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ALONE

God said that it wasn't good for the first man (Adam) to be **alone**. The Lord therefore created a helper who was suitable for him (Eve).

- **Genesis 2:18:** "And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."

After Adam and Eve ate of the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, they believed they needed to wear clothing even though the two of them were **alone** in the world. It seems they were ashamed to be naked in the presence of God.

- **Genesis 3:7:** "And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons."

After God destroyed Sodom, Lot lived **alone** in a cave with his two daughters.

- **Genesis 19:30:** "And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters."

Abraham's oldest servant didn't travel to the city of Nahor **alone** when he was looking for a wife for Isaac. Instead he brought other men with him.

- **Genesis 24:32:** "And the man came into the house: and

he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that were with him."

Jacob was **alone** when he traveled from Beersheba to Haran.

- **Genesis 28:11:** "And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep."

When the feeble animals in Laban's flock conceived, Jacob didn't use the branches to influence their offspring. Instead he left them **alone** so their offspring would belong to Laban.

- **Genesis 30:42:** "But when the cattle were feeble, he put them not in: so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's."

Laban told Jacob that the God of Isaac had appeared to him in a dream the previous night and told him to leave Jacob **alone**.

- **Genesis 31:29:** "It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad."

The only thing that stopped Laban from violently attacking Jacob and his family was divine intervention. After God appeared to Laban in a dream and told him to leave Jacob **alone**, Laban reluctantly decided to not attack them (although he clearly still wanted to).

- **Genesis 31:29:** "It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad."

After Jacob sent everything that he had across the ford Jabbok, he remained behind **alone**.

- **Genesis 32:24:** "And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day."

When Jacob sent Joseph all the way from Hebron to Shechem (which was a long distance from where Jacob was currently living), he sent him out there **alone**, with no one to protect him. Jacob did this even though Joseph was just a teenager.

- **Genesis 37:14:** "And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem."

Judah told Tamar to live as a widow and not remarry. (This was cruel because Judah had no intention of ever giving his son to her. This was forcing her to live **alone** for no reason.)

- **Genesis 38:11:** "Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren did. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house."

When Joseph went into Potiphar's house to do business and

was there **alone**, and Potiphar's wife grabbed his garment, Joseph left behind his garment and fled.

- **Genesis 39:12:** "And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out."

When Joseph revealed his true identity to his brothers, he was **alone** with them.

- **Genesis 45:1:** "Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren."

When God commanded Moses to return to Egypt, he took his wife and his sons with him (although it seems she got angry and left with their children, and Moses ended up going to Egypt **alone**).

- **Exodus 4:20:** "And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand."

It seems that after Zipporah circumcised her son, she took her children and left Moses and returned to Midian, and Moses went on to Egypt **alone**.

- **Exodus 4:25:** "Then Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband art thou to me."

When the Israelites were still in Egypt, they told Moses to leave them **alone**.

- **Exodus 14:12:** "Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness."

People must worship God **alone**. He must be the only one who we worship.

- **Exodus 20:3:** "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."
- **Exodus 22:20:** "He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed."
- **Exodus 34:14:** "For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:"
- **Deuteronomy 5:7:** "Thou shalt have none other gods before me."
- **Deuteronomy 10:20:** "Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name."
- **1 Kings 11:10:** "And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded."
- **Psalms 16:4:** "Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips."
- **Ezekiel 20:7:** "Then said I unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt: I am the LORD your God."

- **Hosea 13:4:** "Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt, and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no saviour beside me."
- **Malachi 2:11-12:** "Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the Lord which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god. The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a Hebrew servant was given a wife by his master during his term of service, and he had children with her, then when he was freed he was freed **alone**. His wife and children didn't go out with him, because the wife was provided by his master and so her children belonged to his master.

- **Exodus 21:4:** "If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself."

Under the Mosaic Law, land could be worked for six years but had to be left **alone** so it could rest on the seventh year. Whatever grew on its own that year was to be given to the poor and to the animals. (This provision included vineyards as well.)

- **Exodus 23:11:** "But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, and with thy

oliveyard."

The commandment to keep the sabbath was very specifically given to Israel **alone**. It wasn't given to the Gentiles, but was instead a sign of the special relationship that God had with Israel.

- **Exodus 31:15-17:** "Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed."

It seems that if Moses had let God **alone** after the Israelites created an idol and sacrificed to it, God's anger would have waxed hot and He would have killed all of the Israelites and turned the descendants of Moses into a great nation.

- **Exodus 32:10:** "Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation."

Even though God told Moses to leave Him **alone** so that His wrath would wax hot against the Israelites, Moses didn't do that. Instead he interceded on their behalf and asked God to spare them.

- **Exodus 32:12:** "Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them

in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people."

Under the Mosaic Law, as long as a person had leprosy they had to live **alone**.

- **Leviticus 13:46:** "All the days wherein the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his habitation be."

Under the Mosaic Law, when the people planted trees for food they had to leave the fruit of those trees **alone** for three years.

- **Leviticus 19:23:** "And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised: three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto you: it shall not be eaten of."

Under the Mosaic Law, the food that grew in the seventh year (the sabbatical year) could be eaten by servants and foreigners. It didn't have to be left **alone**.

- **Leviticus 25:6:** "And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee."

The job of maintaining and carrying the tabernacle was given to the Levites **alone**.

- **Numbers 1:51:** "And when the tabernacle setteth

forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death."

Moses claimed that he had been taking care of the Israelites **alone**. Yet he had taken his father-in-law's advice and appointed many people to help him, so it seems this was an exaggeration.

- **Numbers 11:14:** "I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me."

70 elders of Israel were chosen to help Moses lead the Israelites so that he didn't have to do it **alone**. (This was in addition to the people Moses got to help him after his father-in-law told him he needed help.)

- **Numbers 11:16-17:** "And the Lord said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone."

When Balaam went to meet the Lord, he went **alone**. He didn't bring Balak or the princes of Moab with him.

- **Numbers 23:3:** "And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will

tell thee. And he went to an high place."

- **Numbers 23:15:** "And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt offering, while I meet the LORD yonder."

