

**Revival-The Battle-Prevailing Prayer-
Willingness-Ask Anything-Mannasah-Weapons-
Obedience-Lessons King Saul-Power-Abraham-
Great Faith-Impossibility-Total Obedience
False Apostles- Lessons from Esau**

What Happened at Midnight ?

Samson took the gates of Gaza. He lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and laid hold of the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and plucked them up, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of the mountain that is before Hebron. **Judges 16 v 3**

Ruth And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself; and, behold; a woman lay at his feet. **Ruth 3 v 8**

Woman before Solomon's judgement throne. And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thy handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. **1 Kings 3 v 20**

King David Psalmist. At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee. Because of thy righteous ordinances.

Psalms 119 v 62

Disciples. Watch therefore: for ye know not when the lord of the house cometh, whether at even, or at midnight, or at cockcrowing, or in the morning; **Mark 13 v 35**

Paul and Silas in prison.. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns unto God, and the prisoners were listening to them; Acts 16 v 25

Paul. Long in preaching. And upon the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul discoursed with them, intending to depart on the morrow; and prolonged his speech until midnight. Acts 20 v 7

Paul. About to be shipwrecked. But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven to and fro in the sea of Adria, about midnight the sailors surmised that they were drawing near to some country: Acts 27 v 27

Reconciliation

The prodigal son reconciled with his father
But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; Luke 15 v 22

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Jacob and Esau

And Esau ran to meet him and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him; Genesis 33 v 4

Gospel

And all things are of God who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ and hath given us the ministry of reconciliation; 2 Corinthians 5 v 18

Jesus

And having made peace through the blood of his cross by him to reconcile all things unto himself: by him I say whether they be things in the earth or things in heaven.

And you that were sometimes alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works yet now hath he reconciled. In the body of his flesh through death, to present you unholy and unblameable and unreprouable in his sight.;

Colossians 1 1 v 20

And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

Ephesians 2 v 16

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Wherefore in all things it behoved him to made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in all things pertaining to God , to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Hebrews 2 v 17-18

Christians

Therefore if thy bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother has ought against thee. Leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way and first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Matthew 5 v

24

Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and he alone, if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother;

Matthew 18 v 15

Revive thy work, Oh Lord in the midst of years

Habakkuk 3 v 2.

Having experienced revival- In India
No other meeting I want to attend!
The presence of God in His Holiness- Majesty and Power
is awesome and Glorious- Christians- Cry out for mercy-
Weeping for Sin

Are these the last days? The evidence is all around us
Falling away- Perilous times shall come-Men shall be
Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God!

2 Timothy 3 - 5

The Spirit speaketh expressly - Some shall depart from the
faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of
devils

1 Timothy 4 v 1-2

Because iniquity shall abound love of many cold!

Matthew 24 v 12

Plateau-

Many Christians have levelled out- Neither hot nor cold
Lukewarm- Jesus will spew out of His mouth- Revelation 3 v 17

For judgement first begins at the house of God- 1 Peter 4 v 17

Jesus will come in flaming fire taking - 2 Thessalonians 1 v 8
God hates sin-

Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity. Habakkuk 1 v 13

He is coming for a spotless bride-

If we sin wilfully- Impossible to renew them- Hebrews 10 v 26

Without holiness no man shall see the Lord- Hebrews 12 v 14

We are here for such a time as this?-

Esther 4 v 14

What is Revival?

Is it Pentecostal blessings?

The Holy Spirit;

Acts 4 v 31

In Tacloban City Jail- the message was; Who is on the Lords side? Hundreds responded. Praise God

A Christian in Poland testified that in Vilnius Lithuania!!!
“That no other subject was spoken about but Jesus Christ”
In revival meetings there is a hunger for the Word of God predominates!

There is

A Spirit of brokenness.

Isaiah 57 v 15

There is confession of hidden sin;

1 John 1 v 9

Leading to repentance and restitution.

