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It is unusual that the Lord directs me to prepare *Light Up the Scriptures* on any other day but Tuesday. He did it this week, and toward the end of our study tonight, you'll understand why.

We need to begin tonight in **Genesis 19**; the story is the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah and the deliverance from that destruction of Lot and his immediate family. Lot, we will recall, was a “wanna-be” who *went* with Abram when Abram was called by YaHoVeH.

One of the principles to me of this story is that we can tell whether the Father's specific calling and choosing is on someone by what they amount to. Abram was not directed to *take* Lot; Lot just tagged along. His presence inspired strife between the two men by way of their servants tending the herds, a situation, which Abram solved by permitting Lot to choose what appeared to be the best part of the land to settle for himself. But what became of Lot? He disappears from the Scriptures after Genesis 19, until Asaph mentions his name in Psalm 83:

**83 O Elohim, let there not be silence ^oon Your part;
Do not be ^lsilent, and do not be ^lquiet, O El.
2 For behold, Your enemies^l, they are clamoring,
And those hating You, they lift up their head.
3 ^{on}Against Your people are they ^carrying on deliberation
in ^lcraftiness,
And they are intriguing ^{on}against Your secluded^l ones.
4 They say, ^{go}Come, and let us suppress them ^fas a nation,
⁺That the name of Israel not be ^lremembered any ^{fr}more.
5 For they have intrigued in heart together;
^{on}Against You are they contracting a covenant,
6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites,
Moab and the Hagarites,
7 Gebal and Ammon and Amalek,
Philistia with the dwellers^l of Tyre;
8 Even Assyria is allied with them;
They have become an arm to the sons of Lot.**

In Psalm 83, Lot is known for his incest-begotten, bastard offspring, who are numbered among the enemies of Israel. Yeshua mentioned Lot in **Luke 17:26-29**, by way of giving the Pharisees a historical reference as He clued them in to their potential fate.

Luke 17:26-29

"And according as it occurred in the days of Noah, thus will it be in the days of the Son of Mankind also.

27 They ate, they drank, they married, they took out in marriage, until the day on which Noah entered into the ark, and the deluge came and destroys them all.

28 "Likewise, according as it occurred in the days of Lot, they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built.

29 Yet on the day in which Lot came out from Sodom, fire and sulphur rains from heaven and destroys them all.

Peter referred to, "**the just man, Lot**" who, the Apostle says in **2 Peter 2:8**, "**Tormented his just soul by their lawless acts.**"

How just was Lot? Who forced him to live among the Sodomites? What did He amount to, other than a historical bookmark, and the father of people who, like the Edomites descended from Esau much later, could be numbered among Israel's enemies?

When Lot attempted to save his sons-in-law, along with his wife and two daughters, from the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, his sons-in law perceived him, the text says in Genesis 19:14, "**As making fun.**" In other words, Lot had no credibility outside of those in his own house, and one of them, Lot's wife, was unbelieving and more self-interested than following simple instructions from the messengers of YaHoVeH.

Let's pick up the story in **Genesis 19:24**

Then Yahweh, He caused sulphur to rain on Sodom and on Gomorrah, and fire from Yahweh from the heavens. 25 Thus He overturned these cities and the entire basin and all those dwelling in the cities, and everything sprouting from the ground.

26 Yet his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a monument of salt.

Besides the other lessons learned from these events in Genesis 19, pay special attention to verse 26: *Yet his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a monument of salt.*

If we want to see what's going on in people's lives or in lands we have left behind us, not only will our forward progress cease; so will our very lives. Looking behind at people and things past is beyond life threatening; it is life ending.

Stay with this thought of what comes of looking behind, and look with me at Luke 17, and let's pick it up at verse 28:

Luke 17:28-35

28 *"Likewise, according as it occurred in the days of Lot, they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built.*

Yet on the day in which Lot came out from Sodom, fire and sulphur rains from heaven and destroys them all.

