

1. HEBREWS 1:3

Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, **sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;**

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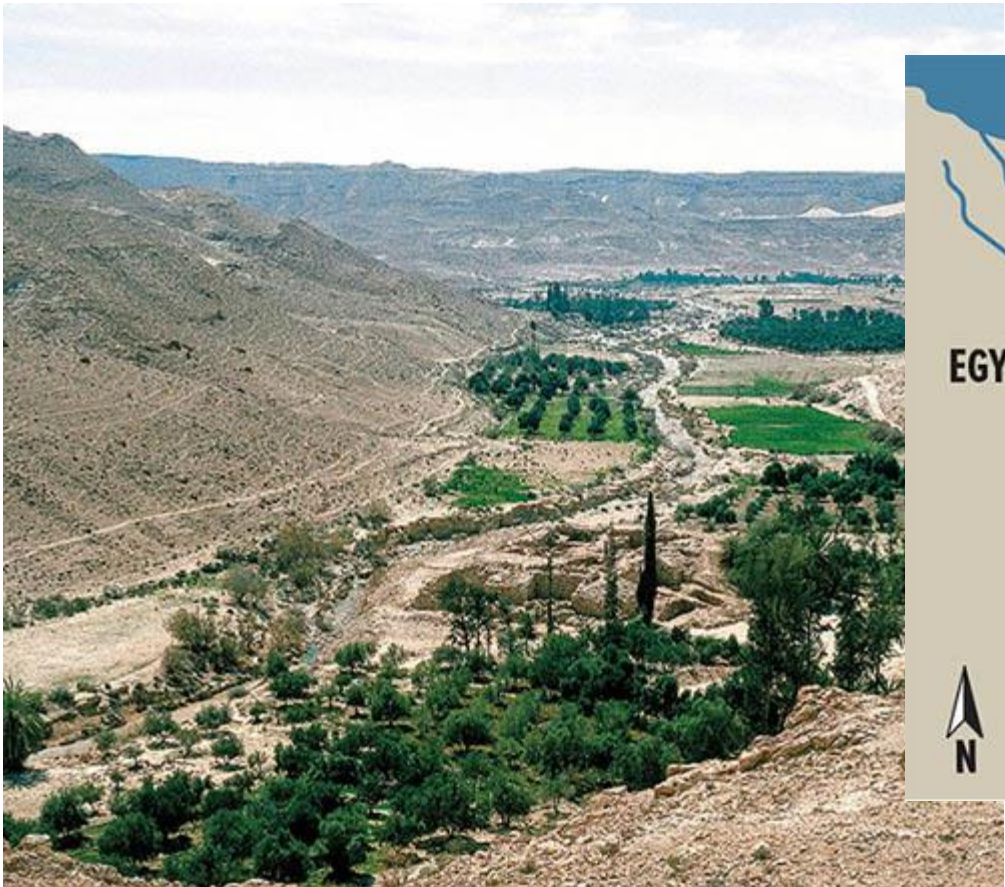
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Provocation

- action or speech that makes someone annoyed or angry, especially deliberately.

10/14 Provocations – *At the Promised Land*



The Promised Land - The Baptism of the Holy Ghost

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« 183 † Now, you Pentecostal people believe, when the gifts begin to restore to the church, of the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and speaking with tongues, **and you stayed right with that. You believed that. Now, that's all right. But why do you stop there?** See? **Why did you stop there?**

184 When Israel was on the journey to the promised land, and when they stopped in the wilderness, **they stayed there for forty years; and just a day's journey out of every promise, the whole, complete promised land.**

10/14 Provocations – *Let us Make a Captain*

Numbers 14:4-12

» 4 † And they said one to another, **Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.**

» 5 † Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel.

» 6 † **And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that searched the land, rent their clothes:**

» 7 † And they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land.

» 8 † If the LORD delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey.

» 9 † Only rebel not ye against the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.

