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I am grateful to the original writer of this small tract for letting me take this study and research and add to it with more that I have found once I was keyed into this old truth that has been lost through doctrines of devils and time. May God grant us all the desire to follow in His will and way and keep us faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ.  
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## *A closer look at The Ninth Commandment*

Ex.20:16 *"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."*

As a child growing up in a "church group" lifestyle, I was taught to memorize the commandments and instructed by parents and teachers alike to never tell a lie about someone, and indeed if I did there were sometimes consequences to pay; and so I grew up thinking that I knew the text very well, having it hidden in my heart, and striving to live by it.

***Deuteronomy19:16-20*** *"If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong; Then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges...; And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother; Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you. And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you"*.

As I have studied the scriptures more deeply throughout my adult life, I have begun to realize that I was only taught a portion of Exodus 20:16. I have not known the mind of God on the deep things of this subject, for His Word says:

***"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."*** ***Isaiah 55:8***

*"Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed."*  
***Isaiah 56:1***

I have read many books put out by Christian presses on the first and second world wars and these stories put in a very Christian framework have led my mind to believe a lie. As I have, by God's grace, begun to change my thinking to meet that of a plain *"thus saith the Lord;"* and begun to talk with many other Christians that I know, I have come up against the same none Biblical thinking on this subject of not bearing false witness that I once held. I can see that if we, as a people, do not have a Biblical based thinking on this subject we will in the end aid, abet, and help those who hate God and His true people; and will turn from our allegiance to God and join the ranks of the opposition, thus sealing our own fate.

The stories that I mentioned above go as follows: Someone is found in the position of giving aid to one or more Jews and/or other wanted persons; and when the soldiers come to the door, they quickly tell “the truth” and give the hiding place away. Then the stories go on to give the following information of how God steps in and “honors their faith” by causing the soldiers to #1 “not see the hiding place,” #2 “let them get away,” #3 “take them prisoner, but only allow them to be tortured; not killed” or #4 allow them to escape again before they are tortured and/or killed.

Then the stories go on to extol the virtues of the person who told the “truth.” For years I was among those that would read to the end of the story, set the book down and say “AMEN!” But a more thorough study of the Bible shows this to be dangerous error and a changing of the mind that will put us in league with the enemy in the end. Let us look at the following scriptures:

1. Exodus 23:1, 2, 7 *“Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment: **Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked.**”*

**To give information to the wicked is giving a false report! We become classed with the wicked if we do this! It is as if we were the ones to slay that innocent person!**

Deuteronomy 27:25 says; *“Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen.”*

To take a reward, to buy our selves time, or to save our own lives by turning in an innocent person is a curse! We shall die the death of the wicked.

## **What is the way of the Lord?**

Psalm 34:14-22 *“Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. **The righteous cry and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.** The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart: and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. **Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. The LORD redeemeth***

*the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.”*

Desolate—Strong’s # 816 aw-sham’—guilty, punished or perish, destroyed, taken etc...Psalm 91:1-4 *“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.”*

God’s way is that of hiding us, delivering us from the snare of the fowler. That is why we can **safely** trust in Him. **To be like Him we must do the same with those that have come under our roof and/or trust in us for help.** Some Biblical examples of this are these following stories:

## **David and King Saul**

**#1.** 1 Chronicles 12:16, 17 *“And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the hold unto David. And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, if ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you: **but if ye be come to betray me to mine enemies, seeing there is no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it.**”*

King Saul, the anointed ruler of the people of God at that time, was the enemy David spoke of here. David knowing the mind of his God, through a study of the books of Moses, knew that he was in the right to tell these men that the God of their fathers was looking and would rebuke them. Saul was rebuked of the Lord for what he was doing but instead of forsaking his evil ways; he gave himself over to the devil and believing the words of Satan through the witch of Endor, he died a self murderer. Even though he had held the highest position in Israel as King (Conference President) God did not cut him any favors; nor help or save him. For *“the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.”* 1 Samuel 16:7

God keeps a strict account of whose heart is willing to follow His will and way, and that alone matters to Him!

## **David and Absalom**

**#2.** 1 Samuel 17:15-22 *“Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counseled. Now therefore*

*send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that are with him. Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by Enrogel; for they might not be seen to come into the city: and a wench went and told them; and they went and told king David. Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bahurim, **which had a well in his court; whither they went down. And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known. And when Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house, they said, where is Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said unto them, they be gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.** And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counseled against you. Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over Jordan."*

Here we have the story of King David in trouble, fleeing for his life from Absalom, his own son, who has determined to take the kingdom. David left behind one of his chief counselors knowing that Absalom respected him enough to listen to him. This faithful counselor gets word out of the counsel hall to two young men, telling them to run to David and tell him that he and all his company must immediately cross over the river Jordan. A lad tells the "truth" to Absalom that messengers are running to David. They knew that they were discovered and being followed so upon coming to Bahurim's place they hid in the well. They must have known this man well enough to know that he and his household were on the Lord's side.

