



**MAN'S RELATIONSHIP
TO GOD AND
THE EARTH**

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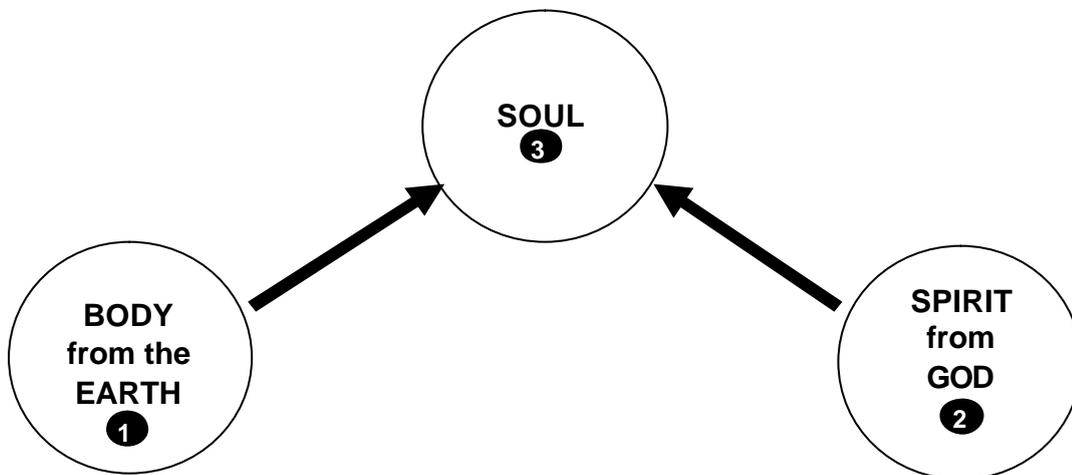
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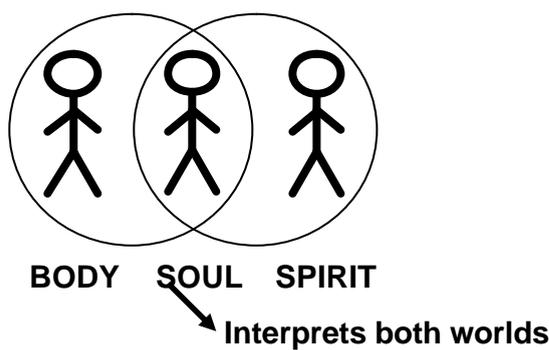
Introduction:

God first creates the earth and everything that is in it, like a “nursery” for man to enjoy. Then God creates man from the dust of the earth, so that he is able to relate to the earth and then He blows His Breath into man so that man is able to relate to Him.

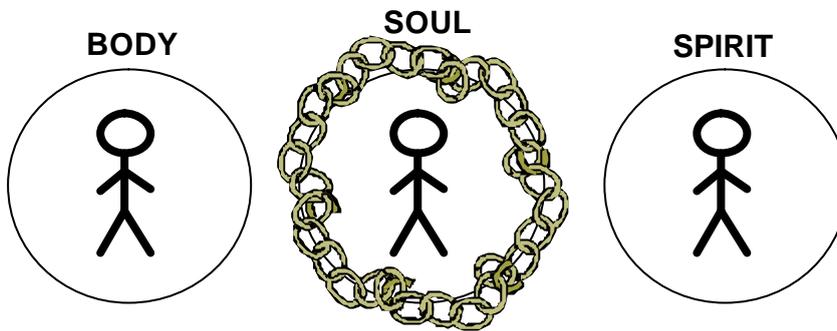
Genesis 2:7 "7 Then the Lord God formed man from the **1** *dust of the ground* and breathed into his nostrils the **2** *breath or spirit of life*, and man became a **3** *living being.*"



Gen 1:28. "Be fruitful and multiply and have dominion."



Sin separates:



Satan captures the soul – the “instrument” that we have to interpret heaven and earth through. The curse of sin corrupts fertility and dominion and therefore you will always find sexual orgies and rituals with sexual perversion where satan has hijacked the principle of multiplying and taking dominion.

