Baring Fruit in Perfection Luke 8:1-18; John 15:5-8 (Jesus was teaching the Kingdom)

We saw last week that God created the heaven and the earth, but the LORD also reveals why He created. God created them as a temporary "tent to dwell in". (Psalm 40) The LORD will dwell with His righteous people where sin is no more. (Revelation 21:1-7; 22:15) Last week we saw the walk of faith as the condition for our entrance into the 7th Day called "His Rest". Since sin has been introduced into the world, God's people need to "Come out from among them and be ye perfect" (II Corinthians 6:14-18) (sanctified, separated, holy are synonymous) from this world then unto God. (only God's purpose)

In anticipation of the fall of man, God made the provision of light for "sanctification". We saw the heavens declaring the glory of God (Psalm 19) last week; now in Romans 1, God will manifest Himself, even His Godhead, through creation. Creation day 1 speaks of sanctification, without which no one could "enter the Kingdom" or "bare fruit in perfection" (be established or sanctified) Luke 8:4-18.

I. First Day of Creation

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Genesis 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

- A. The "light" is figurative— (luminaries created on day 4) | | Corinthians 3:13-4:7
 - 1. The light was created by God Genesis 1:3
 - 2. This light is not Christ He was not created John 1:1-3
 - 3. The life of Christ is the light of men (the light was in Christ) John 1:4-5
 - 4. Jesus came a "light into the world" John 12:46
 - 5. God's Word is a lamp to the feet, light unto the path Psalm 119:130; 119:105
 - 6. Christ declares the God no man has seen John 1:18
- B. "Light" came into the world by Christ Genesis 1:3-4; Deuteronomy 18:15-19
 - 1. Christ separated the light from the darkness: Genesis 1:4
 - 2. Jesus followers shall not be in darkness, but have the "light of life" John 8:12; John 9:4-5
 - 3. After the beatitudes, Christ called His people the "light of the world" Matthew 5:13-20
 - 4. God's people are commanded to "walk in the light" I John 2:8-12
 - 5. God is light and in Him is no darkness walk in light as He is in the light I John 1:5-7
 - 6. Christ sends His people to do the same thing God sent Christ to do John 20.21

God sends His Servant (The Creator) to Restore the remnant of Israel to their rightful place



Isaiah 42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. Isaiah 42:2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. Isaiah 42:3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench:

he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

Isaiah 42:4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

Isaiah 42:5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

Isaiah 42:6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; (Psalm 119:105, 130; Rev 22:5)

Isaiah 42:7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

Isaiah 42:8 I *am* the LORD: that *is* my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Isaiah 42:9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Isaiah 42:10 Sing unto the LORD a new song, *and* his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

Isaiah 42:11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their voice*, the villages *that* Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

When Israel is restored they will be a light to the Gentiles, the early church was a type:

<u>Isaiah 62:2</u> And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

II. The Establishment of Marriage – What is God teaching? – We need to marry another Generations of the heavens and the earth – Mankind Innocent – Had done nothing to be ashamed Genesis 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,

No rain in the garden – Prophetic anticipation of the coming Flood

<u>Genesis 2:5</u> And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground.

Genesis 2:6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

The LORD God planted a garden – Why? (<u>Isaiah 40</u>) – Tent to dwell in - type of (<u>Revelation 21-22</u>) <u>Genesis 2:8</u> And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.

Genesis 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:10 And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads.

Genesis 2:11 The name of the first *is* Pison: that *is* it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold;

Genesis 2:12 And the gold of that land *is* good: there *is* bdellium and the onyx stone.

Genesis 2:13 And the name of the second river *is* Gihon: the same *is* it that compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia.

Genesis 2:14 And the name of the third river *is* Hiddekel: that *is* it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* Euphrates.

The LORD God took the man into the garden

<u>Genesis 2:15</u> And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

God's Word to the man

<u>Genesis 2:16</u> And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

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The LORD God is going to make an help meet for the man

Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

But first man must name all the animals

<u>Genesis 2:19</u> And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.

Genesis 2:20 And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.

Then Adam has some surgery

<u>Genesis 2:21</u> And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Genesis 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Adam speaks God's Words at the presentation of his bride

<u>Genesis 2:23</u> And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Condition of the first couple in the garden

Genesis 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

III. The antitype of the "first" marriage

After an admonition to walk in the light that makes manifest the things that are reproved

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; **Ephesians 5:26** That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Why does Christ go to all this bother? – A Prophetic Metaphor

Ephesians 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Husbands ought to love their wives as they love themselves Men already have "self-esteem" built in Ephesians 5:28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself

Ephesians 5:29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

Does this sound like something you have just read? - Yes, it is a quote from Adam

Ephesians 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

Ephesians 5:31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

Ephesians 5:32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife *see* that she reverence *her* husband.

Paul also, inspired by God, also spoke about the church being espoused to and presented to Christ II Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

We will see the bride as the wife: (Revelation 19.7-9; 21.1-27)

IV. The first attack on the Word - A Subtraction, Addition, and Denial

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.

