

Ye Ole Concordance

“Search anxiously through the book.” “The flesh profits nothing.”

The accessibility of modern techniques which promote lawlessness — action without faith, and faith is hearing and being obedient to the Spirit of the Lord. We must be developed first as an embryo in the womb, yet to be born. Premature birth is abnormal which is kept alive by artificial means. An undeveloped word to us is brought to premature birth without a spirit via a concordance, which is a beast, going about destroying men’s lives and the moist and the dry (Dt 29:19) are infected by its iniquity and *wickedness*.

Wickedness is lawlessness. The more subtle the wickedness, the more quickly it spreads. It is not the wicked who leave which hurt; it is the wicked who stay (Dt 29:18-20).

Mercy is for man, without which all should perish. “Righteousness” “Justice” is not for all, for who could stand? But mercy is what we all need. God’s mercy has been extended to all living men. James wrote once that “For he who shows no mercy will have judgment given against him without mercy, but mercy triumphs over judgment” (Jms 2:13). Jms 2:12 — “Speak and act as those should who are expecting to be judged by the law of freedom.” “Do not be eager, my brethren, to become teachers, for you know that we teachers shall undergo severer judgment” (Jms 3:1).

Murder begins in the heart. You have heard it said to those of old, you shall not murder and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment. But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother with or without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. Judgment without mercy is without God also. God loves all mankind. There is no one He wants to destroy or pour out His wrath upon. Men fall into His hands — into His wrath. We can also fall when we have vengeance in our heart against any man. Flesh and blood is not our enemy. We are to pray for our enemies in whatever way we are directed by the Spirit. This is faith to pray in accordance with His direction (not in “the concordance”, in spite of His direction), in fulfillment of His desire. Mercy is extended to Juan by our prayer for him in order that *perhaps* his spirit could be saved in the day of judgment of the Lord, not for personal vindication against God’s, or our, enemies. Juan and Roland and others have sided with the *enemy*. We have only one enemy, *the evil one*. The spiritual host of wickedness is under one head, not any person, “flesh and blood” (Eph 4:26; Jms 1:19-20). But without the *joint* participation of the whole Body in Island Pond, praying without *vengeance*, lifting up holy hands, without *personal* malice and vindictiveness against *man*, what we ask in our prayer will not come about. It is not that we should pray for judgment and expect God to answer if there is in our hearts a spirit who wants people to be destroyed — destruction of our enemies will not come about by our anger. The anger of a man does not bring about His purpose. It does not bring about the righteousness of God. But we must be *merciful* to all — except to Satan and the principalities and powers of darkness. Who among us has not *sinned*, and some of us even as Juan sinned and worse (Jms 2:11; 1 Cor 6:9-11) *in our hearts* in the past, but have been forgiven and restored? But who in his heart exalts himself to the point of saying, “I would never do that”? For once you think you stand, take heed lest you fall. The righteousness of God will be fulfilled by those who pray for mercy. Blessed are the merciful, for they will obtain, receive, mercy. Let us pray according to the will of God but let us pray always in mercy. No one who is not merciful will not fail to not have mercy shown them. Let us always pray for mercy and extend mercy to others. *No one*, even King David, will enter the Kingdom of Heaven without mercy and being merciful, even to Saul. We cannot apply Old Testament “letter” in the New Testament spirit without reverting to the system which the Lord Yahshua came to abolish. You have heard it said, an eye for an eye, love your neighbor but hate your enemy, but I say to you, love your enemies and bless those who curse you, and do good to those who *hate you* (and desert you too), that you may be *sons* of your Father in Heaven (Mt 5:43-48, 38-43). Even if an elder shepherd/pastor deserts the flock, he still needs mercy, even though he is “worthless” and woe is applied to him by God; it is because he has entered into His woe. Jn 10:11-13 — A true shepherd will not and does not desert the sheep (Zec 11:17).

Let us be in subjection to the *elders* (Heb 13:17). This is our covering. Love conquers evil. The Old Testament standard of righteousness is not permitted in the House of the merciful God in the New Covenant. Those in the New Covenant have a different heart, even as David: today we must hate *our Enemy* but love our *enemies* (Mt 5:20, 38, 44-45, 48). Eph 6:12 — Against all powers and authorities, let us take our stand in Messiah, who has won the victory over all, *in love*. Love is more powerful than hate. Unless all the church in Island Pond finds room in their heart to love Juan and not fantasize his death, but allow God to have “the vengeance”, we can never expect the Lord to act. Unless every single person involved in *the prayer* are together in one heart and soul, and repent and renounce *personal* vengeance against *any man*, our prayer cannot be heard. For *God loves all mankind* — even though they will incur His wrath, this is because they refuse to walk in *His shelter*, but walk in His wrath. His wrath is poured out against all *unrighteousness*. We prayed for Juan because this is how the Spirit directed us, but vengeance is *His*. We are not made for it without it destroying us.