30 *In accord with these will it be on the day in which the Son of Mankind is unveiled.*

31 *In that day, he who shall be on the housetop and his gear in his house, let him not be descending to pick it up. And let the one in the field likewise not turn back to that behind him.*

32 **Remember Lot's wife.**

33 *Whosoever should be seeking to procure his soul will be destroying it, yet whoever should be destroying it will cause it to live.*

One three-word instruction comes toward the end of the Lord's illustration that parallels the Day of the Lord with two historical disasters. Look again at verses 31 and 32:

31 *"In that day, he who shall be on the housetop and his gear in his house, let him not be descending to pick it up. And let the one in the field likewise not turn back to that behind him.*

32 **Remember Lot's wife.**

Looking behind is an effort to save or procure one's soul, as Yeshua says in verse 33, perhaps to soften the blow, if possible, of the destruction going on behind you. Or, maybe Yeshua used these words and the example of Lot's wife because He knew very well – and knows today – the pull of family, friends, possessions, etc., on the emotions of our old humanity. It's as if Yeshua is saying, *"When I come for you, don't be looking for stuff or people to take with you; come or don't, but I'm on the move and I won't wait for you to take some kind of inventory of your past."*

The rest of the Luke 17 Scripture

Luke 17:34-35

34 *"I am saying to you, in this night there will be two on one couch; the one shall be taken along and the other shall be left.*

35 *There will be two grinding at the same place; the one shall be taken along, yet the other shall be left."*

When we will agree with the destruction, even of our own fleshly lives – when we die to ourselves, as we have studied before – and give up our lives entirely to the Father, for Him to work out His character in us, then and only then do we live ... as the Apostle Paul said in **Galatians 2:20-21**:

With Christ have I been crucified, yet I am living; no longer I, but living in me is Christ. Now that which I am now living in flesh, I am living in faith that is of the Son of God, Who loves me, and gives Himself up for me.

21 I am not repudiating the grace of God, for if righteousness is through law, consequently Christ died gratuitously.

I have to declare tonight that these Scriptures are taking place in our midst, even before their complete fulfillment globally. I am watching – I have been watching as one proceeds and one stops to look behind; one is taken and another is left. Some may think I am over-reaching here; so be it, the Father knows, and to Him alone do we answer ultimately.

How many times have we visited **Isaiah 43**, and we're here again, in **verses 18-19**:

*Do not be mindful of the former things,
And do not consider those preceding.
19 Behold, I am doing a new thing; Now it is sprouting;
Do you not know it?*

The open question at the end of verse 19 and its wording suggests that YaHoVeH knew that His audience – the people of Israel – did NOT know it; they had no idea what He was doing, let alone that it was “*a new thing.*”

Paraphrasing can be dangerous, but I see an instruction in **Isaiah 43:18-19** that is new to me. Here it is:

Invest no time or thought contemplating the past, and while you're at it, give up what you think you know or even what you wonder about the future. In any case, you're wrong, and why? Because what I am doing now has never been done before; it's been germinating in a hidden place, and is only now beginning to sprout. Are you too busy minding past things and considering what you think about life today and tomorrow, to notice the tiny head of what I am doing that you did not know, begin to emerge above the surface? Why aren't you paying attention?

The Apostle Paul had a similar message that we have looked at many times before, in **Philippians 3:13-14**:

13 Brethren, not as yet am I reckoning myself to have grasped, yet one thing – forgetting, indeed, those things which are behind, yet stretching out to those in front – 14 toward the goal am I pursuing for the prize of God's calling above in the Messiah Yeshua.

15 Whoever, then, are **mature, may be disposed to this**, and if in anything you are differently disposed, this also shall God reveal to you.

“If you are *NOT* mature,” Paul didn’t need to say, but his words imply it, “you’ll be embroiled and enmeshed in your past – those things, those relationships – which you ought to have already left behind. Far more important it is for us to invest our time, energy, attention -- even our financial resources – on the only true goal, “for the prize of God’s calling above in the Messiah Yeshua.”

Look now at the principles we can learn through what the Lord said in **Luke 9:57-10:3**:

And at their going in the road, someone said to Him, “I will be following Thee wheresoever Thou mayest be coming away, Lord!”

58 *And Yeshua said to him, “The jackals have burrows and the flying creatures of heaven roosts, yet the Son of Mankind has no where that He may be reclining His head.”*

This man tried to call himself, kind of like Lot. Yeshua knew he didn’t have what it takes, or *He* would have called the man as he does in verse 59 coming up. He scared the guy off with something as small as wondering where he would sleep. How many people today could wonder, “*What’s going to happen to me if I follow the Lord? Where will I live ... How will I live if I give Him my life?*”

The principle here is this: No one can give himself or herself a genuine calling.