**They were not disappointed, or turned in!** Not only were they hidden wonderfully by the fast thinking lady of the household, but she also sent Absalom's servants on a wild goose chase over a brook of water. **She did not turn on those that trusted her care. She spared innocent lives; the life of the King, and all them that were with him as well.** Had she kept silent and just gone about her business the men may have been suspicious and searched until they found the two men in her well, but she did not give them that chance, she sent them on across a little brook nearby, they had obviously been close enough behind to have seen Ahimaaz and Jonathan near her place and **she knew that to be silent or play stupid would have been deadly for them.** So she sent them on over the brook; where there is water there is usually a lot

of under brush; by sending them there she knew that there would be little hope of Absalom's men finding them. Sure enough after searching for some time they came back through and returned to Jerusalem. Then she helped the two men up out of the well and sent them on their way.

### **Rahab the harlot of Jericho**

*#3. Joshua 2:1-24 “ And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there. **And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country. And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country. And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were: And it came to pass about the time of shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake them.** But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof. **And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan** unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.” (Not by one look, a glance, or gesture of the hand did she give them away) “And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof; And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you. For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed. And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: **for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.**” (She confesses the Lord God as ruler of all) “ Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have showed you kindness, that ye will also show kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token: And that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death. And the men answered her, **our life for yours, if ye utter not this, our business.**” (What if she had taken the stance of Christians today and said “I have nothing to hide!” ?) “And it shall be,*

when the LORD hath given us the land that we will deal kindly and truly with thee. Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.”

Then she instructs them where to go to be safe and how long to remain there, she knew the amount of time the soldiers would look for them! How did she know that information, obviously she was a good listener!

“And she said unto them, **Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.** And the men said unto her, we will be blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear. Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee... **And if thou utter this our business,** (Urging her to keep the faith and not tell!) *then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear.* **And she said,** according unto your words, **so be it.** And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window. **And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but found them not.** So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all things that befell them: And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.”

SEE MATTHEW 1:1-16 FOR GENEALOGY OF JESUS, WHOSE ANCESTOR WAS RAHAB.

“The inhabitants of the city, (of Jericho) terrified and suspicious were constantly on the alert, and the messengers were in great danger. They were, however, preserved by Rahab, a woman of Jericho, **at the peril of her own life.** In return for her kindness they gave her a promise of protection when the city should be taken.—Patriarchs and Prophets pg 482 (1890).

“Jericho was a city devoted to the most extravagant idolatry. The inhabitants were very wealthy. ... Like the people before the Flood, they were corrupt and blasphemous. They insulted and provoked the God of heaven by their wicked works. God's judgments awakened against Jericho. It was a stronghold. But the Captain of the Lord's host came Himself from heaven to lead the armies of heaven in the attack upon the city. Angels of God laid hold of the massive walls and brought them to the ground. **God had said that the city of Jericho should be**



**accursed, and that all should perish except Rahab and her household. They should be saved because of the favor that Rahab showed the messengers of the Lord.”**

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What **favor** did this woman show? She **hid** the spies, **told the soldiers of her king that the men were already gone!** She was doing the work of God in preserving the lives of His servants. Some may say: “Well, she did not know any better than to tell a lie after all, she was a heathen harlot.” but if this were true she would not be lauded in James 2:24, 25 where it states:

*“Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” James 2:24-26* Thus we see that the Lord counts that “Lie” as the Truth for she cared for the lives of His men.

## **Jeremiah and King Zedekiah**

#4. We also have a godly prophet’s example left on record for us if there is any doubt in our minds as to Rahab’s works on this subject. In Jeremiah 38:16-28 we read the following account: “So Zedekiah the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, As the LORD liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy life. Then said Jeremiah to Zedekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt assuredly go forth to the king of Babylon’s princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thy house: But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon’s princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape from their hand. And Zedekiah the king said to Jeremiah, **I am afraid of the Jews that have fallen to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me.** But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver thee. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD, which I speak to thee: so it shall be well to thee, and thy soul shall live. But if thou shalt refuse to go forth, this is the word that the LORD hath shown me: And behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah’s house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon’s princes, and those women shall say, Thy friends have set thee on, and have prevailed against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned away back. So they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans: and thou shalt not es-

cape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire. Then said Zedekiah to Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die. But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come to thee, and say to thee, Declare to us now what thou hast said to the king, hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what the king said to thee: Then thou shalt say to them, I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there. Then came all the princes to Jeremiah, and asked him: **and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived.** So Jeremiah abode in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken: and he was there when Jerusalem was taken. Jeremiah 38:16-28

What just happened in that story? King Zedekiah realized that there were many princes among his people that were willing to tell the truth of Jeremiah's prophecies to the King of Babylon for they were in league with him. (Like the policemen hired by the Gestapo among the nations during world war II that help the German's by turning in their own people) So King Zedekiah tells Jeremiah not to tell them anything that they have talked about in secret, and gives him words to say. Jeremiah the prophet of God takes the King's advice and when the princes (traitors) come to him he tells them only the words that the king had commanded him to say to them and they left off speaking with him, because they did not think that as a prophet he would "lie" to them. Yet he did not "lie" according to the 9<sup>th</sup> commandment. He was close enough to God to know that God wanted him to value the life of even a rebellious King that was not walking in the will of God.

