

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year 2024, everyone!

Isaiah 7:14 "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

"My staff Beauty" Zechariah 11-12 12/17/23

Today, we'd like to see the title of "My staff Beauty" in Zechariah 11-12.

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- Q1. In 11:10, "And I took my staff, Beauty, and cut it in two, that I might break the covenant which I had made with all the peoples," what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?
- Q2. In 11:17, "Woe to the worthless [idle] shepherd, Who leaves the flock! A sword *shall* be against his arm And against his right eye; His arm shall completely wither, And his right eye shall be totally blinded," what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?
- Q3. In 12:5, "And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem *are* my strength in the LORD of hosts, their God'," what does it mean in the context? And what can we learn from here?

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

When Persia conquered Babylon in 536 BC, Cyrus king allowed Jews to return to Judah and to rebuild their temple in Jerusalem. So, Zerubbabel (Governor) & Joshua (Priest) returned in the 1st return with about 5,000 to rebuild the temple, but they were ceased for 14 years (from 534 BC to 520 BC) by adversaries. As of 520 BC, Haggai & Zechariah the prophets encouraged them to finish the rebuilding it, putting God 1st or best before any others. Zechariah's 1st prophecy was delivered in the two (2) months after Haggai's 1st prophecy.

(Zechariah 1:1) "In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying,"

In the 2nd year of Darius, people were awakened spiritually to rebuild the temple. The prophecy in Chapter 7 came in the 4th year of Darius. The temple was being finished in the 6th year of Darius. So it took 4 years to have finished rebuilding the temple in Ezra 6:14-15, "So the elders of the Jews built, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they built and finished *it*, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the command of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. ¹⁵ Now the temple was finished on the third day of the month of Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of King Darius."

After the temple was completed, Zechariah prophesied about Israel's future, which describes the 1st and 2nd comings of Jesus Christ from the chapter 9 to the last chapter 14. Some prophecies were fulfilled, likely about 500 years later the Messiah came.

This chapter 11 is about the desolation of Jerusalem in 70 AD after Jesus' crucifixion. And chapter 12 is about the deliverance of Israel throughout the present time.

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

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¹Open your doors, O Lebanon,
That fire may devour your cedars.

² Wail, O cypress, for the cedar has fallen,
Because the mighty *trees* are ruined.
Wail, O oaks of Bashan,
For the thick forest has come down.

³ There is the sound of wailing shepherds!
For their glory is in ruins.

There is the sound of roaring lions!
For the pride of the Jordan is in ruins.

⁴ Thus says the LORD my God, "Feed the flock for slaughter, ⁵ whose owners slaughter them and feel no guilt; those who sell them say, 'Blessed be the LORD, for I am rich'; and their shepherds do not pity them. ⁶ For I will no longer pity the inhabitants of the land," says the LORD. "But indeed I will give everyone into his neighbor's hand and into the hand of his king. They shall attack the land, and I will not deliver *them* from their hand."

⁷ So I fed the flock for slaughter, in particular the poor of the flock. I took for myself two staffs: the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bonds; and I fed the flock. ⁸ I dismissed the three shepherds in one month. My soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me. ⁹ Then I said, "I will not feed you. Let what is dying die, and what is perishing perish. Let those that are left eat each other's flesh."

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1-3= (Rome armies in the sound of roaring lions invaded through Lebanon the north to Israel against Jerusalem, with tremendous slaughter in 70 AD by Titus. All around things were destroyed such as cypress trees, oaks of Bashan, thick forest, shepherds' glory, and the Jordan's pride)

4-6= (The shepherds feed the flock for slaughter, the owners slaughter their flock without guilt, and the sellers care only own richness regardless of the flock's sake; no shepherds have compassion on the flock. Likewise, God has no longer compassion on Jews. In history, they, a million Jews, were killed by not only Romans but also by other Jews the neighbor mob, looter, or their king. The Jews who did survive were sold as slaves into other countries. God allowed so because Israel rejected the Lord and committed sin.)

