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When Abraham's oldest servant asked Laban's household how they were going to respond to his request to bring Rachel to Isaac, Bethuel (Rebekah's father) and Laban told him that this thing had **proceeded** from the Lord.

- **Genesis 24:50-51:** "Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the Lord hath spoken."

When a nation has a king it's a heavy burden upon that nation, because kings tax their citizens and give the **proceeds** to their officers and servants.

- **1 Samuel 8:15:** "And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants."

Judgment will **proceed** from God.

- **Isaiah 51:4:** "Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people."

God hates theft, even if the **proceeds** of that theft are given to Him.

- **Isaiah 61:8:** "For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them."

God said that one day the Jews would **proceed** with thanksgiving. (This seems to be a reference to the millennium.)

- **Jeremiah 30:19:** "And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small."

Habakkuk didn't understand how God could give victory to the Chaldeans, when they were going to use the **proceeds** from those victories to worship idols (which God hated).

- **Habakkuk 1:15-16:** "They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net, and gather them in their drag: therefore they rejoice and are glad. Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag; because by them their portion is fat, and their meat plenteous."

We must live by every word that **proceeds** out of mouth of 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."

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from our heart.

- **Matthew 15:18:** "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man."

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Jesus told His disciples it was good for the woman to give Him the expensive ointment, rather than sell it and give the **proceeds** to the poor.

- **Matthew 26:10-12:** "When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me. For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial."

One way to obtain Heavenly treasure is by selling our possessions and giving the **proceeds** to the poor.

- **Luke 12:33:** "Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth."

Jesus told the ruler to sell everything that he had and give the

proceeds to the poor.

- **Luke 18:22:** "Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me."

The Holy Spirit **proceeds** from God the Father.

- **John 15:26:** "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:"

In the earliest days of the church, those who owned houses or lands sold them so they could give the **proceeds** to those who needed them.

- **Acts 4:34:** "Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,"

Even in the earliest days of the church, people weren't required to sell everything they had and give the **proceeds** to others. It was their choice.

- **Acts 5:4:** "Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God."

Out of the throne of God **proceeds** lightning, thundering, and

voices.

- **Revelation 4:5:** "And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God."

During the tribulation, if anyone tries to hurt God's two witnesses, fire will **proceed** out of their mouth and devour their enemies.

- **Revelation 11:3, 5:** "And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. ... And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed."

In the New Jerusalem, the river of life **proceeds** out of the throne of God.

- **Revelation 22:1:** "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb."

PROCESSION

When the Israelites traveled through the wilderness, the tribe of Levi was to be in the middle of the **procession**, between the tribes of Reuben and Ephraim.

- **Numbers 2:17:** "Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards."

When the Israelites marched around the city of Jericho, the Ark of the Covenant was at the very end of the **procession**. It was in the rear, not the front.

- **Joshua 6:7:** "And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the LORD."

When seven priests bore seven trumpets and walked around the city of Jericho, they passed before the Lord. That means the **procession** around Jericho was done in God's presence.

- **Joshua 6:8:** "And it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the LORD, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them."

The **procession** around Jericho consisted of the armed men of Israel, followed by seven priests who were blowing trumpets, followed by the Ark of the Covenant, followed by another

group of men.

- **Joshua 6:9:** "And the armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets, and the rereward came after the ark, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets."

The **procession** around Jericho took place early in the morning.

- **Joshua 6:12:** "And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD."

The book of Joshua emphasizes the fact that the priests blew their trumpets each day as the **procession** of Israelites marched around the city of Jericho.

- **Joshua 6:13-14:** "And seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; but the rereward came after the ark of the LORD, the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets. And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days."

Even though there was a mighty **procession** of Israelites who accompanied the Ark of the Covenant when it was being moved to Jerusalem, and even though they were playing music to God, and even though David meant well and was sincere, when Uzzah touched the holy Ark of the Covenant he was still struck dead on the spot. Their sincerity and passion didn't save Uzzah when he touched something he never should have

handled.

- **2 Samuel 6:7:** "And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God."

When David brought the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem, David and the Israelites were part of the **procession**. However, David's wife Michal was not.

- **2 Samuel 6:16:** "And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart."
- **1 Chronicles 15:29:** "And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal, the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart."

When Solomon was brought to Gihon to be made king over Israel, a lot of people were part of the **procession**. (It included Zadok, Nathan, Benaiah, the Cherethites, and the Pelethites.)

- **1 Kings 1:38-39:** "So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. And Zadok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon."

The queen of Sheba saw the royal **procession** that took place when Solomon went to the temple.

- **1 Kings 10:5:** "And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her."
- **2 Chronicles 9:4:** "And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her."

When Rehoboam went to the temple, the guard who bore the bronze shields returned them to the guard chamber after the royal **procession** was over. (Rehoboam did a poor job of trying to recapture Solomon's glory. The brass shields that he made were worthless compared to the gold shields of Solomon, which Rehoboam lost due to his sin.)

- **1 Kings 14:27-28:** "And king Rehoboam made in their stead brassen shields, and committed them unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house. And it was so, when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber."
- **2 Chronicles 12:10-11:** "Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house. And when the king entered into the house of the LORD, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard chamber."

When the people of Judah and Jerusalem returned to Jerusalem after blessing God in the valley of Berachah (because of the great victory He had given them), Jehoshaphat led the **procession** back to the city.

- **2 Chronicles 20:27:** "Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies."