

until all those who were afraid of the giants had died off.

"And the space in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we came over the brook Zered, was thirty and eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as the Lord swore unto them.

For indeed the hand of the Lord was against them, to destroy them from among the host until they were consumed. So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people, That the Lord spoke to me saying, Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab this day.
Deut. 2:14-18

It is clear that the Lord did not want the fearful going into the land of Moab. Remember, Gideon, when he was gathering his army said, "Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return early from mount Gilead." and about two-thirds of the people left.

So, there are some who do not believe that the sons and daughters of Zion could enter into that relationship of love without dragging it into the carnal realm. Therefore, they say - is it not better to stay with our safe rules and laws of conduct? Why sail near Cape Fear? You will surely be shipwrecked and if not destroyed on the rocks - the giants will finish you off. God told the Israelites that he had given the giants into their hands. They did not believe him and perished in the wilderness anyway.

Is it better to stay in the Sea of Law and perish or is it better to risk sailing the Straits of Love? The rules and laws of safe social conduct are much safer than the scary possibility of sailing the Seas of the Spirit - being led by the Spirit.

Moses, who was symbolic of the Law, did not make it into the promised land.

"So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord."
Deut. 34:5

Now Moses didn't perish in Moab because he was afraid of the giants. He died because he had transgressed in a seemingly minor point.

"For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point is guilty of all" James 2:10

The law deals only with external actions and not

internal thoughts of the heart. He who would walk in Zion must be willing to go through the testings prescribed by God and (through the power of the Holy Spirit) have a purification of the heart. Just because you haven't done it, doesn't mean you haven't thought it in your heart.

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery. But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart."
Matt. 5:27-28

Then comes the point when you suck in your breath and resolve to sail past Cape Fear into the Straits of Love. You take a sighting on Liberty Rock and leave the Sea of Law behind. Sure, you see rocks and shipwrecks, but the way is marked well enough and you sail on into the Straits of Love - trusting in God's love to guide you.

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love." I John 4:18

Now, as you continue on your voyage, the way is getting very narrow and the rocks close to the boat on each side. If you only had a map of the rocks in the Straits of Love! Next we will look at the rocks of Moabite doctrine that have wrecked other ships.

CHAPTER VI

The Map of Rocks and Reefs

You have sailed past Cape Fear and find that you are in a place where there are rocks and reefs close in on both sides of the boat. Now is the time to look at the map - to find out where the rocks, reefs and dangerous currents are.

1) Silly Calves Rocks

These rocks have shipwrecked an amazing number of ships. They consist of two rocks just far enough apart that it appears that you can sail in between - not so! The underwater ridge between the two protruding rocks is hidden just below the surface. No boat has made it through yet.

What is the silly calves syndrome? It is faulty or naive thinking. It is not seeking God for instructions but following the way of the herd of humanity. There is a story about a calf that wandered through the pristine meadow and forest - zig-zagging here and there to graze. Animals later followed his trail. Then settlers with their wagons followed the same zig-zag trail until one day this trail became the thoroughfare of a modern metropolis. Each day a herd of hundreds of thousands of people followed the same calf paths of the mind.

So you're not afraid of Cape Fear and by the way - bring on the giants. David followed God's instructions exactly on how to fight Goliath - and he won. But later on, he got careless and tried to fight a giant.

"And Ishbibenob, which was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weight, he being girded with a new sword, thought to have slain David.

But Abishai the son of Zeruah, succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more to battle with us, that thou quench not the light of Israel." II Sam. 21:16,17

A lovestruck person can be as naive as a silly calf and assume that everyone who comes to them has no other motive than to serve God. There are those who make a profession of praying on such mentality. Now, Jesus, himself said that He would send you into the midst of wolves but, He also gave you some advice about how to handle it.

"Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves." Matt. 10:16

Perhaps, the most common occurrence of the Silly Calf Syndrome is to assume that because God by His Spirit led you to a certain person that he will bless all the outcome of that encounter - even carnal sexual activity. It must be God because He led you there! A person that thinks that way is a silly calf! God led you in that direction to test you - not to approve of carnal actions.

"And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou would keep his commandments or no." Deut. 8:2

Yes, the Lord sent the Children of Israel directly into the land of Moab to let them see what was really in their heart. But he sent them in to overcome the lusts of the flesh - not to succumb to them. Yes, God sent you directly to that person, not for carnal purposes - but to let you see what was in your heart - and then to overcome it.

