



WORD OF THE MONTH

Confess With Thy Mouth

“Confess with thy mouth”—These are very confusing words to a new, young believer. They have been perverted by preachers over the last hundred years. The apostasy is here. Preachers have rewritten the Bible by twisting the meanings of words. One of the major keys to understanding the Bible is defining the original Greek words. In order to perceive what something means, there must be an “exact” definition of words.

G. Gresham Machen, one of the foremost Greek scholars of the last century expresses the resentment that men possess against defining words. “The temper of the mind is hostile to precise definitions. Nothing makes a man more unpopular in the controversies of the present day than an insistence upon definition of terms. Anything, it seems, may be forgiven more readily than that. Men discourse very eloquently today upon such subjects as God, religion, Christianity, atonement, redemption, and faith; but are greatly incensed when they are asked to tell in simple language what they mean by these terms. They do not like to have the flow of their eloquence checked by so vulgar a thing as a definition.” Mr. Machen wrote these words in 1925. When men possess this kind of resentment over long periods of time (40-50 or more years), with very little teaching on word meanings, then an evolutionary process of words takes place. Men adapt new word meanings to comfort their mind in the lifestyle in which they desire to live. God says, “I change not” in the execution of his

judgments. The word “change” is the Hebrew word *Shanah* meaning to duplicate or transmute. God does not duplicate and have two meanings for the same word. God does not mutate the meaning of his eternal word.

Proverbs 30:5,6

EVERY WORD OF GOD IS PURE: HE IS A SHIELD UNTO THEM THAT PUT THEIR TRUST IN HIM.

ADD THOU NOT UNTO HIS WORDS, LEST HE REPROVE THEE AND THOU BE FOUND A LIAR.

Psalms 12:6

THE WORDS OF THE LORD ARE PURE WORDS: AS SILVER TRIED IN A FURNACE OF EARTH, PURIFIED SEVEN TIMES.

Deut 4:2

YE SHALL NOT ADD UNTO THE WORD, WHICH I COMMAND YOU, NEITHER SHALL, YE DIMINISH OUGHT FROM IT.

Deut. 12:32

WHAT THING SOEVER I COMMAND YOU, OBSERVE TO DO IT THOU SHALT NOT ADD THERE TO, NOR DIMINISH FROM IT.

Rev. 22:18

FOR I TESTIFY UNTO EVERY MAN THAT HEARETH THE WORDS OF THE PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK, IF ANY MAN SHALL ADD UNTO THESE THINGS, GOD SHALL ADD UNTO HIM THE PLAGUES THAT ARE WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK:

AND IF ANY MAN SHALL TAKE AWAY FROM THE WORDS OF THE BOOK OF THIS PROPHECY, GOD SHALL TAKE AWAY HIS PART OUT OF THE BOOK OF LIFE, AND OUT OF THE HOLY CITY, AND FROM THE THINGS, WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK.

Jesus said one jot or tittle should in no wise pass from the law, till all is fulfilled (**Matt 5:18**). Men who change

word meaning, ever so slowly, over a period of time, have added and diminished from Gods word. We must find out what the words of Scripture meant 2000 years ago (in the Greek language) if we are going to truly know the meaning of God’s word and keep it unchanged. This is exactly what Jesus meant when he said; “IF YOU LOVE ME ‘KEEP’ MY COMMANDMENTS” or sayings (**Matt 19:17-John 8:51,52,55-14:15,21,23,24-15:10,20-17:6,11,12,15**). This word KEEP (kept) does not mean to “do” all of his commandments or sayings. This word “keep” is the Greek word *Tereo*. This word means to guard from loss or injury. It means to lock up, to keep an eye upon or to guard over. This word “keep” means to reserve and keep unchanged. God writes his word in our hearts and we keep them as he has written them. We guard them and demand that they are to remain as God has written them in his word. We may say, “I cannot do them” but they are true, never the less, as they were written by the Lord. When we keep his commandments unchanged in our hearts, in time they gradually change us. The Old Testament word that stands in opposition to the New Testament word *Tereo* (keep) is the Hebrew word “*Shanah*”. This word “*Shanah*” is the Old Testament word Change. Let’s look at this word in a couple of O.T.verses.