Exodus 22 v 12

Spirit of Persevering prayer is essential

When Elijah’s servant went to view the sky for signs of rain he reported, “There is nothing” Elijah instructed him to Go Again seven times;

1 Kings 18 v 42

Go Again)

1 Kings 18 v 43

Call upon me.

Jeremiah 33 v 3

Joshua. Sun stood still.

Joshua 10 v 13

Hezekiah. Shadow went back.

Isaiah 38 v 8

Elijah . Calls fire down .

1 Kings 18 v 38

Elisha . Blind these men.

2 Kings 6 v 17

The Battle

The concept of battle is everywhere in the bible both physically and spiritually, with conflicts, disputes victories

and defeats. So we ask the question, “What are the lessons we are to learn”?

2 Timothy 3 v 16

Enmity between serpents seed and the woman’s seed..

Genesis 3 v 15/ Revelation 12 v 17

The Lord Jesus Christ comes to Battle. Last battle won by fire of God.

Revelation 19 v 11/Revelation 20 v 9

If the trumpet shall sound an uncertain sound who shall prepare for battle?

1 Corinthians 14 v 8

The battle is not yours/ Stand still and see the Salvation of God.

2 Chronicles 20 v 15/22

Are new recruits conscripts or volunteers?

Arminianism.

Whosoever will may come/Human choice

For God so loved the world that he gave us his only begotten son that whosoever should believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3 v 16

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10 v 13

Come unto me all ye who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Math 11 v 28

To as many as received him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God, even as many as believe on his name.

John 1 v 12

Calvinism.

Election/ Predestination

For the children not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purposes of God according to

election, might stand not of works, but of him that calleth.

Romans 9 v 7 to 18

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to his good the good pleasure of his will.

Ephesians 1 v 4

Great danger of wrong attitude. Because the Lord has chosen us /predestinated us before the foundation of the world that we can sit back and say, "Well its all in the Lords hands and then we do nothing" Many have fallen into this trap. I heard one pastor say, "That I was casting my pearl before swine". Because I preached Christ in the streets. How very sad.

How shall they hear without a preacher? Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10 v 17

We still have the obligation to proclaim the good news and tell the people of Gods Salvation. Many are called, yes, but few are chosen. We must warn the righteous and the unrighteous;

Ezekiel 3 v 11

Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity but thou hast delivered thy soul.

Ezekiel 33 v 1 to 9

For the weapons on our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. **2 Corinthians 10 v 4**

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Genesis 32 v 26

Word of God. Has power. Thus saith the Lord; **Exodus 4 v 22**
Faith moves mountains. **Matthew 17 v 20**
Centurion; speak only the Word. **Matthew 8 v 8**
Woman; who pressed through/
Elijah ? Go again. **Matthew 9 v 20**
Fasting; **1 Kings 18 v 43**
Binding The Lord gives us authority.... **Matthew 17 v 21**
Resist the devil; **Matthew 16 v 9**
Greater is he that is in you **James 4 v 7**
Praise. When they began to praise the Lord; **2 Chronicle 20 v 22**
Obedience. What ever he saith unto you do it. **John 2 v 5**
David enquired of the Lord **2 Chronicles 10 v 10-14**
What doth the Lord require of thee? **Micah 6 v 8**
Witness- Testimony- Confess with your mouth. **Romans 10 v 9**
Go tell your friends. **Mark 5 v 19**

Itinerant Evangelist.

2 Fish five loaves. **Acts 8 v 4**
Impetuous Peter. **John 6 v 9**
Matthew 4 v 18

God takes what we are.

Brave Paul.

Matthew 16 v 18

Faithful Abraham. (God Knew)

Genesis 18 v 19

Meek Moses.

Numbers 12 v 3

Courageous Joshua.

Deuteronomy 31 v 7

God takes the shepherd boy makes him a king.

1 Samuel 16 v 11

Gave wisdom to Solomon.