Balaam said that the Israelites would dwell **alone** and not be reckoned among the nations. (This seems to mean that Israel would be given a supreme position above all other nations.)

- **Numbers 23:9:** "For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him: lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned among the nations."

The reason God commanded the Israelites to wage war against the Midianites was because they had tempted Israel to sin. If the Midianites had left Israel **alone** then this battle wouldn't have happened.

- **Numbers 31:2:** "Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people."

God commanded Israel to leave the Moabites **alone**.

- **Deuteronomy 2:9:** "And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land for a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession."

God told Moses to let Him **alone** so that He could blot out the name of the Israelites from under heaven.

- **Deuteronomy 9:14:** "Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they."

In the song that Moses taught the Israelites, he said that God **alone** led the Israelites (meaning no other gods were involved).

- **Deuteronomy 32:12:** "So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him."

When Moses blessed the Israelites before he died, he said the day was coming when Israel would dwell **alone**. (This may mean the nation would no longer be surrounded by enemies.)

- **Deuteronomy 33:28:** "Israel then shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew."

When Joshua was told that the five kings of the Amorites were hidden in a cave, he told his armies to wage war against the Amorite armies and leave those kings **alone** for now.

- **Joshua 10:17-19:** "And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah. And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them: And stay ye not, but pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand."

The Israelites were only allowed to stay in the promised land if they served God **alone** and didn't worship any other gods.

- **Joshua 23:16:** "When ye have transgressed the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you."

When Ehud brought Israel's present to Eglon king of Moab, he didn't go **alone**. Instead other people went with him to carry the gift.

- **Judges 3:18:** "And when he had made an end to offer the present, he sent away the people that bare the present."

The summer parlor where Ehud met privately with Eglon king of Moab was reserved for the king's use **alone**.

- **Judges 3:20:** "And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in a summer parlour, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat."

When Gideon destroyed his father's altar, he took ten people to help him. He didn't destroy it **alone**.

- **Judges 6:27:** "Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night."

Samson was **alone** in the vineyards of Timnath when the young lion roared at him.

- **Judges 14:6:** "And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done."

The 600 armed men from the tribe of Dan weren't **alone**. There were children with them as well.

- **Judges 18:21:** "So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the carriage before them."

Boaz commanded his workers to leave Ruth **alone**.

- **Ruth 2:9:** "Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn."

Naomi believed it was better for Ruth to be married than to live **alone**.

- **Ruth 3:1:** "Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?"

When Hannah went to pray, she went **alone**.

- **1 Samuel 1:9-10:** "So Hannah rose up after they had

eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the Lord. And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore."

The men of Bethshemesh didn't have respect for the Ark of the Covenant. Instead of leaving it **alone** or having the priests carry it away, they opened it and looked inside it.

- **1 Samuel 6:19:** "And he smote the men of Bethshemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter."

The carriage that David took to the Israelite camp to see his brothers had a keeper. (Apparently he didn't go to the camp **alone**, but instead rode in someone else's carriage.)

- **1 Samuel 17:20-22:** "And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle. For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army. And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren."

When David fought Goliath, he went **alone**. No one else went with him (including Saul, his brothers, or other Israelites).

- **1 Samuel 17:40:** "And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put

them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine."

When David went to get the foreskins for the dowry Saul requested so he could marry Saul's daughter Michal, he didn't go **alone**. Instead he brought his company of 1,000 soldiers with him.

- **1 Samuel 18:27:** "Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife."

When Ahimelech met David he asked him why he was **alone**.

- **1 Samuel 21:1:** "Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?"

When Ahimelech told David that that he was willing to give him the holy shewbread so he could share it with his men, David claimed it would be fine for his men to eat it because the bodies of his men were holy. (In reality this was all a lie because David was **alone**.)

- **1 Samuel 21:5:** "And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner

common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel."

When David was in the cave Adullam he wasn't **alone**.

- **1 Samuel 22:1:** "David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him."

David believed that murderers should be left **alone** because God will bring them to justice in due time. (That's a *terrible* attitude for a king to have, and is a serious violation of the responsibility God gave to the government to protect the innocent and prosecute evildoers.)

- **1 Samuel 24:12:** "The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee."

God said He was going to raise up evil for David out of his own house, and He did. Jonadab (David's nephew) was the one who told David's son Amnon how to get Tamar **alone** so he could rape her, and that started the sequence of events that led to Absalom's revolt against David.

- **2 Samuel 13:5:** "And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand."

After Tamar prepared cakes for her brother Amnon, he told everyone to leave (so he could be **alone** with his sister and rape her).

- **2 Samuel 13:9:** "And she took a pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him."

Even though Jonadab told Amnon how to deceive Tamar so he could get **alone** with her and rape her, David took no action against either Amnon or Jonadab. David allowed Tamar's rape to go completely unpunished even though there was no question about what had happened or who had done it. (The Mosaic Law didn't allow rape to go unpunished, but David took no action.)

- **2 Samuel 13:32:** "And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose that they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar."

When Absalom went to Hebron to pronounce himself king, he didn't go **alone**. Instead he brought 200 men with him.

- **2 Samuel 15:11:** "And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing."

When David left Jerusalem to flee from Absalom, a large group of people went with him. David didn't leave the city **alone**.

- **2 Samuel 15:17-18:** "And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off. And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off. And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king."

David told his servants to leave Shimei **alone** (and yet later he commanded Solomon to kill him).

- **2 Samuel 16:11:** "And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him."

The watchman of the city where David was waiting (while he servants fought the servants of Absalom) saw a man who was running **alone**.

- **2 Samuel 18:24:** "And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone."

Shimei told David that because he had sinned, he was the first one to come and greet David when he returned. (However, he brought with him 1,000 people from his tribe, which was a dangerous armed force. Shimei didn't come **alone**.)

- **2 Samuel 19:16-17, 20:** "And Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, which was of Bahurim, hasted and came down

with the men of Judah to meet king David. And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over Jordan before the king. ... For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king."

When the prostitutes brought their case to Solomon, one woman said that she lived **alone** with the other woman, and after they both gave birth there were no other people with them in the house.

- **1 Kings 3:18:** "And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house."

When the prophet Ahijah found Jeroboam, the two of them were **alone** in a field.