Proverbs 24:21

MY SON, FEAR THOU THE LORD AND THE KING: AND MEDDLE NOT WITH THEM THAT ARE GIVEN TO “CHANGE”.

Malachi 3:6

FOR I AM THE LORD "I CHANGE NOT".

Both of these words "change" are the word "Shanah" in the Hebrew Text. Shanah means to transmute (to change from one form, species, condition, nature or substance into another, to convert or transform) or it means to duplicate. God said I never "change". I do not duplicate and have two meanings for one word. His word means the same today that it meant 2000 years ago, yet preachers and teachers put a 20th and 21st century meaning to the Bible. We must go back to the original text and look at the original word meanings in order to understand what the Bible is saying. We have the proper tools and study helps in most Christian bookstores. (Here, I use the term "Christian" loosely). The 1st primary book one needs in order to lookup the correct meaning of words is a Strong's Exhaustive Concordance. (This is not the concordance in the back of your Bible). The Strong's Concordance has every word in the Bible listed alphabetically. There is a Hebrew and Greek dictionary in the back of the book. I will cover how to use it later or you can call me and I can tell you in 15-20 minutes, how to use it.)

Lets look at a word that preachers have "changed" over the last 100-150 years.

CONFESS with thy mouth does not mean to call some T.V. "prayer line" and say, "I would like to confess Jesus as my personal savior. I just accepted Christ". This statement is completely untrue. Preachers in churches, on radio and T.V. are causing confusion among the sheep with this false doctrine. When I was a young boy I was very confused about what confessing Christ meant. I wrestled for years with the thought "Do I merely just say with my lips that I believe in Jesus." I kept walking the aisle not understanding. It has provoked this study. I would hear the preacher (my father) read:

Romans 10:9, 10

That if thou shalt "CONFESS" WITH THY MOUTH THE LORD JESUS AND SHALT BELIEVE IN THINE HEART THAT GOD HATH RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, THOU SHALT BE SAVED. FOR WITH THE HEART MAN BELIEVETH UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS; AND WITH THE MOUTH CONFESSION IS MADE UNTO SALVATATION.



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Let's look at the true meaning of this word "confess." It is the Greek word Homologeō - meaning to acknowledge his words or to assent to what he says or to profess his words with your mouth. It does not mean to assent merely to his existence by saying "I believe in Jesus." Homologeō is a construction of two Greek words.

1. Homou (homo) - meaning the same or at the same time or together.
2. Logos - something said, reasoning; it is the common word in the N.T. translated "word." Jesus was the word (logos) in John 1:1 made flesh in John 1:14.

Homologeō means "of the same word" or "to agree with". When we confess Christ we are of the same word with our mouths that he was with his mouth. To confess Christ with your mouth means to say with the mouth the same things that he said. What are some

of the things that he said? Here are a few:

Luke 9:23

IF ANY MAN WILL COME AFTER ME, LET HIM DENY (aparneomai-utterly contradict) HIMSELF, AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS "DAILY", AND FOLLOW (akoloutheo-to be in the same way with) ME. Jesus said that the way is narrow.

Matt. 7:13, 14

ENTER YE IN AT THE STRAIT GATE: FOR WIDE IS THE GATE, AND BROAD IS THE WAY, THAT LEADETH TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY THERE BE THAT GO IN THERE AT:

BECAUSE STRAIT IS THE GATE AND NARROW IS THE WAY, WHICH LEADETH UNTO LIFE, AND FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT.

Again,

Luke 6:22, 23, 26

BLESSED ARE YE WHEN MEN SHALL HATE YOU, AND WHEN THEY SHALL SEPARATE YOU FROM THEIR COMPANY, AND SHALL REPROACH YOU, AND CAST OUT YOUR NAME AS EVIL, FOR THE SON OF MAN'S SAKE. REJOICE YE IN THAT DAY AND LEAP FOR JOY - - WOE UNTO YOU WHEN ALL MEN SHALL SPEAK WELL OF YOU! FOR SO DID THEIR FATHERS TO THE FALSE PROPHETS.

Here are some hard words to confess (agreeing with by saying what Jesus said).

Luke 14:27

AND WHOSOEVER DOTHT NOT BEAR HIS CROSS (remember it is daily), AND COME AFTER ME CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE (mathetes-a learner).