I Kings 3 v 12

Present writer

Aged 8/10 ran away from home Victoria Station

Merchant Navy aged 17- South America, Canada. USA

Any thing anywhere Anytime!!!!!!

Dr Pauline Middleton.

Example Totnes; Go back another way.....

Being warned of God in a dream... Mathew 12 v 12 also 22....

Divine appointments while preaching the gospel in
hundreds and towns in Southern England

Gloucester. Bristol. Honiton. Read "Go Near"

On the move.

Jesus travelled.

Mark 1 v 38

Paul roamed.

Acts 15 v 36

The present writer noticed in Ramsgate harbour the luxury
expensive yachts with their polished brass, varnished
wood, were anchored and chained,

The tide of God's blessing comes in and goes out they
remain anchored in Mud.

Immovable.

Sadly some Christians are like goats that have been staked out. The ground all around them is brown and barren. They go around and around.

Hearers of the Word but not doers!!! Romans 2 v 13

Without food and exercise they have become spiritual skeletons. The devil has banged in the stake and they are bound in religion.

A baby must grow out nappies and learn to walk, then climb the spiritual heights

Willingness.

If ye be willing and obedient" Isaiah 1 v 18/19

If there be first a willing heart it is accepted. 2 Cor 8 v 11/12

God requires -Obedience! "

Whatever he saith unto you do it" John 2 v 5

It is better to obey than sacrifice. 1 Samuel 15 v 22

If ye be willing and obedient... Isaiah 1 v 18

Fruit is expected Matthew 21 v 19

No fruit and the branch is cut down and burned!!! John 15 v 6

Fruit only comes from abiding... John 5 v 38 2 John 1 v 9

Jesus came to the fig tree expecting fruit he found none and cursed it. When we stand before the Lord the Lord will try our works all that is hay wood and stubble will be burned up. Only the silver Gold and precious stones will remain.

1 Corinthians 3 v 12

Honesty.

Without guile;

Revelation 14 v 5

Good stewardship-

Well done thou good and faithful servant;

Matthew 25 v 21

Generosity.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. **Luke 6 v 38**

Love.

If you love me keep my commandments.

John 14 v 15

Sacrifice.

Take now thine only son whom thou lovest;

Genesis 22 v 1

Praise and thanksgiving.

In everything give thanks.

Philippians 4 v 10

Fellowship. Our fellowship is with the father and his son.

1 John 1 v 3

Prayer.. Ask anything.

John 14 v 13

Command ye me

Isaiah 45 v 11

1/ To do justly.. ;

Micah 6 v 8

Let your yes be yes and your no be no.

James 5 v 12

An elder of a church promises to make a poster for the present writer. He never did ?

A local estate agent allows £20,000 gazumping!!

A Christian business goes bankrupt because other Christians did not pay their bills on time.

To love mercy;

Micah 6 v 8

God's mercies are new every morning. **Lamentations 3 v 23**

It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed,
because his compassions fail not. **Lamentations 3 v 22.**

The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over
all his works. **Psalms 145 v 9**

And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall
now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies are great:
and let me not fall into the hand of man. **2 Samuel 24 v 14**

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD:
let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve
me. **Psalms 40 v 11**

For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great
mercies will I gather thee. **Isaiah 54 v 7**

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;
2 Corinthians 1 v 3

2/ And to walk humbly with thy God; **Micah 6 v 8**

God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.
James 4 v 6

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall
lift you up. **James 4 v 10.**

A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold
the humble in spirit. **Proverbs 29 v 23**

Moses . (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.

Numbers 12 v 3

Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he **Isaiah 57:15** For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;

Deuteronomy 8 v 16.

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Isaiah 57 v 15

Mannasah

And when he was in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers,

2 Chronicles 33 v12

Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

1 Peter 5 v 5

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

1 Peter 5 v 6

Nebuchadnezzar was humbled by God That he might know The Most High rules in the kingdoms of men

Daniel 4 v 34

Jesus said. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

Matthew 23 v 12.

And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.

