

**Training And Equipping The Saints
"What Are We To Do?"**

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The Witness: Not To Strive With the Stiff Necked

Deuteronomy 31:27,28 For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death? 28 Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, **that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them.**

Notice how it is "heaven and earth" called to record against them?

Ephesians 3:14,15 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 Of whom **the whole family in heaven and earth is named,**

Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are **compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses,** let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us **run with patience the race that is set before us,**

Harmonize the texts and you will find the **mission statement for the sealed/elect:** (those standing on Mount Sion, having his--- the Lamb's) Father's name written in their foreheads---

1. the 144,000 (Rev. 14:1).

Ephesians so beautifully describes us as this family. **The 144,000 are seated in heavenly places---part of the great cloud of witnesses.** The multitude are the **"earth" witnesses---the martus (martyrs-Strong's 3144).**

Reading **Deuteronomy 31** we find Moses writing a song: **:19** Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, **that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel.**

This is the Song of Moses (Deut. 32) sung by the multitude in Rev. 15 as they stand on the sea of glass mingled with blood, having gained the victory over the beast, his image and his mark and over the number of his name. It is on my heart to write this as I see that we are not to strive in our efforts, but to **"bear witness":**

Isa 41:11 Behold, **all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and**

confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.

Can you see the serpents/scorpions and the multitude reflected in this verse?

For God says:

"My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh..." (Genesis 6:3)

Mission:

The Mission:

Lu 6:13 And when it was day, he called unto him **his disciples**: and of them he chose twelve, **whom also he named apostles**:

2. **652. apostolos, ap-os'-tol-os** -rom 649; **a delegate; specially, an ambassador of the Gospel**; officially a **commissioner of Christ** ("apostle") (with miraculous powers):--apostle, messenger, he that is sent. **See Greek 649 (apostello)**

649. apostellw apostello, ap-os-tel'-lo - from 575 and 4724; **set apart**, i.e. (by implication) **to send out (properly, on a mission) literally or figuratively**:--put in, send (away, forth, out), set (at liberty).

Ephesians 2:19-22 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;²⁰ And are built upon **the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone;²¹ In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:²² In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

1Cor 12:28 And God hath set some in the church, **first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers**, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Ephesians 4:11-15 And he gave some, **apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers**;¹² For the **perfecting of the saints**, for **the work of the ministry**, for the **edifying of the body of Christ**:¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:¹⁴ That we henceforth **be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive**; ¹⁵ But **speaking the truth in love**, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

Psalms 75:2-5 When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly. **3** The

earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it. Selah. 4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn: 5 Lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck.

Stiff - 6277 *aw-thawk'* from 6275 in the sense of license; impudent:--arrogancy, grievous (hard) things, stiff.

Neck 6677 *tsav-vawr'* ...intensively from 6696 in the sense of binding; the back of the neck (as that on which burdens are bound):--neck.

6696 *tsoor* a primitive root; to cramp, i.e. confine (in many applications, literally and figuratively, formative or hostile):--adversary, assault, beset, besiege, bind (up), cast, distress, fashion, fortify, inclose, lay siege, put up in bags.

Amos 5:6-15 Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, and there be none to quench it in Bethel. 7 Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth, 8 Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name: 9 That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong, so that the spoiled shall come against the fortress. 10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly. 11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor, and ye take from him burdens of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them. 12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right. 13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time. 14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken. 15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

Hosea 4:1-6 ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. 2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. 3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. 4 Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another: for thy people are as they that strive with the priest. 5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night, and I will destroy thy mother. 6 ¶ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Strive 7378; *reeb* a primitive root; properly, to toss, i.e. grapple; mostly figuratively, to wrangle, i.e. hold a controversy; (by implication) to defend:--adversary, chide, complain, contend, debate...plead, rebuke, strive...

Reprove 3198 *yaw-kahh'* a primitive root; to be right (i.e. correct); reciprocal, to argue; causatively, to decide, justify or convict:--appoint, argue, chasten, convince, correct(-ion)...dispute, judge... plead, reason (together), rebuke, reprove(-r)...