- **1 Kings 11:29:** "And it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field:"

The young men of the princes of the provinces (of the kingdom of Ahab) didn't fight the army of Benhadad **alone**. Instead the small army of Samaria followed them.

- **1 Kings 20:19:** "So these young men of the princes of the

provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them."

When the day came when God was going to take Elijah into heaven, Elijah tried to leave Elisha behind three times so he could go on **alone**. However, Elisha refused to leave him.

- **2 Kings 2:2:** "And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said unto him, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel."
- **2 Kings 2:4:** "And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho."
- **2 Kings 2:6:** "And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on."

When the woman grabbed Elisha's feet (after her son died) and Gehazi approached her to force her away from him, Elisha told Gehazi to leave her **alone**.

- **2 Kings 4:27:** "And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid it from me, and hath not told me."

When Elisha prayed over the woman's child who had died, he was **alone**. There was no one else in the room with him.

- **2 Kings 4:33:** "He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto the LORD."

The bones of the man of God were left **alone**.

- **2 Kings 23:18:** "And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria."

The bones of the prophet who came out of Samaria were left **alone** (because they were in the sepulcher of the man of God).

- **2 Kings 23:18:** "And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria."

When Azariah the priest went into the temple to chase after Uzziah, he didn't confront Uzziah **alone**. Instead he had 80 other priests with him.

- **2 Chronicles 26:17:** "And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, that were valiant men:"

Darius commanded the governor, Shetharboznai, and the Apharsachites to leave the temple construction project **alone**.

- **Ezra 6:6-7:** "Now therefore, Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shetharboznai, and your companions the Apharsachites, which are beyond the river, be ye far from thence: Let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in his place."

Meremoth didn't weigh the treasure **alone**. There were other people with him when he did it.

- **Ezra 8:33:** "Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them was Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites;"

Hanani didn't travel to Sushan **alone**. Other people traveled with him from Judah.

- **Nehemiah 1:2:** "That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem."

Nehemiah didn't travel to Jerusalem **alone**. The king sent with him captains of the army and horsemen. This means when Nehemiah came to the governors he had a small army with him (and he also had the letters from the king, which meant he came with the king's authority).

- **Nehemiah 2:9:** "Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me."

Nehemiah didn't confront the nobles and rulers **alone**. Instead he set a large assembly against them, so that many people would hear how these rulers and nobles defended their wicked deeds.

- **Nehemiah 5:7:** "Then I consulted with myself, and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them."

Nehemiah didn't look to take a reward for his good deeds from the people. Instead he sought a reward from God **alone**.

- **Nehemiah 5:19:** "Think upon me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this people."

After Job lost everything, he wished the night when he was born would be **alone** and wouldn't be part of the month or the year. (In other words, he wished he had died instead of being born.)

- **Job 3:7:** "Lo, let that night be solitary, let no joyful voice come therein."

Job's friends deserted him when his troubles happened, and he was forced to face his problems **alone**. He compared his friends to snow that disappears when heat comes.

- **Job 6:15-17:** "My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook, and as the stream of brooks they pass away; Which are blackish by reason of the ice, and wherein the snow is hid: What time they wax warm, they vanish: when it is hot, they are consumed out of their place."

Job wanted to be left **alone**.

- **Job 7:16:** "I loathe it; I would not live alway: let me alone; for my days are vanity."

Job believed that God was the source of his pain. He also believed that if God just left him **alone** that his life would be better. (However, he was wrong. It's *not* true that our life would be better if God ignored us.)

- **Job 7:17-19:** "What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him? and that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him? And that thou shouldest visit him every morning, and try him every moment? How long wilt thou not depart from me, nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?"
- **Job 10:20:** "Are not my days few? cease then, and let me alone, that I may take comfort a little,"
- **Job 14:6:** "Turn from him, that he may rest, till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day."

When Job went through all of these terrible things, no one helped him. He had to go through it **alone** because his friends and relatives deserted him.

- **Job 19:14:** "My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me."

Eliphaz accused Job of telling God to depart from him. (In fairness, Job had indeed asked God to leave him **alone**.)

- **Job 22:17:** "Which said unto God, Depart from us: and what can the Almighty do for them?"

Job referred to the fathers of those who derided him as people who lived **alone** due to their poverty. (In other words, the lowest people in society despised him.)

- **Job 30:3:** "For want and famine they were solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste."

It seems there was no weapon in the ancient world that was effective against the leviathan. This explains why even the mighty were terrified of it. They had no way to even injure that fire-breathing creature, let **alone** defeat it.

- **Job 41:25-29:** "When he raiseth up himself, the mighty are afraid: by reason of breakings they purify themselves. The sword of him that layeth at him cannot hold: the spear, the dart, nor the habergeon. He esteemeth iron as straw, and brass as rotten wood. The arrow cannot make him flee: slingstones are turned with him into stubble. Darts are counted as stubble: he laugheth at the shaking of a spear."

When we're **alone**, we should cry out to God for help.

- **Psalms 12:1:** "Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men."

We must give offerings to God **alone**. Terrible things will happen to those who go after other gods.

- **Psalms 16:4:** "Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips."

There may be times when our life is full of enemies and we have no friends. It's possible we may have no one to help us, and are **alone** in the midst of terrible opposition.

- **Psalm 31:11:** "I was a reproach among all mine enemies, but especially among my neighbours, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me."

When we sin, there's nothing that we can do to make ourselves clean again. Instead we must go to God, who **alone** can wash us and make us clean.

- **Psalm 51:7:** "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."

David wasn't **alone**. There were people with him who were helping him.

- **Psalm 54:4:** "Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul."

We must look to God **alone** for salvation.

- **Psalm 62:2:** "He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved."
- **Psalm 62:6:** "He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved."
- **Psalm 62:5:** "My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him."

God sets those who are solitary in families. (In other words, He provides families for those who are **alone**.)

- **Psalm 68:6:** "God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the

rebellious dwell in a dry land."

Asaph said he desired God **alone**, and nothing else.

- **Psalm 73:25:** "Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee."

We must seek after God **alone**, and never leave Him. Those who are far from God will perish.