How are you going to know what "to agree with" (confess) if you do not learn (mathetes-disciple) by a daily cross, thus crucifying self (believing God in opposition to self)? Confess these words (agreeing with Jesus) to your mother, father, brothers and sisters of your family.

John 16:33

IN THE WORLD YE SHALL HAVE TRIBULATION.

Paul confessed with his mouth agreeing with Jesus words when he said "I DIE DAILY" (ICor 15:31) When he said, "WE WHICH LIVE ARE ALWAYS DELIVERED UNTO DEATH AND SO THEN DEATH WORKETH IN US, BUT LIFE IN YOU. (II Cor 4:11,12)" - - Jesus said that

the cross and death to self is daily (**Luke 9:23**). Paul agreed with Jesus and confessed him when he spoke these words after being stoned and left for dead outside Lystra, "WE MUST THROUGH MUCH TRIBULATION ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD" (**Acts 14:22**)- - These were Jesus words in **John 16:33**.

Paul agreed (confessed) with Jesus words in **Matt 7:14** when Jesus said "few" will enter the narrow gate. Paul's words were these, "NOT MANY WISE MEN AFTER THE FLESH, NOT MANY MIGHTY, NOT MANY NOBLE ARE CALLED (**I Cor 1:26**). Paul even says that the limitation of "few" is very narrow on the famous people of the world.

Not many superstars (music, sports, movie stars) are going to heaven. Not many powerful men (presidents, senators, kings, mayors, governors, premiers, prime ministers, etc.) are going. Not many famous preachers (Billy Graham, Charles Stanley, Kenneth Copeland, Oral Roberts, Paul Crouch, Benny Hinn, Fred Price, Creflo Dollar, etc...) are called of God. If you do not agree with these words, you do not confess (agree with) Paul or Jesus. Jesus said the same thing as Paul when he said, "NOT EVERYONE THAT SAYETH UNTO ME, LORD, LORD, SHALL ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN; BUT HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF MY FATHER (saying truth) - - Jesus said, "MANY WILL SAY TO ME LORD, LORD, HAVE WE NOT PROPHESED IN THY NAME? AND IN THY NAME CAST OUT DEVILS? AND IN THY NAME DONE MANY WONDERFUL WORKS?" - - THEN WILL I PROFESS UNTO YOU I NEVER KNEW YOU. (**Matt 7:21-23**)

Jesus said MANY PREACHERS ARE GOING TO HELL because they do not confess Christ agreeing with his words, with their mouths. James confessed Jesus words agreeing with **Luke 6:26**. WOE UNTO YOU WHEN ALL MEN SPEAK WELL OF YOU. James put it this way.

James 4:4

YE ADULTERERS AND ADULTERESSES, KNOW YE NOT THAT FRIENDSHIP (*philia-fondness*) OF THE WORLD IS ENMITY (*echthra-hostile*) WITH GOD?

WHOSOEVER THEREFORE WILL BE A FRIEND (*philos-fond, friendly, an associate*) OF THE WORLD IS THE ENEMY (*echthra-hateful, hostile, adversary, Satan or foe*) OF GOD.

Jesus says if you are popular and everyone likes you, there is a cry of damnation out to you -Woe unto you! James agreed with him (confessing him) when he said, if you are popular, and you like the men in the world, and they like you, then you are God's enemy. Here are some of Jesus hardest words to confess to your family and acquaintances (they will probably no longer be your friends when you say these words.)

John 15:18, 19, 20

IF THE WORLD HATE YOU, YE KNOW THAT IT HATED ME BEFORE IT HATED YOU - - THEREFORE THE WORLD HATETH YOU - - IF THEY HAVE PERSECUTED ME, THEY WILL ALSO PERSECUTE YOU; IF THEY HAVE KEPT (*tereo - keep unchanged*) MY SAYINGS, THEY WILL KEEP (*tereo*) YOURS ALSO.

Jesus is saying we must be hated and persecuted for our sayings when we agree with him. Jesus is saying that they will keep his words unchanged and ours also because we will be confessing him and saying the same things he said.