59 *Now He said to a different one, “Follow Me!” Yet he said, “Lord, permit me first to come away to entomb my father.”*

60 *Yet He said to him, “Let the dead entomb their own dead. Yet you, coming away, publish the kingdom of God.”*

The principle here is this: The Lord alone chooses from among those to whom He calls. Those individuals may decide to come along or not. Those who do will leave everything behind, including relationships closest to them, because everyone of the past is dead and, therefore, potentially deadly.

61 *Now a different one also said, “I shall be following Thee, Lord! Yet first permit me to take leave of those in my home.”*

62 *Yet Yeshua said to him, “No one, putting forth his hand on a plow and looking behind, is fit in the kingdom of God.”*

This is a second witness to the principle that I cannot call myself, nor can you call yourself. The other principle contained in this section is this: Looking back makes you and me unfit to serve. The Lord is not “back there”; He’s out in front. He’s calling,

but He's not waiting around to see if you're following; and the more you look behind, the further in front He is and the more distance there is between you and Him.

Chapter 10

1 Now after these things **the Lord indicates seventy-two others** also, and He dispatches them two by two before His face into every city and place where He was about to be entering.

2 Now He said to them, "The harvest, indeed, is vast, yet the workers are few. Beseech, then, the Lord of the harvest, so that He should be ejecting workers into His harvest."

The Lord has no problem finding those who will serve Him. The Scriptures recount the example of three men earlier, only one of whom He chose. To the other two, Yeshua said, effectively, "You don't have what it takes; you'll never make it." Then, after demonstrating the two principles we picked out of this **Luke 9** account, the Lord proceeded to choose 72 men right away to do something extraordinary and unprecedented. We don't read about anyone debating with Him, or asking to go back for anyone or to take care of *anything* first. Yeshua ends with a quick but powerful "heads-up":

Luke 10:3

3 Go! Lo! I am dispatching you as lambs in the midst of wolves."

This was *such* an important warning to the 72 "evangelist missionaries" that Yeshua had just commissioned. It sounds on the surface like He was, "throwing them to the wolves" as we think of that phrase today. I think it means something different: that Yeshua's goal was to raise their attention level, in the Spirit, to the environment they would face in the world, which was highly religious, extremely polluted, and not friendly in many ways toward this upstart message that threatened the established order. It's as if Yeshua could have said, "OK, you guys are fully equipped; I'm commissioning you to herald the kingdom on my behalf, but let me tell you that the environment you're going into can swallow you up if you aren't careful. Don't think you can do battle with the enemies on their terms; stay in the Spirit – walk in the spiritual authority I've conferred on you – and you'll do fine."

What does all this about not looking back, not focusing attention on the past, and reaching forward have to do with you and me right now?

This past Sunday, September 15, 2013, was the 1-year anniversary to the day of a Jammie Church message entitled, "It's a New Day." I'm going to read some of the notes from that study, because the declarations that were made then about what *would* happen, which Barbara and I repeated many times over the next year, have now happened. Everything shifted over this past weekend, climaxing on Sunday, and the "flinging" that Barbara talked about last week before *Light Up the Scriptures*, has begun in earnest.

When BoEason's Mastermind group, made up of movers and shakers in various fields, heard Barbara's story, they responded to it unanimously with instant acceptance, recognition of credibility, and an earnest desire to assist its success; no slogging through a religious swamp that judges and contends against the word of God ... quite the opposite. Barbara encountered not one shred of resistance, to the point that after she told her story in 2 minutes – and she was the last one of the group – Bo Eason, who had critiqued everyone before her, helping them hone and refine their message, said, *"I can't add anything to that. It is complete."* He proceeded to ask the group, *"Has anyone here seen Jesus? We want to know more about that, don't we?"*

Everyone also told their stories with some wild variations: Bo told Barbara to pretend that her audience did not understand English. She began speaking in tongues and told the group, *"I'd deliver the whole thing in tongues, and they'd have to get it by the Spirit."* The entire group howled in sheer delight over the spontaneity and inventiveness of her approach. They weren't offended in the least; they thought it was wonderful, and it led to some interesting conversations later. One person said, *"Barbara, you have real street cred. You're not religious; I believe you; Jesus came to you; you have a great posse at your side."*

These people don't know the Father the way you and I do. They may not even be saved as you and I understand it, but they are in many cases already *living* by His principles, or are, at the very least, aware of them by the spirit. What's more, they are *willing* and even *eager* to know more about the Lord, and to do what it takes to realize His grace in their lives! To these people and hundreds of millions more around the globe, Barbara's story is not only *totally* believable, but she inspires *trust* as she holds up the Father's love to others.

