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THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF BIBLICAL PATTERNS

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Part I

Exo 25:9 According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.

Exo 25:40 And look that thou make them after their pattern, which was shewed thee in the in the mount.

Heb 8:5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

INTRODUCTION

Patterns are very important in biblical doctrine and practice. We cannot escape that no matter what our personal ideas may suggest. We cannot let our personal prejudices affect our doctrine and practice. We must follow the biblical patterns set forth in the word of God.

The word *pattern* found in the Scriptures above and in a number of other places in the word of God is very important. Words mean something and we dare not change the meaning of God's words inspired by the Holy Spirit. The word *pattern* in the Old Testament means “structure; by implication a *model*, *resemblance*:

- figure, form, likeness, pattern, similitude.” In the New Testament the word **τύπος** (*tuπος*) means “a *die* (as *struck*), that is, (by implication) a *stamp* or *scar*; by analogy a *shape*, that is, a *statue*, (figuratively) *style* or *resemblance*; specifically a *sampler* (“type”), that is, a *model* (for imitation) or *instance* (for warning): - en- (ex-) ample, fashion, figure, form, manner, pattern, print.”

When Moses was about to build the tabernacle God instructed him to see that he built it exactly according to the pattern which he had shown him in the mountain. **Hebrews 8:5** *Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.* What was true of the tabernacle was true of all the furniture and other vessels that were built for use in the tabernacle. God laid out every detail as we shall see in this message.

THE PURPOSE OF OLD TESTAMENT PATTERNS AND TYPES

Before we look at some patterns and types found in the Old Testament we need to understand the purpose of these types and patterns. Some would argue that we should not use Old Testament lessons to teach New Testament doctrines. That does not seem to be the opinion of the Holy Spirit and the Apostle Paul. In his first epistle to the church at Corinth the apostle discussed various types and patterns. He then tells the Corinthian congregation that these Old Testament things

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happened for examples and are written for our admonition. **1 Corinthians 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.** To *admonish* suggests calling attention to, to appeal to their intellect and cause to understand. It can also mean to rebuke mildly or to warn by using lessons from the Old Testament.

Are we to admonish people in New Testament churches with Old Testament

examples and types? Most certainly! These things are written for our admonition. Incidentally, the word ensamples or examples comes from the Greek word *τυπος* (tupos) which is translated *pattern* in Hebrews. **Hebrews 8:5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.**

The Holy Spirit inspired the writing of both the Old and New Testaments. Paul tells Timothy and all Scripture is profitable for our use. **2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: (17) That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.**

Referring to the Old Testament Scriptures the apostle Paul said that they were written for our learning. **Romans 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

The word translated learning in this verse is *διδασκαλία* (didaskalia). It means *instruction* (the function or the information): - doctrine, learning, teaching. So Paul is saying that the things that were written in a Old Testament were written for our learning, for our doctrine, for our teaching. It is naïve on the part of anyone to suggest that there is no doctrinal teaching for us in the Old Testament.

The doctrine of justification by faith and the imputed righteousness through faith was taught in the Old Testament. But Paul clearly points out that what was written of Abraham and his imputed righteousness was not written for his sake alone but for our sakes also. **Romans 4:23-24 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; (24) But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead.**

The support of the ministry was taught in the Old Testament in the Law of Moses. Believe it or not the Law said that it was not right to (See **BIBLICAL PATTERNS, Page 5, Left Col**)

EARTHQUAKE!

(Charles Wesley, *"The Cause and Cure of Earthquakes"* 1750)

"Come and see the works of the Lord—the desolations He has brought on the earth!" Psalm 46:8

Of all the judgments which the righteous God inflicts on sinners here in this world—the most *dreadful* and *destructive* is an **earthquake**. This He has lately brought on our part of the earth, and thereby alarmed our fears, and bid us to "prepare to meet our God!"

Earthquakes are the *works of the Lord*, and He alone brings this destruction upon the earth. That God is Himself the Author of earthquakes, and *sin* the moral cause of earthquakes, (whatever the *natural* cause may be,) cannot be denied by any who believe the Scriptures. Earthquakes are set forth by the inspired writers—as God's proper judicial act for the punishment of sin.

