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A CHURCH WITHOUT BLEMISH, Part 1-3

(Spiritually speaking, what are Spots, Wrinkles and Blemishes?)

Eph 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might *sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word*, 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*.

Ex 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Le 22:21 And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD to accomplish his vow, or a freewill offering in beeves or sheep, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein.

Mal 1:8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

Lev 21:16-23 And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever he be of thy seed in their generations that hath any blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God. For whatsoever man he be that *hath a blemish*, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or any thing superfluous, Or a man that is brokenfooted, or brokenhanded, Or crookbackt, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken; No man that *hath a blemish* of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire: *he hath a blemish*; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God. He shall eat the bread of his God,

## **BLIND**

*Blindness of the mind to Israel:*

2 Cor 3:13-14 And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.

*Blindness of the heart and mind to the Gentiles:*

Eph 4:17-18 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding

darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

2 Cor 4:3-4 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Mt 23:24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.

*Blindness in the church:*

Re 3:17,18 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

1 John 2:9-11 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

2 Pe 1:5-9 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For *if these things be in you, and abound*, they make you that *ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful* in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

**LAME** (Unequal in our ways)

Prov 26:7 The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools.

Ezek 18:23-25 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live? But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die. Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?

Pr 20:10 Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the LORD.

**FLAT NOSE** (No spiritual Discernment, living after the flesh, set apart for destruction.)

#2763 charam specifically to devote to religious uses, set apart (especially for destruction); to be blunt as to the nose:

KJV - make accursed, (utterly) destroy, have a flat nose,

Song 7:4 Thy neck is as a tower of ivory; thine eyes like the fishpools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim: thy nose is as the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward Damascus.

Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Heb 4:12-13 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

1 Cor 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Job 27:1-3 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said, As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul; All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils:

2 Peter 2:9,10,12 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes,

**ANYTHING SUPERFLUOUS:** (Adding self to what God desires)

OT:8311 SUPERFLUOUS

sara` (saw-rah'); be deformed by excess of members: KJV - stretch out self,

Isa 28:20 For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it.

1 Chron 20:5-6 And there was war again with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear staff was like a weaver's beam. And yet again there was war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand, and six on each foot: and he also was the son of the giant.

Deut 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Prov 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.

Rev 22:18-19 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.

#### **BROKEN FOOT: YOUR WALK AND YOUR ABILITY TO STAND**

Isa 65:1-2 I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name. I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts;

Jer 10:23 O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

Ps 119:103-105 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Jer 13:10,16 This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing. Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness.

Prov 25:19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

Prov 4:26,27 Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

Ps 5:5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

Ps 20:7-8 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright.

2 Cor 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

**BROKEN HAND:** ( Your works, ability to handle the things of God)

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Jer 2:8 The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

Eze 22:26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they showed the difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

Matt 7:21-22 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. 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?

Lk 13:26,27 Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

Titus 1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

**CROOKED BACK:** ( loaded with cares of this world )

Mark 4:18-19 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

Matt 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Jer 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, *We will not walk therein*.

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Gal 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

**DWARF:** ( perfect in form & function but much below the standard )

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

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

1 Cor 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Eph 4:14-15 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

**BLEMISH IN EYE:** ( distorted vision )

Matt 7:2-5 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Rom 2:1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

Pr 30:12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness.

Pr 7:2 Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye.

Isa 11:2-3 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

**SCURVY:** ( Improper diet)

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John 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Acts 20:27-28 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

**SCABBED:** ( Skin diseases primarily affecting the scalp )

Ps 68:21 But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

Isa 3:15-17 What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the LORD GOD of hosts. Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: Therefore the LORD will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts.

Ezek 16:11,12 I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck. And I put a jewel on thy forehead, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head.

Prov 1:8-9 My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.

Ezek 16:48-50 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters. Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.

**STONES BROKEN:** ( Unable to reproduce )

Gal 4:18-19 But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you. My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

John 15:6-8 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

Col 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

2Ti 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

### SPOTS

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Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and *slew him*. And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And *he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?* And he said, What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. *A fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth*. And *Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear*. Gen 4:8-10,12,13

1Jn 3:11,12 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 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*.

### THE WAY OF CAIN:

1. He was religious

James 1:27 *Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself *unspotted* from the world.*

2. He was envious

3. He was full of hatred, wrath, strife

4. He was a murderer

5. He was irreverent and a liar

6. He was a man of the flesh

Gal 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, *hatred*, variance, emulations, *wrath*, *strife*, seditions, heresies, *Envyings*, *murders*, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

## THE ERROR OF BALAAM

Loved the wages of unrighteousness, Self-willed, Disobedient

2Pe 2:13-15 *Spots* they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

Num 22:6 Therefore, I pray you, come now and curse this people for me. For they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall prevail so that we may strike them, and so that I may drive them out of the land. For I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.

Jas 3:10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

### *Evil counselor*

Num 31:16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

Re 2:14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

Joel 3:1,2 For, behold, in those days and in that time, when I will bring again the exiles of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will fight with them there for My people and for My inheritance Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and divided My land.