- **Psalm 73:27:** "For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee."

There may be times when we're suffering and are **alone**.

- **Psalm 88:8:** "Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth."

Heman had been crying out to God for deliverance from his affliction, but he hadn't been delivered. He cried out to God each day and night but no help had come and he was **alone**.

- **Psalm 88:9:** "Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee."

There may be times when God drives away the other people in our life and we're left **alone**.

- **Psalm 88:18:** "Lover and friend hast thou put far from

me, and mine acquaintance into darkness."

The psalmist said he was like a pelican of the wilderness or an owl of the desert. (In other words, he was **alone**.)

- **Psalm 102:6:** "I am like a pelican of the wilderness: I am like an owl of the desert."

The psalmist said he was like a sparrow who upon the house top. (In other words, he was **alone**.)

- **Psalm 102:7:** "I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top."

The psalmist speaks of people wandering **alone** in the wilderness, seeking a city but not finding one. (This seems to refer to the Jews being scattered from Israel.)

- **Psalm 107:4:** "They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in."

There are some matters that aren't our business, which we should leave **alone**.

- **Psalm 131:1:** "Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me."

There were times when David was **alone**.

- **Psalm 142:4:** "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me;

no man cared for my soul."

When we're **alone** and in trouble, we should cry out to God and trust in Him.

- **Psalm 142:5:** "I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living."

If a man had multiple wives (which was permitted under the Mosaic Law), he wasn't allowed to share any of them with others. They were his and his **alone**.

- **Proverbs 5:16-17:** "Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets. Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee."

Each person's wisdom is for themselves **alone**. (If other people are taught to become wise then they'll benefit from their own wisdom, which they've learned.)

- **Proverbs 9:12:** "If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself: but if thou scorner, thou alone shalt bear it."

Other people can't truly share in someone else's joy or bitterness. It belongs to them and them **alone**.

- **Proverbs 14:10:** "The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy."

We need the counsel of others. We shouldn't lean on our own judgment **alone**.

- **Proverbs 20:18:** "Every purpose is established by counsel: and with good advice make war."

It's wrong to remove an ancient landmark that was set up by people from a previous generation. Ancient landmarks need to be left **alone**. (In ancient times, landmarks were used to establish property boundaries.)

- **Proverbs 22:28:** "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set."

There are times when being poor and **alone** is better than the alternative.

- **Proverbs 25:24:** "It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman and in a wide house."

Women who are wicked and hostile don't deserve to get married. They're unqualified for marriage and should be forced to live with the consequences of their actions (meaning they should live **alone**.) No one should have to put up with their terrible behavior.

- **Proverbs 30:21-23:** "For three things the earth is disquieted, and for four which it cannot bear: For a servant when he reigneth; and a fool when he is filled with meat; For an odious woman when she is married; and an handmaid that is heir to her mistress."

If a person is **alone** in life, it doesn't make sense for him to work endless hours to gain wealth. This is because his wealth

doesn't help him (because he's too busy working to enjoy it), and it doesn't help anyone else because there isn't anyone else in his life.

- **Ecclesiastes 4:8:** "There is one alone, and there is not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother: yet is there no end of all his labour; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither saith he, For whom do I labour, and bereave my soul of good? This is also vanity, yea, it is a sore travail."

It's not good for a person to go through life **alone**. If a person is by himself and falls, there's no one to help him up.

- **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10:** "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up."

It's much harder to get through difficult times **alone**, without anyone's help.

- **Ecclesiastes 4:11:** "Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?"

If a woman hasn't reached sexual maturity then she's not eligible for marriage and must be left **alone**.

- **Song of Solomon 8:8-9:** "We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for? If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar."

In the day of the Lord (the tribulation), God will humble everything in the world that's exalted so that He **alone** is exalted in that day.

- **Isaiah 2:12:** "For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:"

One of God's characteristics is that He **alone** can tell people what will happen in the future. (This is because He decides what will happen in the future.)

- **Isaiah 41:4:** "Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he."
- **Isaiah 41:22-23:** "Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together."

We must glorify God **alone**.

- **Isaiah 42:8:** "I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images."

We must praise God **alone**.

- **Isaiah 42:8:** "I am the LORD: that is my name: and my

glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images."

God commanded people to remember that He **alone** is God, and there is no one like Him.

- **Isaiah 45:21:** "Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me."
- **Isaiah 46:8-9:** "Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors. Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,"

Babylon believed that she was **alone** among nations, greater than anyone else and without equal. (Babylon was wrong.)

- **Isaiah 47:10:** "For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me."

God called Abraham **alone**.

- **Isaiah 51:2:** "Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him."

The person who's coming from Edom (the Messiah) has trodden the winepress **alone**. He carried out judgment upon

His enemies all by Himself.

- **Isaiah 63:3:** "I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment."

Jeremiah said the reason he sat **alone** was because of God's hand. (Because he rejoiced in God's words but other people didn't, he was forced to be by himself.)

- **Jeremiah 15:17:** "I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand: for thou hast filled me with indignation."

Those who don't hope in God will be desolate and **alone**.

- **Jeremiah 17:6:** "For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited."

When Elnathan went to Egypt to arrest Urijah, he didn't go **alone**. Other men went with him as well.

- **Jeremiah 26:22:** "And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, namely, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and certain men with him into Egypt."

Hazor was a kingdom that dwelled **alone**.

- **Jeremiah 49:31:** "Arise, get you up unto the wealthy

nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the LORD, which have neither gates nor bars, which dwell alone."

It seems this verse is prophesying that the Messiah was going to sit **alone** and remain silent in the judgment.

- **Lamentations 3:28-30:** "He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him. He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope. He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach."

When Ezekiel was given his vision, he was with other Jews who had been taken captive and brought to Babylon. He wasn't **alone**.

- **Ezekiel 1:1:** "Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river of Chebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God."

Ezekiel prophesied that Pharaoh's greatness would be taken away from him. Pharaoh was going to be left broken and **alone**.

- **Ezekiel 31:12:** "And strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land; and all the people of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him."

When Gog invades Israel in the end times, he will have many allies with him. He won't be **alone**.

- **Ezekiel 38:3-7:** "And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee. Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them."