"He moves mountains without their knowing it and overturns them in His anger. He shakes the earth from its place and makes its pillars tremble!" Job 9:5-6

"He looks at the earth, and it trembles; He touches the mountains, and they pour out smoke!" Psalm 104:32

"Then the earth shook and quaked—the foundations of the mountains trembled; they shook because He burned with anger!" Psalm 18:7

"In His presence the mountains quake, and the hills melt away; the earth trembles, and its people are destroyed. Who can stand before His fierce anger? Who can survive His burning fury? His rage blazes forth like fire, and the mountains crumble to dust in His presence!" Nahum 1:5-6

Sin is the **cause** of God's anger—**earthquakes** the **effect** of His anger!

"I will bring disaster on the world, and their own iniquity, on the wicked. I will put an end to the pride of the arrogant, and will humble the pride of the ruthless. Therefore I will make the heavens tremble; and the earth will shake from its place at the wrath of the Lord Almighty, in the day of His burning

anger." Isaiah 13:11, 13

"See, the Lord is going to lay waste the earth and devastate it; He will ruin its face and scatter its inhabitants! The earth is broken up, the earth is split asunder, the earth is thoroughly shaken!" Isaiah 24:1, 19

And again, **"The Lord Almighty will come with thunder and earthquake and great noise, with windstorm and tempest and flames of a devouring fire!" Isaiah 29:6**

Nothing can be more express than these Scripture testimonies, which determine both the *cause* and *author* of this terrible calamity. We cannot conceive that the universe would have been disturbed by these furious disasters, *before sin entered*. Therefore reason, as well as Scripture, sufficiently assure us that earthquakes are God's works of judgment—the proper *effect* and *punishment* of sin.

Nothing can be so affecting as this judgment of an *earthquake*, when it comes *unexpectedly* as a thief in the night, when there is no time to flee, or method to escape, or possibility to resist; when no sanctuary or refuge remains; when the earth opens suddenly, and becomes **the grave of whole families, towns, and cities**—either sending out a flood of waters to drown them, or vomiting out flames of fire to consume them, or closing over them; when parents and children, husbands and wives, and all people, without distinction, in the midst of health, and peace, and business—are buried in a common ruin, and pass all together into the eternal world; and there is only the difference of a few hours or minutes between a famous city—and none at all!

Now, if *war* is a terrible evil—then how much more an earthquake, which, in the midst of peace, brings a worse evil than the extremity of war!

If a *raging pestilence* is dreadful, which sweeps away thousands in a day, and ten thousands in a night; if a *consuming fire* is an amazing judgment—then how much more astonishing is an earthquake, whereby houses, and inhabitants, towns, and cities, and countries, are all destroyed at one stroke in a few minutes!

For a man to feel the earth, which hangs upon nothing, (as some vast ball in the midst of

a thin air,) totter under him—must fill him with astonishing fright and confusion!

History informs us of the fearful *effects* of earthquakes in all ages; where you may see . . . *rocks* torn in pieces; *mountains* not cast down only, but removed; *hills* raised, not out of valleys only, but out of seas; *fires* breaking out of waters; *stones* and cinders belched up; *rivers* changed; *seas* dislodged; *earth* opening; *towns* swallowed up; and many such-like hideous events!

Of all divine judgments, there is none more horrid, more inescapable, than an earthquake! For where can we think to escape danger, if the most *solid* thing in all the world shakes!

With what horror are men struck when they hear the earth groan, and feel it trembling beneath them; when houses are loosened from their foundations; when the roofs fall upon their heads, and the pavement sinks under their feet!

In other evils there is some way to escape; but an earthquake encloses what it overthrows, and wages war with whole provinces; and sometimes leaves nothing behind it to inform posterity of its outrages. More insolent than the *fire*—which spares rocks; more cruel than the *conqueror*—who leaves walls; more greedy than the *sea*—which vomits up shipwrecks—the earthquake swallows and devours whatever it overturns!

Therefore, fear God—even that God who can in a moment cast both body and soul into hell!

When God makes the *mountains tremble*, and the *earth shake*—shall not our hearts be moved? "**Should you not fear Me?**" declares the Lord. "**Should you not tremble in My presence?**" *Jeremiah 5:22*

Will you not fear Him—who can open the windows of heaven above, or break up the fountains of the deep below, and pour forth whole *floods of vengeance* when He pleases!

Will you not fear Him—who can "**rain upon the wicked—snares, fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest!**" *Psalm 11:6*. Will you not fear Him—who can kindle those earthquakes in the caverns of the earth, and make them force their way to the destruction of towns, cities, and countries!