» 10 † **But all the congregation bade stone them with stones.** And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

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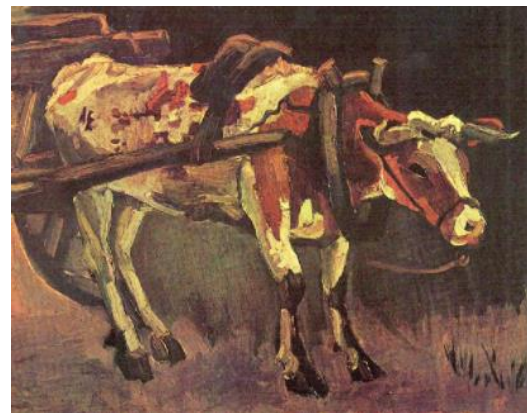
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- 75% of pastors report being “*extremely stressed*” or “*highly stressed*”
- 90% work between 55 to 75 hours per week
- 90% feel fatigued and worn out every week
- 40% report a serious conflict with a parishioner at least once a month
- 91% have experienced some form of burnout in ministry and 18% say they are “fried to a crisp right now”



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They got weary, every time they'd get to a place where a showdown come. Then what would they do? **They would fly loose, and get weary, and want to turn back, and, "Why did this happen to me?"**

29 Strange thing, this morning, after preaching that just as hard as I could, there was many came to the altar and questioned It, **"Why does this happen to me?"** You see how It goes? It goes over the top of the people's head. It's just the same, people.

30 Jesus said, "You have eyes, but you can't see." He said that to the disciples.

31 They said, "Lo, now Thou speakest plainly. Now we believe. No man has to tell You anything, 'cause God shows it to You."

32 He said, **"Do you now believe, after all this time?" See?**

33 **You mustn't question anything, to God.** "For the footsteps of the righteous is ordered of the Lord." **And every trial is put upon you, to prove you. And the Bible said, "They're more precious to you than gold."** So if God let a few light afflictions happen to you, remember, it's for the correction of you.

11/14 Provocations – *Rebellion Against Moses*

Numbers 16:1-3

» 1 † 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:

» 2 † *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*:

» 3 † 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?

NUMBERS 16:32

32 † And **the earth opened her mouth**, and swallowed them up, and their houses, **and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.**

11/14 Provocations – *Rebellion Against Moses*



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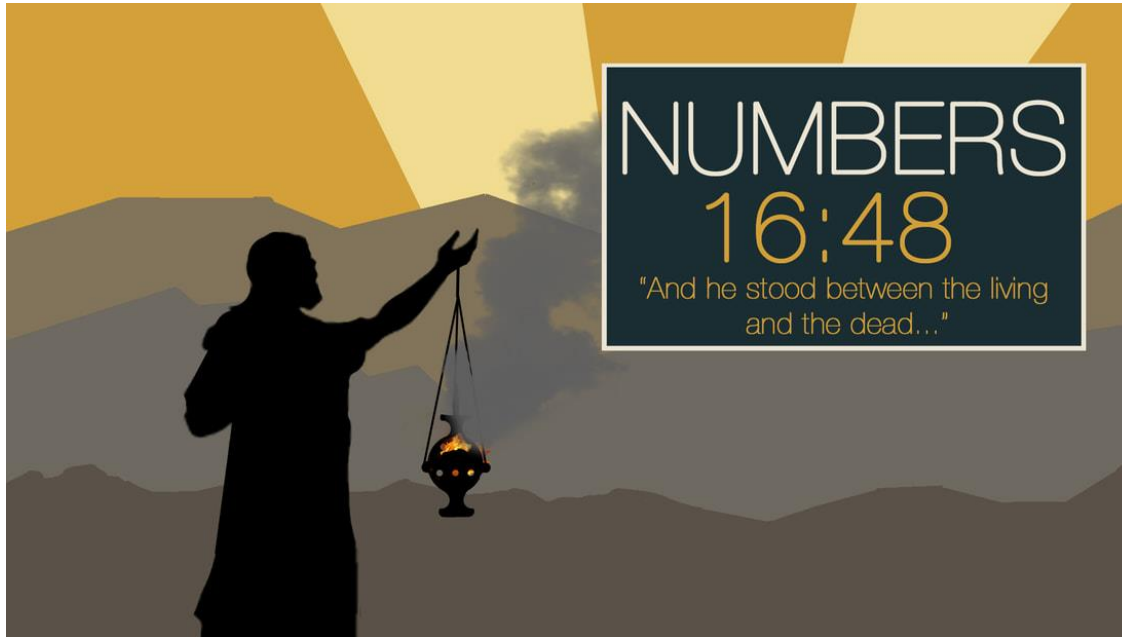
Numbers 16:21-22

- » 20 † And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
- » 21 † Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.
- » 22 † And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?

