

## HOUSE TO HOUSE

Did Jesus teach that ministers should go from house to house?

Did Paul teach contrary to Jesus' command to the disciples and of the 70 by going from house to house without being invited in?

Lu 10:¶ After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

2 Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.

3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.

They were to wait until they were invited. And when they were invited they were to preach from that house. However they were allowed to go from town to town.

5 And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house.

6 And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

7 And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.

8 And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you:

In other words depend on them to support you while you are witnessing to them.

What other commands went with this witnessing? Should not those who follow the command to witness not also have the power to do the rest?

9 And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

17 ¶ And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.

18 And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven.

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Notice this next scripture about going from "house to house" is about believers that were sharing meals together.

Act. 2:44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Now we look at another "house to house" scripture: Paul reminds the elders of his loyalty and service to the Asian congregations.

Act. 20:16 For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost. Notice Paul is still keeping the holy day Pentecost long after the day the holy spirit descended upon the believers.

17 ¶ And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

19 Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,

21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

He taught in the public houses of worship (tabernacles) and in the elder's and members houses where he had been invited.

Now we come to the commission to spread the gospel:

Christ commanded the apostles to scatter all over the world with the preaching of the gospel.

Mt. 28:16 ¶ Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mt 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

God is not depending only on man to do all the witnessing at the end of this age. After the two witnesses of Rev.11 He will also send three angels to warn the nations. Angel #1 comes warning the world that God's judgment is coming.

Rev. 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Angel #2 warns that Babylon (Satan's system) is in the process of falling.

8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

Angel #3 warns against taking the mark of the beast.

9 And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, 10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:

11 And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.

12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

13 ¶ And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Jesus said:

17 ¶ Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

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What kind of "work" did Jesus say we were to do?

Joh 5:36 But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

Joh 6:28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Joh 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

This brings up the question: Are we to keep all the commandments or can we pick and choose?

Most everyone knows the commands of God are the famous ten given from God to Moses.

Most will agree that some of the commandments are mandatory, but the Sabbath is another subject. There's a disagreement as to how we can know which day the Sabbath falls on. The answer is really quite simple. The Sabbath is on the same day that Christ kept it along with the rest of the Jews who still today keep the same day, Saturday, that they kept then. Any ex-catholic member will tell you that their religious leaders were the ones who took the liberty to decide that the Sabbath should be observed on the first day (Sun.) of the week instead of the seventh day disregarding the authority of God.

If one follows the Catholic or any false church, is this not idolatry ?

## OTHER QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. Does Ez.38:1-23 and Rev. 20:7-8 both speak of Gog and many other Gentile nations attacking a wealthy nation of Israel?

2. Does the Bible say many Gentile nations attack Israel after Satan has been released?

Rev.20:7-8 and Ez.38:4-6 3. When is Satan released? Is it not after the millennium reign during which time he has been imprisoned?

4. Does Rev.20:5 tell us no one will be resurrected during the millennium?

5. When does Satan lead Gentile nations against Israel--before, during, or after the millennium?

6. How, when, and where does the resurrection of the whole house of Israel take place?

Ez.37:1-13 7. Are any other nations mentioned as being resurrected at the same time the whole

house of Israel is resurrected? Ez. 37:3-12 8. Are there any scriptures that indicate Israel will be

wealthy at the end of this age? Read about the end of this age ending with the seven last

plagues of God's wrath. Rev. 16:1-21 9. Does it make sense that Gog would attack Israel during the millennium? If not it either takes place before or after the millennium.

10. If Gog attacks Israel before the millennium, considering the beast is in control of the whole world, (Rev.13:4-8) at the end of this age, is it logical to believe Israel is living in peace, wealthy,

and being unaffected by what is going on?Ez.38:14-16 11. Why is the house of Israel not even mentioned as existing (before the millennium) at the end of this age in Revelation?

12. Does it seem logical that Gog and all those nations listed in Ez.38:2,5,7 (of Rev.20:8) who “has an army “the number of whom is as the sand of the sea” would be in power at the same time the Beast power is ruling the earth? It also is improbable that Israel will be dwelling in peace during the end of this age, let alone be wealthy enough for these nations to attack her for her abundance of cattle and goods (Ez.38:12).

There are many other unanswered questions relating to the event of Israel being attacked by Gog, when it takes place, but it is safe to say according to all the scriptures it does take place after the millennium, after the resurrection of the whole house of Israel.

#### SOME SCRIPTURES TO STUDY RELATING TO THE REST OF THE DEAD

Israel’s second Exodus out of captive nations -----Isa. 60:1-22 Israel’s everlasting covenant -----Isa. 61:11 and Ez. 43:7 Israel’s abundant blessings promised -----Isa. 62:1-12 God’s pronouncement against Israel’s enemies --- -----Ez. 35:1-15 God’s promise to the land He calls His -----Ez. 26:1-15 God’s promise to a repentant Israel -----Ez. 39:25-29 God’s fury against Gog and her Gentile allies -----Ez. 39:1-24 God’s blueprint to Israel for construction of his Temple-----Ez. 40 and 41 God’s everlasting covenant with the whole house of Israel -----Ez. 43:9-17 Israel never to sin again -----Isa. 59:20-21 God’s promise to Judah, Jerusalem and house of David -----Zec.12:3-15, 38:18-23

#### AFTER THE TEMPLE IS BUILT

Altar Ordinances given, Priests and Sacrifices defined -----Ez.43:1-15 Who and how priests are to minister in the Temple -----Ez.44: and 45:1-16 Special Days to be kept holy to the Lord -----Ez.45:17-25  
Healing Waters and Fruit (not the same as the ones in Rev.) -----Ez. 47:8-12, and Zec. 14:8-11 (There is a Temple involved here but not in Rev. 22)