Will you not fear Him—who can thus suddenly turn a fruitful land into a barren

wilderness—an amazing spectacle of desolation and ruin!

O that His fear might this moment fall upon all you who read these words; constraining every one of you to cry out, "**My flesh trembles in fear of You—and I am afraid of Your judgments!**" *Psalm 119:120*

O that all might see that *His hand* is now lifted up, as in act to strike! It is stretched out still—and He shakes His rod over a guilty land, a people fitted for destruction!

God will never lack ways and means to punish *impenitent sinners*. He has a thousand *other judgments* in reserve; and if the earth should not open its mouth—yet you shall surely at last be *swallowed up in the bottomless pit of Hell!* Truly, "**It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God!**" *Hebrews 10:31*

If the earth just now were to open its mouth and swallow you up—what would become of you? Where would you be?

Bouquets and Brickbats

U. S. A.: I'm not sure you got my message so I'm sending another to say "thanks" for a wonderfully written message [**"Settling in Sodom."**] and much needed for our land today. It seems our only hope now is for Jesus to come quickly. God Bless

LOUISIANA: "Glad to see your picture and also make contact. I try to keep up with what you are doing and how the mission work is progressing. It is a thrill, as always. I especially appreciated your message in the GPP on "**Settling in Sodom.**"

Before long, I am going to work up some messages on the subject for my daily radio program here.

LOUISIANA: Think of you often, also remember the wonderful work being done on the mission field where you and yours have invested so much. God bless you all with health, patience and persistence in training those people. What an investment in eternity!

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 muzzle the ox that treads out the grain and that was written to teach a greater doctrine. Was God just primarily concerned about oxen or did he have a greater lesson in mind when he gave that law? He had New Testament ministers in mind. **1 Corinthians 9:9-10** *For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? (10) Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope.*

In warning the ungodly the apostle Peter did not hesitate to use Old Testament examples to teach the danger of living ungodly in any age. **2 Peter 2:6** *And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly.*

When Korah, Dathan, and Abiram and a band of other men rebelled against the leadership of Moses God destroyed them to warn others who might be tempted to do what they did. They became a sign for others who might rebel against divinely appointed leaders. **Numbers 26:10** *And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men: and they became a sign.* Were they a sign only for people of that particular time or were they a sign for any who might be guilty of similar sins in any age? Jude cited them as a sign for people in New Testament times. **Jude 11** *Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.*

I remember one of my teachers in seminary telling about a Pentecostal preacher in Little Rock, Arkansas, who became convinced that the Old Testament was of no more use for doctrine and instruction in righteousness. To demonstrate that fact during a Sunday morning sermon he took an old Bible opened it between the two Testaments and tore it apart and him

threw him him him him the the Old Testament in a wastebasket he had set on the platform. While I know of no Baptist preacher nor any other Baptist who would do such a silly thing, yet, some approach that when they advocate that we are not to get any doctrine out of the Old Testament. May God be gracious and deliver us all from such nonsensical error.

And now let us proceed to examine some Old Testament patterns that teach important lessons for New Testament Christians.

GOD GAVE NOAH THE PATTERN FOR BUILDING THE ARK

God laid out in detail the specifics of how the ark was to be built. He left nothing to chance nor did he give Noah the option to change any of those specifics. Noah was to make it according to God specifications and according to the fashion that God described to it.

Genesis 6:13-16 *And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. (14) Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. (15) And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. (16) A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it.*

God told Noah how long the ark was to be and how wide it is to be. He told him how many stories it was to have. He gave him specifications for the type of wood that was to be used and how he was to seal it to make it waterproof. He told him that it was to have one door and one window. He told them how big that window was to be.

It is amazing some of the pictures that I have seen! A student from a Bible school in Tennessee once came to my office when I pastored at Beverley Manor Baptist Church in Washington, Illinois. He was selling a Bible

study book in the area. He wanted me to look it over and stamp my approval on the book so that he could use my name as a pastor who recommended the book. When I opened the book up there was a full-page picture of the ark at the very beginning of the book. The ark in the picture had 11 windows on the side that was showing. One would assume there were 11 windows on the other side. I pointed this out to the young man. I said, "There is no way that I can recommend this book."

