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In this month's newsletter, we want to take our scripture text from **Exodus 16:32**, "And Moses said, this is the thing which the Lord commandeth, fill an omer of it to be kept for your generations: that they may see the bread wherewith I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt". Never before has there been a greater assault on the Word of God than there is today. We are witnessing more and more versions of the Word of God being printed and published to no end. Undoubtedly there is purpose in taking away from the veracity and validity of the Word of our Lord. We even have a new homosexual version of the bible now called "The Queen James Version". Every scripture reference to homosexuality has been removed from that version. Men may remove scriptures from the Holy Writ, but the Word of God will never change. The psalmist declared in **Psalms 119:89**, "Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven". The word *settled* in the Hebrew is #5324 *natsar*, and it means, to be stationed, to be firm, to be set in place, to be established and planted. The Word of God is settled in a place of authority and men cannot change it. Because of this establishment, men habitually attacked the authority of the Word of God. We see in our scripture text, the Lord commanded Moses to fill an omer with manna which God had used in feeding the children of Israel. Manna was white-like and somewhat flaky and it tasted like honey wafers: **Exodus 16:31**, "It was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey". God commanded Moses to keep an omer of manna, which was about two quarts as evidence for future generations. The manna was to be a perpetual reminder and testimony of God's provision for His

people during their Exodus. The manna was to be placed before the law or Ten Commandments, which were in the Ark of the Covenant. May I remind you, for over 40 years, God fed Israel with heavenly manna to sustain them while in the wilderness. This heavenly manna placed in the omer was preserved for hundreds and hundreds of years. Without divine intervention this manna would have become rotten, ruined, and stinking in just a matter of days. We read here in **Exodus 16:20**, "Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them". The manna was a type and shadow of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus himself referred to this heavenly manna found here in **John 6:31-33**, "Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, he gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world". Jesus was describing himself as the true bread from heaven, literally the bread of God. Jesus Christ is still that living bread from heaven. Jesus declared in **John 6:48-51**, "I am the bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which, down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world". Jesus is telling his followers, Israel, while in the wilderness, did eat heavenly manna, but they are now dead. He is conveying a message that He is the bread of life,

and if they partake of this eternal bread they will live forever. This memorial here in Exodus chapter 16 verse 32 speaks volumes to the child of God. God commanded Moses to place manna in an omer as a testimony to Israel's progeny. As a minister of the gospel of Christ, my heart is deeply grieved by the loss of perpetuating the Word of God. For some time the Holy Ghost has been dealing with me about who will continue to wield the sword of the Lord following my demise? With all respect, I am well aware I am not the only messenger preaching an uncompromising word but we are becoming few and far between in this hour. The Word of God must be preserved if there is going to be a church that will be relevant in this end time hour. Without the preaching and the proclamation of the Holy scriptures, there will be no salt and no light to preserve the existing church. You are witnessing an all out assault against the Word of God from every entity of hell. The purity, along with the profoundness of God's Word, must be proclaimed with Holy Ghost conviction. Ministers, such as myself, I believe are the last bastion of conservative biblical preachers. Here at The Voice of Evangelism, we are considered to be old school. But there is nothing wrong with old school, for therein is the righteousness of God. The Holy Ghost speaking through Jeremiah cried in **Jeremiah 6:16**, "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, we will not walk therein". Regrettably, few people desire to walk in the old paths any longer. They claim that the Holy writ is no longer relevant to this generation. They declare this is the 21<sup>st</sup> century and things have changed; but

that is a lie from the pit of hell! Men no longer want to embrace the Word of the Lord because His Word is powerful and convicting. We read in **Hebrews 4:12**, “For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart”. There is power in the Word of God! That power is to convict men of their sins, and to pierce their soul and spirit. The Word of God can bring healing to the physical body, and the Word of God can discern a person’s thoughts and intentions. When the Word of God is preached, it dissects and exposes the entirety of mankind. For that very reason ministers are afraid to preach a pure word lest they too become minimized and exposed for their own sins. Can you imagine what our world and the church will look like in twenty more years? Just look how far the church has fallen in the last two decades. Men are even denying the Word of God, the virgin birth of Jesus Christ and the authenticity and validity of the Holy Ghost. Many of the largest churches and Christian media outlets are advocating “Chrislam”. They are declaring that Allah is the same God as Jehovah. That is another lie from the pit of hell! To be very honest with you, it frightens me when I look around and I witness the fragility of the modern church era. That fragility exists today due in part to a famine of the Word of God. Paul, the apostle, knew emphatically where the power of God was for he declared here in **Romans 1:16**, “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth”. From this scripture verse, Paul lets us know that many will be ashamed of the gospel of Christ in these last days. Not only are men ashamed of the gospel of Christ but many are now twisting and perverting the scriptures. They are in disagreement with what God’s Word has spoken. Thus they seek to either

change the Word of God or cease in preaching the Word of God. For that very reason Paul admonished Timothy in **2 Timothy 4:1-4**, “I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom; preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lust shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables”. This passage of scripture is coming to fruition right before our very eyes. Few are preaching the Word of God and hardly anyone will reprove and rebuke any longer. Old fashion preaching is no longer popular in the modern church. Men will not endure sound doctrine, but rather they embrace false doctrine and heresy. They turn away their ears from the pure unadulterated Word and pursue compromise. We are determined more than ever before to preserve the Word of God that we have been taught and pass it on to the next generation. If we do not pass on the pure Word with Holy Ghost conviction, we will regret it at the bema seat of Christ. We will be held accountable for not perpetuating God’s Holy Word. Following the demise and death of Joshua, we find this very disturbing passage of scripture found in **Judges 2:10**, “And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel”. The modern church today is going to once again fulfill this scripture passage here in Judges. It is every minister’s responsibility to continue to perpetuate the unmitigated truth of God’s Word. I’m glad I was taught the Word of God with conviction. There is a question in the scriptures that should concern everyone of us, found in **Psalms 94:16**, “Who will rise up for me against the evil

doers? Or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity”? We covet your prayers so that we might remain faithful in preaching an uncompromising message in this hour. May we all labor together in preserving His Word and may we all pass on a testimony of what God has done for us to the next generation. If you do not have a testimony to pass on to the next generation, may you find yourself an altar and ask God to flood your heart and spirit with the Holy Ghost so you may convey a testimony of the power of the Lord Jesus Christ that has been made manifest in your personal life. I can literally take you to the place and tell you the time that Jesus Christ plunged my soul beneath that precious fountain of blood. I trust that we all will possess a testimony that is empowered with Holy Ghost conviction. If you have had an experience with Christ then you have a testimony to perpetuate. Until next month, may you run the race with joy and finish strong in spite of Satan and his minions. As always, we thank you so very much for your generous love and support for The Voice of Evangelism. You are about to witness some very exciting days in the very near future! I trust that Jesus Christ will forever remain the refuge of your soul.

Serving With You All,

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