***"Take counsel, (make plans, devise purpose) execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; bewray (betray, reveal, uncover, or tell) not him that wandereth. (to flee, to escape, get away) Let mine outcasts (those driven off, cast off, drawn away.) dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert (covering, shelter, protection, hiding place) to them from the face of the spoiler: (powerful) for the extortioner (oppressor) is at an end, the spoiler (ravager, violent, robbery) ceaseth, (God will cut them off) the oppressors (those that walk abusively, ravaging others) are consumed out of the land."* Isaiah 16:3, 4**

Do I have a right to think that I can turn someone in because they do not come up to my standard of righteousness? **No!** For the word of God declares: *"But the LORD said...Look not on his countenance...because I have refused him: **for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man***

**looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.**” 1 Samuel 16:7

I cannot see the heart of another to judge whether he/she is in good standing with God; so it is my duty to help those that ask for my help; not just those that I think are “worthy” of help; for I myself may not be worthy of help from another

*Job 9:20-24 “If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse. Though I were perfect, yet would I not know my soul: I would despise my life. This is one thing, therefore I said it, He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked. If the scourge slay suddenly, he will laugh at the trial of the innocent. The earth is given into the hand of the wicked.”* It is also my duty to keep quiet in time of war about anyone else. This is why Switzerland remained a neutral country during the war. Every man and woman among that nation refused to help the enemy in any way, and the German army could do nothing there, for they had no help from local police or people. How dreadfully different in our own Nation right now, with the Jesuitical training of our children in all the schools, and the outcome based education in the last 25 with teachers that are taught to hypmatize the whole classroom with a phrase- we see that at work in the whole of society now. For the very week that NEWSWEEK magazine had its front page article from the President saying “We are all socialists now!” the switchboards across the nation lit up with people turning each other in at an alarming rate. Every little incident such as someone tattling on a truck at a gas stop with couple arguing etc... The educational groundwork of Rome has led this nation to the very brink of self destruction.

### **“It’s all good!”**

In our culture today we are hard put to find anywhere a person who is not thinking and conversing in Roman Catholic thinking. Even so called “Bible Christians” think and speak on this level. “It’s all good!” they say and even wear it on clothing. This philosophy comes from Thomas Aquinas as he wrote: “This word TRUE expresses the agreement between the being and the intellect. Now all cognition arises from the assimilation of that which knows to the thing known... which correspondence is called an adequate correspondence between a thing and the intellect.”- Thomas Aquinas, *Quaestiones de Veritate*. Qu. 1. art. 1c.” – Herman Dooyeweerd, *A New Critique of Theoretical Thought, Vol.II*. Ontario, Canada: Paideia Press, Ltd., 1984, pp. 566, 567 “In other words, to try to put the RC view simply, as an example: “My eye

sees the table. My mind assimilates the image of the table. When there is an accurate image of the table in my mind, that is truth.” says Martin O’ the Brook - this is totally idolatrous! “The Bible student who has a living relationship of surrender to Christ, can immediately see the problem with this Roman Catholic definition of truth: it is idolatrous because it is anchored in the fallen intellect of man and it assimilates itself to its fallen perception of the material creation. The Roman Catholic concept of truth completely bypasses the Law of God, bypasses Christ, bypasses the Holy Spirit, bypasses the Scriptures, bypasses the Law of God, and bypasses the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ. It is an illusion because it is anchored in things that will pass away. The Biblical view of truth is anchored in Christ for the Bible truth lies beyond mind and the creation and resides in the Creator Himself: Christ is the truth. His Word, given by the Holy Spirit is Truth. Truth is anchored in the heart and mind of God, in His Person, His Word, His law, his gospel, His presence. Thus God’s truth has to do with relationships between God and Man and man and man all mediated by the mediator Christ and led by the Holy Ghost. The Biblical view of truth is anchored in eternity. {Innocent Blood -CC June-July. 2004 pg.13}

The Lord warned us in His word that this would happen at the end of time. In Isaiah 5:20 “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter”

When we think in this mode of what ever is –is truth, we are living and dwelling outside of the Biblical truth of Jesus Christ. Romans 1 gives us a small glimpse of what happens to those who take up the Roman Catholic view of what is truth. Rom 1:18 *“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever.*

*Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them. Rom 1:18-32* NOTICE that this text is talking about “Christians” who hold the truth in unrighteousness, (In other words- they think one can sin until Jesus comes) At the end of this text Paul tells us that they that do these evils are worthy of death and ALSO THOSE THAT TAKE PLEASURE IN WATCHING THESE THINGS DONE! {Television watching is OUT for the Truth filled Biblical Christian!}

This may seem a bit off of our subject of the 9th commandment; yet if we are living and imbibing in a Roman Catholic view of truth we will not be able to see the truth as it is in Christ Jesus who is “the way the truth and the life.” John 14:6

## **What are God’s thoughts on Defending ones family and home?**

It is being taught in “Christian schools” to young people that if a wicked man breaks into one’s home and begins to steal, rape or kill them- they, “as Christians”, have no right to put up any sort of resistance but must passively submit, for if that man is killed by them in his sins then they and he will not go to heaven; but this is not biblical thinking for Exodus clearly tells us that if we receive a surprise attack from an intruder and we smite him so that he die it is not murder Exodus 22:2 **“If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, there shall no blood be shed for him.”**

We have biblical right to do what we can to protect our families and the man who doesn’t is considered worse than an infidel. *“But if any provide not for his own, (love, protection, food, clothing, etc...) and specially for those of his own house, **he hath denied the faith, and is***

worse than an infidel." 1 Timothy 5:8

## What are God's thoughts on a slave fleeing from his master?

*"For the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee. Thou shalt not deliver unto his master the servant which is escaped from his master unto thee:*