The young man, with some consternation that I had made such a snap judgment about the book, ask me why I could not recommend it. I pointed out to him that I could see 11 Windows on the one side and could logically conclude that there were 11 on the other side making a total of 22 Windows. That was 21 too many windows. I also pointed out that it did not appear that there were three stories in the ark. Only one was evident except there could've been one below deck are perhaps two but there was no evidence to indicate how many stories there were.

When I pointed out that the people who had written the book were apparently not Bible scholars or they would've known that there should have been only one window, he immediately insisted that the people who had written the book were considered to be very good scholars.

I then looked at the number of people who were on the deck standing at the rail around the deck. I was shocked to see 11 people standing on the deck. The young man tried to defend that problem by saying that some children may have been born while they were on the ark. I then showed him from Scripture that this could not be so. **1 Peter 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.**

I also pointed out to the young book salesman that the ark was still in the water and it was still raining and the window should not have been open. It was not until 40 days after the tops of the mountains were visible that Noah opened the window of the ark. **Genesis 8:5-6 And the waters decreased continually until**

the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen. (6) And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made.

A few years later The Baptist Sunday School Committee (ABA) printed some Sunday school literature with a very similar picture in it. There were only eight people on the deck of the ark and it was not raining. The one great error that I saw in it was the 11 Windows on the one side and it was safe to assume there were 11 on the other side. When I called this to the attention of the messenger body one seminary president stood up and made the argument that they would need windows all the way around for proper ventilation. Of course, the same God who sent the flood could take care of a problem like proper breathing conditions without windows. I also pointed out that the window was a cubit square and was not opened all the time the flood was coming and for a good period of time after the flood had ended.

As a result of my pointing out this and other errors in the literature the messengers voted to stop buying the artwork and lesson materials from a Protestant concern. It was bad enough that scholars from the Protestant concern did not see the error of the picture. It was even worse when Baptists published such unscriptural pictures. If they had just read carefully the pattern which God gave to Noah for the building of the ark it would have saved them the embarrassment of publishing such material. Biblical patterns are extremely important.

There are many lessons to be learned from the ark. It is cited a number of times in the New Testament to teach important lessons. It is used to show God's judgment upon the ungodly. **2 Peter 2:5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly.** Verses one through three show that Peter was warning about false teachers in his day. He warned them of the judgment that they would face and comforted the saints to whom he was writing as he encouraged them to endure suffering with patience. **2 Peter 2:1-3 But there were false**

prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. (2) And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. (3) And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. In setting forth the doctrine of divine judgment upon the ungodly Peter did not hesitate to use Old Testament Scriptures to teach that. In fact, more Old Testament Scriptures are used in this chapter of Peter's second epistle than material that is not in the Old Testament. It is apparent Peter used Old Testament Scripture to teach several doctrines to these New Testament Christians.

In teaching on the importance of faith in the 11th chapter of his epistle to the Hebrews, Paul used a number of Old Testament characters. Among them he used Noah and referred to Noah's ark. **Hebrews 11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.** In this chapter the apostle Paul shows again that he believes there are doctrinal teachings in the Old Testament or New Testament Christians. He did not agree with those who would tell us we should not apply Old Testament patterns or types to teach New Testament doctrines.

Any Christian who has been in church very long has probably heard the days of Noah used as an example of the conditions that will precede the second coming of Jesus Christ. The indifference of the people who lived in the days of Noah is used as an example of the indifference of the people who are living now will be living in the days preceding the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. **Matthew 24:38-42 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, (39) And knew not until**

the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. (40) Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. (41) Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. (42) Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

The fact that God told Noah in advance that there would only be eight people on the ark teaches the doctrine of particular grace, sovereign grace. Of all the people on Earth at that time Noah was the one man who found grace in the eyes of the Lord. **Genesis 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.**

I am reminded of God's words to Moses that were later quoted to teach the doctrine of sovereign grace in the book of Romans. **Exodus 33:19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.** Paul uses this to teach, enforce, and prove the doctrine of divine sovereignty in election and salvation in the book of Romans. **Romans 9:15-18 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. (16) So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. (17) For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. (18) Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.**

**GOD GAVE MOSES A VERY DETAILED
PATTERN AFTER WHICH HE WAS TO MAKE
THE TABERNACLE, THE FENCE, THE
COVERINGS, AND ALL THE FURNITURE
AND VESSELS TO BE USED IN THE
TABERNACLE**

As I have already mentioned in the introduction God gave Moses very specific instructions for the building of the tabernacle

and all that pertained to its services. It was very important that the pattern be followed because the tabernacle and every piece of its furniture and its construction was a picture or type of the true tabernacle, Jesus Christ.