There was a king of Moab named Eglon who oppressed Israel for eighteen years. The name Eglon means "Calf-like". Then God raised up Ehud, a Benjamite to deliver Israel. Ehud paid a visit to King Eglon.

"But Ehud made him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he did gird it under his raiment on his right thigh.

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.

And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly.

And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out." Judges 3:16, 20-22

The two edged sword represents the word of God. Remember the scripture about "the high praises of God in their mouth and two edged sword in their hand"? If so, you have a clue about how to defeat Moab - and perhaps a clue as to why the Moabite sexual attack is always so strong against a musical type ministry. We will discuss this later.

Also, remember who your warfare is against.

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."
Eph. 6:12 NASB

Don't jab the two-edged sword into a fellow saint. Go after the demonic power - the king or giant - which has held them captive. Then, your brother or sister may be set free in the love and mercy of God. And most always for sexual transgressions - this is best done in the private chamber - away from curious eyes and gossipy tongues. Ehud delivered his message to King Eglon behind closed doors.

2) Respector of Persons Reef

This reef is hidden in what appears to be a clear passage into the Straits of Love. If you check your map and find that you are sailing down this channel, it is a clear indication of trouble ahead! The channel appears to be clear, but the reef is just under the waterline and there is no way to get a boat across.

In order to find out more about this reef, let's examine some scriptures about the sons and daughters.

First, the Lord tells Zion that her sons will marry her daughters.

"For as a young man marries a virgin, so your sons will marry you. As a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so your God will rejoice over you."
Isaiah 62:5 NASB

"Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth! Tell me if you have understanding, who set its measurements, since you know? or stretched the line upon it. On what were its bases sunk? or who laid its cornerstone? When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
Job 38:4-7 NASB

In these scriptures we see a company of sons and a company of daughters. As they come together, they enter into that creativity that God intended. In other words, all of the sons have married all of the daughters. However, for a given situation a certain son and daughter may work together. But all of God's sons belong to all of God's daughters and vice versa. It isn't a natural sexual relationship but a relationship of creativity in the Spirit - a higher realm.

Now in the physical - God's sons and daughters come

in all shapes, sizes, ages, physical characteristics, etc. God looks on the heart while man looks on the outside.

So, when a son is smitten by love - which is supposed to be focused in the spiritual realm, some very fishy things sometimes begin to happen around the respecter of persons reef. Why is that son so much more interested in those daughters who just happen to have the most shapely bodies, the flashing smiles, and movie star personalities.

Why is that daughter so much more interested in those sons with the handsome features, the broad shoulders, the witty intellect or the macho personality?

If the motive were of a spiritual nature, that young son of God would find just as much enjoyment in sharing with an eighty-five year old lady as he would with the sweet young thing. That daughter would enjoy the company of the shy, reticent bookworm as much as that of the rugged football player.

"My brethren, do not hold your faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ with an attitude of personal favoritism. For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes,

And you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, "You sit here in a good place," and you say to the poor man, "You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool.",

Have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil motives?" James 2:1-5 NASB

Samuel went to Jesse's home to anoint a king over Israel. The elder son Eliab came forward and we pick up on our story.

"Then it came about when they entered, that he looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him."

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." I Samuel 16:6,7 NASB

As we begin to approach God, it is true that our thoughts are vastly different than His.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8,9

However, as we begin to grow in the Lord and overcome carnal thoughts by the power of the Holy Spirit - a change should take place. Our thoughts should become like His thoughts so that as sons or daughters of God, we may become one with Him.

"And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep them through thine own name those that thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are."
John 17:11

Now, since God looks on the heart, and not on physical appearance so should we. Therefore, God's sons and daughters will have that love for each other regardless of age or physical appearance. If they still look at the physical - they simply have some growing and overcoming to do.

"Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Acts 10:34,35

God is no respecter of person, why should we be?

Now, those who have their boats ripped by the respecter of persons reef usually go through a typical pattern.

First, when they initially experience the love between the company of sons and the company of daughters - all is wonderful. Everyone loves everyone. Then, little by little, their relationship begins to focus on one certain son or daughter. The others notice, but are probably too polite to say anything.