## THE WAY OF KORAH

Conspirator

Envious

Jealous

Makes false accusations

Num 16:1-3 Now *Korah*, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, *sons of Reuben*,

took men: *And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown: And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?*

Ex 6:18,20 *And the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses:*

Num 16:8-10 *And Moses said unto Korah, Hear, I pray you, ye sons of Levi: Seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them? And he hath brought thee near to him, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also?*

Num 16:19-21 *And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.*

Num 16:32-35 *And the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men who were for Korah, and all their goods. They and all that they had went down alive into Sheol, and the earth closed upon them. And they perished from among the congregation. And all Israel around them fled at their cry. For they said, Lest the earth swallow us up. And there came out a fire from the LORD and burned up the two hundred and fifty men who offered incense.*

#### HOW DO WE GET RID OF SPOTS AND BLEMISHES?

Jer 2:23 *For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord GOD.*

OT:3799 MARKED

katham (kaw-tham'); *to carve or engrave, to inscribe indelibly:*

Prov 16:6 *By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.*

2 Tim 2:24-26 *And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;*

And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Lev 26:40-42 If they shall *confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass* which they trespassed against me, and that also they have *walked contrary unto me; And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.*

Jer 3:13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and *ye have not obeyed* my voice, saith the LORD.

Isa 4:3-4 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have *washed away the filth* of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the *spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.*

Mal 3:2,3 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a *refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap.* And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Rev 1:5-6 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and *washed us from our sins in his own blood,* And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

## WRINKLES

And thou hast filled me with wrinkles, which is a witness against me: and my leanness rising up in me bears witness to my face. Job 16:8

WRINKLES: CREASE OR FOLD OF THE SKIN CAUSED FROM EITHER FOLDING OR SHRINKING

OT:1878 FAT

*Dashen*; a primitive root, specifically to anoint;

He that puts his trust in the LORD shall be made fat. Prov 28:25

The soul of the diligent shall be made fat. Prov 13:4

OT:2459 FAT

*Cheleb* ; the richest or choice part:

Lev 3:16 All the fat is the LORD's.

Gen 45:18 And ye shall eat the fat of the land.

Gen 4:4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof.

OT:2954 FAT

*Taphash*; a primitive root; to be thick;

figuratively, to be stupid: (thick headed)

Ps 119:70-72 Their heart is as fat as grease; but I delight in your law. It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn your statutes. The law of your mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.

OT:8080 FAT

*Shaman* ; a primitive root; to shine, oily or gross:

Deut 32:13-15 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, so that he might eat the increase of the fields. And He made him suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock, butter from cows, and milk from sheep, with fat (best) of lambs, and rams of the sons of Bashan, and goats, with the fat (best) of kidneys of wheat. And you drank the blood of the grape. But Jeshurun grew fat (oily,gross) and kicked. You grew fat (oily,gross), thick, and satisfied. Then he forsook God who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

Rev 3:17 Because you say, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Deut 32:18-20 You forgot the Rock who brought you forth, and ceased to care for God who formed you. And the LORD saw, and despised them because of the provoking of His sons and of His daughters. And He said, I will hide My face from them; I will see what their end shall be. For they are a very perverse generation, sons in whom is no faithfulness.

Lu 18:8 Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Ps 78:40-42 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.

OT:4924 FAT

Mashman from OT:8080; a rich dish, a fertile field, a robust man:

Is 17:4 And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

Is 17:10 Because thou hast forgotten the God of your salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of your strength,

Ps 106:10-12 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left. Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

Ps 106:13-15 They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel: But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. And he gave them their request; but *sent leanness into their soul.*

Amos 8:11-12 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the Word of the LORD, and shall not find it.

Ps 103:17-21 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them. The LORD hath prepared *his throne* in the heavens; and *his kingdom* ruleth over all. Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word. Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

1Jo 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

Dan 9:4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

John 15:10 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.

1Jo 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Jer 2:32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

Eze 16:11 I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck.

Wrinkles are a consequence of getting fat on all the blessings of the Lord and then forgetting and forsaking Him. Therefore He sends leanness to your soul.

## THE PROGRESSION OF SIN

Ex 34:6,7 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin

### 1. Sin

#2403. חַטָּאָה chatta'ah, khat-taw-aw' from #2398. חָטָא chata', khaw-taw' to miss; hence (figuratively and generally) to sin;

### 2. Transgression

#6588. פֶּשַׁע pasha`, peh'-shah from 6586; a revolt, break away from a just authority

### 3. Iniquity

#5771. עָוֹן `avon, aw-vone' perversity, to twist or distort

De 28:45 "Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.

#### 4. Not obey

#8085. שָׁמַע **shama`**, shaw-mah'

(Refuse) to hear intelligently (often with implication of attention, obedience,

De 8:19 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.

#### 5. Refuse to serve God

#5647. עָבַד **`abad**, aw-bad' to work (in any sense) for another; by implication, to serve, enslave, etc.:--X be, keep in bondage

Nu 31:6 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

#### 6. To act treacherously

#4604. מָעַל **ma`al**, mah'-al from 4603; treachery, falsehood, grievously, sore, trespass, X very.

Isa 1:20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

#### 7. To make God bitter by being stubbornly disobedient

#4784. מָרָה **marah**, maw-raw' to make bitter; (figuratively) to rebel

Isa 57:20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

#### 8. To be wicked with strong excitement

#7563. רָשָׁע **rasha`**, raw-shaw' morally wrong; an (actively) bad person

Mic 2:1 Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand.

9. To live worthlessly or without any worthy purpose

#205. אָנַן 'aven, aw-ven' to pant (hence, to exert oneself, usually in vain; to come to naught); strictly nothingness;

Ge 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

10. To spoil or dash to pieces the moral worth God intended

#7451. רָע ra` , rah evil (natural or moral):-- affliction, calamity,

Ge 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.