The Results of the Curse:

BODY:

Rom. 3:23 *“23 Since all have sinned and are falling short of the honor and glory which God bestows and receives.”*

Hell is being fed with bodies everyday. The serpent was told he would eat the dust of the earth. Man is made from the dust of the earth.

SOUL – captive:

Mind – progressive knowledge, culture, science, philosophies.

Will – slave

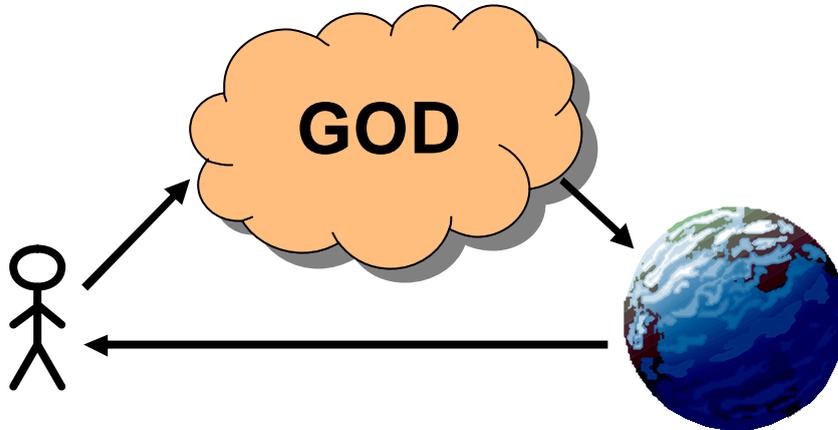
Emotions – when our emotions are wounded, we are many times led into the occult to try and find answers and relief for our pain.

SPIRIT:

Revelation knowledge is needed for the spirit-man to be born-again.

Adam was called by God to be a watchman – to govern and have dominion. He gave away that authority to satan.