Then, little by little, the thinking changes to examine the possibility of more than just a spiritual relationship. There is an old saying that where there's smoke, there's fire. At this point, there isn't any fire yet, but their friends are concerned because of the smoldering of smoke and quote this scripture to them in hope that they will steer their course away from the respecter of persons reef.

"Abstain from all appearance of evil."

I Thess. 5:22

Eventually, the decision must be made. Will they take the spiritual things of God and drag them down in a one on one carnal relationship under the guise of "serving God"? Or, will they come to their senses and steer away from the respecter of persons reef?

CHAPTER VII

Liberty Rock, Peer Pressure Current and Legal Loophole Whirlpool

Rock number three is a large, well marked rock called Liberty rock. It is easily seen and surely no one should have any trouble steering around it. But strangely enough, this rock has just about as many shipwrecks on it as any of the other rocks or reefs in the Straits of Love. How can this be for a rock so large that it should serve more as a beneficial marker rather than as a hazard to navigation?

Why Liberty rock is the rock used as a navigation marker by those sailing from the Sea of Law past Cape Fear into the Straits of Love! If it weren't for Liberty Rock we would still be back under rules and regulations in the Sea of Law - rather than being led by the Spirit through the Straits of Love. How could it be that a navigation marker so beneficial could be the source of so many shipwrecks?

Didn't Paul say this about the law?

"For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: For it is written, cursed is every one that continueth not in all the things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for the just shall live by faith. And the law is not of faith: but the man that doeth them shall live in them." Gal. 3:10-12

Leaving behind the world of church rules and regulations was wonderful. It was like a fresh wind blowing to be led of the Spirit into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. But what's this? How can there be so many shipwrecks around Liberty rock?

Oh, by the way, there was a delegation from the Sea of Law that sailed in and spied on us yesterday. Then, they gave us one last warning about Cape Fear and the Straits of Love. But, we know that they just want to take us back to Law. These must be those that Paul described.

"And that because of false brethren unawares brought in who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have had in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage." Gal. 2:4

They said the very rock that we were sailing toward would shipwreck us. But we know that it is there to help

guide us and presents no danger.

But still, how could there be so many shipwrecks around Liberty rock?

The explanation for the many shipwrecks around Liberty Rock is the unseen but very real peer pressure current. Unless, from some distance away, you change course to the Law of Love channel, you will come too close to Liberty Rock. Even from one hundred and fifty yards distance, peer pressure current will sweep you right into Liberty Rock!

What happens when a group leaves the safe church rules and laws behind and begins to be led by the Spirit? It is wonderful and God truly guides them. But because they have left the Sea of Law behind and are being led by the Spirit, they may assume that the carnal mind has at that point been conquered. Not so - little by little, unless they seek the Lord, they will begin to depart from that holy highway God would lead them on across Moab and begin to indulge in the Moabite practices. The transition is so gradual and subtle - no one notices that much difference.

Then one day, someone raises the question about the looseness of conduct. The questioner is bombarded by "You're still under the law! Be led of the Spirit!" And the person thinks "Well, maybe I am under the Law. I'll just keep my mouth shut." From that point, a game of "I dare you to have as much liberty in the Lord as I have" develops. And many began to do things that they would have regarded as unthinkable simply because they do not want to be regarded as still being under the law.

Yes, it is true that we are to come out from under the law of rules and regulations, but it doesn't mean that we are to be lawless! Many have failed to realize that they are under a higher, more difficult law. Instead of being under the higher law, they turned their new found liberty into license to do anything they wanted - under the excuse of being led by the Spirit.

Paul wrote about the law of love in Galatians, the same book in which he urged us to leave the old law behind.

"For brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that that ye be not consumed one of another.

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so ye can not do the things ye would.

But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelling and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have told you in times past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Gal.5:13-21

Note that adultery and fornication are right at the top of the list of things which would keep a person out of the kingdom of God.

"On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and there in it was found written, that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the house of Israel for ever;" Neh.13:1

The above scripture is speaking of those who follow the spiritual characteristics of the old testament Ammonites and Moabites. The power of Christ is now available to transform one from those characteristics into a Christ centered spiritual walk.