7-9= (God allowed the flock to be slaughtered. God took 2 shepherds' staffs and named the one as Beauty and the other as Bonds. God cut off their 3 evil shepherds, who hated God and were hated by God, in one month. The 3 shepherds were not known in history yet but were likely their leaders such as the high priest, the rulers of Jews, and their governors who were cut off when Rome conquered the land. In the horrible siege of Titus the Roman general in 70 AD, hungry and starving Jews died and some of them turned to cannibalism.)

- ¹⁰ And I took my staff, Beauty, and cut it in two, that I might break the covenant which I had made with all the peoples.
- ¹¹ So it was broken on that day. Thus the poor of the flock, who were watching me, knew that it *was* the word of the LORD.
- ¹² Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give *me* my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty *pieces* of silver.

 ¹³ And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty *pieces* of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter.
- ¹⁴ Then I cut in two my other staff, Bonds, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.
- ¹⁵ And the LORD said to me, "Next, take for yourself the implements of a foolish shepherd. ¹⁶ For indeed I will raise up a shepherd in the land *who* will not care for those who are cut off, nor seek the young, nor heal those that are broken, nor feed those that still stand. But he will eat the flesh of the fat and tear their hooves in pieces.
- 17 "Woe to the worthless [idle] shepherd,Who leaves the flock!A sword *shall be* against his arm

- 10=Q1 (God said on the 1st covenant, I will be your God, you shall be My people, and you will be well, if you obey My voice. However, when this staff Beauty Jesus Christ who had been sent by God but was crucified, cut off, cut asunder through them, God broke this covenant. *Jeremiah* 7:23¹)
- 11= (The faithful remnants including His disciples knew God's word.)
- 12-13=(The 30 pieces or shekels of silver were the price paid to the victim gored or stricken bloodily by an ox; This price was the wages of God or the Son of God the Beauty, fulfilled by Judas Iscariot who (1) received the amount for betraying Jesus and later (2) returned it to the chief priests who bought the potter's field for the strangers' graves, as Zechariah delivered God's word as Jeremiah had delivered His word earlier. Ex 21:32; Mat 27:3-9°)
- 14= (The bonds or the union between Judah and Israel broke into numerous factions in NT time Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians, and Zealots.)
- 15-16=Q2 (God allows Jews to take tools or operations of a foolish shepherd not to care for dying, the young, the injured, and the surviving Jews, but to take own profits out of the victims, like eating the flesh of the fat sheep and tearing off their hooves)
- 17=Q2 (The coming antichrist is called here the idle or worthless shepherd. God will finally handle him like against his arm, and his right eye. The antichrist is called in the Scripture by

¹ *Jeremiah* 7:23 But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.'

² Ex 21:32 If the ox gores a male or female servant, he shall give to their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned; *Mat* 27:3-9 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴ saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What *is that* to us? You see *to it!*" ⁵ Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself. ⁶ But the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because they are the price of blood." ⁷ And they consulted together and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. ⁸ Therefore that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. ⁹ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of the children of Israel priced,

And against his right eye; His arm shall completely wither, And his right eye shall be totally blinded."

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¹The burden of the word of the LORD against [for] Israel. Thus says the LORD, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him: 2 "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. ³ And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

⁴ In that day," says the LORD, "I will strike every horse with confusion, and its rider with madness; I will open My eyes on the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.

⁵ And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem are my strength in the LORD of hosts, their God.'

many different names, the son of perdition, the man of sin, and the beast, and he is going to be a world ruler. As long as the influence of the Holy Spirit is in the world, in the church, the antichrist cannot be revealed. I think he's in the world today, probably one of the prominent figures in the world today. I do believe where he will soon be revealed. But I'm looking for Jesus Christ to come and to take me to be with Him in the air. 2 Thess 2:3; John 17:123)

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1-3= (Here is the word of God for Israel. God stretched forth the heavens, the God who laid the foundation of the earth, and put His Spirit, the spirit of man within him, on the Pentecost, after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Since Israel was declared a nation on 5/14/1948, all surrounding peoples have attacked Israel like drunkenness. such as Svria. Jordan. Lebanon. Egypt, today even Hamas and Hezbollah against Judah and Jerusalem. But God has preserved Jerusalem as a very heavy stone or immovable stone against all surrounding peoples who are scattered away in pieces. See Ezekiel 38 & 39 for details. *Acts* 2:1-4⁴)