*He shall dwell with thee, even among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of thy gates, where it liketh him best: thou shalt not oppress him."* Deut 23:14-16

**"I was shown how our leading men have treated the poor slaves who have come to them for protection. Angels have recorded it. Instead of breaking their yoke and letting the oppressed go free, these men have made the yoke more galling for them than when in the service of their tyrannical masters. Love of liberty leads the poor slaves to leave their masters and risk their lives to obtain liberty. They would never venture to leave their masters and expose themselves to the difficulties and horrors attending their recapture if they had not as strong a love for liberty as any of us. **The escaped slaves have endured untold hardships and dangers to obtain their freedom, and as their last hope, with the love of liberty burning in their breasts, they apply to our Government for protection; but their confidence has been treated with the utmost contempt.** Many of them have been cruelly treated because they committed so great a crime as to dare to make an effort to obtain their freedom. Great men, professing to have human hearts, have seen the slaves almost naked and starving, and have abused them, and sent them back to their cruel masters and hopeless bondage, to suffer inhuman cruelty for daring to seek their liberty. Some of this wretched class they thrust into unwholesome dungeons, to live or die, they cared not which. They have deprived them of the liberty and free air which heaven has never denied them, and then left them to suffer for food and clothing. In view of all this, a national fast is proclaimed! **Oh, what an insult to Jehovah!** The Lord saith by the mouth of Isaiah: "*Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God*". Isaiah 58:2 {1T 257.1}**

"The world is against us, the **popular churches are against us, the laws of the land will soon be against us. If there was ever a time when the people of God should press together, it is now.**" {ST, January 18, 1883

## Judas betrays the Son of God

#5. We also have the story of Judas who “told the truth” to the rulers of where Jesus could be found at night. In fact he not only told them where to find Jesus, he took them to the spot and had let them know ahead of time that the man he kissed was the one that they wanted. His own cry of anguish later was “*I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.* Matt 27:4

### STOP! Think about that one for a moment!

It is a sin to betray someone! **Betrayal is false witness** against one’s neighbor for it violates the essential core and essence of the very reason why God gave the commandment- that there might be agape love- the manifestation of Himself between man and God and between man and man. The reason for the giving of the commandment was so that no ill would be worked against one’s neighbor. But betrayal works a terrible evil against one’s neighbor.

Let us pause and look up the word **Betrayed. Webster’s 1828 Dictionary-**

**Betrayed BETRA’YED**, = Delivered up in breach of trust; violated by unfaithfulness; **exposed by breach of confidence**; disclosed contrary to expectation or intention; made known; discovered.

**Betray**: About 1280 this word entered the English language as *Bi-trayen*, Meaning to mislead, deceive, betray (bi-be-, thoroughly + *trayen* betray, borrowed from Old French *Trair*, from Latin *tradere* (*meaning*) to hand over). *Barnhart Concise Dictionary of Etymology*.

Now let us take a moment to look at the word - **Betrayal**. “1. to deliver or expose to an enemy by treachery or disloyalty: *Benedict Arnold betrayed his country*. 2. to be unfaithful in guarding, maintaining, or fulfilling: to betray a trust. 3. to disappoint the hopes or expectations of; be disloyal to: to betray one’s friends. 4. **to reveal or disclose in violation of confidence: to betray a secret**. 5. to reveal unconsciously (something one would preferably conceal): *her nervousness betrays her insecurity*. 6. to show or exhibit; reveal; disclose; an unfeeling remark that betrays his lack of concern. 7. to deceive, misguide, or corrupt: *a young lawyer betrayed by political ambitions into irreparable folly*. 8. to seduce and desert...Syn[onym]. **Bare, expose, to tell, (the truth of where one is) to divulge**. Display, manifest, expose, uncover. Ant [onym]. 4, 6. hide, conceal. – Webster’s Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language.

Note that the **antonym, or opposite**, of to betray is “to hide, to con-

ceal". And that one can betray by revealing unconsciously".

**Note:** Here also -that it is someone close enough to know a secret who is the betrayer of the betrayed, misled, and deceived one. You cannot be betrayed by one who does not know you well.

"We look with horror upon the **treachery** of Judas; **but his case represents a large class- who file in under the banner of Christ, yet are really his worst enemies.** They worship only self and money, and use the name of Christian as a cloak to hide their evil deeds. They sell their integrity for money, and their Saviour for a little worldly advantage." {3SP 82.3}

"After Judas had closed the contract by which he agreed to betray his Master into the hands of those who thirsted for his life, he mingled with the other disciples as though innocent of wrong and interested in the work of preparing for the passover. The **betrayer** thought that his base purposes were hidden from his Master, although every day furnished fresh evidence that the thoughts and intents of all hearts were open unto him." {3SP 83.1}

#### **Webster's 1828 Dictionary-**

**TREACHERY**, n. trech'ery Violation of allegiance or of faith and confidence; The man who betrays his country in any manner, violates his allegiance, and is guilty of treachery. This is treason. The man who violates his faith pledged to his friend, or betrays a trust in which a promise of fidelity is implied, is guilty of treachery. The disclosure of a secret committed to one in confidence, is treachery. This is perfidy.

**BLAB**, v.t. 1. To utter or tell in a thoughtless manner; to publish secrets or trifles without discretion. It implies, says Johnson, rather thoughtlessness than treachery, but may be used in either sense.

