

Lamenting The Future Of The USA

3-28-2025 To The Genuinely Born Again Outside the USA (Part 4)



What foundations must the *genuine* live by?

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

In this Lament we offer further insight for the *genuinely* born again in other countries. We are deeply concerned that you may be embracing elements of the same demon-modified theologies that have produced the nominal Christianity that prevails throughout the US. For you to more readily understand what has taken place in Christianity in this nation, we want to make clear for you the far-reaching role of demonic activity in the US, including within nominal Christianity.

The demons are well-entrenched on earth!

The Bible makes us aware that Satan was on the earth before Adam and Eve were created. From the very moment the devil tempted them to sin, demons have relentlessly tempted both the Israelites of the Older Testament and later the *genuinely* born again (James 4:7; 1Peter 5:8,9).

❖ We who are *genuine* understand ourselves in light of the spiritual warfare we are to engage against the demons all around us (Ephesians 6:10-18). Every one of us is among our Lord's **Spirit-empowered special forces** in a war for the souls of mankind as His **redemptive ambassadors**. The moment we became *genuinely* born again we became part of a **holy remnant** in a devil-infested world.

The demons are well-entrenched in the US!

The great advantage the devil has in the US is that over 67% of Christians (more so among the nominal) refuse to believe that he even exists. This has occurred because nominal religious leaders have downplayed the devil's reality. In doing so they've been used by Satan to produce spiritually powerless Christians (2Timothy 3:5). The nominal remain captives to the devil's snare (2Timothy 2:26), refusing to use the power in our Lord Jesus' Name to evict the demons (Luke 10:17).

👉 The nominal are deluded by demons into falsely believing they are "acceptable Christians" to our Lord. They're also duped into believing that the US is a "Christian nation". This deception by the Liar (John 8:44) prevents the nominal from viewing themselves and this nation the way our Lord views it.

If you live in other countries, please realize that demonic powers now rule this federal government through their nefarious influence. Decades of nominal Christians tolerating ongoing sin and lacking concern for the eternal destiny of unbelievers have allowed the demon **Jezebel**, whose name means **"I have no co-equal,"** to rule this nation behind the scenes. This demon uses the brazen, arrogant people in our highest public offices to act deranged and chaotic—true signs of demonic rule. (For more insight, read: 6/7/2019 Prophetic Insight, [Deception Is A Pandemic Spiritual Cancer \(Part 3\)](#))

"And the great dragon...who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him" (Revelation 12:9; see 12:7-11).



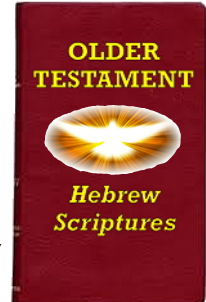
"They overcame [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death" (Revelation 12:11).



For the *genuine*, the Holy Spirit is clearly functioning in the Older Testament!

We want to discuss several vital distinctions for the *genuinely* born again around the world so that you may avoid the nominal Christianity which anti-Semitic theology has perpetuated. Biblical truth requires your earnest heart, a heart which deeply possesses loving appreciation for the price the Son of God paid for your sins. We hope you have this! The earliest *genuine* in the Newer Testament were encompassed by a heart fervor which the **Spirit-empowered special forces** of today must clearly understand.

They too were only a remnant in the vast pagan Roman Empire. Yet they had only the **indwelling Holy Spirit** and the **Older Testament** upon which to establish their faith walk. The paramount value of the Older Testament is that it's the only Scripture that existed when Paul wrote, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2Timothy 3:16,17).



The Older Testament is our initial source for understanding the Holy Spirit.

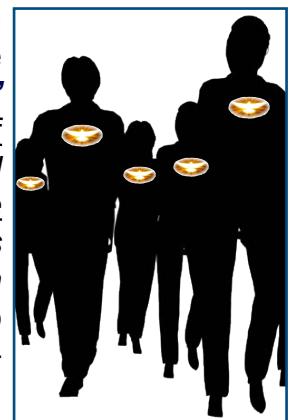
The Older Testament enlightened our Lord Jesus' first followers about the Holy Spirit Who shows up 389 times in its texts accomplishing God's will. It's because of the vital foundation of the Older Testament and the Holy Spirit that our Lord would affirm, "When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come" (John 16:13). The working of the Holy Spirit wasn't as foreign to our Lord's earliest followers as He is to the nominal Christians of today. The Spirit's various purposes for abiding within the *genuinely* reborn can't be overstated. It's only by the Spirit that truth can be understood and confirmed:

"Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. These things we speak, not in words which human wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. But a natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned" (1Corinthians 2:12-14).

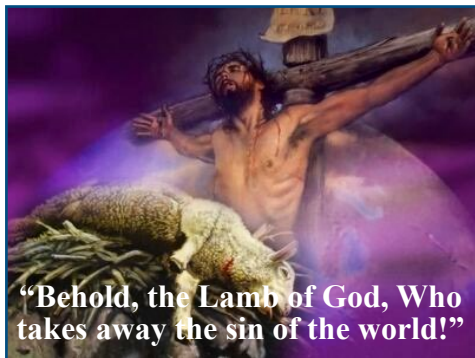
It is the Holy Spirit Who distinguishes the *genuine* from both the nominal and the unbeliever. The Apostle confirms, "We are of God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error" (1John 4:6).