4= (Now, this is a great future war against Jerusalem. It is Armageddon war. God will handle the antichrist and antisemitism nations by striking every horse with confusion, its rider with madness, and striking every horse with blindness and by putting His eyes on the house of Judah)

5=Q3 (So, when the Lord on white horse stands on the Mount of Olives with His armies, the governors of Judah say themselves, our strength in the Lord of hosts. Zech 14:45)

³ 2 Thessalonians 2:3Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition; *John 17:12*While I was with them in the world, I kept them in our name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

⁴ Acts 2:1-4 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Zech 14:4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, *Making* a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

⁶ In that day I will make the governors of Judah like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place—Jerusalem.

⁷ "The LORD will save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall not become greater than that of Judah. ⁸ In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David *shall be* like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them. ⁹ It shall be in that day *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

¹⁰ "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only *son*, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

¹¹ In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹² And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the

6-9= (God steps in once more into history to defend His people Israel against this invading armies. The Lord makes the governors of Judah like a firepan, a fire torch against all the surrounding peoples, saving the tents or houses of Judah including the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. God's judgment will come against the nations that attacked against Jerusalem *Rev* 12:6°)

10= (When the Lord set His foot upon the mount of Olives and God will give them the Spirit of grace and supplication. This Spirit convicts them to know His freely given unmerited favor the salvation and His supplication of a place protected from the antichrist. And they will look upon Jesus whom they pierced, mourning and grieving for Jesus the only son and first born of God. All the people on the earth during the great tribulation will realize that Jesus the man who was pierced and killed for all the people' sin but 144,000 Jews and other gentiles to be beheaded will repent and accept the Lord Jesus Christ the savior because the present believers will be caught up with the Lord, called "raptured," in the air, before the great tribulation Rev 1:7; Phil 2:10; 1 Thes 4:177)

11-14= (Hada Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo could be the place where king Josiah was killed and his people - such as the family of David and their wives, the family of Nathan and their wives, the family of Levi and their wives, the family of Shimei and their wives, and every family and their wives -- greatly mourned. The plain

⁶ Rev 12:6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

⁷ Rev 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen; *Phil 2:10* that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth; *1 Thes 4:17* Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹³ the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴ all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.

of Megiddo is likely the place of Armageddon war. 2 Chronicles 35:22-25⁸)

Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- All Scripture Expositional Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that actual experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jer 23:28; Ne 8:8).

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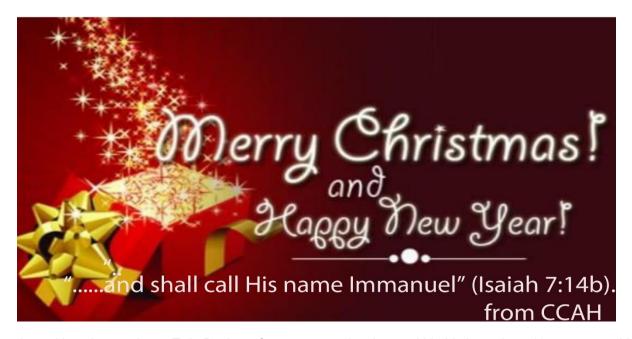


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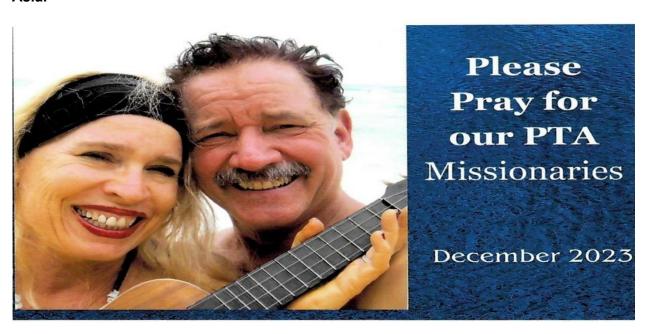
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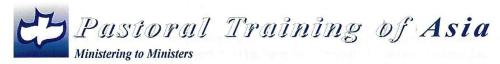
⁸ 2 Chronicles 35:22-25 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself so that he might fight with him, and did not heed the words of Necho from the mouth of God. So he came to fight in the Valley of Megiddo.²³ And the archers shot King Josiah; and the king said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am severely wounded." ²⁴ His servants therefore took him out of that chariot and put him in the second chariot that he had, and they brought him to Jerusalem. So he died, and was buried in *one of* the tombs of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. ²⁵ Jeremiah also lamented for Josiah. And to this day all the singing men and the singing women speak of Josiah in their lamentations. They made it a custom in Israel; and indeed they *are* written in the Laments.



