

TEAR IT DOWN?

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Jesus clearly puts salvation from sin as our greatest need, for it is the very reason He came and died on the cross.

INSTANT, YET ONGOING

I will not pretend that a life-time cure takes place with a single touch from the Lord. A preacher I knew years ago said: "Holiness is the work of a moment, and the obsession of a lifetime." Holiness begins when we **truly** get right with God. God **can** and **will** instantly remove the leprosy of sin 1) because of Christ's death for us, and 2) if we, in *obedient* submission, completely confess our sins to Him and trust only in Him. HE is the Cure! God planned this from the very beginning and provided it through Jesus Christ who He had promised.

Only God's Holy Spirit can make us aware enough of our "leprosy" to do something about it. Only His Spirit can let us know that the leprosy of sin is gone! In both cases, all it takes is a whisper to make you aware. A shout

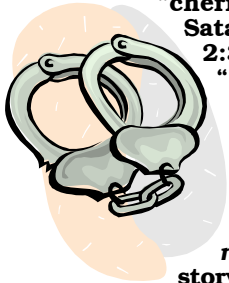
or bright-flashing light is unnecessary. A whisper is enough. Ask the prophet Elijah! (1 Kings 19: 11, 12).

From God's side, a whisper and a touch is enough. From our side, the simple ingredients of faith, confessing and turning from all sin, obedience, etc. is enough to obtain the cure. Yet, a leprous house could be re-infected. We must *stay* clean. Charles Wesley cried out to God in one of his songs: "**Make** and **keep** me pure within!" If **we tear down** our self-made defensive barriers, **God will tear down** the leprosy of sin. Then, we must **KEEP** clean and uninfected. This is why the Bible says: "**Building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost [Holy Spirit], keep yourselves in the love of God.**" (Jude 20, 21). See "brick upon brick" in 2 Pet. 1: 5-8.

KEEP BUILDING!

I bought items at a local shop not long ago. The young lady asked, "Would you like a bag?" I said, "Yes," and pulled one out of my back pocket. She said, "Good! Save the planet!" I replied, "Yes, I want to save the planet, but I want to save the people on the planet, even more!"

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: "...and the souls of men" is listed amid 30 prized items trafficked in the global market (Rev. 18: 12,13). It is listed last—the "cherry on top"—the Prize Possession! In this organised crime, Satan is the Godfather in "**making merchandise of men**" (2 Pet. 2:3). The Bible shows that there is an ongoing world-wide "slavery" that most people don't realize. I speak of the global slavery to sin. **THIS "human trafficking"** makes the other kind possible. It is a tragic, traumatic, treasonable trafficking. Yes, "treasonable," for it is treason... rebellion... against the government of God. Jesus pictured this treasonable attitude in one of His story sermons, saying: "**But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us!**" (Lk. 19:14). In Jesus' story, trafficking was also being done; *business...trading*. There we see wasting and then *finally* the execution of the **treasonable traffickers**. Stop trafficking! How? A Heavenly Tsunami sweeps away ALL sin! Pray! Obey!



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With Others!

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London is exploding with building projects! Old buildings...and some **not so old**...are **orn down** to prepare for new ones. I don't think any of these buildings are destroyed for the reason I will mention later. Read on. You will see.

Man's first big building project was the Tower of Babel (Gen. 11:1-9). But God "confused" their language to stop the work... for *their own* good.

I am not against all rebuilding.



The Bible says that there is a right time to do something, for example, "a time to **break down**, and a time to **build up**" (Eccl. 3:3).

God called young Jeremiah, the prophet, saying: "See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to **pull down**, to **destroy** and to **throw down**, to **build** and to **plant**" (Jer. 1: 10).

Faithful Jeremiah cried for his nation, knowing it would be destroyed by Babylon for its constant refusal to obey God. Jeremiah didn't need to **tear down** Jerusalem; Babylon did that! But Babylon only finished what Israel itself had begun. Israel had already been **tearing down** the nation from within! Sound familiar?

Babylon destroyed Jerusalem and

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50,000 WHISTLEBLOWERS! Imagine America having 1,000 good, honest, brilliant, hard-working and nation-loving whistleblowers in key places at city, county and state level in each of their 50 states! But people in the UK complain that even when someone clearly exposes corruption in government or at high level, it gets covered up, explained away, forgotten, and nothing changes. OK, what about assessing this at *street level*...at *home level*...at *individual level*! God's Whistleblower, The Holy Spirit, blows the whistle on us time and time again. Are we like governments so many complain about? Do we just cover it all up, ignore it, plug our ears to the sound of the whistle, deny the evidence just like "those people" we may criticise and have little respect for? It is time that we all listen to God's Whistleblower and go to Him for all the help He is so ready to give us.



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set it on fire. 70 years later, Nehemiah rebuilt the utterly destroyed city. As God had promised, “*the set time had come*” to rebuild! (Ps. 102: 13).