And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Eve's Response – Addition to the Word

Genesis 3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

Genesis 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Satan responds back to the woman – A denial of God's Word

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Genesis 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Eve pondering the twisted words gives in to the "lust of the eye, lust of the flesh, and pride of life"

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. (I Timothy 2:15

V. Innocency has been lost – Sin has consequences – Relationship with God turns to fear Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. **Adam passes the blame on to Eve**

Genesis 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

Genesis 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

Genesis 3:11 And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Genesis 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Eve passes the blame on to the snake

<u>Genesis 3:13</u> And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

The LORD God cursed the serpent

<u>Genesis 3:14</u> And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

The LORD gives an important prophecy – The Seed of the Woman will prevail over the seed of satan <u>Genesis 3:15</u> And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Multiplied sorrow for the woman sinner

<u>Genesis 3:16</u> Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

God curses the ground as consequence for Adam's sin

<u>Genesis 3:17</u> And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life;

Genesis 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; **Genesis 3:19** In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

God speaks faith and a prophecy through Adam – Faith knowing God will perform what He says Genesis 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

In anticipation of the cross - A covering of skins from an animal - Another Messianic prophecy

Genesis 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

The Trinity puts forth Adam and Eve from the tree of knowledge of good and evil

Genesis 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Genesis 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

Genesis 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

VI. Result of Man's Fall - the world is wearing down, Evolution teaches it's getting better

In an epistle to Rome, the Apostle is desirous of teaching at Rome to the end they may be established Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

The revelation of God's righteousness and wrath compared and contrasted for He manifests Himself Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

Romans 1:19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.

God manifests Himself through creation

Romans 1:20 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:

But "they" did not glorify Him when "they" knew Him – They became vain, unclean, and immoral Romans 1:21 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.

Romans 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Romans 1:23 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.

Romans 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

They mistreat God's Word

Romans 1:25 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.

Romans 1:26 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:

Romans 1:27 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.

They did not like to retain God in their knowledge so they are turned over to a reprobate mind.

Romans 1:28 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;

Romans 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Romans 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

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Romans 1:31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Romans 1:32 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.

There are no excuses – You judge and do the same things

Romans 2:1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

Romans 2:2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

Romans 2:3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Romans 2:5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

The Judgment of God will be rendered to everyman according to His deeds

Romans 2:6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

Romans 2:7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

Romans 2:8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

VI. Justification – Doers of the Word shall be justified – deeds means "WORKS"

Romans 2:13 (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

Romans 2:14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

Romans 2:15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

Romans 2:16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

No one is justified by the Deeds (works) of the Law! – we see how many have twisted Ephesians 2:8-10

Romans 2:17 Behold, thou art called a Jew, and restest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,

Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Romans 3:22 Even the righteousness of God *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

A man is justified by faith without the deeds (works) of the Law

Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Romans 3:25 Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Romans 3:26 To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

Romans 3:27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: **Ephesians 2:9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

VII. Sanctification – comes from studying and doing the Word

Sanctification means separation – the thought, separation from the world, and unto God Characteristics of a High Priest

Hebrews 5:1 For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:

Hebrews 5:2 Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.

Hebrews 5:3 And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.

Hebrews 5:4 And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

Christ is the Superior High Priest

<u>Hebrews 5:5</u> So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

Hebrews 5:6 As he saith also in another *place*, Thou *art* a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. **Christ learned obedience by the things which He suffered**

<u>Hebrews 5:7</u> Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

Hebrews 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; So, He was made Perfect

<u>Hebrews 5:9</u> And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him:

Hebrews 5:10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

But many people, "we", are dull of hearing and therefore do not hear His Word

<u>Hebrews 5:11</u> Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

The dull of hearing only know the first principles (milk) but need a steady diet of meat of the Word Hebrews 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Those that use milk are unskillful in the Word of Righteousness,

<u>Hebrews 5:13</u> For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. **Strong meat is for the full of age.**

Hebrews 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Leave the first principals and go on to perfection – not the loop of confession and dead works

<u>Hebrews 6:1</u> Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

Hebrews 6:2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Hebrews 6:3 And this will we do, if God permit.

The person stuck in the loop is apart from God!

<u>Hebrews 6:4</u> For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

Hebrews 6:5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

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Hebrews 6:6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame.

The earth with good works is blessed by God - Metaphor of good fruit

<u>Hebrews 6:7</u> For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

Metaphor of bad fruit

<u>Hebrews 6:8</u> But that which beareth thorns and briers *is* rejected, and *is* nigh unto cursing; whose end *is* to be burned.

God is righteous and will not forget our good works

<u>Hebrews 6:9</u> But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

Hebrews 6:10 For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

The fruitful keep full assurance of hope unto the end and will receive the promise

<u>Hebrews 6:11</u> And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

Hebrews 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

The promise is sealed by God's name

<u>Hebrews 6:13</u> For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,

Hebrews 6:14 Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee.

Hebrews 6:15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

Hebrews 6:16 For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation *is* to them an end of all strife.

God immutable counsel by two immutable things is an anchor of the soul (Sanctification)

<u>Hebrews 6:17</u> Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed *it* by an oath:

Hebrews 6:18 That by two immutable things, in which *it was* impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

Hebrews 6:19 Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

Hebrews 6:20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

For our work in Sanctification - Our "forerunner" inside the veil was sent with the Father's Words

<u>Deuteronomy 18:18</u> I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

Deuteronomy 18:19 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.

When He came He did not come with His own Words, but the Father's Words

John 12:45 And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me.

John 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

John 12:47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

John 12:48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

John 12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

John 12:50 And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

Our forerunner's command to us:

<u>John 20:21</u> Then said Jesus to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

Again, the LORD's command, If Peter loved Him...

John 21:15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

John 21:16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

John 21:17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

VIII. How do we fight the battle with Satan's deception and sin?

A. Recon ourselves Dead so we can Marry Another – Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:1-7

Romans 7:1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

Romans 7:2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband.

Romans 7:3 So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

Romans 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

B. The Battle with Satan is in the Mind

Romans 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Romans 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Romans 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

C. Solution is to "Walk in the Spirit" – Remember – In Him was life and that was the light of men?

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

Romans 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

D. How? – Mind the things of the Spirit – How? <u>I Corinthians 2:9-16</u> – Acting on the Word, of course <u>Romans 8:5</u> For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.