Annual last day service at Twin Peak conference center has been withheld since about 10 years ago; It's reopened at 10 AM the 2023 recall & 2024 ready service on 12/30/23 at the veteran chapel, Rose Hills Memorial Park Gate 10, located at 10080 Rose Hills Road, Whittier, CA 90601. https://tinyurl.com/473a8ahe You are cordially invited. The brunch will be provided. Let's see if the Lord permits. "Better to go to the house of mourning Than to go to the house of feasting, For that *is* the end of all men; And the living will take *it* to heart" (Eccl 7:2). https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izhMX1bm4tU

Keep on Prayer and Love for the missionaries of Pastoral Training Association (PTA) for Asia.





Dear Calvary Chapel Pastor,

December 2023

ALMOST EVERYONE WAS IN TEARS, INCLUDING THE INTERPRETER: THE PHILIPPINES

Shonda moved the entire church sharing her personal testimony of Salvation. Her story of having a drug addict mother and an alcoholic father with poverty and shame kept everyone's eyes on my Beloved. Having a kitchen void of food, never visiting a dentist or doctor, led the State of California to remove the children and place them in foster care. The good news is that Shonda received Christ and transformation took place. Shonda started going to C.C.C.M. back in 1969. Personal testimony is a vital part of our training in Evangelismas each participant shares their own testimony.





The neighborhood where the teams shared the Good News 31 PEOPLE ASKED JESUS INTO THEIR HEARTS! It was time to go house to house and it was raining, we prayed for God to intervene, and He did! It slowed down for 2 hours as our participants joyfully went with the Gospel. As soon as they all came back it started to pour. One new believer needed glasses to read the Bible. Little did they know we brought a big box of reading glasses! The joy that filled that church was matched by the angels in Heaven rejoicing! Luke 15:10. Please PRAY for these new Believers. St. Catalina, Negros Island.

PIETNAM Even the name Vietnam brings penetrating emotions and memories to my generation. I have Veteran friends (Pastor Ron Wilkins, CC Pacific Coast) that are suffering the effects of Agent Orange, exposed while serving in Vietnam. This chemical never goes away and every year during the beginning of the rainy season, it is recycled into the air and soil. One such year, we were teaching in the Underground Church and after the rain, I got a rash all over my back. My pastor friend, while riding a motorcycle, had to pull over as he was too dizzy to drive. We thank God that the reign of Christ can wash



away both sin and guilt and bring newness of life. We were so blessed to have two weeks with our Vietnamese friends teaching Inductive Method of Bible Study, Evangelism and Marriage & Family.

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The communist government still persecutes Christians, especially the tribal Christians. We heard a Tribal Evangelist was killed by the police for sharing Christ. Pray for the tribal Christians as there are 53 tribal groups also called Montagnard. Our PTA Training is in demand.

THE PHILIPPINES: 50 RECEIVE JESUS! IN BANGA, AKLAN, PANAY ISLAND One participant cried recalling her struggle and hardships in her battle for survival of the world's value system. The tears were falling as she told her story of salvation of Jesus Christ. Another closed her store for the 4-day seminar and church members gave her money so she could put gas in her scooter to get there. She said, "Now, I learned how to do verse by verse study of the Bible and bring this to my church members!" The teams evangelized in homes, in a local barber shop and even to criminals in the back of a police car and the policemen who had arrested them! God got all the Glory!



PRAYER REQUEST 1. RADIO STATION: FEBC will pay for everything we just manage and provide office space. It has been a couple years since we started this, all waiting on the government as we are waiting for a frequency. PRAY, as one million Filipinos can be reached! 2. Pray that Missions (the Great Commission) would become more central to the church as overall mission work is at an all-time low. This was the roots of Calvary Chapel: evangelism!! We were there in 1969, sharing Jesus every day, we need a revival!!