There are some who, even though being caught in peer pressure current, still manage to avoid hitting Liberty rock. As they sweep past Liberty rock, they notice a marker on the back side with the words "License Rock". They have gone too far - from liberty to license! Another fate awaits them - for they are swept into Legal Loophole Whirlpool. As they go around and around looking for scriptural loopholes to justify their actions, the ship is drawn into the vortex and destroyed. They claim to be led by the Spirit but go back to a very legalistic interpretation of scripture to justify actions.

This involves ideas like it's okay if nobody finds out about it - a case of calf-like reasoning. If it is wrong, it is wrong, totally. Now, we may have liberty to do certain things such as eating meat or drink, that would be a stumbling block to a brother. This is a situation of where the action is not wrong, but the perception by our brother could be a stumbling block. On the other hand, if we commit adultery, it is still wrong whether it is kept hidden or is out in the open.

God deals with those involved in sins of immorality to confess it to him in private and receive forgiveness, but if it continues, after warnings, the following scriptures apply.

"For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; neither hid that shall not be known. Therefore whatsoever ye have spoken in darkness shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed on housetops." Luke 12:2,3

There are other legalisms that are brought forth to justify actions - such as regarding sex during a certain phase of the moon or with a woman past child bearing age being okay.

If a son or daughter falls in love, they may begin to daydream about some sudden tragedy befalling their own spouse, leaving them free to marry another. This should be a clear indication of the source of the thought. God forbid that they should put feet to their thoughts as King David did in order to remove Uriah.

Then some may say that God didn't put together their present marriage so what difference does it make if it is cut assunder. The scriptures show that one should be very careful about making such assumptions. Even if your present marriage was not made at the counsel of God, God may still hold you to it. Let's look at some scriptures.

You remember the story of how the Gibeonites took old clothes and moldy bread in order to make the Israelites think they were from a far country - so that they wouldn't be destroyed by them as God had commanded.

"This our bread was warm when we took it for our provisions out of our houses on the day that we left to come to you; but now behold it is dry and has become crumbled.

And these wineskins which we filled were new, and behold, they are torn; and these our clothes and sandals are worn out because of the very long journey.

So the men of Israel took some of their provisions and did not ask for the counsel of the Lord. And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live; and the leaders of the congregation swore an oath to them.

And it came about at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that

they were neighbors and living within their land. And the sons of Israel did not strike them because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the Lord the God of Israel. And the whole congregation grumbled against the leaders.

But all the leaders of the congregation said, We have sworn to the Lord, the God of Israel, and now we can not touch them." Joshua 9:12-16, 18-19 NASB

Well, surely God would not object if the Israelites broke the vows that they made before God not to destroy the Gibeonites. After all they didn't ask His counsel before they made the agreement and He wanted them destroyed anyway. Let's see what really happened when the Israelites broke their oath later on.

"Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year, and David sought the presence of the Lord. And the Lord said, "It is for Saul and his bloody house because he put the Gibeonites to death".

So, the king called the Gibeonites and spake to them (now the Gibeonites were not of the sons of Israel but of the remnant of the Amorites, and the sons of Israel made a covenant with them, but Saul had sought to kill them in his zeal for the sons of Israel and Judah)." II Sam. 21:1,2 NASB

Note that God still held Israel accountable to the oath many years later - an oath made not at the counsel of God. Saul was not born yet when the oath was made. Note also that the crafty Gibeonites were really Ammonites - the offspring of Lot. David honoured the Gibeonite request for seven sons of Saul to be handed over to them and they took revenge by killing all seven.

An oath or vow taken before God is in a class by itself. Be careful when you make it or think about breaking it!

The point is that vows are also taken before man and God in a marriage. It may not be so easy just to give the glib excuse that God didn't join the marriage together originally. Of course, there are some causes why marriage partners should be separated and we will discuss this at a later point.

Sometimes we fail to overcome in areas that we fully expected to because of small, but deceptive and crafty little pitfalls. You remember how confident the Israelites were about taking Ai.

"And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai, and make not all the people to labour thither; for they are but few.

So there went thither of the people about three thousand: and they fled before the men of Ai.

And the men of Ai smote of them about thirth and six men: for they chased them from before the gate even unto Sheborim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people became as water."
Joshua 7:3-5

Did you know that the men of Ai were Amorites? We are told this in Joshua 7:7. Furthermore, this battle was lost to the Amorites because of the sin of Achan who hid the Babylonion garment in his tent - a seemingly, small, insignificant thing.