Nebuchadnezzar wasn't **alone** when he commanded the three Jews to be cast into the furnace.

- **Daniel 3:24:** "Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king."

It seems Belshazzar wanted to use God's holy vessels in order to insult Him. Belshazzar made a deliberate choice to use them in his party, because they weren't close at hand and had been left **alone** in a treasury for decades. (This proved to be a terrible decision.)

- **Daniel 5:2:** "Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which

his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein."

Darius thought it was appropriate to put to death anyone who wouldn't worship him **alone**. He didn't have a problem forcing everyone in his empire to worship him. (He was wrong.)

- **Daniel 6:7-9:** "All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree."

The presidents and princes forced Darius to admit he had signed a law forcing everyone in the kingdom to worship him **alone**.

- **Daniel 6:12:** "Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not."

Daniel wasn't **alone** when he had this vision. There were other people with him at that time (but they didn't see it).

- **Daniel 10:7:** "And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves."

In the past Israel had rejected God and worshiped many different idols. In the future they'll worship God **alone**.

- **Hosea 2:23:** "And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God."

The Israelites wouldn't repent. They refused to turn from their sins and worship God **alone**.

- **Hosea 5:4:** "They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD."

God compared Assyria to a wild donkey that was all **alone**. It was wild and unable to help the Israelites.

- **Hosea 8:9:** "For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired lovers."

God rejects those who worship Him alongside their idols. He must be worshiped **alone**.

- **Hosea 8:13:** "They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it; but the LORD accepteth them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt."

Nations must not be idolatrous. They must worship God **alone**.

- **Hosea 9:1:** "Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy, as other people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a reward upon every cornfloor."

Before we can give God offerings we must repent and worship Him **alone**. We can't offer Him gifts while we're living a wicked life because He won't accept them.

- **Hosea 9:4:** "They shall not offer wine offerings to the LORD, neither shall they be pleasing unto him: their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted: for their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the LORD."

God requires us to be wholly devoted to Him and Him **alone**.

- **Hosea 10:2:** "Their heart is divided; now shall they be found faulty: he shall break down their altars, he shall spoil their images."

Nations must look to God **alone** for salvation.

- **Hosea 14:3:** "Asshur shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye are our gods: for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy."

When the kingdom of Israel fell in God's judgment, there was

no one to help her. She was **alone** and wouldn't recover.

- **Amos 5:2:** "The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; there is none to raise her up."

God doesn't accept the worship of idolaters. Those who seek to worship Him must first repent of their idolatry and worship Him **alone**.

- **Amos 5:25-27:** "Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves. Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the Lord, whose name is The God of hosts."

In the end times, the people of God will dwell alone in the forest.

- **Micah 7:14:** "Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old."

God requires people to worship Him **alone**. He hates it when people worship idols as well as Him.

- **Zephaniah 1:4-5:** " I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the Chemarims with the priests; And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and

them that worship and that swear by the LORD, and that swear by Malcham;"

No one accompanied the wise men on their search for the Messiah. None of the priests, scribes, or religious leaders had any interest in finding the Messiah. The wise men searched for Him **alone**.

- **Matthew 2:8:** "And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also."

People shall not live by bread **alone**. They also need every single word that comes from God.

- **Matthew 4:4:** "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

There were times when Jesus taught **alone**, without His disciples present.

- **Matthew 11:1:** "And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities."

Jesus explained the meaning of the parable of the tares when He was **alone** and the multitude wasn't around.

- **Matthew 13:36:** "Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of

the field."

When evening had come, Jesus was **alone**.

- **Matthew 14:23:** "And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone."

Jesus commanded His disciples to leave the scribes and Pharisees **alone**.

- **Matthew 15:14:** "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

In order to follow Jesus we must deny ourselves. Instead of seeking our own will we must die to ourselves and wholly submit ourselves to God, and seek after His will **alone**. That's the only way we can obtain everlasting life.

- **Matthew 16:24-25:** "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

If someone sins against you personally, you must first go and talk to him about it **alone**.

- **Matthew 18:15:** "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother."

Salvation is a miracle from God. All those who are saved are saved by the power of God **alone**.

- **Matthew 19:26:** "But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."

Jesus gave His disciples a unique reward for following Him during His earthly ministry. In the millennium they **alone** will rule over the twelve tribes of Israel.

- **Matthew 19:28:** "And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Those who allow themselves to be called "rabbi" are taking a title that belongs to Jesus **alone**.

- **Matthew 23:8:** "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren."

Those in the church who allow themselves to be called "father" are taking a title that belongs to God the Father **alone**.

- **Matthew 23:9:** "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven."

Those who allow themselves to be called "master" are taking a

title that belongs to Jesus **alone**.

- **Matthew 23:10:** "Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ."

Jesus knew that all of His disciples were going to flee from Him that night (when He was arrested) and leave Him **alone**.

- **Matthew 26:31:** "Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad."

When Jesus was filled with sorrow, He didn't pray **alone**. Instead He brought three of His disciples to pray with Him. (However, they fell asleep instead of praying.)

- **Matthew 26:37:** "And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy."

When people heard Jesus cry out at the ninth hour of the day, they said to let Jesus **alone**.

- **Matthew 27:49:** "The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him."

The demon told Jesus to leave them **alone**.

- **Mark 1:24:** "Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God."

Jesus went out **alone** to pray.

- **Mark 1:35:** "And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed."

The twelve disciples waited until they were **alone** with Jesus to ask Him to explain the parable to them.

- **Mark 4:10:** "And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable."

Jesus only explained the meaning of His parables to His disciples when they were **alone**.

- **Mark 4:34:** "But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples."

After Jesus sent the crowd of 5,000 people away, He went to a mountain so He could pray **alone**.

- **Mark 6:46:** "And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray."

There were times when Jesus was **alone** in a house with His disciples (meaning the multitude wasn't around).

- **Mark 7:17:** "And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable."

When Jesus was transfigured, He wasn't followed by a great multitude. He was **alone** on the mountain with three of His disciples.

- **Mark 9:2:** "And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them."

When Jesus was transfigured, after the voice of God spoke to His disciples, Jesus and His disciples were once again **alone** on the mountain.