Principle: Man's Relationship to God and the Earth

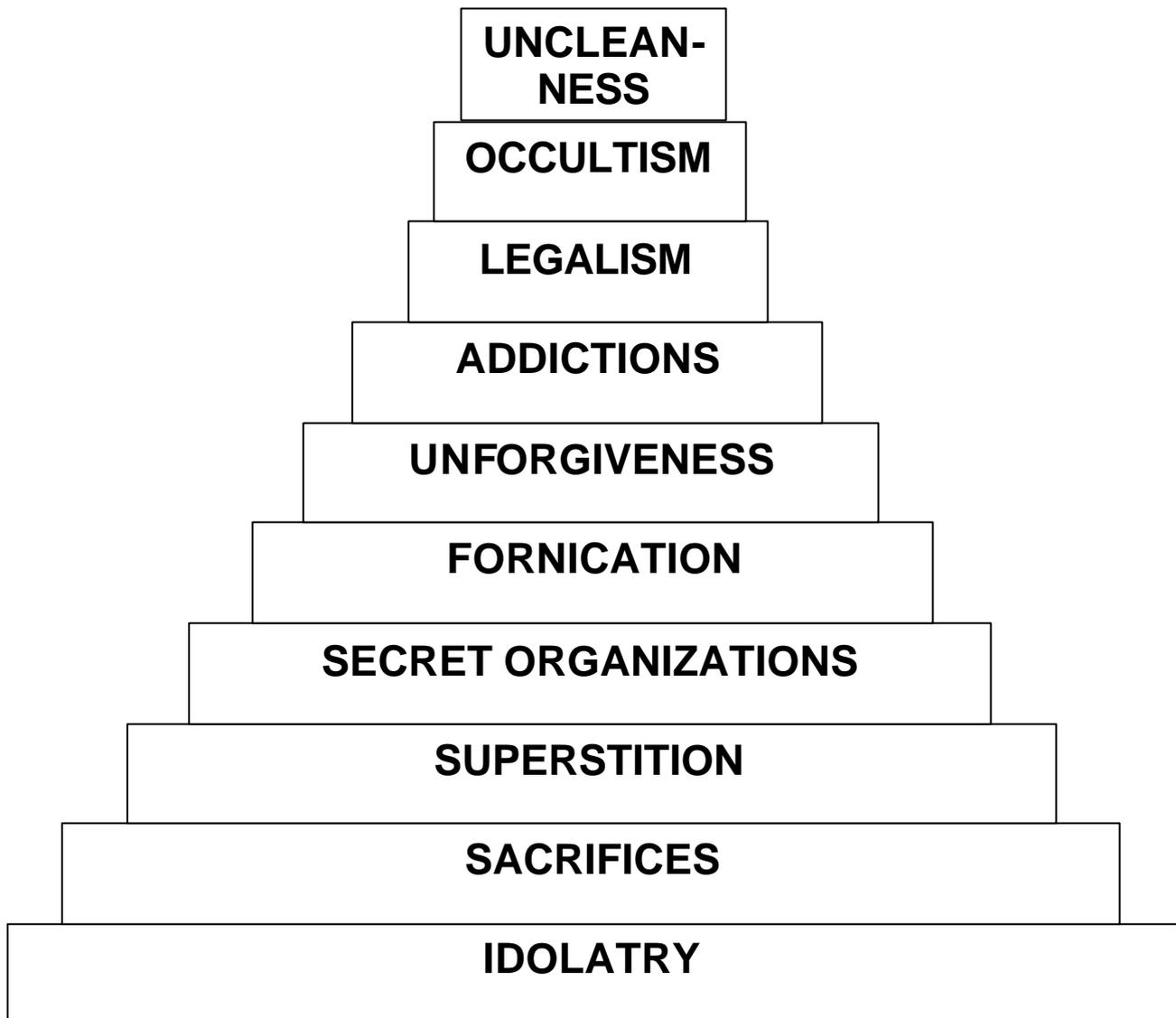


God places a very important principle in place. Man has a very important relationship with God and with the earth. As man is obedient to God who made the earth for man, the earth will yield its fruitfulness and man will prosper.

When man is disobedient to God, the earth will not yield to you.



The building blocks of how satan takes authority over the earth:



God's principle of building altars:

Ex. 20:24 "24 An **altar of earth you shall make to Me** and sacrifice on it your **burnt offerings** and your **peace offerings**, your sheep and your oxen. In every place where I record My name and cause it to be remembered **I will come to you and bless you.**"

Here God **COMMANDED** the Israelites to build an altar of earth, and He promised that He would come to bless them there.

In other words, **God blesses us at the altar of prayer.** Without an altar of prayer you cannot be blessed or attract the presence of the God of Heaven.

What is an Altar of Prayer?

1. It is simply a **place of contact** with the spirit world.
2. It is also a **place of sacrifice** and a **place of covenant**.



In the Old Testament, when God gave the promise of a land to Abraham, he quickly built an altar of prayer on the land and sacrificed to the Lord there.

What is the implication? Whenever you build an altar of sacrifice upon a piece of land, **you are drawing that land into a covenant relationship** with the god you are serving. From that time on, you are putting that land directly under the control of that spirit/spirits. From that time on he/they have a hold over that land or property.



In the New Testament however, an altar is simply a place of contact with our God. We are no longer commanded to build physical altars unto God, only spiritual ones. It is just simply a particular place at a particular time of the day when and where an individual child of God meets with his Maker.

The Old Testament altar was made of stones and wood but now, the Word teaches us in:

John 4 : 24 "24 God is a Spirit (a spiritual Being) and those who worship Him must worship Him in **spirit** and in **truth** (reality)."

We must make contact with Him in the Spirit. Your **altar location** can be in your bedroom, lounge, a garden, a mountaintop, the beach, or where ever it is convenient for you. There you can say for example: "**Dear Father, I am going to be meeting with You here everyday between 5:30 – 7 am.**"

That constitutes an altar and as you visit that place to pray, to worship and meditate, you can **be sure** the **Almighty God will regularly come to pay you a visit there.**

We have a very close relationship with the earth. We are “earth” that has been quickened by the Spirit of God.

