

## ***Destroying The Gospel by Destroying the Temple.***

Note: Many times the Sanctuary-Temple was destroyed to Stop the teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through its services. That Gospel Taught to Adam and Eve Genesis 3:15,21 by God. This restoring of the temple signified restoration of Gospel priority without which there could be no reformation in the words of Isaiah “a repairer of the breach a restorer of the paths to dwell in.”

The 1st 1Kings 14:25,26—Shishak; 2nd 1Kings 15:18—Ben-hadad; 3rd 2Kings 12:18—Hazeal; 4th 2Kings 14:14—Jehoash took the last pieces/vessels Moses had made; 5th 2Chron. 24:7—Athaliah’s sons; 6th 2Kings 16:7,24—Tilgath-pilnesser; 7th 2Kings 18:15,16—Sennacherib, 8th 2Kings 21:4,5,7—Manasseh 9th 2Kings 24:13;25:13-17—Nebuchadrezzar. Not to mention Ps. 78:60; Eze. 8. 10th John 2:13-17. Etc., Luke 12:1 19:45,46. These never stopped Jesus’s ministry.

1Kings 11:33 Because that they have forsaken me, . . . and have not walked in my ways, ***to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father.*** . . . 38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and ***do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee,*** and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee. 14:8 . . . thou hast not been ***as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine eyes;*** 15:5 Because David ***did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life,*** save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. . . . 11 And Asa ***did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father.*** 12 And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. 13 And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron. 14 ***But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD*** all his days. 15 And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels. 22:43 And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, ***doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD:***

2Kings 12:2 And Jehoash ***did that which was right in the sight of the LORD*** all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him. 14:3 And ***he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD,*** yet not like David his father: 15:3 And ***he did***

*that which was right in the sight of the LORD*, according to all that his father Amaziah had done; . . . 34 And *he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD*: he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done. 18:3 And *he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD*, according to all that David his father did. 22:2 And *he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD*, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

***“If God in His great mercy has traced the imperfection of any of His workmen, it is for the purpose of leading the church to shun his defects, and to imitate his virtues.”*** {6MR 206.1}

In our periodicals *we are not to exalt the work and characters of men in positions of influence, constantly keeping human beings before the people.* But as much as you please you may uplift Christ our Saviour. “We all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory *[from character to character]*, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.” Those who love and serve God are to be the light of the world, shining amid moral darkness. But in the places which have been given the greatest light, where the gospel has been preached the most, the people—fathers, mothers, and children—have been moved by a power from beneath to unite their interests with worldly projects and enterprises. FE 480.1

The circumstances under which this new doctrine was framed, the name of its author, and the date of its publication, will be given in their place. That the body of the reformers should have failed to recognize the authority of the fourth commandment, and that they did not turn men from the Romish festivals to the Sabbath of the Lord, is a matter of regret rather than of surprise. The impropriety of making them the standard of divine truth is forcibly set forth in the following language:—

Luther and Calvin reformed many abuses, especially in the discipline of the church, and also some gross corruptions in doctrine; but *they left other things of far greater moment just as they found them.* . . . It was great merit in them to go as far as they did, and it is not they *but we who are to blame if their authority induce us to go no further.* We should rather imitate them in the boldness and spirit with which they called in question and rectified so many long-established errors; and availing ourselves of their labors, make further progress than they were able to do. Little reason have we to allege their name, authority, and example, when they did a great deal and we do nothing at all. In this we are not imitating

them, but those who opposed and counteracted them, willing to keep things as they were." 1 {1873 JNA, HSF 448.1,2}

The English Reformers, while *renouncing* the doctrines of Romanism, had retained many of its forms. Thus though the authority and the creed of Rome were rejected, not a few of her customs and ceremonies were incorporated into the worship of the Church of England. *It was claimed that these things were not matters of conscience; that though they were not commanded in Scripture, and hence were nonessential, yet not being forbidden, they were not intrinsically evil. Their observance tended to narrow the **gulf** which separated the reformed churches from Rome, and it was urged that they would promote the acceptance of the Protestant faith by Romanists.* { GC 289.1 } {GC 566.1}