- **Mark 9:8:** "And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no man any more, save Jesus only with themselves."
- **Luke 9:36:** "And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they kept it close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen."

When Jesus went into the house after casting the demon out of the child, He was **alone** with His disciples.

- **Mark 9:28:** "And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?"

When Jesus was **alone** with His disciples, He said more about divorce than He had said publicly to the Pharisees.

- **Mark 10:10-12:** "And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. And he saith unto them,

Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery."

When people spoke against the woman who anointed Jesus with expensive ointment, Jesus told people to leave her **alone**.

- **Mark 14:6:** "And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me."

Jesus wasn't crucified **alone**. Two other people were crucified with Him.

- **Mark 15:27:** "And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left."

When Mary went to visit her cousin Elisabeth (after learning that she was pregnant), she went **alone**.

- **Luke 1:39:** "And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;"

The demon-possessed man asked Jesus to let them **alone**.

- **Luke 4:34:** "Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God."

Peter didn't fish **alone**. There were other people who fished with him during the night.

- **Luke 5:5:** "And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net."

It's a good practice to seek to pray **alone**.

- **Luke 5:16:** "And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed."

Unlike the Pharisees, who prayed publicly on streetcorners so that people could hear them, Jesus withdrew from the multitudes and prayed **alone** in the wilderness.

- **Luke 5:16:** "And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed."
- **Luke 6:12:** "And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God."

God doesn't leave people **alone**. The Lord either gives them more so they grow in the faith, or He takes away what truth they have so they become more wicked.

- **Luke 8:18:** "Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have."

When the twelve disciples of Jesus returned from their mission trip He wanted to spend some time **alone** with them, away from the multitude of people.

- **Luke 9:10:** "And the apostles, when they were returned, told him all that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately into a desert place belonging to the city called Bethsaida."

When the multitude followed Jesus to a desert place He received them, even though He wanted to spend some time **alone** with His disciples after their mission trip.

- **Luke 9:11:** "And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed them that had need of healing."

There were times when Jesus was able to get away from the multitude of people and spend time **alone** with His disciples.

- **Luke 9:18:** "And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?"

The reason the person in the parable ultimately got up and gave his friend bread was because his friend was persistent. Since he refused to leave his friend **alone** until he got what wanted, his friend gave in. (Jesus used this to illustrate how important it is to be persistent in prayer.)

- **Luke 11:8:** "I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth."

In the parable of the prodigal son, no one cared about the younger son or took care of him. He was **alone** and starving in a distant country.

- **Luke 15:16:** "And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him."

We must serve God **alone**. It's impossible to serve God plus something else as well.

- **Luke 16:13:** "No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

When Jesus told the religious leaders at His trial that He was the Son of God (which was the truth), they said there was no need for further witnesses. They were willing to convict Him on the basis of that statement **alone**.

- **Luke 22:71:** "And they said, What need we any further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth."

When Jesus was led away to be crucified, He didn't go **alone**. Two other people went with Him.

- **Luke 23:32:** "And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death."

There were times when all of the disciples of Jesus went to do other things, and He was left **alone**.

- **John 4:8:** "(For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.)"

The man who had been sick for 38 years didn't have anyone to help him. He was **alone**.

- **John 5:7:** "The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me."

It was impossible for the Jews to believe in Jesus as long as they were seeking the honor that came from other people, and not the honor that came from God **alone**.

- **John 5:44:** "How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?"

When Jesus realized the multitude was going to take Him by force and make Him king, He departed into the mountain **alone**.

- **John 6:15:** "When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone."

The day after Jesus fed the multitude, the people realized that He hadn't crossed the sea with His disciples in the only boat that was available. Instead His disciples had left **alone**.

- **John 6:22:** "The day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was

none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples were gone away alone;"

Jesus wasn't **alone**. God the Father was with Him.

- **John 8:16:** "And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me."
- **John 8:29:** "And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him."

If a corn of wheat isn't planted in the ground, it will never sprout and bear fruit. Instead it will remain **alone**.

- **John 12:24:** "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

Jesus is the only way to God. All other paths are false because He **alone** is the true vine.

- **John 15:1:** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman."

Even when the disciples of Jesus left Him (when He was arrested), Jesus wouldn't be **alone**. This is because God the Father would be with Him.

- **John 16:32:** "Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall

leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me."

The hour was coming when the disciples of Jesus would abandon Him and leave Him **alone**.

- **John 16:32:** "Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me."

Gamaliel told the council that if the disciples weren't from God, then nothing would come of what they were doing, and therefore there was no reason to oppose them. (This was *terrible* advice. It worked out fine in this case because the disciples truly were of God, but it's an awful principle. If people are wicked then they can do all sorts of harm if they're not stopped! Under no circumstances should people be left **alone** on the grounds that if they're not of God they will eventually fail.)

- **Acts 5:38:** "And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:"

When Gamaliel told the council to leave the apostles **alone**, he didn't bring up the miracles that they did or their miraculous escape from prison. All of the evidence that they truly were from God, and were doing God's work by His power, was ignored and not mentioned.

- **Acts 5:39:** "But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God."

When Saul (who later became the apostle Paul) traveled to Damascus, he wasn't **alone**. Other people traveled with him.

- **Acts 9:7:** "And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man."

When Peter returned to Caesarea with the three men from Cornelius, he didn't go **alone**. Instead he brought other Christians with him.

- **Acts 10:23:** "Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him."

Peter didn't go to see Cornelius **alone**. Instead six other Christians accompanied him.

- **Acts 11:12:** "And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:"

Paul didn't go on his second missionary journey **alone**. Instead Silas accompanied him.

- **Acts 15:40:** "And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God."

Paul didn't cast the demon out of the woman until she had followed him around for many days, and wouldn't leave him **alone**.

- **Acts 16:18:** "And this did she many days. But Paul, being

grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour."

Even though Paul didn't sail from Troas to Assos and preferred to walk there **alone**, he boarded a ship at Assos and sailed with the group from that point on.

- **Acts 20:13-15:** "And we went before to ship, and sailed unto Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, minding himself to go afoot. And when he met with us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene. And we sailed thence, and came the next day over against Chios; and the next day we arrived at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium; and the next day we came to Miletus."