The earth responds or reacts to who we are and what we do. Let us look at this principle in the life of **Cain**:



Gen. 4:11-16 “11 **And now you are cursed by reason of the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s [shed] blood from your hand.**

12 **When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength; you shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth [in perpetual exile, a degraded outcast].**

13 **Then Cain said to the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear.**

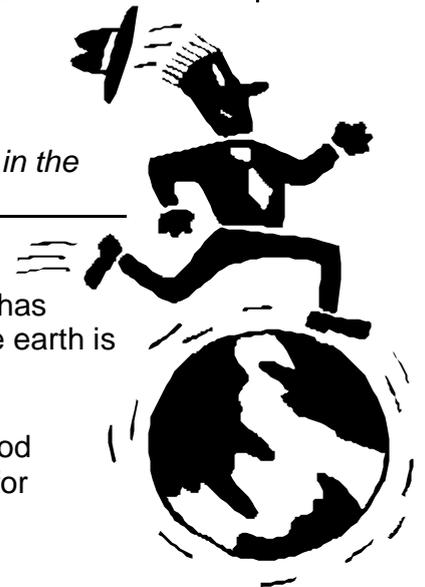
14 **Behold, You have driven me out this day from the face of the land, and from Your face I will be hidden; and I will be a fugitive and a vagabond and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.**

15 **And the Lord said to him, Therefore, if anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark or sign upon Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.**

16 **So Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod [wandering], east of Eden.”**

We learn from the scriptures that God gives the earth **authority** to curse man. The earth has **power** to prosper us, it has a **mouth** to swallow up and take away the strength of man. The earth is **alive** to God’s laws and principles.

That is why the earth can curse man. Is it not interesting that God tells man to build Him an altar **from the earth**. God has a plan for man to make peace with the earth by the principle of an altar.



God's Laws:

God created the earth and made laws for the earth, e.g. laws of gravity.

There are different laws for different categories. For example in the Church there are temple laws. There are laws in a nation, laws in a household.

We learn that there are different characteristics of law.

Territorial laws:

God understands territories – all animals, tribes, nations have territories – the lion marks his territory. Tribes in jungles mark their territories. Man has understood territories since the beginning of time. Houses have boundaries, etc. Borders of countries, etc.

God established territories by limits. E.g. Joshua – The Promised Land has boundaries.

From the beginning of ages man has understood the relationship between their god and the earth. They understand to this day that in order to rule, they need their gods established in the land where they live.

Satan hijacked the principles of territories. He put demonic boundaries in place. Those that serve satan consecrate certain places in the land, power lines / ley lines, etc. The ancient Celts understood this principle. They made sacrifices, built altars and consecrated the land to their gods.

When you see crosses on mountains – these are not Christian crosses as many of us think – they could be Celtic crosses or occultic crosses used for satan's purposes to mark his territory. High places can be in the form of monuments, cathedrals, statues, etc.



God started with the principles of building altars to consecrate the land, for example we can learn this from the lives of Abel, Noah, Jacob, etc. God starts the principle of marking the land. You need an altar to bring the earth and spiritual together.

You can affect the land positively or negatively. Cain ended up a vagabond and the land restrained its strength from him – it cast him out.

God had Moses climb a mountain at 80 years old and hold his arms up high so Joshua could win the battle.



When Joshua enters Canaan God told him to take stones from the river and builds an altar.

In the Old Testament before any war took place, God wanted His altar in the land.

A very good example from God's Word on the authority that God gives the land to curse man is in the Book of Jeremiah. It tells us about the life of a man called Josiah.



Jer. 22:16 "16 He **judged** and **defended the cause of the poor and needy**; then it was well. Was not [all] this [what it means] to know and recognize Me? says the Lord."

Josiah took care of the poor and God blessed him.

Josiah had a son called Coniah who did not walk in the ways of God and his father:

Jer. 22:17 "17 But your **eyes and your heart are only for your covetousness and dishonest gain**, for **shedding innocent blood**, for **oppression and doing violence**."