2. **To tell, or utter; in a good sense.**

**BLAB**, v.i. To tattle; to tell tales.

**BLAB**, n. A babbler; a telltale; one who betrays secrets, **or tell things which ought to be kept secret.**

**DISHONESTY**, n. Dizonesty.

1. Want of probity, or integrity in principle; faithlessness; a disposition to cheat or defraud, or to deceive and betray; applied to persons.

2. Violation of trust or of justice; fraud; treachery; any deviation from probity or integrity; applied to acts.

3. Unchastity; incontinence; lewdness.

4. Deceit; wickedness; shame. 2 Cor 4.

**ESCALA'DE**, n. [L. scala, a ladder. See Scale.] In the military art, a furious attack made by troops on a fortified place, in which ladders are used to pass a ditch or mount a rampart.

**Sin enters, not by escalade, but by cunning or treachery.**



**FA'ITHLESSNESS**, n.

1. Unbelief, as to revealed religion.
2. **Perfidy; treachery; disloyalty; as in subjects.**
3. **Violation of promises or covenants; inconstancy; as of husband or wife.**

**FALSE-HEARTEDNESS**, n. Perfidiousness; treachery.

**FALSEHOOD**, n. fols'hood. [false and hood.]

1. Contrariety or inconformity to fact or truth; as the falsehood of a report.
2. Want of truth or veracity; a lie; an untrue assertion.
3. Want of honesty; treachery; deceitfulness; perfidy.

**But falsehood is properly applied to things only.**

4. Counterfeit; false appearance; imposture.

**FALSENESS**, n. fols'ness.

1. Want of integrity and veracity, either in principle or in act; as the falseness of a man's heart, or his falseness to his word.
2. Duplicity; deceit; double-dealing.
3. Unfaithfulness; **treachery; perfidy; traitorousness.**

The prince is in no danger of being betrayed by the falseness, or cheated by the avarice of such a servant.

**GUILEFULNESS**, n. Deceit, secret treachery.

**HOL'LOWNESS**, n. The state of being hollow; cavity; depression of surface; excavation.

**1. Insincerity; deceitfulness; treachery.**

**INFIDEL'ITY**, n. [L. infidelitas.]

1. In general, want of faith or belief; a withholding of credit.
2. Disbelief of the inspiration of the Scriptures, or the divine original of christianity; unbelief.

There is no doubt that vanity is one principal cause of infidelity.

3. Unfaithfulness, particularly in married persons; a violation of the marriage covenant by adultery or lewdness.
4. **Breach of trust; treachery; deceit; as the infidelity of a friend or a servant. In this sense, unfaithfulness is most used.**

**INSID'IOUSNESS**, n. A watching for an opportunity to insnare; **deceitfulness; treachery.**

**PER'FIDY**, n. [L. perfidia; per and fides, faith.] The act of violating faith, a promise, vow or allegiance; treachery; the violation of a trust reposed. Perfidy is not applied to violations of contracts in ordinary pecuniary transactions, but to violations of faith or trust in friendship, in agency and office, in allegiance, in connubial engagements, and in the transactions of kings.

**PERFID'IOUS**, a. [L. perfidus; per and fidus, faithful. Per in this word signifies through, beyond, or by, aside.]

1. Violating good faith or vows; false to trust or confidence reposed; **treacherous; as a perfidious agent; a perfidious friend.** [See Perfidy.]

2. **Proceeding from treachery, or consisting in breach of faith; as a perfidious act.**

3. **Guilty of violated allegiance; as a perfidious citizen;** a man perfidious to his country.

**PERFID'IOUSNESS**, n. The quality of being perfidious; treachery; traitorousness; breach of faith, of vows or allegiance.

Not proper to be seen; kept or such as ought to be kept from observation.

**SE'CRET**, n. [L. *secretum*]

1. Something studiously concealed. A man who cannot keep his own *secrets*, will hardly keep the *secrets* of others.

To tell our own *secrets* is often folly; **to communicate those of others is treachery.**

**TRA'ITOROUSNESS**, n. Treachery; the quality of being treasonable.

**TREACHEROUS**, a. trech'erous. [See Treachery.] Violating allegiance of faith pledged; faithless; traitorous to the state or sovereign; **perfidious in private life; betraying a trust.** A man may be **treacherous to his country, or treacherous to his friend,** by violating his engagements or his faith pledged.

**UNFA'ITHFULNESS**, n. Neglect or violation of vows, promises, allegiance or other duty; breach of confidence or trust reposed; perfidiousness; treachery; as the unfaithfulness of a subject to his prince or the state; the unfaithfulness of a husband to his wife, or of a wife to her husband; the unfaithfulness of an agent, servant or officer.

**UNTRUTH**, n.

1. Contrariety to truth; falsehood.

2. Want of veracity.

3. **Treachery; want of fidelity.** Obs.

4. False assertion.

No untruth can possibly avail the patron and defender long.

As we look over these words we find the startling truth that in telling the truth and turning on one who has trusted you to keep them safe or keep a secret is treachery, unfaithfulness, betrayal, perfidy, infidelity, deceit and therefore becomes a lie!

Psalms 120:2 "Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips, *and* from a deceitful tongue."