Sadly, some Christians see the tabernacle as something that strictly belong to the Israelites history. They did not see the wonderful teachings that God intended for all who read his word to see in this structure.

I would like to dispel any misconceptions some people may have about the heavenly tabernacle. It was not a structure with an altar, and all the furniture that was in the tabernacle on earth. Jesus Christ is the true tabernacle, the heavenly tabernacle. Therefore, when God gave Moses the pattern for how to build all these things he made it very clear that they must be built according to that pattern. **Exodus 25:9 According to all that I shew thee, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it. Hebrews 8:5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.**

Everything in the tabernacle had a pattern and everything must be built or made exactly according to that pattern. The book of Hebrews would be difficult to understand if we did not use Old Testament Scriptures in teaching them. Again and again in the New Testament the Holy Spirit makes reference to the tabernacle, its furniture, and its sacrifices, offerings, and priesthood. The person who does not appreciate this biblical fact will be sadly deficient in his knowledge of Hebrews and of Christ. The Christian who ignores the doctrinal teachings to be gleaned from a study of the tabernacle will suffer a severe loss of knowledge he could have. We cannot divorce New Testament doctrine from Old Testament doctrine. We cannot divorce Old Testament types from New Testament antitypes. Some who pride themselves in having seen the great Pyramids of Egypt have never seen the blessed teachings found in a study of the tabernacle.

Many books have been written on the

tabernacle and things surrounding it. It would take many articles in many issues to deal with everything in the tabernacle and show how it represented Jesus Christ. Therefore, I will just mention a few things.

The Coverings

The tabernacle had three coverings over it. Actually the three coverings were considered to be the tabernacle. From the outside the only covering that one could see was a covering of badgers' skins. These were not dyed nor were they trimmed nicely. When one saw these unattractive badgers' skins he was seeing a type of the humanity of Christ. Outside of Christ one sees only the "badger's skin" covering. **Isaiah 53:2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.**

The unbelieving Jews saw Jesus as only a man. **John 7:27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is.** When he declared that he was the bread come down from heaven they clearly manifest that they could only see him as a man who was no different from any other man. **John 6:41-42 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. (42) And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?**



There were probably some Israelites who would have liked to have made this outer covering much more attractive than it was. But, it would not have fulfilled the purpose for which it was made. It had to be according to the pattern which God gave to Moses.

Outside of Christ one sees only the "badger's skin" covering. It is only when we are brought into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ and are actually in him that we will behold his glory.

The Middle Covering

The middle covering of the tabernacle was made of ram's skins dyed red. **Exodus 26:14** *And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of badgers' skins.*

These ram's skins dyed red speak of the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ. It was a ram who was the substitute for Isaac when Abraham was about to offer him as a sacrifice. **Genesis 22:13** *And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.*

The very foundation upon which the doctrine of substitution is developed is found in the Old Testament. The pattern is set forth in the Law, and the Prophets, and in the Psalms. Much great teaching on the doctrine of substitution would be lost if we avoid teaching any doctrine from the Old Testament patterns and prophecies. **Isaiah 53:4-5** *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. (5) But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

We have redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ. **Colossians 1:14** *In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.*

The covering made of ram's skins dyed red spoke loudly of the fact that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins.

Hebrews 9:22 *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. You to 65*

The Innermost Coverings

Exodus 26:1 *Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them.*

There is some difference of opinion on whether there were three coverings or four coverings on the tabernacle. The two innermost coverings are sometimes treated as one. Under the covering of rams' skins there was a covering of white goats' hair. It consisted of 11 pieces that were put together. More than one commentator says that this was the very finest "down" hair of the goats that had long hair. Of course, this solid white covering represented the impeccable, sinlessly perfect humanity of Jesus Christ.

Then there were 11 curtains that were fastened together. They were made of blue, purple and scarlet.

When one was on the inside of the tabernacle this was the covering that he could see. It had cunning work of blue, purple, and scarlet. The doctrine of Jesus Christ was set forth very beautifully and wonderfully in this covering.