Curse on Coniah (Jer. 22:18-30):

Jeremiah 22:28 "28 Is this man [King] Coniah a **despised, broken pot**? Is he a vessel in which **no one takes pleasure**? Why are they **hurled out**, he and his royal offspring, and **cast into a land which they do not know**, understand, or recognize?"

God speaks to the earth.

Jeremiah 22:29-30 "29 **O land, land, land, hear the word of the Lord!**
30 Thus says the Lord: **Write this** man [Coniah] down as **childless**, a man who **shall not prosper** in his days, for no man of his **offspring** shall succeed in sitting upon the throne of David and ruling any more in Judah."

The earth casts out Coniah. "Earth, write down the sins of this man. Cast him out, he will never prosper, nor his children."



From the beginning of time God gave man the responsibility of looking after the earth.

Gen. 1:28 "28 And God blessed them and said to them, **Be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it** [using all its vast resources in the service of God and man]; and **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and over every living creature that moves upon the earth."

Gen. 2:15 "15 And the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to **tend and guard and keep it.**"

Man did not obey God and as a result of this the Earth writes down:

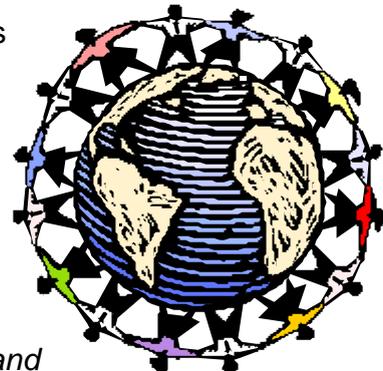
- Abortions
- Sexual abominations
- Covetousness
- Stinginess
- Drunkenness, etc., etc.



Sin has great consequences. **(Lev. 18)**

People are literally cast out from wherever they go. People leave countries, towns, because they are not prospering there. They try new work, new business, new countries, but the Earth says: "Who are you? It is written against you that you and your fathers did all these abominations – I deny to give you any strength – you will not prosper here."

God made us to be a blessing for the earth. God loves the earth. We have destroyed the earth with our sins.



Leviticus 18:24-30 "24 Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, for in all these things the nations are defiled which I am casting out before you. 25 And the **land is defiled**; therefore I visit the **iniquity of it upon it, and the land itself vomits out her inhabitants.**

26 So you shall keep My statutes and My ordinances and shall not commit any of these abominations, neither the native-born nor any stranger who sojourns among you,

27 For all these abominations have the men of the land done who were before you, and **the land is defiled**—

28 [Do none of these things] lest the **land spew you out when you defile it** as it spewed out the nation that was before you.

29 Whoever commits any of these abominations shall be **cut off** from among [his] people.

30 So keep My charge: do not practice any of these abominable customs which were practiced before you and defile yourselves by them. I am the Lord your God."



Promises of God:

"Make an altar from the earth so that I can bless you"
(Ex. 20:24).

Lev. 26: 3-13 *"3 If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments and do them,*

4 I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase and the trees of the field yield their fruit.

5 And your threshing [time] shall reach to the vintage and the vintage [time] shall reach to the sowing time, and you shall eat your bread to the full and dwell in your land securely.

6 I will give peace in the land; you shall lie down and none shall fill you with dread or make you afraid; and I will clear ferocious (wild) beasts out of the land, and no sword shall go through your land.

7 And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

8 Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

9 For I will be leaning toward you with favor and regard for you, rendering you fruitful, multiplying you, and establishing and ratifying My covenant with you.

10 And you shall eat the [abundant] old store of produce long kept, and clear out the old [to make room] for the new.

11 I will set My dwelling in and among you, and My soul shall not despise or reject or separate itself from you.

12 And I will walk in and with and among you and will be your God, and you shall be My people.

13 I am the Lord your God, Who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that you should no more be slaves; and I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect [as free men]."



Curses of God:

Lev. 26:14-33 "14 But if you will not hearken to Me and will not do all these commandments,

15 And if you spurn and despise My statutes, and if your soul despises and rejects My ordinances, so that you will not do all My commandments, but break My covenant,

16 I will do this: I will appoint over you [sudden] terror (trembling, trouble), even consumption and **fever** that consume and waste the eyes and make the [**physical**] **life pine away**. You shall **sow your seed in vain**, for your enemies shall eat it.