NUMBERS 16:41

» 41 † *But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD.*

This is the fifth time Moses intercedes for the people.



13/14 Provocations – *More Complaining about Water*

Numbers 20:1-4

» 1 † Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

» 2 † And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.

» 3 † And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD!

» 4 † And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there?



Hear now, ye rebels;
must we fetch you water out of this rock?

14/14 Provocations – *Loathing the Light Bread*

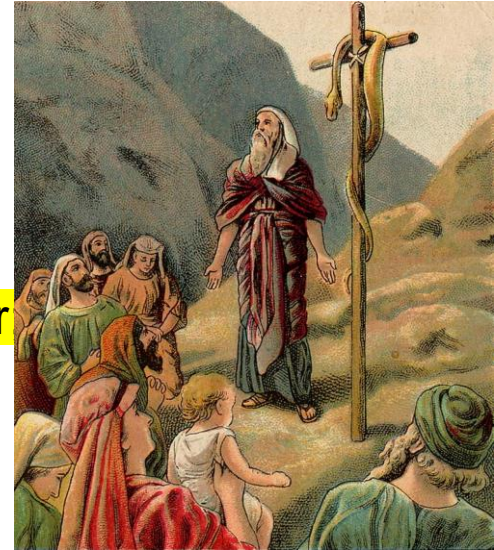
Numbers 21:4-5

» 4 † And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.

» 5 † And the people spake against God, and against Moses, **Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water and our soul loatheth this light bread.**

» 6 † **And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.**

» 7 † Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.



Hebrews 3:8-13

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

» 13 † But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

HEBREWS 3:14-19

» 14 † For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;

» 15 † While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, **harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.**

» 16 † For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses.

» 17 † But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?

» 18 † And to whom sware he that **they should not enter into his rest**, but to them that believed not?

» 19 † So we see that **they could not enter in because of unbelief.**

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148 Now, to all that... all as we know Israel, did not receive the prophet-shepherd's Word, **all of Israel didn't receive It.** Now, notice, they was complaining. "Oh," when he was performing the miracles, "he was a great fellow," but when it come to his Message, "that was different." All great signs follows a new message coming. We know that. In the wilderness they complained, in the wilderness, and died by the thousands. **Frankly, there wasn't only two of them that ever went through that was saved out of a two and a half million, two out of two and a half million.**

149 **You say, "That... What happened to them?" They're Eternally gone.**

150 **"All of them, Brother Branham?" Jesus said so.**

151 They said, "Our fathers eat Manna in the wilderness, and they drank from the Rock."

152 And He... Jesus said, **"And they are, every one, dead," Eternally separated, see, every one.**

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« 235 † In Saint John, if you wanted that Scripture on that.
Saint John 6:49, is where they eat manna, and Jesus said, "And
they're, every one, dead."

236 Say, "Well, my--my sister, I--**I seen this woman dance in the
Spirit.**" Oh, yeah. Uh-huh. "**I see them do that. I've seen her speak in
tongues. I've seen her...**" Yeah.

237 **Jesus said, "Many will come to Me in that day, and say, 'I've
done all these things.'" See? "They eat manna in the wilderness,"
Jesus said, "and they're, every one, Eternally separated. They're
dead." That's Eternally gone. They perished right there in the
wilderness.**

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« 238 † You remember Hebrews the 6th chapter, "Ones that was once made known the Truth, and refused to walk in It, there is no more repentance for them." See, a borderline believe-... **When the Truth is presented to a person for the last time, and they refuse to receive It;** according to the Book of Hebrews, see, they will... there is not even nothing in the world can ever save them.

239 They are finished. No repentance, no redemption, there is nothing left for them. **They're Eternally separated.** The Bible said so, "Looking for the fearful fire and indignation which shall devour the adversary." **And when Truth of the Gospel has been proven, thoroughly vindicated, and then turn around and walk from It, they're finished. That's all. It's awful, but I have to tell it.**

John 6:47-49

» 47 † Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

» 48 † I am that bread of life.