Would you consider supporting our Mission? We will give you monthly reports, use your support wisely and be a blessing to your Church. If not, would you please put us on your monthly prayer list. Thanks!

Your Calvary Missionaries for Asia,

Jim & Shonda Davis

We moved from the US to the Philippines in 1987. I was the Senior Pastor at Calvary Chapel Mission Viejo, CA.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

https://www.calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/Q&A.htm

Q 1. How many members or offerings are at CCAH?

A 1. People say, "How many people have been saved?" we don't know, but God knows, although we acknowledge that God has arranged over 1,000 units of communities, 7 sober living facilities, over 200 units of veteran community, KJV English & RVR Spanish Bibles & 200 lunches per week for the homeless, and over a million online counters (Mat 22:2). It doesn't matter. It's something we leave the numbers with God. He knows those that are His and that's the important thing. Therefore, we don't worry about the numbers of the members and of tithes and offerings because God has given the increase, He has added them to CCAH so far (1 Cor 3:7; Acts 2:47; 2 Sam 24:1-3), not as we have done at all, and CCAH is His own church (souls), the Lord's church, purchased with His blood (Mat 16:18; 1 Cor 6:20). Since His foolishness is wiser than men, such as all men's visions/ plans/ programs (1 Cor 1:25; Zechariah 4:6), and His thoughts unto each soul are more in number than the sand (Psalm 139:17-18), we are just active obedient followers of the Lord, "Let CCAH go, let God." And if you did indeed receive the increase, why do you boast as if you had not received it? (1 Cor 4:7)

For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ (2 Cor 2:17), CCAH continues faithfully in teaching the entire Bible simply without alteration, fellowship, communion, and prayers, being the witnesses to Christ, powered with the Spirit, in Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8; 2:42, 47). The truth the Word of God matters wherever - offline, indoor, outdoor, online, at sea, or in sky - and whenever - Sunday, Saturday, weekday, every day, this generation time, or the future generation time (John 5:39; 17:17). Touchable over 1,000 souls by offline and foreseeable over 1 million souls by online at CCAH are being fed by the whole counsel of God throughout the Spirit, living by every His word (1 John 2:27; Luke 4:4). CCAH does care about each soul because we believe that everybody is impartially created by God in His image -- regardless of race, gender, age, wealth, or education such as Caucasian, male, young age, rich, Ivy league graduate, or not-- and that the eternal value of each soul is much greater than the value of any material/ temporal/ perishable things on the earth (James 3:17; Mat 16:26).

When God leads, God provides. So, we don't seek money because it follows the faith in the almighty Lord by the love of God. Therefore, we never ask people for money, but would offer what we have to the Lord and pray Him to handle the issues (like Andrew rather than Philip in John 6:6-9). We can discern our each mind before the Lord, as how much portion of each expense to the Lord is how much love for Him (Luke 12:34; 21:2-3). We know that any offering to God without willing mind is not accepted by God (2 Cor 8:12). CCAH has been controlled not by money even in the capitalism society but by almighty God. The foundation of CCAH finance has begun from a homeless person's 2 dime offering to the Lord for CCAH at the Rock Fortress facility. We have spent offerings/donations about 40% for external ministries (for missions in Philippians 4:15-19 & for charity in Matthew 25:40) based upon our faith of "one church (Eklesia) on the earth" -- the holy universal church, not unholy ecumenical church -- (e.g. 1st Quarter 2014, 43.15%; 4st Quarter 2013, 55.6 %; 3rd Quarter 2013, 20.11%; 2nd Quarter 2013, 55.91%; 1st Quarter, 2013 43.26%; 4th Quarter, 2012 45.57%, etc.), rather than spent them for additional social/cultural/popular internal programs. But about 60% for the internal ministries following the model of the early church in the Book of Acts is spent for sheep to be fed with spiritual food (Galatians 6:6) and for staff (1 Timothy 5:17-18). CCAH is the poor in material and spirit, but is the rich to give it away for Christ's sake, e.g., about 40% of annual offerings, with the poor hearts in spirit. The Lord is the shepherd of CCAH who is "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (2 Cor 6:10). Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:47b "...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."

Matthew 16:26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

1 Corinthians 4:7 "For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?"