17 I [the Lord] will set My face against you and you shall be defeated and slain before your enemies; they who hate you shall rule over you; you shall flee when no one pursues you.

18 And if in spite of all this you still will not listen and be obedient to Me, then I will chastise and discipline you seven times more for your sins.

19 And I will break and humble your pride in your power, and I will make your heavens as **iron** [yielding no answer, no blessing, no rain] and your earth [**as sterile**] as brass.

20 And your strength shall be spent in vain, for **your land shall not yield its increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruit**.

21 If you walk contrary to Me and will not heed Me, I will bring seven times more plagues upon you, according to your sins.

22 I will loose the wild beasts of the field among you, which shall rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you few so that your roads shall be deserted and desolate.

23 If by these means you are not turned to Me but determine to walk contrary to Me,

24 I also will walk contrary to you, and I will smite you seven times for your sins.

25 And I will bring a sword upon you that shall execute the vengeance [for the breaking] of My covenant; and you shall be gathered together within your cities, and I will send the **pestilence** among you, and you shall be delivered into the hands of the enemy.

26 When I break your staff of bread and cut off your supply of food, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall ration your bread and deliver it again by weight; and you shall eat, and not be satisfied.

27 And if in spite of all this you will not listen and give heed to Me but walk contrary to Me,



28 Then I will walk contrary to you in wrath, and I also will chastise you seven times for your sins.

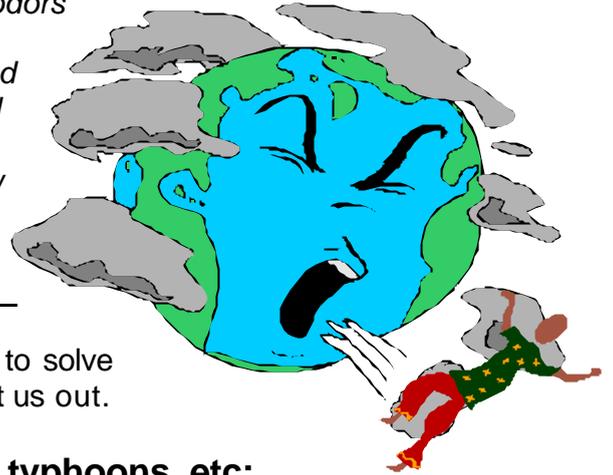
29 You shall eat the flesh of your sons and of your daughters.

30 And I will destroy your high places [devoted to idolatrous worship], and cut down your sun-images, and throw your dead bodies upon the [wrecked] bodies of your idols, and My soul shall abhor you [with deep and unutterable loathing].

31 I will lay your cities waste, bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet and soothing odors [of offerings made by fire].

32 And I will **bring the land into desolation**, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.

33 I will scatter you among the nations and draw out [your enemies'] sword after you; and **your land shall be desolate and your cities a waste.**"



Every sin is written down by the earth. We need to solve this problem or else the earth will continue to spit us out.

Hurricanes and famines, earth quakes, typhoons, etc:

Sin in the earth calls these things – floods, etc. The land is reacting to all the sins of the people.

Example 1:

There was **famine** in the land in the time of David. He seeks God for the reason and discovered that Israel had broken covenant with the Gibeonites. The seven sons of Saul had to die to break the **drought**.

2 Samuel 21:1 "1 **THERE WAS** a three-year famine in the days of David, year after year; and David inquired of the Lord. The Lord replied, It is **on account of Saul and his bloody house, for he put to death the Gibeonites.**"

Example 2:

David **counted** his army. He put his eyes on his numbers. He depended on his own strength which brought the judgment of God – 70 000 people died.

Trusting in your insurance / bank account, the arm of flesh, etc brings God's judgment! To stop the sword, we must build an altar and make a sacrifice of peace. Bring **burnt offerings** and **peace offerings**.