The point is that the Amorites are very crafty and deceptive. The victory will not come until everything is right with the Lord - there is no point trying to hide anything from Him. Achan tried to hide it in the earth in the midst of his tent - it didn't work!

Job was smote with boils from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head (Job 2:7). A boil is internal corruption that works its way to the surface. If we confess this corruption to God, He removes it and it never comes to the surface. If we try to hide it, it ultimately comes to the surface in the form of boils.

CHAPTER VIII

Ops Marker and Love Reef

The most dangerous rock system is called Love Reef. This reef system is very extensive and not hidden at all. It seems to entirely block all passages into the Sea of the Spirit. But it does appear that by very careful zig-zagging, a slim possibility exists that a ship could get through.

As this rock system looms up ahead many ships slow down and begin to consider if a passage exists at all. However, some of the ships may boldly sail on toward Love Reef. There is a special buoy called Ops marker placed in front of Love Reef as a warning. If the son and daughter sail past Ops marker, the previously spiritual relationship crosses over into a physical, sexual relationship.

It is called Ops marker because they really had no intention of entering into a physical relationship. However, in the closeness of sharing common interests, it just happened - unintentionally. That's why it is called Ops marker.

Around Ops marker the son and daughter have become very emotionally attached to each other and the relationship is either already physical or close to becoming so. Reasoning with them on a scriptural basis does not seem particularly productive. It is continually met with the reply. "I'm in Love - I don't care! Don't ask me to give up the most precious thing in my life - I can't bear the thought of going on without him/her!"

No doubt, it is a love relationship of sorts for the son and daughter involved - but the true agape love of the scriptures does not hurt, harm, or destroy in any way. The statement that "It's love" must be examined in the light of love as defined in scripture.

Earlier, we read in Paul's letter to the Galatians that being led of the Spirit was summed up in the Law of Love. Let's see what Jesus said about love.

"And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question testing Him, "Teacher, which is the great commandment of the Law?"

And He said unto him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

This is the great and foremost commandment. And the

second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and Prophets." Matt. 22:35-40 RV

Could it possible be true that the whole Law and Prophets depend on these two commandments? If this is so, which of the ten commandments would you break if you followed these two? It is obvious that you couldn't steal, bear false witness, commit adultery or break any of the ten commandments if you followed the two.

It is further obvious that these two laws are a higher and more powerful law than the old testament law.

These laws deal with the thoughts and intents of the heart. The old law deals with outward actions and allows the thoughts and intents of the heart to be disguised as long as no act is committed. Jesus made this clear in discussing the definition of adultery under the law and under the Spirit.

"Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

But I say unto you whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matt. 5: 27,28

The sermon on the mount is the application of the laws of love. Under these definitions, there is not a one of us that would measure up. Therefore, just because we haven't done the act does not mean that God isn't dealing with us in our hearts. This is why we should be willing to extend mercy to others for we need it ourselves!

Now this particular son and daughter may say that they are in love. And they probably are. But true love, being led by the Spirit, says that first, we love God and second, that we love our neighbor as ourselves. True love doesn't hurt, harm or destroy.

Let's look at the whole picture and see if this particular relationship fits the pattern of being led of Love.

1) The respective spouses of this particular son and daughter are extremely upset. One has a fit of jealousy and the other is so hurt and rejected that they leave to stay with relatives for three months.

2) As the daughter and her spouse tell their little twelve year old boy that mommy and daddy are going to be divorced, tears cloud over his eyes. He says, "But you're my Mommy and Daddy - I don't want anyone else."

3) Parents and Grandparents are shocked and upset at the news. More than one pillow is wet with tears.

4) The church is upset about a son - daughter relationship gone amok - and many are disillusioned. They say it's time to go back under strict rules and regulations - or law.

And we could go on with a whole list of other happenings. But along with the "love" expressed by the son or daughter there is a trail of destruction and debris. Is this really being led of the Spirit to bring hurt and destruction to all these people?

Let's take a look at a definition given of love in the Bible and see how this measures up.

"Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant. does not behave unbecomingly, it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."
I Cor. 13:4-8 RV

In this particular case we have unbecoming conduct - this is not a characteristic of love.

We have a seeking of its own - with a disregard for the feelings and welfare of spouses, children, relatives - definitely not a characteristic of love.