***Those who received the great blessings of the Reformation did not go forward*** in the path so nobly entered upon by Luther. A few faithful men arose from time to time to proclaim new truth and expose long-cherished error, but the majority, like the Jews in Christ's day, or the papists in the time of Luther, *were content to believe as their fathers believed, and to live as they lived. Therefore religion again degenerated into formalism;* and errors and superstitions which would have been cast aside had the church continued to walk in the light of God's Word, *were retained and cherished.* Thus the spirit inspired by the Reformation *gradually died out, until there was almost as great need of reform in the Protestant churches* as in the Roman Church in the time of Luther. *There was the same spiritual stupor, the same respect for the opinions of men, the same spirit of worldliness, the same substitution of human theories for the teachings of God's Word. Pride and extravagance were fostered under the guise of religion. The churches became corrupted by allying themselves with the world. Thus were degraded the great principles* for which Luther and his fellow laborers had done and suffered so much. {SR 354.1}. [ProtestantPopery3](#). [ApostlesSaved](#).

Note: To pass over these phrases "he did that which was right," "his heart was perfect," to establish the unScriptural doctrine You can't be perfect, You can't keep the Law of God, by the high places "were not removed," is to reject all Scripture and God who gave it. This "heart was perfect with the LORD" would certainly be the case of all who "did that was right in the eyes of the Lord." And so today many Ministers and Elders are omitting portions of Scripture (his heart was perfect with the LORD) to keep you in bondage to their word. This omission they do between Ephesians 2: verses 9 and 10. Is the elder removing the "high places of false doctrine today in himself and the church as Asa did? Here is proof their heart is not

right with the Lord. This is the fall of protestantism; the church above the word of God, the state above the conscience. Will they murder, lie, to prove they are Christian? This is the work of Satan:—

Zechariah 3:1 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. 2 And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Note: For that Sanctuary taught Perfection of the person Genesis 4:7 *If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?* and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door.” 1John 3:12 “Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and *his brother’s* works were *“righteous.”* Compare Genesis 49:3-27 to Dueteronomy 33:6-29. And what of Rev. 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: *here are they that keep the commandments of God,* and the faith of Jesus. [PaulTheGentiles.SabbathByPaul.](#)

Leviticus 22:21 And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD to accomplish his vow, or a freewill offering in beeves or sheep, ***it shall be perfect to be accepted;*** there shall be no blemish therein.

Link. Importance of the Sanctuary, perfection, righteous character, works.

[ImportanceOfSanctuary.](#)      [characterPerfection1.](#)      [RighteousCharacter.](#)  
[EGWRighteousnessByFaith.](#)      [Works.](#)

[WorksOfLove](#)

Note: there is only one standard in the Judgement; how well we individually lived up to the standard of God requires of us. The High places were used to worship God, they existed before the Temple was built and scattered throughout Israel.

### ***The High places of Jereboam. 1Kings 12:25-33***

“If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem,”

And Thus they do:— You Can’t keep God law.

Matt. 24:11 And *many false prophets* shall rise, and shall deceive many. 12 And *because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.* 13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

When men indulge this accusing spirit, they are not satisfied with pointing out what they suppose to be a defect in their brother. If milder means fail of making him do what they think ought to be done, they will resort to compulsion. Just as far as lies in their power they will force men to comply with their ideas of what is right. This is what the Jews did in the days of Christ and what the church has done ever since whenever she has lost the grace of Christ. *Finding herself destitute of the power of love, she has reached out for the strong arm of the state to enforce her dogmas and execute her decrees. Here is the secret of all religious laws that have ever been enacted, and the secret of all persecution* from the days of Abel to our own time. MB 126.2

Note: Now they want to force you to obey them, who claim they are for religious freedom smaller government.

"The principles contained in this celebrated Protest . . . constitute the *very essence of Protestantism*. Now this Protest opposes *two abuses* of man in *matters of faith*: the first is the *intrusion of the civil magistrate*, and the second the *arbitrary authority of the church*. Instead of these abuses, *Protestantism sets the power of conscience above the magistrate, and the authority of the word of God above the visible church*. In the *first* place, it rejects the *civil power in divine things*, and says with the prophets and apostles, 'We must obey God rather than man.' In presence of the crown of Charles the Fifth, it uplifts the crown of Jesus Christ. But it goes *farther*: it lays down the principle *that all human teaching should be subordinate to the oracles of God.*"—Ibid., b. 13, ch. 6. The protesters had moreover affirmed their right to utter freely their convictions of truth. They would not only believe and obey, but teach what the word of God presents, and *they denied the right of priest or magistrate to interfere*. The Protest of Spire was a solemn witness against religious intolerance, and an assertion of the right of all men to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. {GC 203.4}

Note: Separation of Church and State. But does this mean the intrusions of the Church on the State to legislate: religion, religious doctrines, Man's personal duty to worship God—religious principles-laws are acceptable?—No! it works to separate both, the Church from the State and the State from the Church, so that



either does not, or will not use the other.—Read on.