2 Corinthians. 12 v 21

But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

James 4 v 6

King Rehoboam forsook the Lord... The Lord sent Shishak to attack him.

The Lord sends a prophet to warn them, v 5

The princes and the King humble themselves.. v 6

When he humbled himself the wrath of the Lord turned from him that he would not destroy him altogether and also in Judah things went well; v 12

Notwithstanding **Hezekiah** humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

2 Chronicles 32 v 26

Prodigal Son. Came to his right mind Humbled himself

Philippians 2 v 8

King Ahab Elijah the Tishbite came to warn him of judgement

1 Kings 21 v 27

King Ahab, when he heard those words rent his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, humbled himself and went softly.

1 Kings 21 v 29

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God hath highly exalted him!!!....

Philippians 2 v 8

Mighty Weapons

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Matthew 9 v 20

Elijah ? Go again.

1 Kings 19 v 43 -44

Fasting;

Matthew 17 v 21

Binding The Lord gives us authority of all the works of darkness.

Matthew 16 v 19

Resist the devil.

James 4 v 6

Greater is he that is in you; 1 John 4 ¶ Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world;

1 John 4 v 4

Obedience.

Whatever he saith unto you do it.

John 2 v 5

David enquired of the Lord twice;

2 Chronicles 10 v 10-14

Love. (Charity)

1 Corinthians 13 v 1

Your Neighbour;

Matthew 19 v 19

The Lord;

Matthew 22 v 37

The Truth;

Ephesians 4 v 15

The Truth;

2 Thessalonians 2 v 19

It is Better to Obey than Sacrifice.

“Whatever he saith unto you do it”, this was Mary’s instructions to the fledgling disciples.

John 2 v 3

Filling water jars is not so difficult “Fill the pots with water was the command of the Lord Jesus. Anyone could do it! When we obey Gods word, miracles quickly follow. They must do. The Centurion answered him and said, Lord I am not worthy that thou should enter under my roof; but speak the word only and my servant shall be healed”.

Mathew 8 v 8

Imagine a general ordering his crack troops into battle. It is a difficult situation, they refuse to go. How can he win the battle? Would he win the war?

I told my salesmen, “When the going gets tough, the tough get going”.

“And Samuel said, what meaneth this bleating of sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of oxen which I hear? God had commanded Saul, through he Prophet Samuel, now go and smite Am’a’lek and utterly destroy all they have, and spare them not, slay both man and woman. Infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass”.

1 Samuel 31 v 6

When we allow things to live in our heart, whatever reasons we use, for not crucifying the flesh, we stand convicted, just like Saul.

The flesh profiteth nothing. The old man, the old ways, the old lifestyle must go. “I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me and the life I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me”.

If we allow the old man to continue to live in our hearts, in some secret hidden compartment, then, like the old Am'a'lek, he will rise again, in some weak moment, and find us out.

Galatians 2 v

20

Lessons from King Saul

Saul had disobeyed and eventually it cost him dear. What a price he paid! He lost his family, his crown and his Kingdom. What a tragedy!

2 Samuel 1 v 5 to 12

Soldiers are trained to obey. The Apostle's seeking to preach the Word of God were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to go to Asia. “The Spirit suffered them not”.

Acts 16 v 7

Orders are orders, the general has the bigger picture, and we see only the detail in our local circumstances. The Apostles were spirit filled men. Yet they were forbidden to go. What would have happened if they had foolishly gone ahead to Asia?

Preaching Gods word is vital, but I believe we, as the disciple of old did, should be led by the spirit. “As many as are led by the Spirit, they are the Sons of God” **Romans 8 v 14**

God knows what he is doing, “I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it”

Mathew 16 v 18

All that is done in, fleshly activity, done in the effort of the flesh, shall be burned up. The wood, the hay the stubble. “Every man’s work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire, and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is”.

1 Corinthians 3 v 13

Obedience = Power

Anything - Anytime - Anywhere

My People shall be willing.