Paul didn't travel to Damascus **alone**. There were other people with him on the journey.

- **Acts 22:9:** "And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me."
- **Acts 26:13:** "At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me."

Festus wasn't **alone** when he judged Paul from his judgment seat. There was also a council present.

- **Acts 25:12:** "Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go."

Genuine repentance won't be **alone**. Instead it will be accompanied by works.

- **Acts 26:20:** "But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance."

Paul didn't travel to Italy **alone**. Other people (referred to as "us") went with him.

- **Acts 27:2:** "And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; one Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us."

We are justified by faith **alone**. Our works play no part.

- **Romans 3:28:** "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."

We are saved by believing in God and looking to Him **alone** for justification. Our works play no part.

- **Romans 4:5:** "But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."

David knew that justification came through faith **alone**, and not by works.

- **Romans 4:6:** "Even as David also describeth the

blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,"

Both those who are circumcised and those who are uncircumcised (Jews and Gentiles) are saved by faith **alone**.

- **Romans 4:9:** "Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness."

Abraham is an example of being saved by faith **alone**.

- **Romans 4:20-22:** "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness."

When the Scriptures recorded that Abraham was saved by faith, it wasn't for his sake **alone**. Instead God was establishing a principle that people are saved by faith and not by works.

- **Romans 4:23-24:** "Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;"

Our salvation depends on the death and resurrection of Jesus. It's through Jesus **alone** that we're saved, and not by any works on our part.

- **Romans 4:25:** "Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."

We must seek righteousness by faith **alone**, not by works. Those who seek righteousness by works won't find it.

- **Romans 9:31-32:** "But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;"

Elijah claimed that he was the only prophet of God left. He thought he was **alone**. (He was wrong.)

- **Romans 11:3:** "Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life."

The true people of God are those who don't worship idols, but worship instead God **alone**.

- **Romans 11:4:** "But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal."

We must serve Christ **alone**. Those who serve their own desires are lost.

- **Romans 16:17-18:** "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their

own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."

Our confidence that we'll remain saved and not be lost *must* rest in Jesus **alone**, because He's the one who's holding us and keeping us saved. (That's not something we do ourselves.)

- **1 Corinthians 1:7-8:** "So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."

It's not good for Christians to say that they follow certain people. Instead all of us should follow Christ **alone**.

- **1 Corinthians 1:12-13:** "Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?"
- **1 Corinthians 3:4:** "For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?"

Paul wanted to preach the gospel unadorned and without cleverness, so that the power of the gospel would rest in the power of God **alone**.

- **1 Corinthians 1:17:** "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect."

Paul refused to modify the gospel to make it not seem foolish to the world. Instead he preached it exactly as it was, because

he knew that it **alone** contains the power of God for salvation. Changing it in any way would make it lose its power.

- **1 Corinthians 1:17-18:** "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."

All glory must be given to God **alone**.

- **1 Corinthians 1:29:** "That no flesh should glory in his presence."

Since Jesus is our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, we must glorify God **alone**. Since none of those things come from us or are a result of our works, we must not glorify ourselves.

- **1 Corinthians 1:30-31:** "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."

People's faith must rest on the power of God **alone**.

- **1 Corinthians 2:5:** "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

The Rock upon which the church is built is Christ. It's always been Christ and it will never be anything else. Christ **alone** is the rock (not Peter).

- **1 Corinthians 10:4:** "And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ."

The gift of tongues must not be practiced **alone**. Instead there must be an interpreter who can explain what's being said.

- **1 Corinthians 14:5, 27-28:** "I would that ye all spake with tongues but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying. ... If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God."

If a person has chosen to be ignorant and won't listen, then that person isn't our responsibility. We should leave that person **alone** and let them remain ignorant (because they've been presented with the truth and are unwilling to learn).

- **1 Corinthians 14:38:** "But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant."

Paul seemed to think it wasn't good to be **alone**. He sought to be with others and was restless until he found them.

- **2 Corinthians 2:13:** "I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia."

We must trust in God **alone**. We must not in ourselves, or in our heart, or in our abilities.

- **2 Corinthians 3:5:** "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;"
- **2 Corinthians 4:7:** "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us."

We must not preach ourselves. Instead we must preach Christ **alone**.

- **2 Corinthians 4:5:** "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

Titus didn't go to the Corinthian church **alone**. Paul sent another person with him.

- **2 Corinthians 8:6, 18:** "Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. ... And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches;"

God forbade Paul from telling other people what he saw and experienced in Heaven. It seems the vision was solely for Paul's benefit **alone** and couldn't be shared.

- **2 Corinthians 12:4:** "How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."

Christ won't save those who seek salvation by works. In order to be saved we must put all of our trust in Him **alone**.

- **Galatians 5:2-4:** "Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."

We're saved by faith in Christ **alone**, not by anything we've done.

- **Galatians 5:6:** "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love."

The Galatians only added one thing to the gospel (the requirement to be circumcised to be saved). However, that was a rejection of the gospel and a sign they were on the road to Hell. This is because they were now seeking salvation by their own efforts instead of through Christ **alone**.

- **Galatians 5:9:** "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump."

It's not acceptable to worship both God and idols. We must worship God **alone**. We can't add God to the other idols in our lives.

- **Galatians 5:20:** "Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,"

It's good to speak truths out loud (even if we're **alone**).

- **Ephesians 5:19:** "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"

Paul spoke of "our" affairs. It seems that Paul wasn't **alone** when he wrote his letter to the Ephesian church.

- **Ephesians 6:22:** "Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts."

Paul wasn't **alone** when he wrote his letter to the Philippian church. He had other Christians with him.

- **Philippians 4:21:** "Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you."

God didn't establish an organization or person that has authority over multiple churches. Instead elders have authority over individual churches. The only person who's over the church as a whole is the Lord Jesus Christ. This means anyone who claims authority over the church as a whole is trying to steal a position that belongs to Jesus **alone**.

- **Colossians 1:18:** "And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence."

Tychicus didn't go to the Colossians **alone**. Paul also sent Onesimus with him.