Psalms 120:2 "Deliver<sup>H5337 (snatch away-protect)</sup> my soul,<sup>H5315 (Moral person-</sup>

physical & mental) O LORD,<sup>H3068(Self Existent One-Jehovah)</sup> from lying<sup>H8267 (untruth)</sup> lips,<sup>H4480 H8193(language)</sup> and from a deceitful<sup>H7423(treachery)</sup> tongue.<sup>H4480 H3956 (evil speaker)</sup>

So back to Judas's treachery against Jesus; His sin was in telling the truth and betraying Jesus not just because Jesus was the Son of God, but because he refused to love a brother with Agape' love, to love another life more than his own. "*Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.* Rom 13:8-10

"Judas knew how anxious they were to obtain Jesus, and offered to betray him to the chief priests and elders for a few pieces of silver. His love of money led him to agree to betray his Lord into the hands of his bitterest enemies. Satan was working directly through Judas, and in the midst of the impressive scene of the last supper, he was contriving plans to betray Jesus." {1SG 46.1 }

"Those who have been seeking to undermine the confidence of our people in the testimonies of the Spirit of God, and in the leadings of Providence in our work, will one day be revealed as having acted a part similar to that of Judas. Judas was tempted and tried, but not rising above these temptations, he lost ground, and finally went so far as to betray his Lord. Christ permitted Judas to go with the other disciples on their evangelistic tours, but on these occasions, **Judas often manifested a spirit of superiority.** He sought to exercise authority over his brethren. This spirit, unchecked, opened the way for the enemy to work upon his heart and mind, until at length he went so far as to betray his Saviour with a treacherous kiss. **There are today, among the professed people of God, some who are walking in the same path; and unless they are converted, they will one day be numbered with the open enemies of God's work for this time.**" {RH, September 9, 1909 par. 8 }

"Be afraid to stand on Satan's side, to act as his agent in receiving suggestions that will weaken and discourage those whom God loves. Be afraid to sustain and strengthen the hands of the sinner in aiding him in the least in carrying on his secret, envious workings, and in plotting against the just; for the Lord will surely punish all who engage in this kind of work. The Lord will surely take notice of you in casting reflections upon the child of God, before his brethren or before

the unbelievers.

In order to grow up into the full stature of men and women in Christ Jesus, it is necessary to search the Scriptures prayerfully, and to have fellowship with those who love and fear God. If Christ is an indwelling Saviour, **we cannot assimilate to the world.** The world crucified Jesus Christ, and is at enmity with Christ and with those who love truth, because the truth condemns the children of this world in their sinful, Christless lives. **The worldling will betray the children of God, will speak against them, and falsely accuse them.** But let no one who claims to be a follower of Christ receive the accusations that spring from the envyings and jealousies of those who love not truth. If you listen to accusations and charges against the children of God who are striving to obey the truth, you thereby become seduced by the enemy, and he will use you as his agent. **Those who live in daily communion with Christ will learn to place a proper estimate upon their brethren,** and will respect and sympathize with those who are in harmony with the pure, the good, and the true, and will condemn the course of those who are vile, profligate, and unclean before God, and despisers of his truth and righteousness. **They will not help the enemy in his work of condemning the righteous and clearing the guilty.**" {RH, December 11, 1894 par. 4}

We are warned by the messenger of the Lord that "**Those who apostatize in time of trial will bear false witness and betray their brethren, to secure their own safety. They will tell where their brethren are concealed, putting the wolves on their track.** Christ has warned us of this that we may not be surprised at the **cruel, unnatural course pursued by friends and relatives.**" *"Little children, it is the last time," John writes, "and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us."* {R. H. December 20, 1898} *1 John 2:18, 19*

So here we have those that tell (the TRUTH) about where their brethren are concealed, BEARING FALSE WITNESS! APOSTATIZING!

"Whenever persecution takes place, the spectators make decisions either for or against Christ. Because of persecution, many will be offended. The principles of the truth cut directly across their practice, and they will stumble and fall, **apostatizing from the faith they once advocated.** Many who have professed to love the truth will then show that they have no vital union with the True Vine. They will

be cut away, as branches that bear no fruit, and will **be bound up with unbelievers, scoffers, and mockers.**" {R. H. December 20, 1898}

How are they bound up? By giving information about the faithful to the wicked! **Bound in bundles to be burned! Because they believed a lie was the truth; and the truth was a lie!**

*Psalm 27:5-14* "**For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.** And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me... Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me. When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek. Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: **thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.** When my father and my mother forsake me, **(refuse to help, permit evil, relinquish me to the spoiler)** then the LORD will take me up. Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies. **Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.** I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness (character) of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait I say on the Lord"

*Psalm 61:4*"**I will abide** (turn into, sojourn,) **in thy tabernacle** (tent dwelling place, home) **for ever: I will trust** (flee for protection) **in the covert** (secret place, covering) **of thy wings.** (Hidden as under the garment, an edge, a flap as of earth)"

"Cease to do evil; learn to do well." This is the lesson each one should learn day by day. We are to walk in accordance with the will of God, who is too wise to err, and too good to do us harm. **The Redeemer met Satan's treacherous advances with the words, "It is written," and with the imperative command, "Get thee behind Me, Satan."** Christians should receive with meekness the engrafted Word, which is able to save the soul. The Word of God is a tower of strength, into which they may run and be saved." Mrs. E. G. White. {ST, September 12, 1900 par. 17}