1 Chron 21: 18-24 *“18 Then the angel of the Lord commanded Gad to say to David that **David should go up and set up an altar to the Lord in the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.***

19 So David went up at Gad’s word, which he spoke in the name of the Lord.

20 Now Ornan was threshing wheat, and he turned back and saw the angel; and his four sons hid themselves.

21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw him, and went out from the threshing floor and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground.

*22 Then David said to Ornan, **Grant me the site of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar on it to the Lord. You shall charge me the full price for it, that the plague may be averted from the people.***

23 Ornan said to David, Take it; and let my lord the king do what is good in his eyes. I give you the oxen also for burnt offerings and the threshing sledges for wood and the wheat for the meal offering. I give it all.

*24 And King David said to Ornan, **No, but I will pay the full price. I will not take what is yours for the Lord, nor offer burnt offerings which cost me nothing.”***

God told David to build an altar in another land. This teaches us that everything does not happen only between the four walls of the church or through just praying in your home. God can tell you to go to a specific place and do a specific prophetic prayer action.

1 Chronicles 21:26 *“26 And **David built there an altar** to the Lord and offered **burnt offerings** and **peace offerings** and called upon the Lord; and He answered him by **fire from heaven upon the altar of burnt offering.**”*

God stops the sword against the people after 70 000 died when David trusted in his own strength!

That very place that was cursed with death, after the peace offering, becomes the place of the **temple site in Jerusalem.**

2 Chron 3:1 *“1 THEN SOLOMON began to **build the house of the Lord** at Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the Lord appeared to David his father, in the place that David had appointed, **on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.**”*

The Importance of Stones in the Bible:

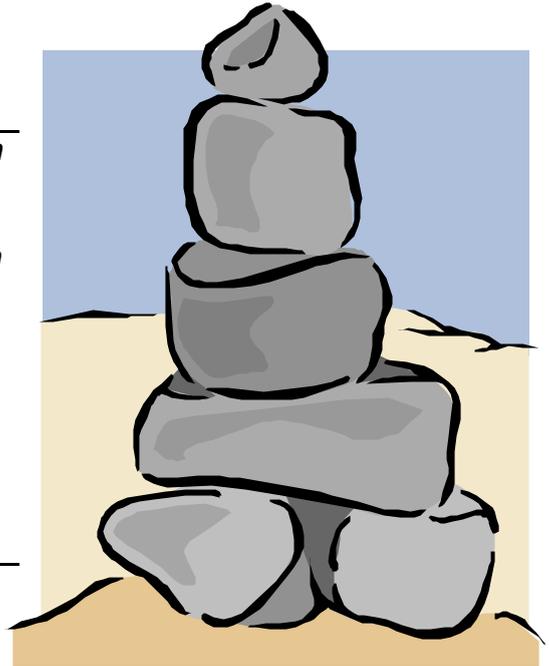
Job 5:23-26 “23 For you shall be **in league with the stones of the field**, and the **beasts of the field shall be at peace with you**.

24 And you shall know that your **tent shall be in peace**, and you shall visit your fold and **your dwelling and miss nothing [from them]**.

25 You shall know also that your **children shall be many**, and your **offspring as the grass of the earth**.

26 You shall come **to your grave in ripe old age**, and as a **shock of grain goes up [to the threshing floor] in its season**.”

God makes provision from Heaven to forgive us our sins through the Blood of Jesus.



Hebrews 10: 12-14 “12 Whereas this One [Christ], after He had **offered a single sacrifice** for our sins [that shall avail] for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,
13 Then to wait until His enemies should be made a stool beneath His feet.
14 For by a single offering He has forever **completely cleansed and perfected** those who are consecrated and made holy.”

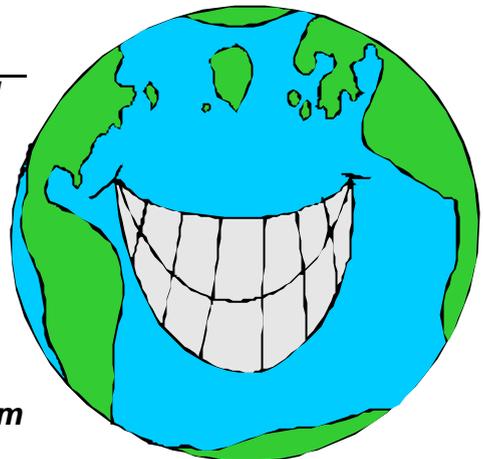
Now make a covenant with the **earth**.

