The spiritual life of a Believer involves absorbing God’s truth, sharing truth, walking in truth, and fellowship. Man’s religion looks spiritual but in fact hinders and opposes the ministry of the Holy Spirit and fellowship.

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**Jacob’s Ladders**

24 Priest / Teacher

25 Forgiveness / Payment for Sin

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27 Holy Truth

28 Holy Life

29 Christ in You

30 Blood (of God)

31 Family (of God)

32 Fellowship (of Family)

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

Are you full of joy in the Holy Spirit? Growing? Fruitful? Are you in a religious group that wants your money and time, but does not want you to practice your spiritual gifts? Are you told you are not a priest? Inferior to the ‘super apostles’? That a priest is church appointed? Do you experience oppression? Are you fearful of leaders? Get out! Flee! Man’s organizations will never change. You cannot help them. Ask God to lead you to other free believers submitted only to the Lordship of Christ (not man). It is for freedom you were set free.

**GOOD**

**EVIL**

**Satan’s Snares**

41 Severe Test

40 Disease / Adultery

39 Man’s Rules

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37 Exalting Man

36 Man’s Religion

35 Breaking Faith / Harlotry

34 Everything they do is for men to see, they love the place of honor at banquets. They shut the kingdom of heaven in men’s faces. Blind guides... they neglect justice, mercy, faithfulness. They appear righteous but inside are unclean. They murder the prophets. They have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof.

**Good Numbers**

24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

**Bible Book**

Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel Daniel Hosea Joel Amos Obadiah Jonah

**Bad Numbers**

41 40 39 38 36 34

**Bible Book**

Mark Matthew Malachi Zecheriah Zephaniah Nahum
MESSENGER - PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS

A priest is a teacher. Under Mosaic law the priesthood was limited only to the line of Aaron. In contrast, every Christian is a priest of God. "The lips of a priest should keep knowledge...for he is the messenger of the Lord" (Mal 3:7) Thus, as a priest we are a teacher. Our qualification to teach is that God has written his law on our hearts (Jer 31:33)(1 Joh 2:20) The community of faith must permit the saints to teach. It is not God's will to restrict teaching to a few elders or pastors.

MESSENGER - MINISTER OF FORGIVENESS

A priest is to minister forgiveness. Under Mosaic law, the priest oversaw the sacrifices to ensure they were acceptable offerings to God, and would result in atonement for sin. We confess our own sins (1 Joh 1:9) and we intercede with God on behalf of other believers. If they sin, we ask God to forgive and give them life (1 Joh 5:16). Without the constant forgiveness of sin among believers, the love we are called to show each other (1 Joh 4:11) could not appear.

MESSENGER - DECLARING GOOD NEWS

An Old Testament priest was not a minister to the nations. A New Testament priest (believer) is a minister to the nations. It is part of the truth we know and therefore must teach as a priest. We are to be a light to the Gentiles and we are called to make disciples of all nations. Some will be missionaries, others evangelists, but all are called to be witnesses. Believers need to be equipped for this work of service. But it is the duty of all believers take the message to the world.

LIFE - DEVOTED TO TRUTH

Again, the Bible numbers direct our foremost attention to the responsibility to preserve and publish the truth of God. For a believer in Christ that means absorbing and transmitting the whole counsel of God, all the books in the Bible, but most significantly all the books in the New Testament. It is rare to find obedience to this duty. Most believers do not master the material. Often churches avoid contentious teachings. Yet, "All Scripture is God-breathed and useful..."

LIFE - INDWELT BY GOD

The difference between the believer's life and the carnal person's life comes down to the truth "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27). All the fullness of the Godhead dwells in Christ, and Christ dwells in us (Col. 2:9,10). A believer experiences a thirst for the knowledge of God. A carnal person has no such desire. All other behaviors of believers, including worship and prayer are explained by this principle. With Christ in us we have power over sin. Hallelujah!

LIFE - SEPARATED TO GOD

The expectation of a priest is absolute devotion to his God. It is no different for believers. We are called to be in the world but not of the world. In order to absorb all the truth we are called to know, we must avoid filling our minds with vain entertainment and worldly knowledge. Our flesh is weak, and so we must avoid fleshly temptations and distractions. God blesses those who purify their hearts and lives in devotion to Him. Those who fall short miss out on that blessing.

LIVING BODY - BLOOD

The mystery of salvation deepens here. Christ saves us individually, but our new identity is merged with all other believers into the body of Christ or the family of God. We were saved by the power of His blood, and we celebrate this by partaking of His blood together with other saints in the service of communion. During communion we marvel that not only has the dividing wall of partition between us and God been removed, but between us and all other believers too.
The community of faith is comprised of people from different walks of life, social backgrounds, and education. The family of God is diverse but it was never meant to be divided. However, the teachings of men have led to the place where we are today where the body of Christ has been divided according to the traditions of men into denominations and parishes. It ought to be a joy to be a part of a family but today it is a minefield of dangers.

Jesus is pleased there are so many believers that love Him. It is His honor and His glory to see brothers dwelling together in unity. To accomplish this believers must overcome the power of the world, the flesh, and the devil which seeks to divide the body of Christ into warring factions. His grace is sufficient to accomplish this.