Psalm 110 v 3

“If ye be willing and obedient”

Isaiah 1 v 18

Parable of the two sons;

Mathew 21 v 28/ 2 Chon 11 v 4

What means this bleating of sheep?

1 Samuel 15 v 22 -23

Lord commanded Abraham to Go:

Genesis 12 v 1

Ye are my friends if ye keep my commandments:

John 15 v 14

Pharaoh. “Who is the Lord that I should obey him “.

Exodus 5 v 1

Israel: We will not obey/.

Jeremiah 44 v 16/17

If ye will hear serve obey Him.

1 Samuel 12 v 14

Angel /Beware of him, “Obey His voice”.

Exodus 23 v 20

Jesus in Garden “Not my will be done”.

Luke 22 v 42

2 Corinthians 8 v 12 ///2 Corinthians 8 v 3///

Jeremiah 44 v 16-1

Obedience Part two

Matthew 11 v 4

Go into the city and it shall be told thee what

Acts 9 v 6

Better to Obey than Sacrifice:

1 Samuel 15 v 22

Disciples Go into the village= Ass = Colt

Mathew 21 v 2

Ananias, Go to the street called strait .

Acts 9 v 11

Holy Spirit Forbids. To preach...

Acts 16 v 6

Go Back another way/ Totnes

Mathew 2 v 12 ///v 24

Go tell that fox Pharisee’s

Luke 13 v 32

Go tell John .

Mathew 11 v 4

Phillip: He ran

Acts 8 v 29

Whatever He saith “Do It”

John 2 v 5

Bringing every thought unto the obedience of Christ

2 Corinthians 10 v 5

Though He were a son He learned obedience through the things which He suffered

Hebrews 5 v 8

Wind and sea obeyed Jesus.

Mark 4 v 41

Therefor If ye will obey my voice indeed and keep my covenant, then shall ye be mine own possession..

Exodus 19 v 5

Now therefor amend your ways and your doings , and obey the voice of the Lord thy God and Jehovah will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you .

Jeremiah 26 v 13

Jesus Christ;

Though he were a son he learned obedience through the things which he suffered.

Hebrews 5 v 8

And they feared exceedingly and said to one another, who then is this that even the wind and waved obey him.

Mark 4 v 41

Now therefore if ye will obey my voice indeed and keep my covenant then ye shall be mine own possession.

Exodus 19 v5

Now therefore amend your ways and your doings and obey the voice of JEHOVAH your God and Jehovah will repent him of the evil he hath pronounced against you..

Jeremiah 26 v 13

References

Curses: **Jeremiah 16 v 3-4**Haggai 1 v 12 obeyed-

Cursed **Jeremiah 11 v 3-4**=-**Deuteronomy 11 v 26/27** **Deuteronomy 28 v 1**

Lessons from the Fig Tree.

One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first-ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad.

Jeremiah 24 v 1-7

Good figs = Blessings

Bad Figs cursed And as the bad figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad; surely thus saith the LORD: So will I make Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt; Jeremiah 24 v 8

I will even make them a horror among all the kingdoms of the earth for evil; a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them.

And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them their fathers.’ and to Jeremiah 24 v 10

Blessings = Deuteronomy 28 v 2- 14

Cursing’s = Deuteronomy 28 v 15 -68

The greatest blessing for complete obedience is
Jesus answered and said unto him, "If a man love Me, he will keep My words; (Obedience) My Father will love him, and.....

..We will come unto him and make our abode with him. John 14 v 23

Prayer + **Blessings** Acts 12 v 5

Abraham

A righteous man prayed; Genesis 18 v 19 v 20
God reveals to Abraham His plans to destroy Sodom and Gomorah

1/ Because he trust Abraham Gen 18 v 19

He will command His children to keep justice and judgment..

2/ Because the cry of Sodom is great ? Gen 18 v 20

What cry? The cry was very great also very grievous to the Lord v 20

Does sin cry out?

