

Bringing In Your Loved One

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We all have people we intercede for and most of us know the promise in Acts 2:39 which says, "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as our lord God will call." And the promise is the remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. So our children will be saved.

Is there anything we can do to move it up sooner so they can receive more rewards? Hosea 8:6,7 says, "Therefore, behold, I will hedge up your way with thorns, and wall her in, so that she cannot find her paths, she will chase her lovers, but not overtake them. Yes, she shall seek them and not find them. I will go and return to my first husband, for it was better for me than now." God here is referring to His people who are playing the harlot. The harlot is anyone who is chasing idols, who chases their own dreams instead of God's will for their lives.

Hedge, Strong's 7753, sook, means to entwine, shut in for formation for protection, or restraint. In this case, it would be all three. We restrain the headlong rush toward oblivion, for their protection, so that they will be reformed.

Thorns, 5518, seeraw', means to boil up, pot or caldron. By implication a hook, fishhook or thorn. This hedging in can also bind their finances as the parable of the prodigal son spells out in Luke 15:11-31. The lost son ran from the father and spent all that he had. Though he got a job feeding hogs, he was not given anything to eat. He repented and returned to the father. In both cases, unfavorable circumstances forced a decision.

But what about changing their mind so they will not fall into the trap again? 2 Corinthians 4:3,4 says "But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, Who is the Image of God, should shine on them." Jesus' death split the veil of the temple from top to bottom. His resurrection opened it for us to have access to the Father. Satan cannot change that. He can only hide the rent in the veil so they cannot see it. We must utilize Matthew 16:19 and loose the lies hiding the way to the Father.

Proverbs 21:1 says "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water He turns it wherever He wishes." So God actually can change minds and not just create circumstances for them to make up their own mind. Nebuchadnezzar considered himself god and in Daniel 4:16 we see, "Let his heart be changed from that of a man, let him be given the heart of a beast, and let seven times pass over him." So we see that the heart or mind of man can be changed, and this time "This decision is by the decree of the watchers, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones."

Watcher, 5894, says angel, but this cannot be. 1 Corinthians 6:23 "Do you not know that he saints shall judge the world? And if the world be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels?" We judge angels, they do not judge us. The watchers are

redeemed men. I am including the study of Jael and Sisera, for it says we have the power over sense and reason.

God does much good work for His Name's sake. In the parable of the great supper in Luke 14:15-24, the master invited many to come and they would not. V23 says "Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'"

Compel, Strong's G315, necessitate, compel, constrain. Compel, to drive or urge with force, take by force or violence, to drive or unite, overpower, cause to yield. Constrain, to compel or force, to urge with irresistible power. Necessitate, to make necessary, indispensable and unavoidable, to compel or restrain. So we see these guests had no say in the matter. Interestingly, the root word here means to draw together and then bind together. Does this not say that we can command they go from the hedges to the house of God? Job 22:30 "He will even deliver one, who is not innocent; yes, he will be delivered by the purity of your hands." The KJV says He will deliver the island of the innocent. Looking up island, 336, it means "not" so He delivers those not innocent. Deliver, 4422, release, rescue, escape, deliver, preserve, save.

Jeremiah 5:11 "Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, see now and know, and seek in her open places. If you can find a man, if there is anyone who executes judgment, who seeks the truth, and I will pardon her." We see God saves those who He has promised to save even if they didn't come in through the door voluntarily.

1 Corinthians 7:14 "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband, otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy."

Sanctify, 37, hag-ee-a'-zo, to make holy, purify, consecrate, mentally to venerate.

Venerate, to look upon with deep respect and reverence, to revere, to regard as holy. Synonym: honor, respect adore, reverence, revere.

It is best for them to voluntarily come through Jesus to the Father. It is possible they can come through you as the body of Jesus.

Luke 14:16 Jesus said, "A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come, for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray have me excused. And another said; I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and showed the lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and

hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say to you, that none of these men which were bidden shall taste my supper.”

Those who were invited turned down the Lord for things of the world. They had idols before them. First, he went into the streets and lanes, which when analyzed mean the open squares and crowded alleys, streets and lanes. The people here have not yet gone through the gate into the highway.