Hasn't the Lord been asking human beings throughout our history to trust Him? Isn't that the message of the conciliation? Barbara is becoming a recognized **"Conciliation Expert"** in a world that is starving to know the REAL Yeshua, the One Who meets needs and heals hurts, and Who has been standing at the door and knocking. My take is that the noise of religion has made it difficult up to now to *hear* the Lord knocking; after all, He said, *"I am meek and humble in heart."*

Here's some of what Barbara shared on Sunday, September 16, 2012:

It's a new day for the team at Jammie Church, there's a new order for the house in this day of visitation.

Calls, how are you doing? I'll always be doing great, praise God. It's a realm, it's a choice, choose life! What's up? Where are you, what do you need? NEXT!

Perfunctory, time wasting born of familiarity, not birthed of the spirit. As we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we should know how someone's doing! That's not rude, that's purposeful stewardship of the call, life and time. The rest is learned behavior that's time to be unlearned. We're not a coffee clutch here. We are about God's purpose. So, let's hit the high points. What's the purpose, let's get on with it, WHEN God says you can call, feel free to. You have a life; I have a life and should have imparted enough into your lives by now for you to live the victory. That's a low level, form of communication that has no place here. Come up to the call, the purpose to victory. I have, are you coming? It's a choice, choose life.

Titus 2:1-8 (CJB)

But you, explain what kind of behavior goes along with sound teaching. 2 Tell the older men to be serious, sensible, self-controlled and sound in their trust, love and perseverance.

3 Likewise, tell the older women to behave the way people leading a holy life should. They shouldn't be slanderers or slaves to excessive drinking. They should teach what is good, 4 thus training the younger women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled and pure, to take good care of their homes and submit to their husbands. In this way, God's message will not be brought into disgrace.

6 Similarly, urge the young men to be self-controlled, 7 and in everything set them an example yourself by doing what is good. When you are teaching, have integrity and be serious; 8 let everything you say be so wholesome that an opponent will be put to shame because he will have nothing bad to say about us.

All the time we've been together, for your freedom, your training, now it's time to take off the training wheels and ride into your call, your passion. After 30 years, Jesus was commissioned. After 14 years Paul was commissioned. After 3 years with Jesus, the disciples were sent out. God has set me apart for Himself to go forward into a new time and season in His presence. Now is my time and I will honor God's call, to come away with Him, then go forth and tell of God's love to a generation that doesn't know Him. How shall they hear unless someone goes?

Timothy, for Paul, the disciples for Jesus, Elisha for Elijah; were honored to serve and received of the overflow. They weren't looking for pabulum nor to be babied or spoon-fed, but rather just to serve and be around that anointing to receive of the overflow, the pattern, the example. You've each had it to the degree you received it. Now Elisha, what will you do when your Elijah is taken up from you? How you received of that overflow will show, will determine the direction of your life. We

never know that there will be another chance to receive and familiarity would tempt into believing things will always be this way and that mentality costs more than we should ever want to pay. The times and seasons Ecclesiastes 3 speaks of. Wisdom shows us to honor those held in high esteem and regard those God has in your life, for one day the chariots came for Elijah, one day Jesus was taken up to the Father's right hand. Who's lined up for a double portion? The gaining of wisdom is the best possible outcome. One year ago, 5 weeks of our lives were invested that your lives be transformed. It's time for the next sphere:

2 Corinthians 10:12-16 (NASB)

For we are not bold to class or compare ourselves with some of those who commend themselves; but when they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding. 13 But we will not boast beyond our measure, but within the measure of the sphere which God apportioned to us as a measure, to reach even as far as you. 14 For we are not overextending ourselves, as if we did not reach to you, for we were the first to come even as far as you in the gospel of Christ; 15 not boasting beyond our measure, that is, in other men's labors, but with the hope that as your faith grows, we will be, within our sphere, enlarged even more by you, 16 so as to preach the gospel even to the regions beyond you, and not to boast in what has been accomplished in the sphere of another.

I thank God you've each learned of the ways of the Lord intimately and are moving forward in mature relationships with your Lord who so jealously desires His utmost place with each of us.