Able's blood crieth out from the ground... What have you done. The voice of your brothers blood crieth out from the ground..

Genesis 4 v 10

Though dead yet speaketh...

3/ Abraham stood yet before the Lord

Genesis 18 v 22

In His presence is fullness of joy at his right hand are pleasures for evermore

Psalms 16 v 11

4/Abraham drew near,

Genesis 18 v 23

Draw near to god and He will draw nigh to you

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

James 4 v 8

For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the we draw nigh unto God.

Hebrews 7 v 19

John in the bosom of Jesus

Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

John 13 v 23

Some significant prayers.

Now all these things happened unto them by way of example, and are written for our admonition, 1 Corinthians 10 v 11

Joshua:

Joshua Prays: And the sun stood still:

Joshua 10 v 13

The Lord's Victory: The battle is not yours Stand ye still.

2 Chronicles 20 v 17

Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you

Ach'say:

She asked for a blessing;
19

Joshua 15 v

Jabez:

Oh that thou would bless me indeed...

1 Chronicles 4 v 10

And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow. v 9

And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest

keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested. v10

Call upon me..... Jeremiah 33 v 3
Ask and it shall be given unto thee; Matthew 7 v 7 +

Caleb

Caleb's High aspirations..
Give me this mountain.....
Joshua 14 v 12

Elijah-

Elijah: In the contest between Elijah and the false Prophets.
The fire fell
That they may know that I do these things at your command.. 1 Kings 18 36/37

Fervent effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth much;
James 5 v 16

Elisha

How he received a double portion because of his
Perseverance Tenacity

1/ As the Lord liveth.... 2 Kings 2 v 2

2/ As the Lord liveth.... 2 Kings 2 v 4

3/ As the Lord liveth..... 2 Kings 2 v 6

Prayer + Obedience + Faith = **Victory** Acts 11 v 24

Great Faith Little Faith

Stephen full of faith. Acts 6 v 8

To whom who knows to do good and does it not to him it is sin...

For whatsoever is not of faith is sin... **Romans 14 v 23**

When the Son of man comes will he find faith upon the earth...

I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

Luke 18 v 8

Jobs Faith

Though He slay me , Yet will I trust Him.... **Job 13 v 15**

For I know that my Redeemer liveth and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God..

Chapter 19 v 25- 26

For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

2 Timothy 1 v 12

Prayer + Obedience + Faith + Sacrifice=**Glory** **Romans 12 v 1**

Obedience

And Samuel said: 'Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in hearkening to the voice of the

LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to
hearken than the fat of rams. **1 Samuel 15 v 23**

v 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and
stubbornness is as idolatry and idolatry.

Better to obey than	
Go into the city.	Acts 9-6
Go into the village	Matthew 21-2
Go the street straight;	Acts 9-1
Spirit forbade them;	Acts 16-6
Go back another way;	Matthew 2-12.2 4
Go tell that fox!	Luke 13-3.2
Go tell John that the !	Matthew 11- 4
Go near Phillip ran;	Acts 8 v 4
Whatever he saith do!	John 2-5

Bringing every thought unto the obedience of Christ.
2 Corinthians 10 v 5

Jesus Christ;

Though he were a son he learned obedience through the
things which he suffered. **Hebrews 5 v 8**

And they feared exceedingly and said to one another, who
then is this that even the wind and waves obey him.
Mark 4 v 41

Now therefore if ye will obey my voice indeed and keep
my covenant then ye shall be mine own possession.
Exodus 19 v5

Now therefore amend your ways and your doings and obey the voice of JEHOVAH your God and Jehovah will repent him of the evil he hath pronounced against you.. Jeremiah 26 v 13

References

Curses: Jeremiah 16 v 3-4

Haggai 1 v 12 obeyed-

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land;

But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken.

Isaiah 1 v 19 +20

For if there be first a willing mind it is accepted;

2 Corinthians 8 v 12

Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power:

Psalms 110 v 3

Blessings for obedience

I will bless thee.