Rom 8: 19-22” 19 For [even the **whole**] **creation** (all nature) **waits expectantly** and **longs** earnestly for God’s sons to be made known [waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship].

20 For the **creation** (nature) was subjected to frailty (to futility, condemned to frustration), not because of some intentional fault on its part, but by the will of Him Who so subjected it—[yet] with the hope

21 **That nature (creation) itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and corruption** [and gain an entrance] into the glorious freedom of God’s children.

22 We know that the **whole creation** [of irrational creatures] has been moaning together in the pains of labor until now.



Declare to the earth:

***I am at peace with God. I have repented of my sins before the Lord.
I am now one with the Prince of Peace. I am redeemed.
The Blood that redeemed me, redeems you. I will no longer be a curse to
you, earth, but a blessing!***

Love the earth that God loves.

Earth says: ***"I receive the sacrifice of Christ through you.
Be welcome!! I will bless you and prosper you!
You and your children will prosper and be
blessed. I will no longer vomit you out."***

We have cursed the earth with our sins. Only Jesus can pay for our sins – nothing we do can repay for what we have done to the earth. People throughout the Old and New Testament knew they had to make peace with the earth; they had to build an altar. You must bring an offering.



God is going to deliver the land:

Example: Gideon and the Midianites (**Judges 6-8**).

Gideon says to God:

Judg. 6:14-16 *"14 The Lord turned to him and said, Go in this your might, and you shall save Israel from the hand of Midian. Have I not sent you?
15 Gideon said to Him, **Oh Lord, how can I deliver Israel? Behold, my clan is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.**
16 The Lord said to him, Surely I will be with you, and you shall smite the Midianites as one man."*

God sends a prophet to Gideon. Gideon brings an offering to thank God for speaking to Him. God sends His fire and accepts his offering.

Judg. 6:23-24 *"23 The Lord said to him, Peace be to you, do not fear; you shall not die.
24 Then Gideon **built an altar there** to the Lord and called it, **The Lord is Peace.** To this day it still stands in Ophrah, which belongs to the Abiezrites."*

In these verses we see that Gideon first had to make peace with the earth because the earth had written up the sins of his fathers and that stood against him. Only after he had done this could he go and redeem the land.

Instructions to redeem the land:

Judg. 6:25-26 *“25 That night the Lord said to Gideon, Take your father’s bull, the second bull seven years old, and **pull down the altar of Baal** that your father has and cut down the Asherah [symbol of the goddess Asherah] that is beside it; 26 And **build an altar to the Lord your God on top of this stronghold with stones** laid in proper order. Then take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the Asherah which you shall cut down.”*

God asked Gideon to do a BIG thing! He had to build the altar and offer two bullocks.

1. Sin offering
2. Burnt offering

These offerings were to redeem the sins of his father.

God asks from a poor man 2 bullocks! Gideon was gripped with fear! He and 10 men went at night to destroy the altars of Baal and Asherah. These bullocks were his inheritance. God says: “Give me all you have – give me your whole heart!”

Judg. 6:34 *“34 But the **Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon with Himself** and took possession of him, and he blew a trumpet, and [the clan of] Abiezer was gathered to him.”*

God will give you His power if you are prepared to give Him all you are and all you have! You need to deal with everything in which you trust that is not God. Your money, insurance policies, medical insurance, homes, etc.

Romans 12:1 *“1 I **APPEAL** to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to **make a decisive dedication of your bodies** [presenting all your members and faculties] **as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God**, which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship.”*

Prayer:

“What do you want from me, Lord?”

[Wait upon the Lord and let Him show you specifically what you need to offer as a sacrifice for that which He wants you to do for His Kingdom.]

“Use me to deliver my nation / city / family in Jesus Name!
AMEN!”