The indwelling Holy Spirit is "God within the *genuine*"

Our Lord's name, "*Immanuel*"—God with us—was first prophesied in Isaiah 7:14 and fulfilled in Matthew 1:23. His name encompasses so much more than its literal meaning of "God with us." For the *genuine* His Name means, **"I don't want to go on unless the Spirit of my Lord is with me!"** Consider that Moses in the Older Testament clearly understood the futility of going on without God: "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? What else [but God's Presence] will distinguish me and Your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" (Exodus 33:15,16). It's vital for the *genuine* today to fully understand their need for the Holy Spirit. You don't want to go on without Him at work both in and through you.



The Older Testament instills an appreciation for our Lord's atonement.



In the Older Testament we first become acquainted with the substitutionary payment for sin. That's why we've so often affirmed that the Older Testament should be taught to unbelievers first in order for them to have a grateful and loving appreciation for what the Son of God did for them.

In the Older Testament we are made aware that the man who sinned brought a lamb before the priests, and the man himself slaughtered the lamb. Through this bloody act the Holy and Righteous God was underscoring how heinous sin is to Him. He was preparing us to deeply and lovingly appreciate that the

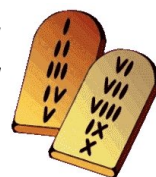
divine Son of God became a human to be our sacrificial Lamb.

👉 We previously discussed **persistent sinning** in our 2-26-2025 article, [To The Genuinely Born Again Outside the USA \(Part 1\)](#), “No one who abides in [Jesus] keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him” (1John 3:6; also 3:9). Persistent sinning is a primary identifier of nominal Christianity. The influence of anti-Semitic theology both nullifies the Older Testament and the eternal ramifications of persistent sinning. As a result, many false ‘gospels’ in nominal Christianity in the US fail to instill a deep appreciation for our Lord’s sacrifice for their sins and the reality that we would be eternally lost without trust in His sacrifice on our behalf.

The Older Testament establishes the mandate for obeying our Lord’s commands.

When our Lord Jesus commands us, “If you love Me, you will keep My commands” (John 14:15), He is building on a profound heartfelt way of life, an ongoing way of obedient trust that God demanded in the Older Testament. Our Lord is insisting that the *genuinely* born again live with the same fervor of obedience as was demanded of the Israelites:

“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates” (Deuteronomy 6:5-9; see also Exodus 20:6).



It is because the *genuine* have heartfelt loving appreciation for our Lord’s atonement that we are fervent to obey His commands. We resist the demons which are trying to deter us from our love-grounded obedience. Our Lord Jesus warns the *genuine* for all time in the Newer Testament, “*Therefore whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven*” (Matthew 5:19).

👉 As the “**ME-centeredness**” of Humanism which exalts **personal happiness without moral boundaries** has infused itself into pulpit preaching in the US for decades, our Lord’s commands have become irrelevant to nominal Christians. This is why the *genuine* must never allow the nominal to influence us!

In the Older Testament our Lord begins to reveal His power and might.

God revealed His mighty power on behalf of the Israelites. Moses talks about God's outstretched arm causing awe-inspiring events: “*Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation*

out of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, like all the things the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?" (Deuteronomy 4:34; also 5:15; 7:19; 9:29). Jeremiah too speaks of the greatness of our Lord: "Ah, Sovereign LORD, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You" (Jeremiah 32:17; see Romans 1:19,20).

Our Lord makes a profound statement to Israel and to all the *genuine*, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the LORD Almighty" (Zechariah 4:6). "By My Spirit" entails epic means for the *genuine* to live by. It's not what the *genuine* accomplish for our Lord, but rather what His Spirit accomplishes through us. If you're *genuine*, then trust our Lord's assurance, "Whoever trusts in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father" (John 14:12; see also Mark 16:17,18; James 5:16-18). This is why the indwelling Holy Spirit apportions His gifts for a division of labor in the Kingdom. His functioning through the genuine enables us to be guided and empowered to fulfill our Father's purposes. The *genuine* never view themselves through human capability, but rather through what the divine power of the Holy Spirit can do through them. We refuse to be oblivious to our Lord's power and purpose as His **spiritually-empowered redemptive ambassadors**.

The Older Testament reveals the vital character quality of humility.



The way of life for the *genuinely* born again is wonderfully summed up by Paul: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by trust in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). He clearly understood the indwelling nature of our Lord's Spirit, and he deeply appreciated Jesus' atonement on his behalf. It's through this understanding that the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write, "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3). As a follower of Jesus who clearly discerned the foundational importance of the Older Testament, Paul was affirming the inner quality of the Israelites who were dear to our Lord: "But on this one will I look with favor: on him who is humble and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word" (Isaiah 66:2).

❖ All the genuine must recognize this humble distinctive about themselves.

After reading the Older Testament the *genuine* are humbled by their own sinful depravity and the immense price which the Son of God paid for their sins. They willingly live repentantly because of their profound love for the One Whom their sins offend. The *genuine* have no high view of themselves or their capabilities, but rather of Him Who is indwelling them. Scripture isn't insulting the early followers of our Lord when it states, "For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong...so that no one may boast before Him" (1Corinthians 1:26,27,29). It's the power of our Lord's Spirit within us Who makes all the difference! Our Lord's encouragement to Paul is true for all the *genuine*: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness" (2Corinthians 12:9a).

We want to affirm an essential truth concerning the *genuine* as is articulated in God's Word: **Through the New Covenant in Christ you've been offered these treasures: •a very personal and interactive relationship with our heavenly Father as you do His will •living ruled by Jesus as your Lord and Savior •and guided and empowered by the indwelling Holy Spirit.**