pg. 1110.8}

## The Woman

### What does this woman represent?

#### Ephesians 5:25-32

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30 **For we are members of his body**, of his flesh, and of his bones.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

#### Jeremiah 6:2

2 I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman.

#### Isaiah 51:16

16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

From the beginning, faithful souls have constituted the church on earth. In every age the Lord has had His watchmen, who have borne a faithful testimony to the generation in which they lived. These sentinels gave the message of warning; and when they were called to lay off their armor, others took up the work. God brought these witnesses into covenant relation with Himself, uniting the church on earth with the church in heaven. He has sent forth His angels to minister to His church, and the gates of hell have not been able to prevail against His people. {AA 11.2}

**Those who are connected to Christ make up the church of Christ(spiritually speaking). However when the physical local assembly made of up individuals has a**

**leadership that is presenting the truth of God's word(true leaven) without compromising that assembly(as a whole) will remain pure due to the atmosphere of pure leaven the leadership brings into it.**

**God's people will be active in winning souls:**

Romans 12:5-8

5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

**“The church of Christ is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. Its mission is to carry the gospel to the world.** And the obligation rests upon all Christians. Everyone, to the extent of his talent and opportunity, is to fulfill the Saviour's commission. The love of Christ, revealed to us, makes us debtors to all who know Him not. God has given us light, not for ourselves alone, but to shed upon them.” {Steps To Christ Pg. 81.1}

This parable that Jesus gives teaches that His true followers that are abiding in Him(making up the church) will do evangelism sharing the truth of God's word, the everlasting Gospel. Local assemblies will do the same thing under it's consecrated leadership that is abiding in Christ bringing about a holy atmosphere and influence to the congregation! As a result of the work faithfully being done souls will be receptive to the truth of the everlasting gospel(the THREE angels messages and will obey it. They will be baptized in the name of THREE(Father, Son & Holy Ghost).

**Whatever work Jesus is doing Satan tries to counteract!**

**Is there a false leaven that we must avoid? What is this leaven?**

1 Corinthians 5:6-11

6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump?

7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators:

10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

A little sin that goes on unchecked in the life and in a church assembly will corrupt the whole life and church. Paul instructs the believers to not allow open sin to go unchecked in the church and to avoid the little leaven of sin as individuals, remove sin from your own life.

Remember Achan In Joshua 7. His sin brought weakness to the whole assembly of Israel because they had no power to go against the enemy. Joshua a faithful leader dealt with it! Achan was removed! A little leaven of sin, error or corrupt left unchecked leavens the whole lump.

Joshua 22:20

20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

“Achan's sin brought disaster upon the whole nation. For one man's sin the displeasure of God will rest upon His church till the transgression is searched out and put away. The influence most to be feared by the church is not that of open opposers, infidels, and blasphemers, but of inconsistent professors of Christ. These are the ones that keep back the blessing of the God of Israel and bring weakness upon His people.” {Patriarchs & Prophets Pg. 497.2}

**A Leadership Corrupted With False Leaven Will Corrupt The WHOLE church. A little leaven of sin left leavens the whole lump.**

If the heart of the work becomes corrupt, the whole church, in its various branches and interests, scattered abroad over the face of the earth, suffers in consequence. {4T 210.4}

Beware Of False Leaven

Matthew 16:6-12

6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread.

8 Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

9 Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and

how many baskets ye took up?

10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?