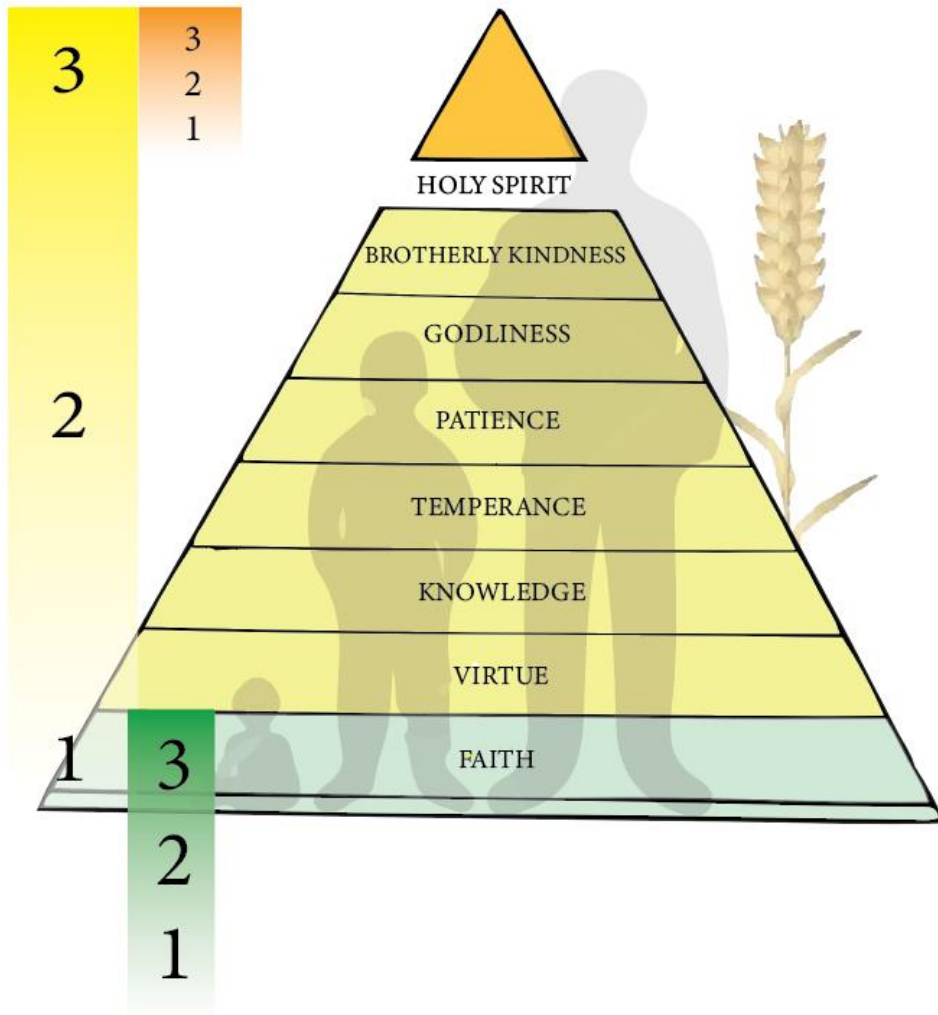
» 49 † Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

Genesis 2:17

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

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« 62 † Now, when Adam and Eve listened to the lie of the Devil, the holy image of God left them, their fellowship was broken with God. Their fellowship of oneness with God was broken. The very minute they listened to the lie of the Devil, that broke their fellowship. And the very minute that you listen to the lie of the Devil, it'll break your fellowship. **That's the very minute that you go out from the Presence of God, like she did, is when you failed to take God's Word just as It is.**



Hebrews 4:1

» 1 † **Let us therefore fear**, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

» 2 † For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

» 3 † **For we which have believed do enter into rest**, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, **if they shall enter into my rest:** although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

» 4 † For **he spake in a certain place of the seventh day** on this wise, And **God did rest the seventh day** from all his works.

