

However, Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come in order to test you, and in order that the fear of Him may remain with you, so that you will not sin." **Exodus 20:20 NASB**

- "to the end the reverence of Him may be upon your faces..." **AMPC**

They rose early in the morning and went out to the wilderness of Tekoa; and when they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Listen to me, Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: Put your trust in the LORD your God and you will endure. Put your trust in His prophets and succeed." **2 Chronicles 20:20 NASB**

- "Hold firmly to your faith in the Lord your God and you will be upheld..." **New English Bible**

⁸LORD God of armies, hear my prayer; listen, God of Jacob! *Selah* ⁹See our shield, God, and look at the face of Your anointed. ¹⁰For a day in Your courtyards is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness. ¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD gives grace and glory; He withholds no good thing from those who walk with integrity. ¹²LORD of armies, blessed is the person who trusts in You! **Psalm 84:8-12 NASB**

- He says He withholds nothing from those who walk uprightly (with integrity) ...This is a most fulfilled balance; having a walk with God where He is totally free to give every good thing His heart desires.

Thoughts about entering this New Year of 2020.

- The number '20' symbolizes the cycles of completion.

Now it came about when Solomon had finished building the house of the LORD and the king's house, and all that Solomon desired to do, ²that the LORD appeared to Solomon a second time, as He had appeared to him at Gibeon. ³And the LORD said to him, "I have heard your prayer and your plea which you have offered before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built, by putting My name there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there always. ⁴As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and honesty, acting in accordance with everything that I have commanded you, *and if* you keep My statutes and My ordinances, ⁵then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, just as I promised to your father David, saying, 'You shall not be deprived of a man on the throne of Israel.' ⁶"But if you or your sons indeed turn away from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have placed before you, but you go and serve other gods and worship them, ⁷then I will cut Israel off from the land which I have given them, and the house which I have consecrated for My name, I will expel from My sight. So, Israel will become a saying and an object of derision among all peoples. ⁸And this house will become a

2020: FULFILLMENT UNTO BALANCE

heap of ruins; everyone who passes by it will be appalled and hiss and say, ‘Why has the LORD done such a thing to this land and this house?’⁹ And they will say, ‘Because they abandoned the LORD their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and they adopted other gods and worshiped and served them, for that reason the LORD has brought all this adversity on them.’”

Cities Given to Hiram

¹⁰ Now it came about at the end of twenty years in which Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD and the king’s house¹¹ (Hiram king of Tyre had supplied Solomon with cedar and juniper timber and gold, satisfying all his desire), that King Solomon then gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. **1 Kings 9:1-11 NASB**

- It took 20 years to build the Lords House and Solomon’s home.
- He gave away 20 cities upon completion.

³⁸ For these twenty years I *have been* with you; your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried, nor have I eaten the rams of your flocks. ³⁹ I did not even bring to you that which was torn by *wild animals*; I took the loss myself. You demanded it of my hand *whether* stolen by day or stolen by night. ⁴⁰ This is how I was: by day the heat consumed me and the frost by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes. ⁴¹ For these twenty years I have been in your house; I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six years for your flock, and you changed my wages ten times. **Genesis 31:38-41 NASB**

- Jacob’s reward...What is rightfully his is fully restored to him at the end of 20 years.
- Completion, fulfillment of promise...proper balance is restored. The rightful balance... (righteousness and justice)
- One of the things the number 10 stands for is restoration. $2 \times 10 = 20$. 2-20=double restoration.
- The Headlight Story:
 - 1957 Ford-Single headlights
 - 1958 Ford-dual headlights
 - 2x the breadth of light
 - Increased clarity of vision
 - Better insight...Safer travel
 - Better balanced vision
 - The road can be seen more clearly and the ‘ditches’ seen more keenly.
- More light brings a better balance.

A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, but a just weight is His delight. **Proverbs 11:1 NASB**

- A true balance is a pleasure to God.

A just balance and scales belong to the LORD; all the weights of the bag are His concern. **Proverbs 16:11 NASB**

2020: FULFILLMENT UNTO BALANCE

³¹ Turn not to those [mediums] who have familiar spirits or to wizards; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the Lord your God. ³² You shall rise up before the hoary head and honor the face of the old man and [reverently] fear your God. I am the Lord. ³³ And if a stranger dwells temporarily with you in your land, you shall not suppress *and* mistreat him. ³⁴ But the stranger who dwells with you shall be to you as one born among you; and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God. ³⁵ You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measures of length or weight or quantity. ³⁶ You shall have accurate *and* just balances, just weights, just ephah and hin measures. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. ³⁷ You shall observe all My statutes and ordinances and do them. I am the Lord. **Leviticus 19:31-37 AMPC**

- We need to walk in the light...it is vital to perceive things accurately without distorted or darkened vision. **V31**
- We can not afford to be deceived or defiled by what 'other' sources of 'enlightenment' may offer. Any spiritually that does not originate from God is dishonoring to Him (**V31**) and potentially dangerous to you.
- Failure or refusal to honor those who are older is simply generational snobbery and is an imbalanced approval. **V32**
- A lack of integrity in social issues, issues of commerce or finance indicate a life out of balance.

Diverse weights [one for buying and another for selling] and diverse measures—both of them are exceedingly offensive *and* abhorrent to the Lord. **Proverbs 20:10 AMPC**

Diverse *and* deceitful weights are shamefully vile *and* abhorrent to the Lord, and false scales are not good. **Proverbs 20:23 AMPC**

- This is a classic example of hypocrisy and it reveals a false balance of values.
- We must recognize any practice of an imbalanced mindset so we can experience the restoration of things we have lost or missed and receive the fulfillment God longs to bring to us.
- May 2021 be a year of fulfillment unto a Divine Balance.