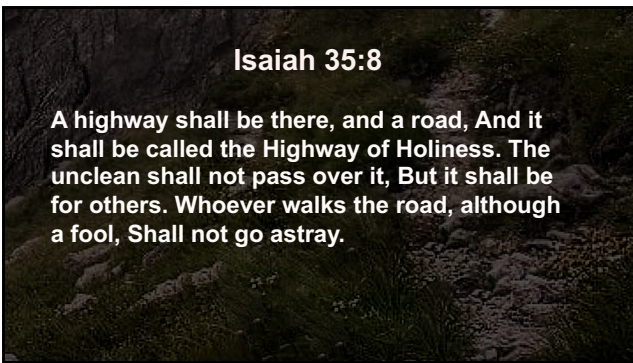
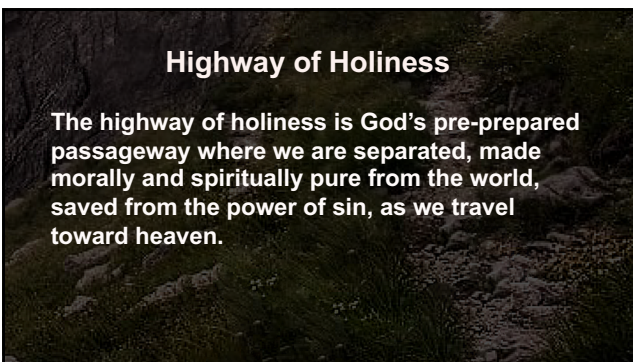




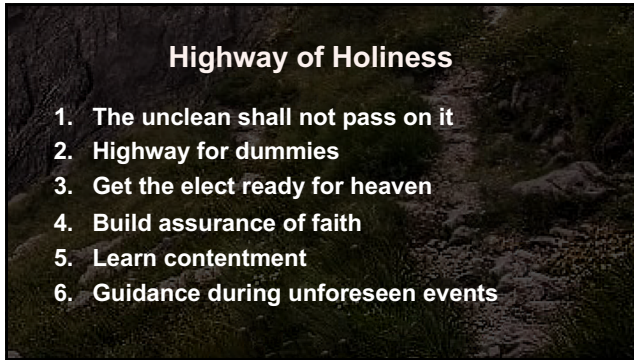
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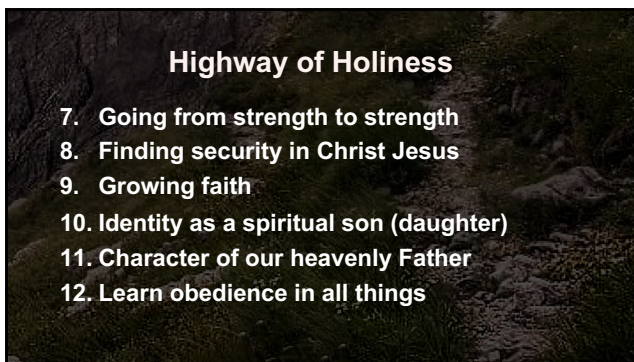
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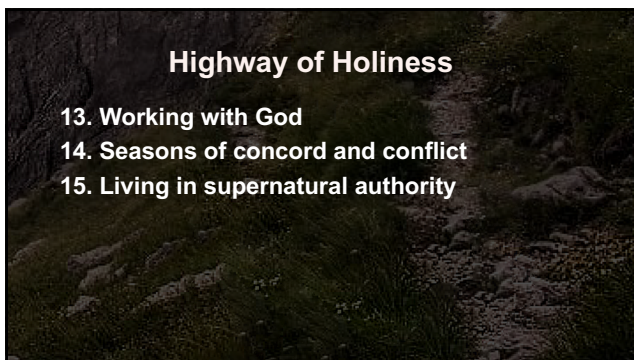
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Authority

Authority (Greek exousia) means ability to choose, the right to govern.

Power

Power (Greek dynamis, dunamis,) means the ability or strength to act.