We have hardly scratched the surface - -

Just to mention a few other "confessions" -

Peter said the fiery trial is not strange (*xenizo-an occasional guest* **I Peter 4:12**) - He said we are to REJOICE AND BE HAPPY WHEN WE SUFFER FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS SAKE, WHEN WE ARE PARTAKERS OF HIS SUFFERINGS BEING REPROACHED (made infamous) (**I Peter 3:14 - 4:12-12**) He said, "THE RIGHTEOUS ARE SCARCELY (*molis with great difficulty*) SAVED." (**I Per 4:18**)

Paul said, "YEA, AND ALL THAT WILL LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION (**II Tim 3:12**). Paul said that we were given (*charizomai-to grant as a favour*) THE PRIVILEGE TO SUFFER FOR HIS SAKE (**Phil 1:29**).

I cannot for the lack of space and time show all the words that we must confess. Jesus is the God who inspired

the writers of the New Testament. If we confess him we will, with our mouths, tell others of the words that have been WRITTEN IN THE FLESHY TABLES OF OUR HEARTS (**II Cor 3:2,3 - Heb 8:10-10:16**). God in the O.T. wrote his laws ON TABLES OF STONE (**Deut 9:10 - 4:13 - Ex 31:18**). When we believe in our heart, we believe what God has written in our hearts and what is in the heart comes out of the mouth - "OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART THE MOUTH SPEAKETH, (**Luke 6:45**)." The mouth must match the heart (**Deut 6:5,6 - Deut 30:14 - Job 33:2,3 - Ps 17:3- Ps66:14-18-Ps78:36,37-Prov15:24-28-Matt 15:8-Ezek33:31**) The opposite of the word confess (*homologeio-to agree with*) is the word deny. The common word deny is the word *arneomai* meaning "to contradict." When a man denies Christ by saying, "the Bible is true, it just doesn't mean what it says." This is when a man does not confess Christ. He contradicts the Bible by disagreeing with certain verses because he doesn't like them (like all these verses that require suffering, daily dying, self denial (contradicting self) verses on predestination - (**Rom 8:29, 30-Eph 1:4,5,11**) verses on how GOD LOVED JACOB AND HATED ESAU BEFORE EITHER WERE BORN, BEFORE EITHER HAD DONE ANY GOOD OR EVIL-**Rom 9:9-23** That God doesn't love everybody in the world - verses that say God created evil - **Isaiah 45:7- Job 2:10** That God makes men sick (**Micah 6:13**) verses that say God kills and makes alive (**Deut 32:39-I Sam 2:6-8**) verses that say Jesus holds the keys of death and hell (**Rev 1:18**), not Satan, verses that say when thunder, lightning, floods and storms come and men die, that these powers of nature are from God, that the lightning bolts report to God and say to him, "WHERE SHALL WE STRIKE" (an idiom) - **Job 37:1-24, Job 38:19-41**. If you confess Christ you will speak these words (and many, many more) with your lips if they are written in your heart.

You will either, confess Christ or confess self, you will either deny Christ

or deny self. If you confess (*homologeō*-agree with) Christ with your mouth you will deny (*arneōmai*-contradict) self with your mouth (spouting your opinion). If you confess self (agree with your own ideas) then you will deny (contradict) Christ. He that contradicts Christ (words), denying him is Antichrist **I John 2:22,23**. Confess (agree with) Jesus words to your family (with your mouth) and Jesus words will come to pass "I COME NOT TO SEND PEACE BUT A SWORD - A MANS FOES SHALL BE THEY OF HIS OWN HOUSEHOLD. HE THAT LOVETH THE FATHER OR MOTHER MORE THAN ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME: HE THAT LOVETH SON OR DAUGHTER MORE THAN ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME. HE THAT TAKETH NOT HIS CROSS (daily dying), AND FOLLOWETH AFTER ME IS NOT WORTHY OF ME **Matt 10:34-38** (found also in **Luke 12:49-53**).

I am by no means finished with this subject. I will continue the subject of confessing and denying in our next letter. May God grant you the desire to continue to study. If you are struggling with something in your studies, please call me.

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How To Study The Bible: Metaphors and Idioms - Mountains and Fig Trees

Along with understanding the languages (Hebrew and Greek) of the Bible, one of the foremost methods of study is understanding the metaphors (implied comparisons or figure of speech) and idioms (dialects with phrases and expressions of a particular people).