TO BUILD OR NOT TO BUILD, THAT IS THE QUESTION!

Many of London’s high-rise buildings are not built like the old ones they replace. In daily spiritual life, we need both old and new (Matt. 13:52). As it relates to sin, the Bible says “*if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor*” (Gal. 2:18). We can’t blame the Devil, for it says “*If I build again...I make myself...!*” “*Transgressor*” means one who breaks God’s law. Once you are saved from sin, don’t look back (Lk. 9: 62; 2 Pet. 2: 20-22; Heb. 10: 26,27).

If a person who is truly changed by God, then commits sin, they should turn to God for forgiveness straight away. But if a person “*builds again*” what had previously been “*destroyed*” by God (with their cooperation), then God calls that person a law-breaker. Yes, we may *still* return to the Lord, but this is no game!

All sin is a breaking of God’s law. Yet, 1 John 3:4 says “*sin is transgression against the law.*” The original language means “*sin is lawlessness.*” This does not refer to a single act of sin, but a continuation in sinning, as if I start to “*build again the things which I destroyed.*”

We build or rebuild a brick wall on

purpose and with all the skill we may have. No one builds a wall without the idea coming to their head, first. If a thought or temptation comes of “*building again*” in the ways of sin, stop the building project right there!

In the Bible, the word, “*iniquity*” means *lawlessness*...not against the London police or UK authorities, but lawlessness against the government of God. We may not understand all about “*the mystery of iniquity*” (“*mystery of lawlessness*”) (2 Thess. 2:7), yet we know what it means to pick up bricks and mix some cement. So, spiritually speaking, if we are tempted to start “*building again*” *with sin*, don’t even get the materials. Leave them alone.

TEAR THE HOUSE DOWN?

I said that there is a **tearing down process** I wanted to mention. There is a unique, horrible and (*at that time*) incurable disease in the Bible that illustrates the horrible and incurable nature of sin... incurable, *except* by the power of God. Leprosy still exists with 200,000 new cases each year and 3 million world-wide with the disease and its irreversible disabilities, including blindness. The “leprosy of sin” infects **everyone on the planet...** and, oh, how disabling and blinding it is!

How does leprosy relate to **tearing down** a building? God ordered steps to be taken to make sure a leprosy-infected house was, in fact, incurable. If all efforts failed, the entire house was torn down and everything taken to “an unclean place.” **Who would want their house torn down and hauled away?** Yet, if it is highly infectious to



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a community, who will say it should be spared? When cure was impossible, **there was no pity or compromise.**

God, likewise, went to the greatest length to rescue us (*our* “house”) from the “leprosy” of sin, sending Jesus to die for us. God’s Cure was given at greatest cost, yet it is offered to all and can be received so simply.

A POWERFUL MAN A PERFECT MODEL

Naaman, a great military leader of the ancient Syrian army, had leprosy. He was sent to God’s prophet for a cure, but began to reason and reject the simple cure (2 Kings 5). His soldiers told him that if he had been asked to do a **difficult thing**, he would have done it, so why not just do a **simple thing**? Thankfully, he did!

“Naaman” means pleasant, agreeable, delightful...even *beautiful*! Many people fit those words, yet are plagued with the leprosy of sin. Leprosy destroys the body. *The leprosy of sin* sends people to hell. The cure is still simple.

At the bottom of the back page I comment about **human trafficking**; also called **modern slavery**. Naaman lived about 1000 years before Christ came to this earth. Yet, it was a **slave** girl, captured from Israel and working in Naaman’s home that told his wife where to find the cure for his leprosy.

Naaman’s *slave* girl was **free** from leprosy; he wasn’t. His leprosy would have increasingly damaged his body and helped lead to his death. In Matt. 10:28, Jesus warns us not to fear one that could only kill the body and no

more, but to fear the one that, after the body is dead, has the power to send the body and soul to hell. Naaman’s **slave** girl knew where his cure was, and she was bursting to tell them! What a rare **freedom** she had! And the Cure for the leprosy of sin is available right now, just as it was for Naaman.

A LETHAL LIKENESS IN LONDON

Yes, 3 million today have leprosy, with 200,00 new cases each year. How many among London’s millions have leprosy? Yet, many walk and work daily, and sleep at night with the leprosy of sin, which is eternally worse.

People with leprosy were to stay away from others, cover their mouth and shout “Unclean! Unclean!” to warn others of the danger. **Apply that to Londoners** with the leprosy of sin! What a sight that would be!

Though it was forbidden and dangerous, yet Jesus touched a leper! His touch brought an instant cure, so that He touched a *healed* man, not a leper!

The story of the leper that Jesus healed illustrates that He heals **ruined**, leprosy-infected “**houses**” (people!) and **rebuilt** them instantly! The man was not “clean” and “leprosy” at the same time. Something had to go! In his case, it was leprosy; in our case, sin. In the Bible, physical healing sometimes came along with salvation from sin.

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