The blue of the curtain set forth Christ as the one come down from heaven. He is truly the Lord from heaven. **1 Corinthians 15:47** *The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.* He came down from heaven and has gone back to heaven. He came down from heaven and took upon him the form of a man. He died and rose again and returned to heaven as the son of man. **John 3:13** *And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.*

The fact that he came down from heaven was one of the central themes in the teaching of Jesus Christ. But this was not a new doctrine. No! This doctrine was taught in the heavenly blue that was in the curtain which composed the third covering of the tabernacle. Jesus was the

bread of God come down from heaven. **John 6:33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.**

Jesus declared that he was the one come down from heaven to do the will of the Father. **John 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.**

Purple is the color of royalty and sets forth Christ as king. This may be referenced in John 19. **John 19:2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe.**

When certain man came seeking Jesus after they had seen his star they came seeking the one who had been born King of the Jews. **Matthew 2:2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.**

At his crucifixion Pilate placed an inscription on his cross that declared him to be the King of the Jews. **Matthew 27:37 And set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.** The purple of his royalty was shining forth.

The third color was scarlet. In Scripture scarlet is a color that is emblematic in several different ways. One way that it is symbolic is in representing the depths of sin. **Isaiah 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.** The word translated scarlet and crimson in this verse comes from the name of a dye that was made from a scarlet worm or maggot. It hardly seems that it can have this implication in the location that it was used in the tabernacle coverings.

The word scarlet could have reference to the lowest state to which the King of glory was brought in his humiliation. **Psalms 22:6 But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.** The word worm in this verse of Scripture comes from the very same Hebrew word that is translated scarlet in the previous verse at which we looked. Jesus said, "I am a scarlet maggot and no man." Again, I doubt that that is the signification of the

word scarlet on the inner covering of the tabernacle.

The word scarlet sometimes refers to honor and glory. It is used several times in the book of Revelation to show the glory of the harlot of Babylon and of Satan's kingdom in one aspect or another.

The King of Babylon promised that who ever could interpret his dream would be clothed in scarlet. **Daniel 5:7 The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the is heinterpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.**

When Daniel correctly interpreted the dream the King fulfilled his promises of honoring him by, among other things, clothing him in scarlet. **Daniel 5:29 Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.**

After his suffering our Lord Jesus Christ was exalted to a high place of honor seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. **Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

TO BE CONTINUED

IN THE SAME RUTHLESS WAY!

(J. R. Miller, "Devotional Hours with the Bible")

One day when the tide was out, a man went out to gather sea plants on the rocks, and in stepping from ledge to ledge--his foot slipped down and became jammed in a crevice. He attempted to pull it out--but could not. He cried aloud, he shrieked, he prayed--but all in vain--no one heard him! So the tide came rolling in, and rose up higher and higher until it rolled over him and drowned his last gurgling cry in its remorseless waters.

In the same ruthless way--sin clutches men! Even one sin, one secret sin, one evil habit--may hold the soul that indulges it--until the floods of judgment come and roll over it, engulfing it in eternal damnation!

THAILAND MISSIONS REPORT

By Bill Lee

***“The churches of Asia salute you...”
Corinthians 16:19***

In Psalm 40:10 David declared, ***“I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy truth from the great congregation”***.

As we prepare once again for another trip to Thailand, these words of David take on a special meaning for all of us involved in this work. For as we look forward to once again being among the villages and churches there, we realize our primary duty on each trip we make is to faithfully proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. This gospel, as Paul reminds us in Romans 1:16,17, reveals the righteousness of God. When this gospel is faithfully proclaimed, Jesus Christ will always have the preeminence, God will be honored and glorified, and the elect of God will be edified. May God forever forbid us from being guilty of concealing His truth from the great congregation. May we never hide truth within our hearts as if it were a family secret not suitable for all people everywhere. May God help us to “preach the word” on every possible occasion as we make each of these trips. As always, there will be many things we will seek to accomplish as we make this trip. But there will be nothing anymore important than the preaching and the teaching of God’s word. We must never lose our focus here. While other things are important and certainly need to be done, nothing should ever take priority over the preaching and the teaching of God’s word.