- **Colossians 4:7-9:** "All my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, who is a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellowservant in the Lord: Whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts; With Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things which are done here."

When Paul wrote his letter to the Colossian church, he wasn't **alone**. Aristarchus, Marcus, and Justus were with him.

- **Colossians 4:10-11:** "Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;) And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me."

God has given both men and women unique roles that belong to them **alone**. (For example, only women can have children.)

- **1 Timothy 2:15:** "Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety."

When Paul wrote his second letter to Timothy, wasn't **alone**. Luke was with him.

- **2 Timothy 4:11:** "Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry."

If everyone fled when the apostle Paul was attacked, it's possible no one will stand with us when we're attacked. Sometimes we must suffer **alone**.

- **2 Timothy 4:16:** "At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge."

Paul wasn't **alone** when he was in prison. When he wrote his letter to Philemon he had the support of Epaphras, Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, and Lucas.

- **Philemon 1:23-24:** "There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus; Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers."

We're redeemed through Christ **alone**. It's His death that saves us.

- **Hebrews 9:15-17:** "And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth."

James didn't say that Christians should focus on gospel matters and leave the rest **alone**. Instead he said we must be free from error. James didn't allow any level of error (in any matter) that was acceptable.

- **James 1:16:** "Do not err, my beloved brethren."

The reason faith without works is dead is because genuine faith will never lack works. If faith lacks works, and is **alone**, then it's a false faith that doesn't save.

- **James 2:17:** "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."

Jude didn't teach that the ungodly men should be left **alone** so they can be influenced by the good people around them. Instead he said they should be removed from the congregation so they don't cause more damage to the church.

- **Jude 1:12:** "These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;"

When the devil appears in the sky immediately before the rapture he won't be **alone**. On the day when he invades this world he'll bring the other fallen angels with him.

- **Revelation 12:3-4:** "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born."

INDEPENDENT, INDEPENDENTLY, SINGLE-HANDEDLY, UNILATERAL

Adino once defeated 800 men **single-handedly**.

- **2 Samuel 23:8:** "These be the names of the mighty men whom David had: The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same was Adino the Eznite: he lift up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time."

When the men of Israel fled and the Philistines remained on the battlefield, Eleazar arose and fought them **single-handedly**.

- **2 Samuel 23:9-10:** "And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away: He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil."

When the Philistines were in a ground full of lentils and the Israelites had fled, Shammah stood in the midst of the ground and defended it **single-handedly**.

- **2 Samuel 23:11-12:** "And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines. But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and

slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory."

There was a time when Abishai **single-handedly** fought and killed 300 men with his spear.

- **2 Samuel 23:18:** "And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, and slew them, and had the name among three."
- **1 Chronicles 11:20:** "And Abishai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his spear against three hundred, he slew them, and had a name among the three."

When the book of 1 Kings was written the Israelites were still rebelling against the house of David. (In other words, they were still an **independent** nation.)

- **1 Kings 12:19:** "So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day."

Jehoram didn't succeed in conquering Edom. Even though he defeated the Edomites who surrounded him, Edom remained **independent**.

- **2 Kings 8:22:** "Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time."

Jashobeam **single-handedly** killed 300 men with a spear.

- **1 Chronicles 11:11:** "And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had; Jashobeam, an Hachmonite, the chief of the captains: he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain by him at one time."

In the days of Nehemiah, the Jews were no longer **independent**. Instead they were the subjects of another kingdom.

- **Nehemiah 9:36:** "Behold, we are servants this day, and for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it:"

It's good to work **independently**.

- **Proverbs 6:6-8:** "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise: Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler, Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest."

The virtuous woman described in Proverbs 31 **independently** runs her own business from her home.

- **Proverbs 31:24:** "She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant."

The sword in Ezekiel's prophecy had contempt for the rod (scepter) of the Jews. In other words, it was going to remove their ability to be an **independent** and sovereign kingdom.

- **Ezekiel 21:9-10:** "Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and

also furbished: It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter; it is furbished that it may glitter: should we then make mirth? it contemneth the rod of my son, as every tree."

The sovereignty of the Jews wouldn't be gone forever. One day they would be an **independent** nation again.

- **Ezekiel 21:26-27:** "Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him."

The story that's told in Genesis of the creation of women is literally true. God really did make women from men, and didn't make women **independently**.

- **1 Corinthians 11:8:** "For the man is not of the woman: but the woman of the man."

The promises that God gave to Abraham didn't involve two parties. Instead God made a **unilateral** and unconditional promise that He would surely bless Abraham. That promise didn't depend on any works by Abraham at all.

- **Galatians 3:20:** "Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one."

When Jesus returns, He will slaughter the armies of the antichrist. Although the armies of Heaven will accompany Him, they won't fight. Jesus will defeat all those who are

opposed to Him **single-handedly**.

- **Revelation 19:21:** "And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh."

ISOLATED, ISOLATION

The five spies from the tribe of Dan saw that the people of Laish didn't have any business with anyone else (meaning they were **isolated** from others).

- **Judges 18:7:** "Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; and there was no magistrate in the land, that might put them to shame in any thing; and they were far from the Zidonians, and had no business with any man."

The reason there was no one to deliver the people of Laish when the tribe of Dan attacked them was because they had no dealings with anyone else. (They were **isolated**.)

- **Judges 18:28:** "And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Zidon, and they had no business with any man; and it was in the valley that lieth by Bethrehob. And they built a city, and dwelt therein."

The reason Jotham began reigning over Judah while Uzziah was still alive was because Uzziah became a leper and had to be **isolated**. (Under the Mosaic Law, lepers were unclean and had to live alone.)

- **2 Chronicles 26:21:** "And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land."

When Esther was in the palace she was **isolated** from the Jewish community. Even though Jews throughout the kingdom were greatly upset by the king's commandment to kill all of them, Esther didn't know what was going on.

- **Esther 4:4-5:** "So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told it her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received it not. Then called Esther for Hatach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what it was, and why it was."

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- **Isaiah 1:8:** "And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city."

God compared the daughter of Zion to a cottage in a vineyard. (In ancient times the keeper of the vineyard lived in an **isolated** cottage, far from others. This was a sign of terrible **isolation**.)

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