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Everyone has Faith

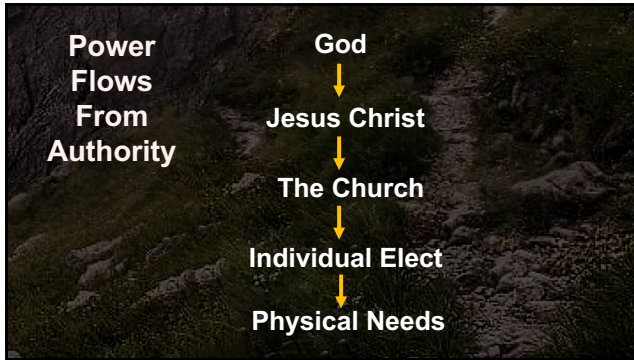
Everyone has faith in someone or something that they look to provide for them. They may have faith in themselves, a spouse/friend, money, education, science or government. Humans were created to function on faith and hope. The Highway of Holiness is learning to reposition our faith onto the person of Jesus Christ.

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Faith is Looking

Faith is looking to Jesus with the eyes of our heart and doing what he's doing.

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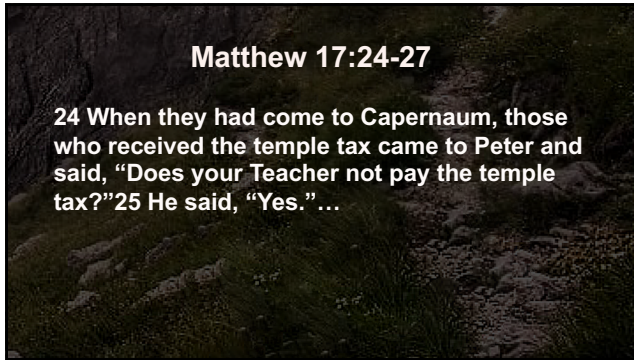
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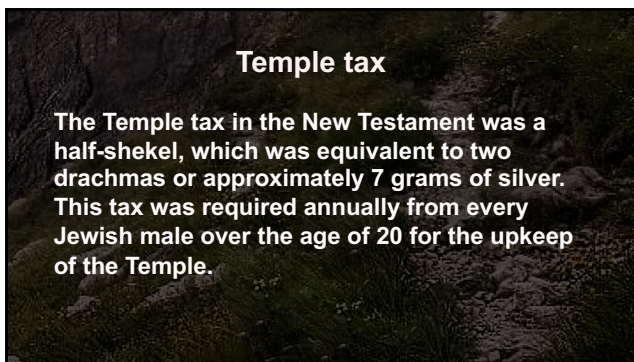
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Tyrian Shekel – Religious Control

1. **Exclusivity:** The Temple authorities insisted on the Tyrian shekel for tax payments, rejecting other currencies. This led to the establishment of money changers around the Temple to exchange common currencies (Denarius) for Tyrian shekels, often charging high fees for their services.

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Tyrian Shekel – Religious Control

2. **Acceptable Idolatry:** Despite the Tyrian shekel bearing images that could be seen as idolatrous, its silver content made it indispensable for the Temple tax, highlighting the economic and religious dynamics of the time.

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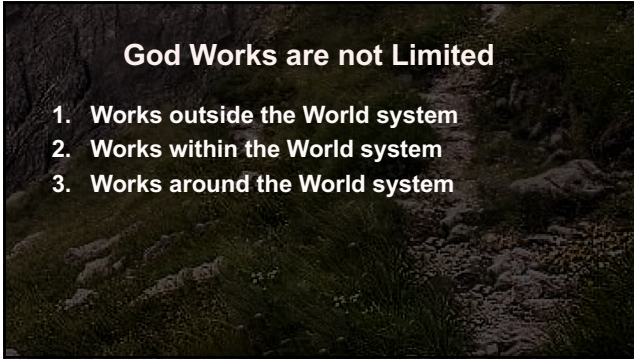
Single Coin worth (2) Temple Tax

The coin found in the fish's mouth was likely a Greek Stater ("Weight"), a silver coin worth four drachmas that was sufficient to cover the Temple tax for both Jesus and Peter. Jesus gave an example of using God's provision to pay His taxes.