"In this life we shall be tempted and tried. **Friends may prove treacherous; enemies may be inspired by Satan to cause sadness.** In these trials let us turn to the Strong for strength. There we shall find comfort, consolation, and tender sympathy." {YI, January 10, 1901 par. 1}

## **Elijah and the widow of Sarepta**

As we look back through Biblical history we see that nothing has really changed for Elijah faced the same problem that the people of God have

to face at this time “We have far more to fear from within than from without.” {RH, March 22, 1887 par. 3}

#6. **“Christ presented before the assembly at Nazareth a fearful truth when he declared that with backsliding Israel there was no safety for the faithful messenger of God.** They would not know his worth, or appreciate his labors. While they professed to have great zeal for the honor of God and the good of Israel, they were the worst enemies of both. **They were by precept and example leading the people farther and farther from obedience to God and purity and simplicity of faith,--leading them where he could not reveal himself as their defense in the day of trouble. God sent Elijah to the widow of Sarepta, because he could not trust him with Israel.”** {Sketches from the Life of Paul pg 230}

1Kings 17:8,- 10 “And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee. So he arose and went to Zarephath.”

## **Paul and the Apostles**

#7. Paul faced the same thing from the organized “church” of his day. He himself had worked for the “church” against the followers of Christ, until Christ stopped him on the road to Damascus: *“And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?”* Act 9:4

This dear man had to fast and pray for three days before he could see as God sees. The large organization that he had thought was the true church had rejected God and the little group of believers in Christ that he had been helping to kill were the very ones that God called the church even though they had no meeting houses or fine cathedrals to worship in, instead they met in the believer’s homes, or out in nature. See Acts 8:3; Romans 16:5; 1 Cor 16:19; Col 4:15; Philemon 1:2; Acts 16:13

“During the life of Christ on earth he had sought to lead the Jews out of their exclusiveness. The conversion of the centurion and that of the Syrophenician woman, were instances of his direct work outside of the acknowledged people of Israel. The time had now come for active and continued work among the Gentiles, of whom whole communities received the gospel gladly, and glorified God for the light of an intelligent faith. The unbelief and malice of the Jews did not turn aside the purpose of God; for a new Israel was being grafted into the old olive-tree. **The synagogues were closed against the apostles; but private houses**

were thrown open for their use, and public buildings of the Gentiles were also used in which to preach the Word of God. {8Redemption 14.2}

“The chief priests and rulers were moved with hatred against Paul, as they witnessed the effect of the relation of his experience. They saw that he boldly preached Jesus, and wrought miracles in his name, and that multitudes listened to him, and turned from their traditions, and looked upon them as being the murderers of the Son of God. Their anger was kindled, and they assembled to consult as to what was best to be done to put down the excitement. They agreed that the only safe course for them was to put Paul to death. But God knew of their intention, and angels were commissioned to guard him, that he might live to fulfill his mission, and to suffer for the name of Jesus. {1SG 93.1}

**Paul was informed that the Jews were seeking his life.** Satan led the **unbelieving Jews** to watch the gates of Damascus day and night, that as Paul should pass out of the gates; they might immediately kill him. **But the disciples in the night let him down by the wall in a basket. Here the Jews were made ashamed of their failure, and Satan's object was defeated.** And Paul went to Jerusalem to join himself to the disciples; but they were all afraid of him. They could not believe that he was a disciple. His life had been hunted by the Jews in Damascus, and his own brethren would not receive him; but Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. {1SG 93.2}

Remember the dictionary definitions up above? These “**unbelieving Jew**” in the quote above were Sabbath keepers helping their religious leaders by watching the gates of the city so that Paul could not pass through unmolested. Remember that Unbelieving = faithlessness, perfidy, treachery, disloyalty, inconstancy, as revealed to religion. Telling the truth of someone's whereabouts to a pastor or anyone else is a breaking of the 9<sup>th</sup> commandment. It was the disciples of Christ that hid Paul and let him down over the wall to safety! Thank God they understood God's will and way for Paul's life being spared or we would have very little New Testament to study and live by.

**Can YOU be trusted with the life of another individual? Can I?** Now is the time to meditate upon the character of God, as found in His Word; dear friends, for we can't be like Him until we know Him! As long as we keep putting other books ahead of the Word of God we shall never know Him as we must, if we are to go through that “*time of trouble such as never was*” Dan.12:1.

Let us pray for heavenly discernment that we might be found faith-

ful to God and to the Lamb in these last few days of earth's history. Soon we shall see civil war, slavery, famine, pestilence, we will not be able to buy or sell without complying to earthly demands. Treacherous persons will be all around us; those that we trusted and loved and have respected as faithful Christians will betray us! God has told us ahead of time so that we can mentally, physically, and spiritually prepare NOW!