The ship has drawn near Love Reef and decision time has come. Will they back off or try to go through the rocks not caring what happens to those around them - intent only on maintaining their own "love" relationship. At this point some may arrogantly claim that the Lord told them to do this and is leading - in spite of all the evidence to the contrary.

"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie."
II Thess. 2:11

Some may cite visions or dreams supposedly given to them by the Lord. Perhaps they were - but the Lord gave it to them to fulfill in the higher realm of the Spirit - not to drag it down into the muck of carnal lusts. Abram was given a word concerning a son. Yes, it was a true word, but Abram went through his Ishmael experience before Isaac came along. And it almost broke Abraham's heart that the bondwoman and her son had to be cast out into the wilderness. God is God and it will be done His way - no matter how hard man may try on his own.

The "Love Reef System" lies dead ahead. Decision time has arrived and the fate of many in terms of spouses, children, relatives and friends hang in the balance.

CHAPTER IX

Breaking the Sexual Sound Barrier

On October 14th, 1947, Charles Yeager entered his Bell X-1 rocket plane. On that day an attempt was to be made to break the sound barrier. No one knew for sure whether it could be done. A number of pilots had already died trying. Perhaps, it was a pipe dream to even think of trying. A way of going to a certain death.

And yet from history we know that he did succeed. And today supersonic flight has become routine for the military and even transoceanic passengers.

On this day, thirty-nine years later we stand on the threshold of breaking another barrier - a sort of sexual sound barrier. Is the possibility of God's sons and daughters entering into a love relationship with it not being drug down in the carnal realm only a pipe dream? Perhaps, we should have stayed under the law where it's safe. Look at all the shipwrecked marriages and scarred lives. Is it better to have tried and failed rather than never to have tried at all? These burning questions must be answered as we stand on the threshold of a new day.

By the grace of God we have avoided Silly Calves Rocks and Respector of Persons Reef. We changed course into Law of Love Channel just in time to avoid Liberty Rock, Peer Pressure Current, and Legal Loophole Whirlpool. We were warned about Dops Marker so the ship has been brought to a stop dead in the water. Love Reef lies ahead and there appears to be no safe passage to continue through the Straits of Love into the Sea of the Spirit. And yet, as we gaze across the rocks of Love Reef it's tempting to try it anyway.

We knew that this voyage was arranged by the Holy Spirit - that it would be a time of testing and trial to see what was in our heart. Would we be willing to overcome or would we succumb to the temptation?

What to do as the ship lies still in the water and we try to make a decision. We seek the Lord and that still small voice speaks the words we did not want to hear - "Back off". But to back off means that we back away from - Love Reef - the very place that we desire to go! And while we can't say that the Lord spoke in an audible voice to us - the impressions of the heart begin to flow and we record them here. Yes, speaks the Spirit - that is the carnal realm - there is no passage through those rocks and reefs - any attempt will result in certain shipwreck.