Poor, 4434, from crouching, means beggar, those dependent on public or absolute mendicancy. Remember that many monastic orders required subsistence on alms, hence, mendicant friars.

Blind, 5285, means opaque or smoky, by analogy blind physically or mentally. To be blind mentally means to be low I.Q. Since the word really means opaque or smoky, I believe it relates back to 1 Corinthians 13:12 where we see through a glass darkly. This is not understanding sayings, that they are an enigma, hidden or obscure. So “blind” includes those who do not understand spiritual matters. Maimed means those that are severely injured, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual. Halt means limping the impairment or loss of the ability to walk. Lameness excluded being in a priestly office. These were all people not considered of value to the religious system.

Matthew 7:13 “Enter ye into the strait gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at.” The word “way” here is the exact same as “highways,” 3598. The people are in the process of racing toward oblivion. Those from the hedges are also on the highway but intercession has put an enclosure around them, a barrier to their plunge towards destruction.

In the similar parable in Matthew 22:1-14, one man did not have a wedding garment and was cast out. This means everyone else did, so even though they were compelled to come in either by your clean hands or for My Name’s sake, they have accepted Jesus as their Savior. The man who did not make it was speechless, which meant he had no excuse at all. He knew what to do and didn’t do it. Many are called, but few are chosen. Chosen, 1588, ek-lek-tos, select, favorite, chosen, elect.

Judges 4:21-23 “But Jael, Heber’s wife, took a nail and hammer and went softly to him (Sisera) and drove the nail through his temples and into the ground; for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died. And behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him and said, Come, I will show you the man you seek. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples. So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the Israelites.”

This is important type and shadow, much deeper than it appears. When the words are understood, the meaning really jumps out.

Nail, 3489, also pin, peg, stake. Metaphorically used of a prince who has the care of the whole nation. The same person is also called a cornerstone on whom the nation is builded.

Jael, 3278, a wild goat, from 3276, to ascend on high, to ascend a mountain, to excel, a noble or prince, to be useful or profitable.

Heber, 2268, society, association, spell or charm(er)

Temple, 7541, thinness, emaciated, lean. This an adverb of exception and limitation and is the word used in Isaiah 4:1 "We will eat our own bread....only let us bear thy name."

Sisera, 5516, a Canaanite general of king Jabin. It literally means a field of battle.

Smote, 8628. This word is seldom used to describe smote. It means to clap the hands as done in rejoicing, especially as at the defeat of an enemy.

Hammer, 4718, more properly hammerer, or strenuous warrior.

Barak, 1301, lightning, the bright and shining sword

Jabin, 2985 from 995, intelligent, to separate mentally, to understand and depend upon the power of the intellect.

Jael, the wilderness goat, was married to the world system but has joined the battle with word against sense and reason. Barak, the bright and shining sword the Spirit wields is in war with Jabin, the king of sense and reason, the proclivity to depend upon the power of the mind. Sisera is the field of battle, which is the mind of man. If Sisera, the battle for the mind is lost, then Jabin, his king has lost. In a time when faith is high, and dependence on the mind is weary and sleeping, Jael, who is in the wilderness walk, brings for the hammerer or strenuous warrior. He drives the word' authority through the temple of compromise, the ability of the mind to come up with exceptions and limitations to the word. Compromise is pinned to the ground in death. Jael, the overcomer, quietly but triumphantly shows Jesus that she has used the power of His authority to put down His enemy in her tent, or body. On that day god subdued another enemy and put it under Jesus' feet.

I believe it is significant that compromise, the general of the king sense and reason, was nailed to the ground. Man was created from the clay and in the image of God. In his fall, he lost his God likeness, for he chose to depend upon knowledge. His mind went from limitless bounds to being bound to the ground, he had taken on the mind of death. In our spiritual warfare, when we are binding the enemy, I believe this is telling us to command that compromise, sense and reason, intellectualism, and dependence upon the physical senses be nailed to the ground. I am doing that now on the overcomer body, those who are seeking the truth, and all those that we are in intercession for.