Genesis 22 v 16

Jesus answered and said unto him,

"If a man love Me, he will keep My words; (obedience)
My Father will love him, and **We** will come unto him
and make Our abode with him.

John 14 v 23

That is Father and Son dwelling in us!!!!

Rewards for faithful obedience

Well done thou good and faithful servant

Enter thou into the joy – Lord;

Matthew 25 v 21

Disobeying the Gospel.

The Lord Jesus will come in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and obey not his Gospel; 2 Thessalonians 1 v 8

What if a soldier said “No” to his officer.

Many modern day **armies** have soldiers who refuse to die..

They send a drone overhead or rockets

How can you win a battle with soldiers reluctant to die.

Parable of the two sons.

Matthew 21 v 28

Did God say “No” ?

I will not let my Son go to a cross?

Did Jesus say “No”?

I will go to the garden but not to a cross

Obeeyed Haggai 1-12

The danger of sinning wilfully!

For if we sin wilfully, after we have received the Knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.

Hebrews 10 v 26

After we have received indicates that these are believers.

"Wherewith he was sanctified".

Hebrews 10 v 29.

Can there be an un sanctified believer?

There are some

"Who will draw back unto perdition".

Hebrews 10 v 39

Jesus said

No man having put his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God;

Luke 9 v 62

The Impossibility

Scripture tells of the impossibility

Hebrews 6 v 4

, of those who were

1/once enlightened

2/ and have tasted the heavenly gift,

3/ and were partakers of the Holy Ghost

4/ who have tasted the good word of God

5/ and the powers of the world to come, if they should fall away....

It is impossible to renew them again unto repentance, seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to open shame.

Hebrews 6 v 4

How Awful Apostasy is!!

"For if, after they have escaped the pollution's of this world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are entangled therein and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than after they had know it, to turn from the Holy Commandments delivered unto them.

2 Peter 2 20

The branch that beareth not fruit is gathered and burned.

Christians are those branches abiding I the vine! God requires fruit!

John 15 v 5

For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs, meet for them buy whom it is dressed receiveth blessing from God.. But them which beareth thorns and briers is rejected and is nigh unto cursing, who's end is to be burned.

Hebrews 6 v 7/8

In the parable of the Sower, the Lord Jesus tells us that some seed falls among thorns and thistles and it chokes the Word.. The cares and deceitfulness of riches choke the Word and it becomes unfruitful;

Matthew 13 v 22

The wheat and tares look alike, and grow together until the harvest. The tares are gathered and burned.

The test of Christianity is fruit, for by their fruits ye shall know them.

Matthew 7 v 20

The Danger of Falling

Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall

1 Corinthians 10 v 12.

Let us(Christians) therefore labour to enter into that rest, Lest any man fall,after the same example of unbelief.

Hebrews 4 v 11

The Need for Total Obedience

Partial obedience is disobedience...

Not everyone that sayeth to me Lord, Lord shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father.....

Matthew 7 v 21

He that saith I know him and keepeth not his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him.

1 John 2 v 4

When the Lord Jesus comes in flaming fire he will take vengeance on them that know not God and obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of our Lord.

2 Thessalonians 1 v 8

And every one that heareth these words of mine and doeth them not shall be likened unto a foolish man which built his house upon the sand and the rain came and the wind blew and beat upon the house and great was the fall of it.

A warning to preachers

The Apostle Paul said, I keep my body under and bring it unto subjection, lest by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be cast away.*1 Corinthians 9 v 27*

A warning to the righteous man.

Ezekiel 3 v 20

When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness and commit iniquity and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die,

Romans 11 v 21

Be not high minded but fear, for if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee

A warning to liars!

If we say we have fellowship with him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth.

1 John 1 v 6

He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother is in darkness even till now;

1 John 1 v 9

Some disciples who walked away

John 6 v 66 And from that time many of the disciples went back and walked no more with Him...