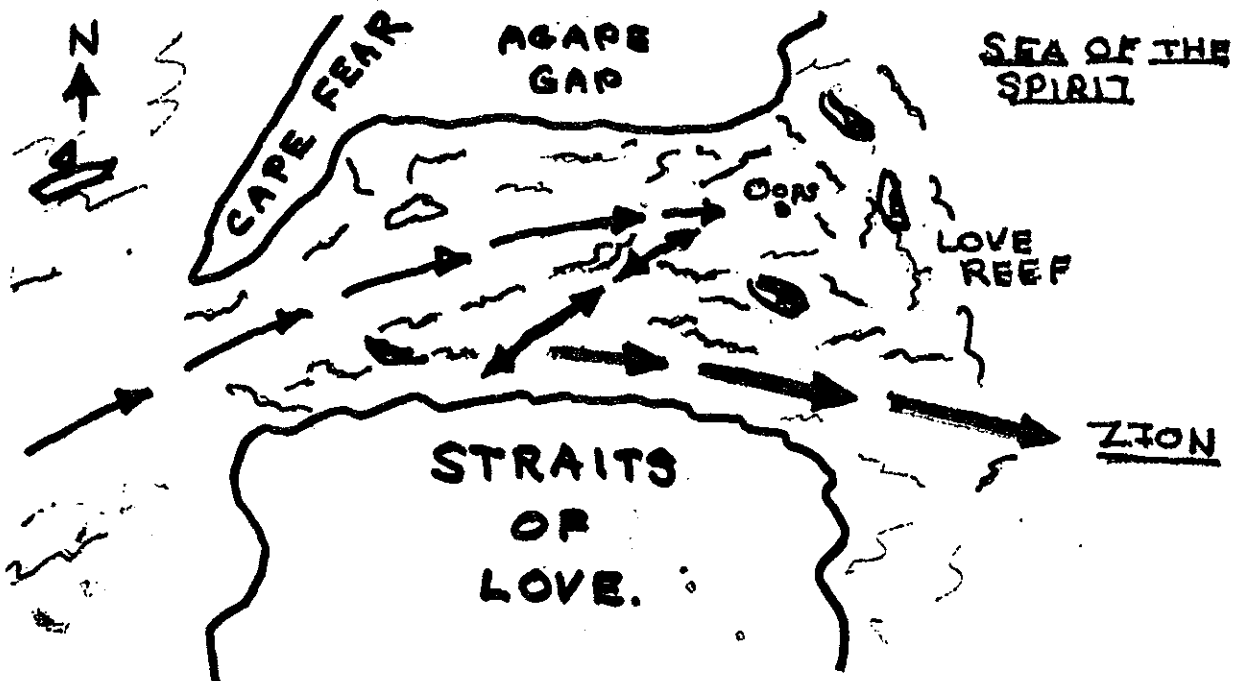
So, we are stunned - have we come all this way for nothing? The Love Reef realm looks so inviting that we are tempted to go forward anyway. Decision time has come.

But Lord, we say - if we back up - the sexual sound barrier will never be broken! Then, the Spirit speaks ever so softly, If you are willing to do it my way, I'll show you how to break the barrier.

Yes, Lord - we say - we'll do it your way - Not my will, but thine be done. And the Spirit speaks ever so softly - back away from Love Reef. And so we begin to back up - very slowly.

A fresh breeze springs out of the North and we are alarmed that our ship is not going straight back in the channel that we had come. The back of the ship is drifting toward the south! In alarm, we looked for rocks there, but there were none.

If you will refer to the Straits of Love Map, you will see the course that we took. As we drifted backwards and toward the south we realized the ship had drifted thru an unnoticed gap in the rocks.



Then the Spirit spoke again and said, "Look forward". And when we did we saw a small, but clear passage ahead of us leading to the Sea of the Spirit. The wind had shifted again and we caught it and sailed with joy through the Law of Love Channel into the Sea of the Spirit! The sexual sound barrier had been broken without us being shipwrecked on Love Reef.

The sons and daughters of Zion embraced in that pure love of the Spirit.

"Look on Zion, the city of our soleminites: Thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.

But there the glorious Lord will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; where in shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass therehy."
Isaiah 33:20,21

We looked upon the wind in the sails and knew that the days of rowing with oars by the sweat of our brow was over. We had come home to Zion.

And again the Spirit of the Lord whispered the words to us - Do you know what broke the sexual sound barrier?

And we said - No, Lord. The Spirit said the sexual sound barrier was broken by the sound of the words - Not my will, but thine be done.

PROPHECY:

For this day as you have spoken unto me I have heard your cries and I desire to give you everything you have asked for. But there are many things that ye know not of what you ask for.

For those things that thou hast desired are death, But I give unto you life, life eternal, life that is abundantly free, life that does not have to be bought. Life that does not have to be shown, but life that is given totally by me.

For my Spirit walks to and fro in the earth to give thee life - life and love. But the love that thou desireth is not of me but the love that I give unto thee is what thou hast to have at this time.

For there will be great catastrophe upon the earth soon. There are many that will die within that, for they seek not my face nor my will for I am of another dimension and that dimension has to be sought and has to be lived within me totally.

For that love that emanates from within is of Me. It is not a love that is shown with outward affection, but it is a love that is communicated only by my Spirit, sayeth God.

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CHAPTER X

OG

Now it is time to pull aside the curtain and unmask the powers and principalities that are responsible for the Moabite doctrines. For convenience we will include the doctrines of both Ammon and Moab under the term Moabite Doctrine.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Eph. 6:12

A king or giant is symbolic of the spiritual power or principality. Remember, we said that there was one giant left in the land of Moab and Ammon? Let's pick up the story.