“In this life we shall be tempted and tried. **Friends may prove treacherous enemies may be inspired by Satan to cause sadness.** In these trials let us turn to the Strong for strength. There we shall find comfort, consolation, and tender sympathy.” {YI, January 10, 1901 par. 1}

“Decisions will be called for and made; backsliders will either return decidedly to their allegiance to God, or they will be enrolled in the ranks of the enemy: Satan will have control of all who finally refuse to be controlled by the law of God. **He will inspire parents to war against their children, and children to war against their parents,--to betray and deliver those of their own household to enemies. Coming events are casting their shadows upon our pathway.**” {RH, April 23, 1889 par. 6}

“In India, China, Russia, and the **cities of America**, thousands of men and women are dying of starvation. **The monied men, because they have the power, control the market. They purchase at low rates all they can obtain, and then sell at greatly increased prices. This means starvation to the poorer classes, and will result in a civil war. There will be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation, even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the book. . . . Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.**”--Ms 114, 1899. {5MR 305.4}

“**Ministers** who deny the obligation of the divine law **will present from the pulpit the duty of yielding obedience to the civil authorities as ordained of God.** In legislative halls and courts of justice, commandment-keepers will be censured and misrepresented. A false coloring will be given to their words; the worst possible construction will be put upon their motives.” {4SP 409.2}

Do not be surprised if your pastor is the one who leads the pack of wolves to your door- for through the 501C3 that all “Churches” have they are told what to preach and what not to preach by the state; further-



more for the past 3 or 4 years they have been trained in leading SWAT teams to the doors of the non compliant members of their churches. God has been gracious to give us this little insight over 100 years ago to let us know how dangerous the state run churches would become.

*“But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.” 1 Corinthians.2:14- 16*

*“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 2:5*

Says the psalmist:

*“Thy testimonies are my meditation. **Through thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.**” Psalm 119:99,104.*

### **“LIBERTY IS THE VERY ESSENCE OF FAITH”**

Here is one Holy Spirit filled response of a young Scottish girl “The Conventicles were so stiled by their enemies. These were the ‘meetings’ or ‘trusting places’ of the friends of the Covenant. “Whither bound?” asked a dragoon of a servant girl, as she passed with a snow-white handkerchief concealing a Bible in her hand, on the way to a secret conventicle. ‘My Elder Brother has died,’ was her noble reply, ‘and I’m going to a meeting of the friends, and to hear the reading of His will.’” –J.C. Johnston, *Treasury of the Scottish Covenant*, p. 126

Martin Luther once stated Liberty is the very essence of Faith. D’ Aubingne’s *History of the Reformation* p. 334

The Word of God plainly tells us that: *“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” 2 Cor 3:17*

“In Close Concealment: ... Henceforth Alexander Gordon was even more obnoxious to the ruling powers than his father had been. He almost fell into the enemy’s hands at Hamilton, but one of his tenants begged him to dismount and hide. The tenants took him into the cottage and made him dress in woman’s clothing. When the pursuers came they saw a woman rocking a baby in a cradle. By this means Alexander escaped; but only to spend years in closet concealment, onften in dens and caves, often about his own house.

One day he was in his home at Earlston when a search party appeared. A friend from the village rushed to the house by a short cut and warned the laird/ Alexander hurriedly arrayed himself in old working clothes. And the dragoons found him splitting logs with a woman in the

castle courtyard. Soldiers took stations around the house, and the captain asked the wood chopper if Alexander was in the house. A negative reply was given.

“Then throw down that ax and show me through every room in the house until we find him!” commanded the angry officer.

Throwing down the ax, shrugging his shoulders, and adopting the slow, bent gait of an okd laborer, Alexander Gordon led them through the great old house in a search for himself. The servants at once saw what was happening, and not a smile or look betrayed him. Then the dragoons questioned him about the master’s hide-out in the woods, which was talked of but never found until long after the persecutions ceased. Referring to another Master, Gordon said, “My Master has no hiding place that I know of, and I’m certain that if He knew anyone was seeking Him he would show Himself in a very brief space.” But the godless soldiery did not understand the allusion, and they went away angry at having failed in their mission. Alexander Gordon’s time had not yet come. Scottish Heroes (tales of the Covenanters) –Harry W. Lowe p. 258, 159

*“The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;” Isaiah 61:1*

*“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” John 8:36*

## **“Liberty is as uniformly the handmaid of Truth, as Slavery is the companion or Error!”**

Life of Foxe and the church volume 1 pg 115

So how do we deal with all of this here and now? At this present time our job is to obey every command of the Lord, read, study, pray and partake of His precious Word until it becomes part of us. Study the lives of those that have faithfully gone before us such as Scottish Heroes ‘Tales of the covenanters’ by Harry W. Lowe; ‘History of the sufferings of the Church of Scotland’ by Robert Wodrow; ‘History of the Reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> century’ by J.H. Merle D’Aubigne; ‘History of the Waldenses’ J.A. Wylie; ‘The reformation in Scotland’ John Knox; ‘The History of Protestantism’ by J.A. Wylie; ‘Flee the Captor’ by Herbert Ford- the account of John Weidner a wonderful Sabbath keeping man of courage who helped thousands of people during the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war. Then when the crisis comes we will be so filled with the Holy Spirit that Christ’s promise will be fulfilled in us. *“But when they de-*

*liver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.” Mat 10:19*

We need to “*come ...apart into a desert place,*(away from people; alone with God), *and rest a while*” Mark 6:31 digging deeply into His Word to understand His will and way for us, so that **we do not apostatize** from the “*faith that was once delivered unto the saints.*” Jude 1:3

*“These six things doth the LORD hate: yea,  
seven are an abomination unto him:  
A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that  
shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth  
wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running  
to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies,  
and he that soweth discord among brethren.*

*Proverbs 6:16-19*

***“Be thou faithful unto death;  
and I will give thee a  
crown of life.”  
Revelation 2:10***

