

RETHINK: BUILDING A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW!

"THE MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE!"

RETHINK:

- <u>**Rethink</u>**-to consider or access again in order to make a change.</u>
 - o MATTHEW 3:1-3
- **<u>Repentance</u>**-*<u>metanoia</u>*-to think afterwards, change of mind or of purpose.
 - o <u>ACTS 17:30-31</u>
- <u>Stubbornness</u>-having or showing dogged determination not to change one's attitude or position on something especially in spite of good arguments and truthful data.
 - o I SAMUEL 15:22-23

WORLDVIEW:

- <u>Worldview</u>-a particular philosophy of life or conception of the world.
 - o <u>PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11</u>
- <u>Mindset</u>-the established set of attitudes held by someone.
 - o **PROVERBS 22:24-25**
- <u>Perspective</u>-a particular attitude towards or way of regarding of something or point of view.
 - o <u>ROMANS 12:1-2</u>



* It is not only our responsibility to believe in Jesus, however it is also our responsibility to believe "like" Jesus believed!

BUILDING:

- <u>Building</u>-to construct something by putting parts or material together, to assemble or accumulate something by putting parts or material
 - o MATTHEW 7:24-29
- **Disciple**-a personal follower of Christ during His life on earth, a follower or pupil of a teacher or learner.
 - o JOHN 8:31-32
- <u>Truth</u>-that which is true or is in accordance with facts or reality.
 - o **PROVERBS 23:22-24**
- <u>Culture</u>-the ideas, customs, and social behavior of a particular people or society.
 - o **DANIEL 1:1-9**

WHAT SHOULD WE RETHINK ABOUT THE MOST?

- 1. OUR GOD!
- 2. OURSELVES!
- 3. OUR HISTORY!
- 4. OUR FUTURE!
- 5. OUR PRESENT!

THE PREAMBLE OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

We hold these <u>truths</u> to be <u>self-evident</u>, that <u>all men</u> are <u>created</u> <u>equal,</u> that they are <u>endowed by their CREATOR</u> with certain <u>Unalienable RIGHTS</u>, that among these are <u>LIFE</u>, <u>LIBERTY and the PURSUIT of HAPPINESS</u>!

- Truths-that which true or in accordance to facts!
- Self-evident-not needing to be demonstrated or explained; obvious!



- Men-plural of man or human being of either sex!
- Created-something brought into existence by someone!
- Equal-being something the same quantity, size, degree or value!
- Endowed-provide with a quality, ability or asset!
- Creator-a person or thing that brings something in existence!
- Unalienable-inalienable-not subject to being taken away from or given away by the possessor!
- Rights-a moral or legal entitlement to have or to do something!
- Life-the existence of animals and plants between birth and death with the capacity to grow and reproduce!
- Liberty-the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior or political views; the power or scope to act as one pleases!
- Pursuit-the action of pursuing someone or something!
- Happiness-the state of being happy, content, pleased, satisfied or joyful!

MARTIN LUTHER KING'S, "I HAVE A DREAM SPEECH"!

• Five score years ago, a great American in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves, who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity, but 100 years later, the Negro still is not free. 100 years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. 100 years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. 100 years later, the Negro is still languished in the corners of American society and finds himself in exile in his own land.



- Let us not wallow in the valley of despair. I say to you today, my friend, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed, "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created." I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of our skin, but by the content of that character. I have a dream today.
- From every mountainside, let freedom ring, and when this happens, when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and gentiles, Protestants and Catholic, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!



RETHINK: THE HEAVENLY FATHER

- Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What *is* His name?' what shall I say to them?" ¹⁴ And God said to Moses, "<u>I AM</u> WHO <u>I AM</u>." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, '<u>I AM</u> has sent me to you.' ^m ¹⁵ Moreover God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: '<u>The LORD</u> (<u>YHWH</u>) God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This *is* My <u>Name</u> forever, and this *is* My <u>Memorial</u> to all generations.' (EXODUS 3:13-15)
 - <u>GOD</u>-H430-<u>Elohim</u>-noun-(root word-H433-<u>eloha</u>-of any god, mostly of the true God, of god or deity) plural, rulers and judges, divine ones, angels, or gods.
 - <u>I AM</u>-H1961-<u>Haya</u>-verb-to be, become, come to pass, to come to be in existence or to fall out.
 - LORD-H3068-<u>YHWH</u>-proper noun-the Existing One, the proper name of the One True God, the Self-Existent or Eternal, Jewish national name of God.
 6,515 times in 5,600 verses in the Old Testament.
 - <u>NAME</u>-H8034-*sem*-noun (root word-H7760-*sum*-to put, to make, to set up, to appoint, to ordain, to mark or to care) reputation, fame, glory, memorial or monument.
 - <u>MEMORIAL</u>-H2143-<u>zeker</u>-noun (root word-H2142-<u>zakar</u>-to remember or to be mindful of) remembrance, memory or scent.
- And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the LORD (YHWH). ³ I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as <u>God Almighty</u>, but by My name LORD (YHWH). I was not known to them. ⁴ I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. ⁵ And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom



the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. ⁶ Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I *am* the <u>LORD</u> (YHWH); I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. ⁷ I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I *am* the <u>LORD</u> (<u>YHWH</u>) your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸ And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you *as* a heritage: I *am* the <u>LORD</u> (<u>YHWH</u>).' (EXODUS 6:2-8)

- <u>GOD</u>-H410-<u>EL-</u>noun-(root word-H352-<u>ayil</u>-a ram, from its curved and twisted horns) power, mighty or idols.
- <u>ALMIGHTY</u>-H7706-<u>Saday</u>-noun (root word-H7703-<u>sadad</u>-verb-to spoil, to waste, to destroy or to rob) Most Powerful.

THE SEVENTH WAY FOR THE SEVENTH DAY: THE YHWH OF JEALOUSLY!

- Now the <u>LORD (YHWH</u>) descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the <u>LORD (YHWH</u>). ⁶ And the <u>LORD (YHWH</u>) passed before him and proclaimed, "The <u>LORD (YHWH</u>), the <u>LORD (YHWH</u>) God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, ⁷ keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children to the third and the fourth generation . . . ¹⁴ (for the <u>LORD</u> (<u>YHWH</u>), whose name *is* <u>Jealous</u>, *is* a <u>Jealous</u> God)" (<u>EXODUS 34:5-8; 14</u>)
 - JEALOUS-H7067-ganna-adjective (root word H7065-gana-verb-zealous or envious), not bearing any rival or the sever avenger of departure from Himself, only of God.



- <u>DICTIONARY</u>- jealous-fiercely protective of one's right or one's possessions or demanding of faithfulness and exclusive worship/relationship; zealousshowing great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or objective (synonyms-fervent, ardent, passionate, impassioned, devoted, committed, dedicated, sincere, wholehearted, zestful, purposeful, intense, fierce, antonyms-apathetic or indifferent);
- And God spoke all these words, saying: ² "I *am* the <u>LORD</u> (<u>YHWH</u>) your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
 ³ "You shall have no other gods before Me.⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the <u>LORD</u> (<u>YHWH</u>) your God, *am* a <u>Jealous</u> God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments (EXODUS 20:1-6).