12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

**This leaven was promoted by the Jewish leaders in Christ day and it is being promoted by false leaders, pastors, teachers today:**

**-No need for total victory over sin**

**-God changed the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday**

**-The law is nailed to the cross**

**-It's ok to have "non-practicing gays"(Not former) to be leaders in the church**

**-We marry gay couples because Jesus said we must "love one another"**

**-We must keep the feast days**

**-2520 Is the longest time prophecy in the bible**

**-The mark of the beast is the worship of God on any other day**

**-If you are not Hispanic, Black or Native American you cannot be saved!**

### **A Spiritual Lesson In Isaiah of 7 Women:**

Isaiah 4:1

1 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

They all want to have is the NAME but want to reject the white Raiment(Christ's Righteousness), and Bread made with our own leaven(False Teachings) while rejecting the true leaven! They are taking God's name in vain breaking the third commandment which says thou shalt not take God's name in vain, because He will not hold you guiltless in doing so. They want to hold onto the world, hold on to false worship, hold on to their transgender elders while still having the name as if the name will save them while they are disconnected to the One who owns that name that is the ONLY one who can save!

**What is the qualification to being God's people & not just a professed people?**

2 Corinthians 6:15-18

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with

an infidel?

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

#### Matthew 3:7-10

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

**NOT BY ITS NAME, but by its fruit**, is the value of a tree determined. If the fruit is worthless, **THE NAME CANNOT SAVE** the tree from destruction. John declared to the Jews that their standing before God was to be decided by their character and life. **PROFESSION WAS WORTHLESS**. If their life and character were not in harmony with God's law, **THEY WERE NOT HIS PEOPLE**. {Desire Of Ages Pg. 107.1}

**What did Jesus say about the Jews who thought their name would save them were of specially? Does Jesus count individuals or a “group” as being His people just because of your profession while still holding on to deception, error & endorsing, encouraging or practicing sin?**

#### Revelation 2:9

9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

#### **Should I allow my mind to be leavened with false teachings?**

#### Ephesians 5:11

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

#### 1 Timothy 6:5

5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that

gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.

“Christ speaks of the church over which Satan presides as the synagogue of Satan. Its members are the children of disobedience. They are those who choose to sin, who labor to make void the holy law of God. It is Satan's work to mingle evil with good, and to remove the distinction between good and evil. Christ would have a church that labors to separate the evil from the good, whose members will not willingly tolerate wrong-doing, but will expel it from the heart and life.” (Review & Harold, Dec. 4, 1900). {7BC 958.1}

"The Lord Jesus will always have a chosen people to serve Him. When the Jewish people rejected Christ, the Prince of life, He took from them the kingdom of God and gave it unto the Gentiles. GOD WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON THIS PRINCIPLE WITH EVERY BRANCH OF HIS WORK. When a church proves unfaithful to the word of the Lord, whatever their position may be, however high and sacred their calling, the Lord can no longer work with them. Others are then chosen to bear important responsibilities. But if these in turn do not purify their lives from every wrong action; if they do not establish pure and holy principles in all their borders, then the Lord will grievously afflict and humble them, and, unless they repent, will remove them from their place and make them a reproach." {14 Manuscript Releases 102.1}

A word of encouragement for those who may feel that they are standing alone:

Jeremiah 15:15-17

15 O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and REVENGE ME OF MY PERSECUTORS; take me not away in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke.

16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

17 I SAT NOT IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE MOCKERS, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation.

Jeremiah 15:20-21

20 And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brasen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I AM WITH THEE to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

Jeremiah said he would not sit in the "assembly" of the mockers, those who mocked the message of truth! It was so bad he had to sit alone and it was only God's word that gave him strength to endure..Some would say if you step out of the assembly where the truth is "mocked" or lightly esteemed that you are wrong. Did God say Jeremiah was wrong? NO! God said He was with Jeremiah. Keep your connection with Christ, stay in His word and you will be safe. Don't ever compromise your beliefs or conscience to please

anyone for the sake of so-called "fellowship", even if it means standing alone like Jeremiah..

### **Are you of the Synagogue of Satan? How is does it happen?**

#### 1 John 3:8-12

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

### **What is God calling assemblies and individuals to do? What did He tell Apostate Israel?**

#### Ezekiel 18:27-32

27 Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

29 Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?

30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

#### Isaiah 55:6-7

6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will

abundantly pardon.

Hebrews 4:7

7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Revelation 3:19-22

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.