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God Works are not Limited

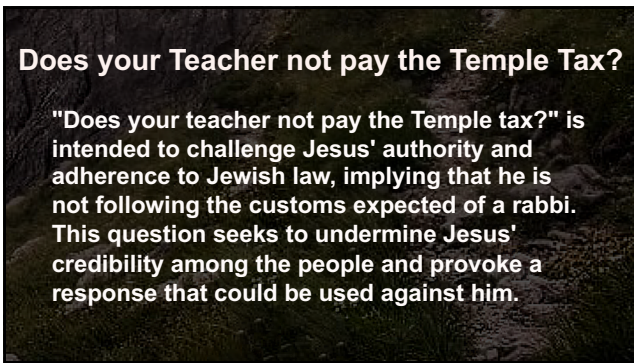
1. Works outside the World system
2. Works within the World system
3. Works around the World system



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Does your Teacher not pay the Temple Tax?

"Does your teacher not pay the Temple tax?" is intended to challenge Jesus' authority and adherence to Jewish law, implying that he is not following the customs expected of a rabbi. This question seeks to undermine Jesus' credibility among the people and provoke a response that could be used against him.



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PHARISEES	SADDUCEES
Law	Temple
Interpretations of the Torah	Torah Alone
Middle Class	Upper Class
Resurrection of the Dead	No Resurrection
Belief in Afterlife	No Afterlife
Rejected the Jewish Leaders	Supported Jewish Leaders



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Two Sides of the Same Coin

The Sadducees and Pharisees were like two sides of a coin: one focused on the letter of the law while the other embraced its spirit. Their rivalry shaped the landscape of ancient Judaism.

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Jesus Pays in Advance

"Payment could be made in person at the Passover festival in Jerusalem...but collections were made in other areas of Palestine and abroad a month earlier. This incident therefore takes place about a month before Passover."

- R.T. France

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Matthew 17:24-27

25...And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?"

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Matthew 17:24-27

26 Peter said to Him, "From strangers."
 Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free.
 27 Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you."

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Jesus' Authority Over Taxes and Money

Jesus used this incident to illustrate his divine authority, indicating that as the Son of God, he was not obligated to pay the tax on His Temple. However, he chose to pay it to avoid causing offense, demonstrating humility and respect for the law.

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Jesus draws on Heaven's Treasury

"Thus the great Son pays the tax levied for his Father's house; but he exercises his royal prerogative in the act, and takes the shekel out of the royal [heavenly] treasury. As man he pays, but first as God he causes the fish to bring him the shekel in its mouth."

- Spurgeon

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Different Methods to Meet Needs

1. Miraculous Catch of Fish – Peter’s partners likely sold the fish, provide for his family while he followed Jesus.
2. Miraculous Feed 5000 – Jesus enabled the disciples to feed the multitude
3. Peter catches a single fish with the perfect amount to pay the Temple tax for two

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Faith Requires Action to Release the Miracle

Go wash in the pool – man born blind
 Stretch out your hand – man withered hand
 Show yourself to the Priest – lepers cleansed
 Go cast in your hook – Catch a fish with coin

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God Allows Evil to Defeat Itself

"God only allows Satan to accomplish the very opposite of what he wants to accomplish. He only gives Satan enough rope to hang himself...God hates evil. He's against it..."

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God Allows Evil to Defeat Itself

"He didn't create a world in which evil existed. But He permits it. Why? He permits Satan only to bring evil into Job's life in such a way, in such an amount, that actually completely defeats Satan's real intention. Satan is only allowed by God to actually defeat himself and achieve the very opposite of what he wanted."

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God Allows Evil to Defeat Itself

"He permits evil and suffering to come into your life only to the degree that it defeats the actual intention of Satan for you. Only to the degree that it makes you a great person. Only to the degree that it actually defeats itself."