An embryo is developed in LOVE. A Biblical concordance only makes us prey to an under-developed heart and spirit and an over-developed soul and mind.

Roland is not alone; we pray for mercy for his children. Who needs mercy, except those who are out from the merciful care and protection of the Lord? Roland is already incurring the wrath of God in blindness and darkness — dwelling in lies and deceit, fighting against his very own Creator and Savior. “Roland left and joined the ranks of our persecutors.” He needs mercy more than all of us in the Shelter, for he has entered into the wrath of God. But God “*feels*” no wrath for him, for His wrath was vented upon sin at the cross. We do not need to pray for justice for Roland or death or anything else, unless directed by the Spirit, in order that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord — in *mercy*, that Heb 10:29; 6:4 won’t come upon him (Acts 8:22-24). What could compare with the judgment he has chosen for himself? We hope he can repent. We do not hope that he *may* repent, we hope he can, in light of what the Scriptures say (Heb 6:4; 10:29) and our *past* experience as a church. The reason he “came back and wiped out the assets of the horseshoe industry” is because he is under God’s wrath, in darkness. We have no *personal* animosity against him, but we do have pity and mercy in our heart for him, even as God does, who is not wanting to give Roland *justice* as he deserves, but rather mercy in His Son. But even God is unable to extend repentance to him unless Roland can find in himself a heart to repent. God loves Roland as much as He loves us (2 Pet 3:9; 1 Tim 2:4).

Roland never reached repentance or reached the knowledge of the truth. You could see it clearly in his daily walk.

We are not saying Roland will repent; but we still pray for mercy, as Moses prayed for mercy for the rebellious children of Israel. The *Shepherd*, the good Shepherd, will have a heart for every sheep and will have a heart of mercy toward even the ones who *desert* (leave or driven away (Mic 4:6)) the flock. So we must not misrepresent God, but leave room for growth into pure righteousness and justice. We must hate God’s enemies, but who are His enemies? Is Roland, any more than one who stays and defiles the Body in subtle ways (Acts 20:30)? Is there hope for him? We see a very slim hope, but God is merciful — and so are His servants. James was addressing in Jms 4:4-5 those in *the Church*, not those who had left. It is those in the Church that defile, destroy. Jude 11-13; 2 Pet 2:10 — Let us not walk in the way of Cain, as some have, and are destroyed. *Wandering stars*, off course, mixed emotions, no concentric vision, double-minded and divided heart, but *in the Church*. We must not get the devil and a man who is made in God’s image mixed up, lest we find ourselves cut off from grace with nothing left except a concordance in our hands.

It is true our prayers need to be answered, but we must have a *vulnerable* heart first, before we can be led into the righteousness you spoke of. Our attitude should be Pr 24:18-19, and still be a righteous people. If you are as righteous as your letters and your concordance, then you must also be merciful, for mercy triumphs over judgment. We are not where you appear to be concerning praying for the wicked to be destroyed. We have *touched* hearts with these people and it is hard to turn so quickly and vent wrath in prayers, without the leading of the Good Shepherd *in our hearts* to do so. We are

weak sheep. The prophets must speak, but in such cases we need to speak gently — patiently. But surely, as we all grow up into the Head, there will come a *glorious* church and *righteous* altogether.

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Jms 4:5 — He yearns jealously over the spirit which He has made to dwell in us. In every man, even the most vile, rebellious and wicked, He yearns jealously with love over the spirit in them (Ex 20:5; Dt 4:24; Zec 8:2).

God loves all men, but shows love to those who obey Him. All others enter into His wrath themselves.

“The priests are to weep for the people, saying, ‘Spare Your people, O Lord’” (Joel 2:17). As long as these people live, we must weep, but when they die, we must not weep (Lev 10). If we do not weep, the nations will never stop saying, “Where is your God?” Now we are a by-word, we will bear His reproach until He comes as a victorious warrior (2 Tim 4:10-16; Acts 7:57-60; Lk 23:34; Heb 10:30; Gal 6:7-20).