Satan is a counterfeiter, meaning that he illegally imitates something of value. The glory of Christ is his saints. Satan's imitation of true fellowship is Man's Religion. It works to destroy sincere worship, prayer, and devotion. Man's Religion replaces delightful inner communion with outward public rituals (services) administered by officials.

Satan's program is to raise himself above the stars of God. He appeals to Man's pride, his innate sense of superiority. Members of Man's Religion think of themselves as superior to other believers. They venerate their traditions and teachers above the commands of God. Their leaders think so highly of themselves they give themselves titles!

The central precept of Christianity is 'Jesus is Lord'. No one is forgiven of sin unless they confess this (Rom. 10:9). Yet men keep forming religions that declare 'Man is Lord'! A church official rules and fellowship is limited to payors. The essence of harlotry is 'love for sale'. Christ did not pay for sins - you are a member if you keep paying money!

Believers caught in Man's Religions are: starved of the truth, subjected to oppression, and disconnected from Christ. The consequence is deterioration in their spiritual life, so that they fall victim to sin and come back under the power of sin they were saved out of. The slavery of Man's Religion robs them of joy. They become spiritually disfunctional.

It is for freedom we have been set free. But Man's Religion places a heavy yoke on members. The true believer must honor the LORD and break out of this bondage. They must despise pleasing men and cherish pleasing God.

Egypt is the Old Testament type of Man's Religion. In the worst case of Man's Religion, there is a human ruler over all faith and practice, a Pharoah. To believers inside the experience is a "fiery furnace" that tortures their soul.
SPIRITUAL NUMBER MAP

GOOD NUMBERS:
24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32

APPENDIX - NUMBER MEANINGS

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| 24 PRIEST (24). TRUTH (3) of BELIEVERS (8). [24 = 3 x 8]. The priest is to live a holy life and be a minister of believers' truth. "You must distinguish between the holy and the profane...and you must TEACH (24) the Israelites all the decrees the LORD has given..." (Lev 10:11). Psalm (24) "Who may stand in his holy place?" or who may be a PRIEST? (24) (Psalm 24:3) The 24th Book laments the godlessness of prophets and PRIESTS (Jer 23:11). But Jeremiah spoke God's word (Jer 1:17) There are (24) thrones before God and seated on them (24) crowned elders (Rev 4:4). We are royal PRIESTS (24).
| 25 FORGIVENESS (25). GRACE (5) upon GRACE (5). [25 = 5 x 5]. The main duty priests were to offer sacrifices to TAKE AWAY SINS (25). Psalm (25) says "O Lord...REMEMBER NOT (25) the sins of my youth" (Psa 25:7). The 25th Book of the Bible pictures sins not forgiven (Lam 3:42) but also "MERCY (5) that is new every morning" (Lam 3:22). The 25 Chapter of Isaiah pictures forgiven Jews in the Milennium. The number (25) is used over 20 times in Millenial Temple dimensions (Ezekiel).
| 26 GOSPEL (26). DIVISION (2) of REBELLION (13). [26 = 2 x 13]. Man is a rebel against God, but the Gospel can free him. (26) is a very special number, because it is the gematria value of Jehovah, written as LORD in English Bibles. Jehovah is the personal name of God, all other names are titles. The GOOD NEWS (26) is God wants us to know him personally. The (26)th Book, Ezekiel, sees four creatures in a vision: Lion, Ox, Man, Eagle (1:10). Types of the four gospels of Christ.
| 27 HOLY TRUTH (27). TRUTH (3) HOLY unto GOD (3). [27 = 3 ^ 3]. Note: All numbers to the third power are holy unto God. Daniel is the 27th Book of the Bible. He was highly esteemed and was told what was in the "Book of TRUTH" (Dan 10:21). There are (27) books in the New Testament! These books in total comprise the WHOLE TRUTH (27) for Believers. The (27)th chapter of Genesis is the story of how Jacob steals Esau's birthright. Believers in Christ take it back.
| 28 CHRIST IN YOU (28). THE END (7) of WANDERING (4). [28 = 7 x 4]. Since Adam was cast out of the Garden, Man has sought for a way back to God. When we believe, God resides in us. We never search for Him again, He lives in our heart. In Genesis (28), Jacob had a vision of a ladder up to Heaven with angels ascending and descending. He named that place Bethel, House of God (Gen 28:19). God was not in Bethel, He was in Jacob's heart. The believer is the temple of God.
| 29 SEPARATED LIFE (29). Our HEART belongs to Jesus. We have SEPARATED (29) from all other loves: worship Him. Isaiah chapter (29) accuses Israel of following religious rules, but having HEARTS far from Him (Isaiah 29:13). The (29)th Book of the Bible calls on God's people to return to Him with ALL THEIR HEART (Joel 2:12). Nahor lived (29) years and begat Terah. Terah SEPARATED (29) from his father Nahor and left to go to Canaan with Abram. Genesis Ch. (29) is the story of Jacob's wait to MARRY (29) Rachel. Marriage is SEPARATING (29) from parents to give your HEART to another. That is why MARRIAGE (29) is referred to as HOLY MATRIMONY (29). The union is exclusive and perpetual unto death.
| 30 BLOOD (30). LIFE (5) of the FLESH (6). [30 = 5 x 6]. "The LIFE (5) of the FLESH (6) is in the BLOOD (30)" (Lev. 17:11). Another LIFE (5) of the FLESH (6) is CHILDREN (30). Genesis Ch. (30) is the account of the CHILDREN (30) of Jacob's wives. "The BLOOD (30) of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin" (1 Joh 1:7) "Without the shedding of BLOOD (30) there is no forgiveness" (Heb 9:22). Here is the mystery, Christ's BLOOD (30) cleansed us individually from sin, so that we are now a people, the CHILDREN (30) of God, and joined together corporately, in the family of God, His joint-heirs. The Lord's Supper, a sharing of His BLOOD (30), was instituted at the Passover, the only Feast celebrated by families.
| 31 FAMILY (31). The 11th prime number. Our FAMILY (31) is a HIDING PLACE (11) from the enemy. The (31)st chapter of Psalms says: "Be my rock of REFUGE (31). A FORTRESS (31) of defense..." The (31)st book of the Bible, Obadiah, describes the Edomites who believed clefts in the rock would save them (Ob 1:3) Chapter (31) of Genesis, Jacob seeks REFUGE (31) from Laban. God says "Go back to the LAND OF YOUR FATHERS (31) and your RELATIVES (31) and I will be with you". Many words related to family occur in this chapter: Father (15x), Sons (1x), Daughters (9x), Children/Grandchildren (7x), Relatives (7x), Wives (2x).
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BELIEVER’S FELLOWSHIP (32). DIVISION (2) unto WEAKNESS (5). \[32 = 2 \times 5\] In WEAKNESS GOD IS SEEN.

