**ACC Sermon Outline – Sunday 21 February 2016**

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**Theme          :    Removing High Places of Our Life**

**Genesis 1: 26**

Then GOD said, “Let Us make man in Our Image, according to Our Likeness;

let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

**GOD as our Creator, is our Ultimate Leader.**

**HE calls every Born Again Believer to Lead others as HIS Agent for the Gospel of Truth and Grace.**

**To Lead others to Grow into Maturity and spirit of Excellence.**

**Ephesians 4: 13**

Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of GOD,

to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of CHRIST.

**Philippians 2: 5 (AMP)**

Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in CHRIST JESUS: [Let HIM be your example in humility:]

**Churches need Leaders who have Vision and Goal, in Equipping the Next Generation**

**Family and children need Leaders who will Lead them in Purpose Driven Lives.**

**Ephesians 4: 11 – 12**

And HE Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and

some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry,

for the edifying of the Body of CHRIST.

**Yet Most Christian Nations are Biblically Illiterate and many who sat in Churches are ignorant of GOD’s Truth and Grace – Mis-use, Mis-interprete, Misunderstand.**

**GOD's Word is GOD Wisdom for us to Live Life Victoriously to Glorify GOD.**

**2 Corinthians 10: 4 – 5**

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in GOD for

pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high things that

exalts itself against the knowledge of GOD.

**Strongholds = Fortress.**

**High Things and High Places of Our Lives can be respectable and noble customs, culture, traditions; in our sight, but not in GOD's Sight.**

**1 Kings 3: 2**

Meanwhile the people sacrificed at the high places, because there was no house built for the Name of the LORD until those days.

**1 Kings 3: 3**

And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David, EXCEPT that

he sacrificed and burned incense at the high places.

**Rise and Fall, Prosperity and Blessing – Depends on Leadership.**

**King Solomon started right – Walking in the stature of his father, David.**

**1 Kings 9: 3**

And the LORD said to him: “I have heard your prayer and your supplication that you have made before ME; I have consecrated this house which you have built to put MY Name there forever, and MY Eyes and MY Heart will be there perpetually.”

**1 Kings 9: 4**

Now if you walk before ME as your father David walked, in integrity of HEART and

in Uprightness, to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep MY statutes and

MY judgments.

**Reference ~ 1 Kings 11: 1 – 13**

**King Solomon did not fully trust the Whole Counsel of the LORD’s Wisdom.**

**1 Kings 11: 4**

For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods;

and his heart was not loyal to the LORD his GOD, as was the heart of his father David.

**2 Kings 11: 7 – 8**

Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill

that is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon.

And he did likewise for all his foreign wives, who burned incense and sacrificed to

their gods.

**Moses warned GOD’s people even before they crossed over to possess the**

**Promised Land.**

**Numbers 33: 52**

Then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you,

destroy all their engraved stones, destroy all their molded images, and

demolish all their HIGH PLACES.

**Numbers 33: 55**

But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain shall be irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and

they shall harass you in the land where you dwell.

**Solomon became corrupted and ensnared by the very customs, traditions of the culture of his time.**

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their gods.

**It takes Strong Leaders in the LORD to Fully Trust and Act Upon GOD’s Truth.**

**We have a Choice to Grow and Build ourselves.**

**Nehemiah in Re-Building the House of the LORD made reference to Solomon’s sin.**

**HE was with Zeal, Acted and Imposed.**

**Nehemiah 13: 25 (AMP)**

And I contended with them and reviled them and beat some of them and pulled out their hair and made them swear by GOD, saying, you shall not give your daughters to their sons,

nor take their daughters for your sons or for yourselves.

**Nehemiah 13: 26 (AMP)**

Did not Solomon king of Israel act treacherously against GOD and miss the mark on account of such women? Among many nations there was no king like him. He was loved by his GOD, and GOD made him king over all Israel; yet strange women even caused him to sin

[when he was old he turned treacherously away from the LORD to other gods, and

GOD rent his kingdom from him].

**Peace, Prosperity and Blessing of the LORD were taken from Solomon's kingdom.**

**1 Kings 11: 14**

Now the LORD raised up an adversary against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite;

he was a descendant of the king in Edom.