When evaluating why Jesus cursed the fig tree and particular remarks that he made to the Apostles in **Mark 11:12-24**, we must 1st define some of the words found in this text along with certain metaphors and idioms.

In verse 23 Jesus says, "THAT WHOEVER SHALL SAY UNTO THIS MOUNTAIN, BE THOU REMOVED AND BE THOU CAST INTO THE SEA; AND SHALL NOT DOUBT IN HIS HEART, BUT SHALL BELIEVE THAT THOSE THINGS WHICH HE SAYETH SHALL COME TO PASS; HE SHALL HAVE WHATSOEVER HE SAITH."

In order to understand this entire text, we must define (in this verse) a "mountain", the "sea", "doubt", "heart", "believe" and "saith". We must look at the fruit (fig) trees in the Old Testament and see what God says in the law about killing them.

First of all let us begin by defining "a mountain." A great number of erroneous false teachers say that this is a mountain of debt or problems. This is far from the truth. This is a ploy by Charletons (con men) to elicit money from the poor. A mountain in the 1st century was more than a peak with a high elevation. Mountain was a common metaphor. *McClintock and Strong's Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological and Eccliaistical Literature* teaches us that a "mountain" in symbolical language was a figurative representation for a fortress (a stronghold) and particularly a CAPITAL CITY or the residence of a governor that executes a sovereign law to the borders of that domain. I want to emphasize that a mountain rules with a given law – upon which that kingdom was built. Let us go to scripture to verify this concept.

Psalms 30:7

LORD, BY THE FAVOUR, THOU HAST MADE MY "MOUNTAIN" TO STAND STRONG (David speaks as the king or governor, that God has stabilized his rule in Jerusalem, the "mountain" of Israel.)

Isaiah 2:2

AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS IN THE LAST DAYS (a day is with the Lord as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day – in the last 2000 years or last days), THAT THE "MOUNTAIN" OF THE LORD'S HOUSE (the church or spiritual Israel with a spiritual capital city – **Heb 12:22** or mountain – we, the church are God's house – **Heb 3:6**) SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN THE TOP OF THE "MOUNTAINS" (God's church, spiritual Jerusalem, or spiritual mountain shall be established in the capital cities (mountains) of the world from sea to sea – THE EARTH SHALL BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD AS WATERS THAT COVER THE SEA – **Hab 2:14, Zech 9:10**. This is the gentile church or God's "mountain" established in all the mountains (capital cities) for the last days or last 2000 years.

Daniel 2:35

THE STONE THAT SMOTE THE IMAGE OF Nebuchadnezzar's dream, which was the Babylonian "mountain" or the world ruling Beast System – the Babylonian Lion, the Persian Bear and the Grecian Leopard – **Dan 7:1-7 – Hosea 13:7-8 – Rev 13:2**) BECAME A GREAT "MOUNTAIN" (the church – Spiritual mountain), AND FILLED THE WHOLE EARTH.

In verse 45 of **Daniel 2**, A STONE (Christ the rock) CUT OUT OF THE "MOUNTAIN" WITHOUT HANDS (a spiritual mountain, as opposed to a capital city built with hands) SHALL BREAK IN PIECES the image (Babylon) of Nebuchadzezzar's dream.

Lets look at further examples:

Rev 6:14

AND THE HEAVEN DEPARTED AS A SCROLL WHEN IT IS ROLLED TOGETHER (recall **Matt 24:27 – Isa 34:4**), AND EVERY

"MOUNTAIN" (ruling power) AND ISLAND WERE MOVED OUT OF THEIR PLACE.

Isaiah says that when the indignation (*qetseph* – burst into rage) of the Lord is upon all nations (at the end) that the "mountains" (all the ruling systems of the world) shall be melted with their blood (their powers or "mountains" will be melted with their destruction).

When Babylon is destroyed, John says in **Rev 16:20** that "mountains" were not found. (He will have put down all rule or "mountains" **I Cor 15:24 – 28**.) In **Psalms 46:1-3** the scripture says that we will not fear though the earth (a metaphor for the ruled, as heaven is a term for the ruling class, thus, "heaven and earth") be removed, and though the mountains (authorities, governments) be carried into the midst of the sea (notice the same words found in **Mark 11:23**). Babylon is called a "DESTROYING MOUNTAIN: THAT DESTROYS ALL THE EARTH," and God says, "I WILL MAKE THEE A BURNT MOUNTAIN (**Jer 51:25**)." We see the smoke of this burning mountain called Babylon, her final destruction in **Rev 18:9 and 21**. I want to call to your attention to the striking similarity of **Mark 11:23** with these two verses in **Revelation 18**.