The day vision in Dana Point of the limousine coming for me. When I got in I could never go back. So let's live every day to the fullest while moving forward in faith, hope and expectancy! We each were healed, delivered and set free for God to use us! The hearts of all will be tested. The next 3 months will determine the direction of each of our lives.

Share vision of the second generation sharing with the founding fathers and mothers ... YOU! [Let me break off here to ask, how does this image fit, not three months later, but a full year later?]

"Barbara is SO sweet," newcomers will say, as you all look at each other, thinking, "Oh, if you only knew what WE went through to be here today!"

The next generation, those who come after you, won't have had to go through all that you have. You may think your journey has been intense, but there are those who have gone before you to prepare a road for you to travel. We want to stay so

close to God that the overflow, the residue from our vessels is enough to heal the sick, raise the dead, and be everything God wants to flow through pure pots for His purposes to this generation.

The overflow from Jesus to His disciples ... Then the overflow through them to their world with His power and authority. The overflow from Elijah into Elisha, who did greater works than Elijah.

We want to take full advantage of all God has in our lives and is doing, for there's a day the voice goes silent. We want to have taken advantage of all God was flowing through when our Elijah was here.

*We've been through the fire, through the earthquake. Like Elijah, we need to do whatever it takes to hear that still small voice and give the correct answer to the Lord's question, **"What are you doing here Elijah?"***

That was one year ago. Two years ago, Barbara and I were in the middle of a five-week missionary trip to New England, which turned out to be a literal and massive redetermining of the direction in the lives of those who were a part of all that took place then. Some people dropped away afterward, others came and went throughout the next two years. Everyone who was there at the birthing and is still listening has seen miracles, signs and wonders occur over and over again, while undergoing massive change; and some are still in that most uncomfortable process, because, the Scripture says, in **Hebrews 12:29**, **"Our God is also a consuming fire."** The author of Hebrews was quoting **Numbers 4:24**. Look at what this says, beginning with verse 23:

*Guard your selves lest you forget the covenant of Yahweh your Elohim that He contracted with you, and so you make for yourselves a carving, a physical representation of anything, against which Yahweh your Elohim had instructed you; 24 for Yahweh your Elohim, **He is a devouring fire, a jealous El.***

The Father's "purpose of the eons," as Paul stated it, is to head up the all in the Christ – in the Messiah – both that in the heavens and that on the Earth, and to be All in all at the consummation. I'm now going off the reservation here to say that so long as we have "a physical representation of anything, against which Yahweh your Elohim had instructed [us]," we will rob ourselves of true and profound intimacy with Him. What I am trying hard Not to say is that I believe that our crosses, our statues, our pictures or portraits of the Lord, are included in the injunction I just read from Numbers and they keep us distant from the Father.

I *never* intended to go here tonight, when I read the Scripture in Numbers, I was struck to my core. I am well aware that the Numbers 4 Scripture applies specifically to Israel and the pagan idols they carried with them and fell victim to throughout their history. I grant the context, but I cannot escape the principle that in the faith of the Lord Yeshua HaMashiach, the Father makes His *home* with us, as Yeshua said in John 14. He does so because of what Yeshua accomplished when He gave up His life; and what the Father accomplished when He raised Yeshua out from among the dead into a body that was beyond the reach of death, took Him up into the heavens, and seated Him at His right hand.

No one in the first century would have imagined a cross to symbolize their faith. The cross was a fearful, terrorizing image, symbolizing the most horrific suffering and the most ignominious death. Early believers in Yeshua invented the symbol of a fish, not a cross!

Have we forgotten the Scripture that says, *“I will put my law within them, and I shall write it on their heart”*? Isn't that what has happened to you and me because we have confessed our faith on the Lord, being baptized into His name, and received the Father's Spirit into ourselves?