**The old defeated enemy made a come-back and oppressed them.**

**1 Kings 11: 23**

And GOD raised up another adversary against him, Rezon the son of Eliadah, who had

fled from his lord, Hadadezer king of Zobah.

**1 Kings 11: 25**

He was an adversary of Israel all the days of Solomon (besides the trouble that Hadad caused); and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

**These statements were repeated throughout the Books of Kings and Chronicles about Judah and Israel:**

**The bad and evil leaders :-**

"And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him;

his heart was not loyal to the LORD his GOD, as was the heart of his father David."

**The better and good leaders : -**

"They did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did his father David. "

**Acts 13: 22**

And when HE had removed him, HE raised up for them David as king, to whom also

HE gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after MY

Own Heart, who will do all MY Will.’

**However most of this better and good Leaders had overlooked :**

" But the high places were not removed "

**High Places in Hebrews – Bamah = Mountain top, Open-air Altar.**

**Since the time of Solomon to Hezekiah, almost 200 over years – Israel and Judah's kings have failed to remove the High Places commanded by Moses.**

**GOD raised up king Hezekiah even though his own father was an evil king.**

**He followed not his ways but walked in the way of his father David.**

**Every House has a True Father or a Leader – To Raise Up true son.**

**1 Kings 18:  2**

He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned twenty-nine years

in Jerusalem. His mother’s name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah.

**2 Kings 18: 3**

And he did what was right in the Sight of the LORD, according to all that his father David

had done.

**2 Kings 18: 4**

He removed the high places and broke the sacred pillars, cut down the wooden image and broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made; for until those days the children of Israel burned incense to it, and called it Nehushtan.

**2 Kings 18: 5 – 6**

He trusted in the LORD GOD of Israel, so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor who were before him.

For he held fast to the LORD; he did not depart from following HIM, but

kept HIS commandments, which the LORD had commanded Moses.

**2 Kings 18: 7 – 8**

The LORD was with him; he prospered wherever he went.

And he rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him.

He subdued the Philistines, as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower to fortified city.

**Most Importantly, the House of The LORD was Restored to her Glory.**

**2 Chronicles 30: 26 – 27**

So there was great joy in Jerusalem, for since the time of Solomon the son of David,

king of Israel, there had been nothing like this in Jerusalem.

Then the priests, the Levites, arose and blessed the people, and their voice was heard;

and their prayer came up to HIS Holy dwelling place, to heaven.

**2 Chronicles 31: 21**

And in every work that he began in the service of the House of GOD, in the law and

in the commandment, to seek his GOD, he did it with all his heart. So he prospered.

**Every Word in the Bible is True. This is the Foundation upon which we Conduct our Lifestyle.**

**John 14: 6**

JESUS said to him, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

No one comes to the FATHER except through ME.

**Having the Truth in our hearts – Helps us know what is Truth and**

**Gives us Clarity in our Choice Daily.**

**Matthew 22: 16 (AMP)**

And they sent their disciples to HIM along with the Herodians, saying,

Teacher, we know that You are sincere and what You profess to be and that

You teach the Way of GOD truthfully, regardless of consequences and being afraid of

no man; for You are impartial and do not regard either the person or the position of anyone.

**Many Good Christians love the LORD, but not Excellent in their spirit.**

**Daniel 6: 3 (AMP)**

Then this Daniel was distinguished above the presidents and the satraps because an EXCELLENT spirit was in him, and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

**2 Corinthians 10: 4 – 5 is very clear that Christians have their struggles –**

**Paul uses military term: warfare.**

**Warfare against the Truth Being Established in this House, in his people.**

**What are your High Places that blurs the Clarity of your Vision to see GOD's Goodness and Wisdom.**

**Philippians 4: 8 (NLT)**

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing.

Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely,

and admirable. Think about things that are EXCELLENT and WORTHY of praise.

**Philippians 1: 10**

That you may approve the things that are EXCELLENT, that you may be sincere and

without offense till the Day of CHRIST.

**Psalms 34: 15 – 16**

The Eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and HIS Ears are open to their cry.

The Face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them

from the earth.