Mark 11:23

WHOSOEVER SHALL SAY UNTO THIS "MOUNTAIN" BE THOU REMOVED AND BE THOU CAST INTO THE SEA.

Rev 18:9

THEY SHALL SEE THE SMOKE OF HER BURNING (burnt mountain of **Jer 51:25**).

Rev 18:21

A MIGHTY ANGEL TOOK UP A STONE LIKE A GREAT MILLSTONE AND CAST IN INTO THE SEA THUS (the same way) SHALL THAT GREAT CITY BABYLON (the mountain) BE THROWN DOWN AND BE FOUND NO MORE AT ALL.

John is saying that this mountain, Babylon will in its finality be "cast into the sea" at the end. This proud destroying mountain that has made the world drunk with the wine of her fornication, she is proud and the mother of all idolatry will at last meet her

demise at the hands of the Almighty God. These words of **Rev 18:21** were first spoken by Jeremiah in **Jer 51:60-64** when God has Jeremiah pronounce final destruction on this “mountain” that has seduced the world.

All these words are written against Babylon - - JEREMIAH SAID TO SERAIAH - - READ ALL THESE WORDS THEN THOU SHALT SAY, O LORD THOU HAST SPOKEN AGAINST THIS PLACE, TO CUT IT OFF, THAT NONE REMAIN IN IT - - IT SHALL BE DESOLATE FOREVER— WHEN THOU HAST MADE AN END OF READING THIS BOOK THOU SHALT BIND A STONE TO IT, AND CAST IT INTO THE MIDST OF THE EUPHRATES (Babylon was built straddling the Euphrates – half on one side, half on the other) – AND THOU SHALT SAY, THUS SHALL BABYLON SINK AND SHALL NOT RISE FROM THE EVIL THAT I WILL BRING UPON HER. (**Jer 51:61-64**).

Time and space will not permit me to mention all the places comparing Babylon as a “mountain”. Zechariah spoke of the mountain of Babylon becoming a plain (**Zech 4:7**). The word humble in the Greek, *tapeinoo*, means to level mountains and hills. In preaching the Baptism of Repentance, John the Baptist said, “EVERY MOUNTAIN SHALL BE BROUGHT LOW.” (**Luke 3:3-5**) These words concerning baptism (a washing in a sea – the brazen sea) were first spoken by Isaiah in **Isa 40:3-6**. (If we study baptism or repentance we must go to Isaiah). In **Jeremiah 3:23**, the prophet tells us that salvation is hoped for from the HILLS AND THE MOUNTAINS. Mount Moriah and Mount Zion were God’s Holy mountains. (**Isa 56:7- 57:13- 65:11, 25- 66:20 Jer 31:23- Ezek 20:40-28:14,16-Dan 11:45-Joel 2:1-3:17-Obad 16-Micah 3:12-4:1,2-Zeph 3:11**). What else can I say –though we have all faith TO REMOVE MOUNTAINS (**I Cor 13:2**). God’s Holy mountain was Jerusalem (Moriah and Zion, the Hills of God). When God establishes spiritual Israel in the last days, (last 2000 years) he establishes spiritual Israel the church. **Heb 12:22, 23 MOUNT ZION THE CITY** (capital or ruling) OF THE LIVING GOD, THE HEAVENLY JERUSALEM (mountain) –THE CHURCH OF

THE FIRSTBORN.

I hope that we have established that the mountain of **Mark 11:23** is not a mountain of debt, but it is a Babylon attitude that has possessed Peter when he corrects Jesus for killing the fig tree (**Mark 11:21**). We have a couple of

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old metaphors or idioms – “drive it in the ground and break it off” and “over kill”. It means to overdo something or give more information than necessary or to give more blows than necessary to destroy something. I have driven this point in the ground that a “mountain” is a ruling city that governs. I want to “over kill” the myth concerning this verse in **Mark 11:23**. There are two mountains in the world. They are both mothers (a mother was an instructor who stayed at home with the children and instructed them while the husband went to work daily). You will serve one or the other. Babylon is the mother (instructor) of harlots (*pornieia* – idolatry). (**Rev 17:5**) All the idol worship of the world comes from her. JERUSALEM IS THE MOTHER OF US ALL (**Gal 4:26**). You will either serve one mountain (authority) or the other.