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ **Behold, the days are coming, averring is Yahweh, +when I will contract a new covenant`with the house of Israel and`the house of Judah** ³² **Not like the covenant which I contracted`with their fathers in the day I`held fast`i`onto their hand to`bring them forth from the land of Egypt, which`covenant of Mine they themselves annulled +while I` was Possessor`i`over them, averring is Yahweh.** ³³ **For this is the covenant which I shall contract`with the house of Israel after`those`days, averring is Yahweh:**

**I will`put`My law`i` within them,
And I shall write it on their heart;
+ I will become their`>`Elohim,
And they` shall become My`>` people.**

³⁴ **+ No`i`fr`longer shall they teach, each man`his associate,
And each man`his brother,`>` Saying`-: Know`Yahweh!
For they` all shall know`Me,
`>` From the smallest of them +`fr`to the greatest of them,
averring is Yahweh;
For I shall pardon`>` their depravity,
And I shall not remember`>` their sin any`fr`longer.**

I promise you, it was not my intention to raise this issue, but now that I have, I believe it may be as close to the Father's heart as Yeshua's name, because we need no external symbol beyond the testimony of our lives to bear witness to His worthiness of all glory and honor and praise. What would happen if we gave up our "carvings" and our "physical representations of anything"? And while we're at it, what if we pulled down every religious notion we were ever taught and simply give our hearts to the Father to put His law within us and write it in our hearts? Ought not we, who know the Lord, go there first? Are we not accountable to demonstrate the Father's righteousness, because we embody His character, and therefore fulfill His law in our lives, because it was written on our hearts when we confessed our faith in the Lord Yeshua? If we look at an outward representation of anything, do we at the same time dull our recognition of what is inward? I would submit that at the Dais of Christ, we will bring no crosses; we will bring only our bodies, souls, and spirits, and receive our award not based on the number of outward symbols we had but on the presence of the Father in our hearts and minds as demonstrated by how we lived our lives. I pray we will be found amounting to more than Lot!

There is much more happening that the Father is restraining me from sharing with you. We are today *smack* in the midst of that which was spoken during Jammie Church a year ago, and countless other prophetic utterances that followed throughout the past year, all of which foretold exactly where we *would* be. As it is written several places in the New Testament Scriptures, "**according to that which was spoken.**"

God knew exactly where each of us would be today, spiritually and practically. As I read Barbara's notes from a year ago, I cannot escape the realization that the Father extended His timing from three months to twelve on behalf of the ecclesia. The time for the words to be fulfilled that were spoken last year, arrived three days ago.

The Father knows, and more than likely, you also know where you were by this past Sunday morning in your relationship to Him, and the realization of Him in every area of your life. Were the Lord to return tonight, I pray that each of us could face Him with boldness and confidence that we wasted no time or breath or word, but discharged fully, and are yet discharging, our accountability for all that the Father has done in our lives.

1 John 4:16-19:

And we know and believe the love which God has in us. God is love, and he who is remaining in love is remaining in God, and God is remaining in him.

17 In this is love perfected with us, that we may have boldness in the day of judging, seeing that, according as He is, so are we also in this world.

18 *Fear is not in love, but perfect love is casting out fear, for fear has chastening. Now he who is fearing is not perfected in love.*

19 *We are loving God, for He first loves us.*

By now, we know quite well that the love that the Apostle John referred to is Agape; and we also know that agape is not some ooey-gooey emotion; not the kind of soupy love that pats you on your head and says, "There, there now, Darling; everything's going to be alright." Not at all. This is the love of the Father that stops at nothing short of our completion and the completion of His eonian purpose. Think of Agape as the consuming fire of the Father's Spirit that burns up everything in you that doesn't match His character, everything that resists or opposes Him and His purpose; the purpose of which is to mold you into His image literally, if by any means. Our success is determined by our teachability and willingness to take to heart the Apostle Paul's instruction in **Romans 12:1-2**:

*I am entreating you, then, brethren, by the pities of God, to present your bodies a sacrifice, living, holy, well pleasing to God, your logical divine service,
2 and not to be configured to this eon, but to be transformed by the renewing of your mind, for you to be testing what is the will of God, good and well pleasing and perfect.*

Remember the Lord's words in **Luke 18:16-17**:

"Let the little children be coming to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the kingdom of God.

17 *Verily, I am saying to you, Whoever should not be receiving the kingdom of God as a little child, may under no circumstances be entering into it."*

When you're tempted to think it too hard a task to fulfill the purpose for which you were created, remember to come to the Father as a child, for so you are, and He loves you.

I'm going to close our time tonight differently from all other *Light Up the Scriptures*. This is how Barbara closed every Jammie Church:

Jude 24

*Now to Him Who is able to guard you from tripping, and to stand you flawless in sight of His glory, in exultation,
25 to the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, might and authority before the entire eon, now, as well as for all the eons. Amen!*