The 32nd chapter of Genesis, Jacob weakened by wrestling says "I have seen the face of God".

The 32nd book of the Bible, Jonah weakened by sea travel, sees the fear of God falls on Ninevah.

(32,000) weak and defenseless maidens of Midian, captured as booty, yet permitted to live (Num 31:35).

The saints exist to "reveal the face of God". The fellowship of the truth is the Light to the Gentiles.

The saints are taken out of the Gentiles, as were the Midian maidens. In the world, the church is to be weak.

Ninevah repents and receives God’s mercy. A Gentile nation is favored by God! The religious Jonah pouts.

34

MAN’S RELIGION (34). DIVISION (2) of the VICTORY (17). \[34 = 2 \times 17\]. The Way to God (2) was open at CALVARY (17). Man’s religion closes it up. In the 34th Book, Nahum, all the bloody warlike in Nineveh was "because of the wanton harlot,…who enslaves nations by her prostitution." (3:4).

In Genesis 34 Jews appeared friendly but they killed all the men. Religion looks benign but it is a killer.

36

EXALTING MAN (36). MAN (6) among MEN (6). \[36 = 6 \times 6\]. The desire of man is to stand above others. Genesis 36 is the account of Esau. His sons were "chiefs" and "kings". A sure sign of Man’s religion is hierarchies over believers, with exalted names like "bishop", "pastor", or "pope". The wicked "flatters himself in his own eyes too much to detect his own sin" (Psalm 36:2). Jesus harshly condemned this.

38

BREAK FAITH (38). DIVISION (2) of FAITH (19). \[38 = 2 \times 19\]. Not keeping FAITH (19), not living by FAITH.

In Genesis 38 Judah BREAKS FAITH (38) with his brothers and goes to live with Canaanites, he then BREAKS FAITH (38) with Tamar and does not give her his son Shelah as husband as he promised.

FAITH BREAKERS (38) "hate the righteous" (Psa. 38:19). (38)th Book: Will not listen to God (Zech. 7:8).

39

DISEASE (39). REBELLION (13) to TRUTH (3). \[39 = 13 \times 3\]. The Lord despises religious offerings.

(39)th Book: "When you bring DISEASED (39) animals...as sacrifices...should I accept them?" (Mal 1:13).

TURNING AWAY (13) of GOD (3). The Lord removes his hand of protection and punishes (Mal 4:1).

"In the 39th year of his reign, Asa was afflicted with a DISEASE (39) in his feet" 2 Chron. 16:12

40

SEVERE TEST (40). HOLY MAN (8) is made WEAK (5). \[40 = 8 \times 5\]. Man’s religion destroys true Believers.

(40)th Book, Matthew: JESUS (8) is rejected by religious people, and finally crushed by them on the cross.

(40)th Psalm: "Let them who seek to destroy my life...who wish me evil...be brought to dishonor"(v.14)

(40)th chapter of Genesis: Joseph prophesies the truth, but is left in the prison to rot (v. 20-24).

41

MAN’S RULES (41). 13th prime. The BURDEN of keeping Man’s rules ruins worship and obedience to God.

(41)st Book, Mark:"In vain they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of Men"(ch.7:7)

Jeroboam famously said "my father put a HEAVY YOKE on you, I will add to that yoke" (1 Ki 12:11) and this rent God’s people into two nations. Jeroboam was FORTY-ONE (41) years old when he became king.