"And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that was on this side of Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto Mount Hermon: (which Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion, and the Ammonites call Shenir;)

All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, unto Salchah, and Edrei, Cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

For only Og, king of Bashan, remained of the remnant of the giants; behold his bedstead was a bedstead of iron. Is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? Nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubits of a man."
Deut. 3:3-11

Now why are we so interested in learning about the tactics of Og? Because he is the giant - or the power and principality that we wrestle against. If we can name him and know his tactics, we are well on our way to defeating him.

"Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house."
Matthew 12:29

What do we know about Og? He had an iron bed about 18 feet long and 8 feet wide. He was an Ammonite king (denoting sexual seduction) who lived in Rabbath - remember Rabbath -for we will refer to it again shortly. Og's parents were of those who were involved in sexual

transgression - we know this because he was a giant.

"There were giants in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to the, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown."

"And God saw the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Gen. 6:4,5

Now that we have identified Og, his background and that he came from Rabbath, let's see how the Og spirit was able many years later to beg a prize trophy and give great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme.

"And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the times kings go forth to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem."

II Samuel 11:1

Note that it was time for the kings to go out to battle. David was a king - yet he did not go out to battle the Ammonites at a place called Rabbah - where Og's bed was. Instead, he stayed behind and you astute students of the scripture know very well what happened to David next!

"And it came in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked on the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon.

And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

II Samuel 11:2,3

Take a few minutes now to read II Samuel chapters 11 and 12, and you will see how the demonic spirit of Og manipulated David to his heart's content. This is a classic story of a son-daughter relationship sinking into the carnal realm. Note the lies, schemes, and cover-ups - yet all the hidden things were brought to light.

Once David turned to the God of mercy and forgiveness and repented of his sins - God began to move on his behalf. His first son - that of a carnal relationship died. His second son - born after forgiveness was obtained was accepted of God. Many sons and daughters - trying to bring forth in the carnal realm - will experience the painful death of the results of that union. What happened to David when he got things right?

"And Joab sent messengers to David, and said I have

fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city of waters.

Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it, lest I take the city and it be called by my name. And David gathered all the people together and went to Rabbah and took it.

And he took the kings crown from off his head, the weight whereof was a talent of gold with the precious stones: and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance.

And he brought forth the people that were therein, and he put them under saws, and under harrows of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the brick kiln: and thus he did unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem."

II Samuel 12:27-31

While David put the Ammonites in irons, we are told in I Chronicles 20:3 that he had mercy on them and resettled them - a factor that later proved important at a place called Mahanaim.

Note that when David did things in the way God approved that he got victory over the Ammonites and received a crown.

"And if a man also strive for masteries, yet he is not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

II Tim. 2:5

Now why did David take the very unusual steps that he did in dealing with the captured Ammonites. He put them under harrows of iron and axes of iron. Let's go to the Psalms to find out.

"Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth and a two edged sword in their hand.

To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people. To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron."

Psalms 149:5-8

This gives an explanation of why David bound the Ammonites with iron. Note that the saints have the high praises of God in their mouth and a two edged sword in their hand. The ministry coming forth will be a combination of the ministry of music and the ministry of the word (two edged sword) Remember that King Eglon of

Moab was done in by a two edged sword.

Later on Solomon ran afoul of the Og influence also. He was sexually attracted to foreign wives.

"Then did Solomon build an' high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed to their gods"
I Kings 11:7

Have you ever wondered why the activities of the carnal kings such as Og are directed so specifically against the music ministry? Og's specific target seems to be those in leadership in a word ministry or a music ministry - those with the high praises of God in their mouth and a two edged sword in their hand. This is because he knows that it is this very combination that is the key to his defeat. There is an old classic story used in the churches to describe this sort of thing - the story of the preacher running away with the piano player. This definitely is the work of the demonic power of Og.

Og is well aware of the script for the battle that will defeat him. King Jehoshaphat was in trouble. Judah was surrounded with enemies. He sought the Lord and received specific instructions and then set his army in array.

"And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth forever.

And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten."
II Chron. 20:21,22

It is not very difficult to see why the power and principality of Og would make such a direct target of the music ministry - he knows that it is this very ministry which can defeat him. Therefore, he does everything possible to discredit it.