» 5 † And in this place again, **If they shall enter into my rest.**

REST



Sabbath – *to rest*

The Jewish Sabbath (from Hebrew *shavat*, “**to rest**”) is observed throughout the year on the seventh day of the week—Saturday. According to biblical tradition, it commemorates the original seventh day on which God rested after completing the creation.



Genesis 2:1-3

- » 1 † Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.
- » 2 † And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.
- » 3 † And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

Rest

- ...to have everlasting rest from all their troubles and all their worries
- no more taskmasters,
- no more restless nights.
- They were on their way to the promised land of rest.
- It flowed with milk and honey.
- The grapes was so big that two men packed one bunch over their shoulders.

Now, the thought is, **if we are on our way to the Rest,**

- **what is the Rest?**
- Where is it?
- Is it joining church?
- Is it being baptized a certain way?
- Is it becoming a member of the greatest church in the city?
- Wearing better clothes?
- Is it education?
- Is it money, so we can quit work and just lay down, rest the rest of our life, as we call it?
- **That's not it.**

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55 Listen what the Bible says it is, and how we get it.

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us to enter into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

For unto us (the day then) the gospel was preached, as well as unto them:...

What is the Gospel? The good news. The good news came to them in Egypt, that, "God has sent a deliverer, and He's going to bring us out and take us to the promised land."

« 56 † **The good news to us now, that, "God has sent a Deliverer, the Holy Ghost, and we're on the road to the promised Land."** Now people has made it creeds and denominations, but God still remains, that, **our Rest is "the Holy Ghost."**

HEBREWS 4:6-11

» 6 † Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief:

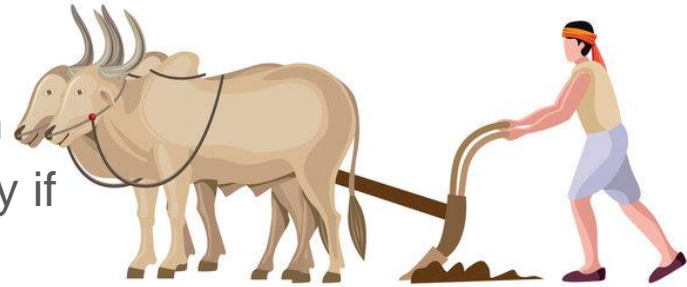
» 7 † Again, **he limiteth a certain day**, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

» 8 † For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.

» 9 † There **remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.**

» 10 † **For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.**

» 11 † **Let us labour** therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.



Philippians 2:12-13

» 12 † Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling.

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

II Peter 1:9

» 10 † Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence** to make your calling and election sure: for **if ye do these things**, ye shall never fall:

Matthew 11:28-30

» 28 † **Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest.****

» 29 † 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.

» 30 † For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Isaiah 28:9-13

» 9 † Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

» 10 † For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

» 11 † For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

» 12 † To whom he said, **This is the rest** wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

» 13 † But **the word of the LORD** was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

Now what's the sabbath?

... all tables are full of vomit... no one clean.

Who shall he teach knowledge?

Not worldly knowledge; spiritual knowledge!

Who shall he teach knowledge?... whom shall He make... understand doctrine?

176 "Oh, bless God, our organization don't believe This. They wouldn't put up with That."... care what your organization believes.

What does God's Word say about it? "Oh, well, our pastors, you know, are educated." Oh, sure. Certainly, got so much education, they left God out of it. Truly, for you can tell them the Word and they'll walk around and say, "Well, I don't believe It just that way." Oh, you sissified thing! Let me tell you.

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410 "Remember the sabbath day; keep it holy," one day in the week; now He magnified it, the "rest" comes from keeping the Spirit of God. **"Precept upon precept, and line upon line; here a little, and there a little.** Hold fast that what's good. For with stammering lips and other tongues will I speak to this people. **And that is the rest.** That's the refreshing from the Presence of the Lord."

411 And yet they would not hear It, and wagged their heads and walked away, for their denominations. Uh-huh. "This is the refreshing," see, magnifying the sabbath day; to you Sabbatarians, and so forth. Oh, my! He don't change. He magnifies it. "Hell has spread her gates to receive them."

Hebrews 4:12-16

» 12 † 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.



» 13 † 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.

» 14 † Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold fast our profession.**

» 15 † For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

» 16 † Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.