It was upon Mount Sinai (Horeb) that Moses received the ruling laws that would govern Israel from “Mount” Zion. Elijah faced the priests of Baal on “Mount” Carmel executing the judgment of God with fire from heaven. He rained fire from heaven in **II Kings** the 1st chapter from a “mountain” top. Noah began anew from the “mountains” of Ararat. The capital

cities of this world are ruling “mountains”. The mountain of America is Washing D.C. – Russia’s mountain is Moscow – Tokyo, in Japan- London is the Mount of England – Paris, the mountain of France – We have state mountains – In Tennessee the mountain (ruling city-home of the governor) is Nashville –It is Austin in Texas –Sacramento is the “mountain” of California and so on.

I will continue this study on mountains being cast into the sea and the actual meaning of **Mark 11:23, 24** in our next newsletter. We will discuss the cursed fig tree. We will learn of fig season, harvesting figs, cleansing the Temple, and particularly about seas. This will be an on going study until we completely clarify what is being talked about in **Mark 11**. I love you all. I am anxious for you to see the rest of this word picture.

Jim

Answers to the Bible Quiz

Answers to the **Bible Quiz** in the previous letter. These were not trick questions. They had an exact answer. My only purpose is to challenge you to read your Bibles and listen to the tapes.

1. Samuels mother's name was Hannah – I Sam 1:2
She had 5 more children – I Sam 2:21
2. Saul's chief herdsman was Doeg, an Edomite I Sam 21:7. Doeg was commanded by Saul to kill 85 priests of God – I Sam 22:18.
3. The 1st High Priest of Israel under Samuel was Eli – I Sam 1:9,25. The names of his two sons were Hophni and Phinehas – I Sam 2:12-4:4.
4. Hophni and Phinehas were killed by the Philistines when the Ark of the Covenant was taken – I Sam 4:11.
5. Phinehas' wife heard of Eli's death and her husband's death along with the fact that the ark had been taken. She was with child at that time. When she delivered, she named the child due to these events - - Ichabod or "the glory hath departed" (from Israel), thus sharing a name with the "Legend of Sleepy Hollow" Ichabod Crane. – I Sam 4:19-22
6. Samuel had 2 sons- - Their names were Joel and Abiah – I Sam 8:2. They did nothing to gain Israel's favour but rather accelerated Israel's desire for a man-king to rule over them because their interest was in money and bribes, perverting the judgment of God. I Sam 8:2-5
7. Saul came from the tribe of Benjamin (Jacobs 12th son) – I Sam 9:1,2. David was from the tribe of Judah (the 4th son of Jacob) – (Bethlehem is in Judah) – I Sam 16:1,4.
8. Saul was looking for his father's (Kish) asses when he met Samuel – I Sam 9:3.
9. The "very" 1st King of Israel was God – I Sam 12:12.
10. Saul's subjects (the women) degraded him by singing the praises of David – "Saul hath slain his thousands and David his ten thousands. Saul became so angry that he began to seek to kill David – I Sam 18:7,8,11 – 19:1.
11. David had to leave Israel because Saul sought his life. He went to live with Achish, the king of Gath – I Sam 21:10-27:3-5. Achish gave David the city of Ziklag – I Sam 27:6,7.
12. David built his small band of men gradually as he fled Saul. He started with about 400 (I Sam 22:2) growing to about 600 (I Sam 23:13-25:13-27:2).
13. Saul and his 3 sons were killed by the Philistines in Mount Gilboa (I Sam 31:1,2). The men of Jabesh-gilead came and took his body (and his sons) giving them an honorable burial. (I Sam 31:11-13). They did this to honour Saul because he had delivered them from a great slaughter at the hand of Nahash the Ammonite in I Sam the 11th chapter (his 1st battle as Israel's King).

I want to thank all of you who responded. We'll have another quiz in the following letters.