The Lord willing, we will leave the U. S. on June 13 and return on June 28. There will be five of us on this trip, with each having an important role. Those going with Janice and I will be Ricky Cash, Rachel Fulton, and Rebekah Mintor. Ricky is a Registered Pharmacist. Rachel is a Registered Nurse. Rebekah is a nursing student. These three, along with Janice who also is a Registered Nurse, will take care of the medical needs of the church members as we go from village to village. This is very hard

and tiring work, many times in conditions and places that make their work even more difficult. This medical work is so important because many, if not most, of those who are treated are unable to obtain medical help from any other source. These people live very isolated lives in the mountain villages and simply do not have the option of “going to the doctor” or to a local pharmacy as we do. Even if the majority of these church members could get to a doctor or pharmacy, they do not speak the Thai language and therefore could not communicate with medical providers. The people in the villages speak their own language, Lahu, Lisu, Maung or some other local dialect. Also, Thailand has its own form of socialized medicine available to Thai citizens. But the people in the villages, for the most part, are not Thai citizens and therefore even if they could get to a doctor, very little attention and medical care would be given unto them. Because of this, many church members in the villages suffer complications from very simple things, even small things as an ant bite that gets infected. We have even known of people dying from something as simple as an insect bite. It is very difficult for people in the United States and other places to even imagine the hardships these people endure from a lack of medical attention being available unto them. This is why we spend time, money, and hours of hard work to alleviate as much suffering and pain as we possible can while on these trips.

Also while we are in Thailand an inspection of the buildings at the children’s center will be made. There is always maintenance and repairs that need to be done. Just recently another severe storm took part of the roofs off of two of the buildings at the children’s center. We now have thirty three children at the children’s center and we will check on their personal needs such as clothing, personal hygiene items, supplies for school, as well as any other needs we might be made aware of while we are there. The kitchen at the children’s center is always in need of utensils and supplies. Preparing three meals everyday for thirty three children is quiet a task in itself, and we always try to provide what is needed in the kitchen to prepare these meals. And as things do have a tendency to just wear out over time, especially from constant use, we will also do a check on the stoves, refrigerator,

freezer and other appliances at the children's center. We will also give attention to the needs of the dormitories where the children sleep. We always find things here that need improvement.

While we are in Thailand we look forward to meeting with the church members from Burma who have suffered so much from the devastating earthquake. We are certainly appreciative of the generous offerings that were sent to help in this relief effort. We have received nearly \$10,000 to be used to rebuild church buildings, homes and personal belongings of these saints in Burma. I want to assure those who gave to this effort that your money will be used only for true churches and church members who have suffered from the earthquake. We can not replace some things, for many lives have been lost, but there is much we can do to help those who remain. We are scheduled to arrive in Thailand on June 15 and, the Lord willing, we will meet with these from Burma on June 17. Along with the other needs of these from Burma, we also know they have medical needs. As we make this trip to meet with them we will carry with us the needed medicine and also give medical treatment to all that we can. Again I want to thank each individual and each church who is playing such an important role in this effort. I realize that you will probably never in this lifetime see the ones you have helped and they will never see the ones who have sent help to them. But I will do my best to let them know that there are saints here in the U. S. who have love and compassion for saints half way around the world, even as I now will tell you of their gratitude and thanks for what you have done. These two groups of God's elect, living so far apart and in such different circumstances, will one day be able to sit together in the kingdom of God. Then you will know more fully of their gratitude and they will know more fully of your love and concern.

We do ask for your prayers for each of us as we make this trip. We go trusting in a sovereign God who has promised to never leave us and to always supply our needs. The Lord willing, I will report to you on this trip upon our return. Until then, my prayer is that our God will bless you in all you do for His glory.

THIS IS A SWEET AND PRECIOUS TRUTH!

(James Smith, "The Pleading Savior" 1861)

"I am glorified in them!" John 17:10

That is, I HAVE been glorified . . . by their *faith*, for they have exercised confidence in Me; by their *choice*, for they have left all and followed Me; by their *ministry*, for they went where I sent them, and served as I directed them; by their *self-denial*, for they have taken up their cross and have followed Me; by their *perseverance*, for they have adhered to Me when others forsook Me; by their *holy character*, for they have endeavored to imitate Me.

I SHALL be glorified . . . in their full redemption and perfect salvation, in their worship and services, in their motives and actions, by their undivided love and practical holiness! Jesus gets glory by all that He does, or suffers, or procures for His people--**and** by all that they do and suffer for Him! **This is a sweet and precious truth** to the believer--*full of comfort, and a source of the sweetest joy!*

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