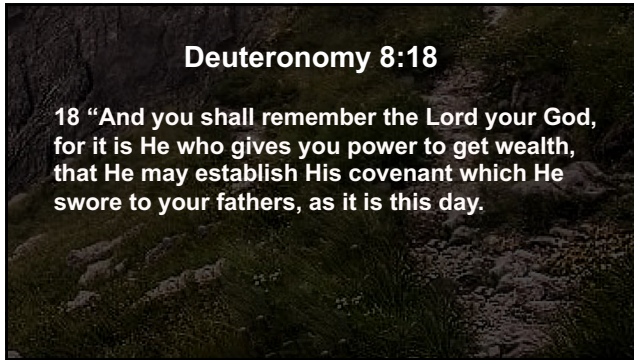
- Tim Keller

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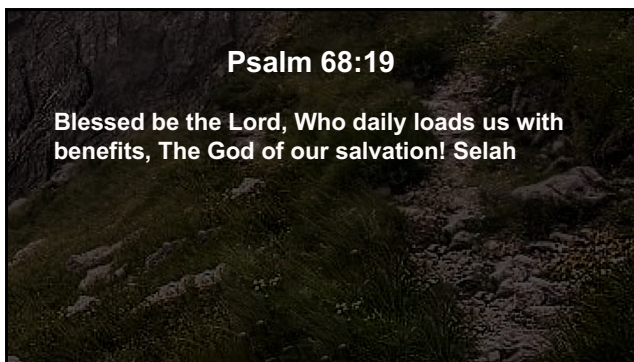
Philippians 4:19

19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

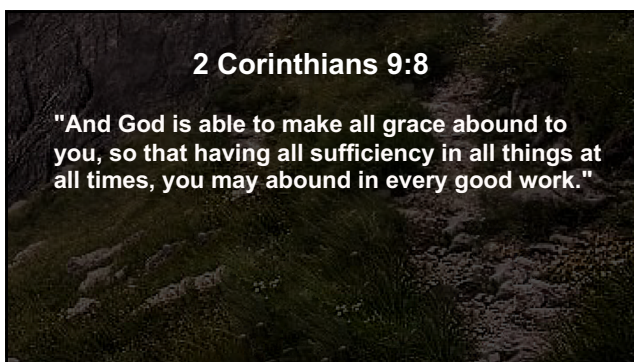
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Where to Look with eyes of our heart

The eyes of our heart [faith] are looking at something or someone to meet a legitimate need. The heart has led the mind to pursue thoughts, ideas, and desires in the direction it is looking. The mind has a habit of thinking this way and changing means a change in the eyes

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Where to Look with eyes of our heart

It is helpful to reflect in each circumstance where we are looking with the eyes of our heart. Our emotions are a clue (although not definitive) as to where the eyes of our heart are looking. If the eyes of our heart are looking to ourselves and our resources (money, property, effort, relationships) then anxiety and fear of their loss or failure will be our lot.

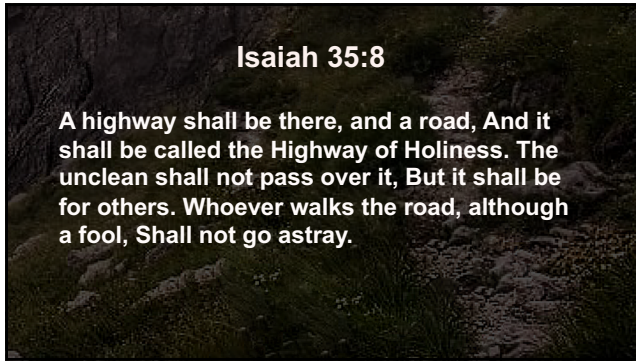
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Isaiah 26:3

"You will keep him in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed [steadfast] on You,
Because he trusts in You."

The causal relationship is clear: heart trusts, is looking to the Lord, then the mind naturally is fixed upon and rests in Him – the peace of God

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