For many walk of whom I have told you often and tell you now even weeping that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ"

Philippians 3 v 18

Jesus plainly stated, "That no man, having put his hand to the plough looking back is fit for the Kingdom of God.

Luke 9 v 62

"I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, How the Lord having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterwards destroyed them that believed not;

Jude 1 v 5

That they could not enter because of unbelief...

Danger of false apostles and deceitful workers

Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name, and in thy name cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works, and then I will profess to them, I never knew you, depart from me ye that work iniquity;

Matthew 7 v 22

And no marvel; for Satan is transformed into an angel of light.

Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

2 Corinthians 11 v 14

And many false prophets shall arise and deceive many.

Matthew 24 v 11

Beloved believe not every spirit whether they are of God because many false prophets are gone out into the world

1 John 4 v 1...

Last days- Endurance required

Because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall grow cold but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Matthew 24 v 12

In the last days, if it were possible, "Even the very elect would be deceived.

Matthew 24 v 24

Faith required

Now the just shall live by faith, but if any man draw back, my souls shall have no pleasure in him. *Hebrews 10 v 8*

Holding faith and a good conscience, which some having put away concerning faith, have made shipwreck. *1 Timothy 1 v 19*

Folk's who are ever learning and never come to a knowledge of the truth, are reprobate concerning the faith. *2 Timothy 3 v 8*

But Christ as a son over his own house, who's house are we, "If we hold fast, the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm, unto the end.

Hebrews 3 v 6

For we are made then partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence, steadfast unto the end.

Hebrews 3 v 14

All that is not of faith is sin.

Romans 14 v 23

God's building blocks are faith and prayer.

Prayer without faith = a powerless church

The misconception about the church

Satan's big lie. Not a building. Not a denomination.

Two or three gathered in my name.

When you come together, everyone of you has a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation.

1 Corinthians 14 v 26.

For the manifestation of the Spirit is given to all men to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom, to another the Word of knowledge, by the same Spirit,

To another faith by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another diverse kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But all these worketh that one and same selfsame Spirit, dividing severally as he will.

1 Corinthians 12 v 7

See that you refuse him not that speaketh, for if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall we not escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven.

Hebrews 12 v 25

But with many of them God was not well pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

1 Corinthians 10 v 5

When an unclean spirit is gone out of a man, and he walketh in dry places seeking rest and findeth none. Then said he, "I will return to my house from whence he is come, and findeth it empty swept and garnished. Then goeth he and taketh with him seven, more spirits wicked

than himself, and they enter in and dwell there, and the last state of that man is worse than the first. *Matthew 12 v 43/45*

God's warning to the brethren.

Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

Hebrews 3 v 12

Ye therefore beloved seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also be away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

2 Peter 3 v 17

Lessons from Esau

Who sold his birthright for a morsels of meat. For ye know that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Hebrews 12 v 16

Serious warnings in God's Word for believers

If any man defile the temple him God will destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are!

1 Corinthians 3 v 17. Also; Hebrews 12 v 14.

Without Holiness no man shall see the Lord.

Paul prays that our bodies would be preserved blameless

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be

preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
1 Thessalonians 5 v 23.

Also addressed to the beloved! Wherefore beloved seeing that you look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless.
2 Peter 3 v 14

We must hold fast to our faith

Seeing then, that we have not a great high priest that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God let us hold fast our profession.
Hebrews 4 v 14

Jesus said. Behold I come quickly, hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.
Revelation 3 v 11

Therefore brethren, Stand fast hold fast the traditions which ye have been taught whether by word or by our epistle.
2 Thessalonians 2 v 15

Paul declared.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.
2 Timothy 4 v 7

Children of the Kingdom cast out?

God promises to rewards those who are faithful in a few things. The lesson of the parable of the talents is surely that we must bring forth fruit. Without fruit the servant is cast out and there shall be a weeping and a wailing and a gnashing of teeth.
Mathew 8 v 12

*No we must press on towards the mark for the
prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus*

Philippians 3 v 14