*The Protest denied the right of civil rulers to legislate in matters between the soul and God,* and declared with prophets and apostles, “We ought to obey God rather than men.” It rejected also the *arbitrary power of the church,* and set forth the unerring principle that all human teaching *should be in subjection to the oracles of God.* The protesters had thrown off the yoke of man's supremacy, and had exalted Christ as supreme in the church, and his Word in the pulpit. *The power of conscience was set above the State, and the authority of the Holy Scriptures above the visible church.* The crown of Christ was uplifted above the pope's tiara and the emperor's diadem. The protesters had moreover affirmed their right to freely utter their convictions of truth. They would not only believe and obey, but teach what the Word of God presents, and *they denied the right of priest or magistrate to interfere.* The Protest of Spires was a solemn witness against religious *intolerance,* and an assertion of the right of all men to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. {GC88 203.2}

Notes: Everyone believes it, was not their authority. It rejects the “arbitrary authority-power of the church” over the State. Here is the reason for the 1st Amendment

### **Amendment 1 - Freedom of Religion, Press, Expression. Ratified 12/15/1791.**

Congress shall make *no law respecting an establishment* of religion, *or prohibiting* the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

The grand principle maintained by these Reformers—the same that had been held by the Waldenses, by Wycliffe, by John Huss, by Luther, Zwingli, and those who united with them—was the infallible authority of the Holy Scriptures as a rule of faith and practice. *They denied the right of popes, councils, Fathers, and kings, to control the conscience in matters of religion.* The Bible was their authority, and by its teaching they tested all doctrines and all claims. Faith in God and His word sustained these holy men as they yielded up their lives at the stake. "Be of good comfort," exclaimed Latimer to his fellow martyr as the flames were about to silence their voices, "we shall this day light such a candle, by God's grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out."—Works of Hugh Latimer, vol. 1, p. xiii.

{GC 249.1}

Note: By Fathers is meant of the Church.

*ts legislative halls, its palaces and market places. They expect Him to rule through legal enactments, enforced by human authority.* Since Christ is not now here in person, *they themselves will undertake to act in His stead, to execute the laws of His kingdom.* The establishment of such a kingdom is what the Jews desired in the days of Christ. They would have received Jesus, had He been willing to establish a temporal dominion, to enforce *what they regarded* as the laws of God, and to *make them* the expositors of His will and the agents of His authority. But He said, "My kingdom is not of this world." John 18:36. He would not accept the earthly throne. {DA 509.2}{GC 587.1}{5T 712.1; 714-715.1}

The government under which Jesus lived was corrupt and oppressive; on every hand were crying abuses,--extortion, intolerance, and grinding cruelty. *Yet the Saviour attempted no civil reforms. He attacked no national abuses, nor condemned the national enemies. He did not interfere with the authority or administration of those in power. He who was our example kept aloof from earthly governments.* Not because He was indifferent to the woes of men, but because the remedy did not lie in merely human and external measures. *To be efficient, the cure must reach men individually, and must regenerate the heart.* {DA 509.3}

*Not by the decisions of courts or councils or legislative assemblies, not by the patronage of worldly great men, is the kingdom of Christ established, but by the implanting of Christ's nature in humanity through the work of the Holy Spirit.* "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:12, 13. Here is the only power that can work the uplifting of mankind. And the human agency for the accomplishment of this work is the teaching and practicing of the word of God. {DA 509.4}

When the apostle Paul began his ministry in Corinth, that populous, wealthy, and wicked city, polluted by the nameless vices of heathenism, he said, "I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." 1 Cor. 2:2. Writing afterward to some of those who had been corrupted by the foulest sins, he could say, "But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." "I thank my God always on

your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 6:11; 1:4. {DA 510.1}

*Now, as in Christ's day, the work of God's kingdom lies not with those who are clamoring for recognition and support by earthly rulers and human laws, but with those who are declaring to the people in His name those spiritual truths that will work in the receivers the experience of Paul: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." Gal. 2:20. Then they will labor as did Paul for the benefit of men. He said, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." 2 Cor. 5:20. {DA 510.2}*