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***Walking Worthy***

**Deuteronomy Chapters 9-11**

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**Walking Worthy – The Ephesian Epistle follows the same outline as** [**Deuteronomy 9-11**](swordsearcher://bible/de9-11)

**I. Possess nations greater than yourself**

[**Deuteronomy 9:1**](swordsearcher://bible/de9.1-3) Hear, O Israel: Thou *art* to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven,  
**Deuteronomy 9:2** A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and *of whom* thou hast heard *say*, Who can stand before the children of Anak!  
**Deuteronomy 9:3** Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God *is* he which goeth over before thee; *as* a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee.

**Not because of your righteousness has the LORD destroyed your enemies**  
[**Deuteronomy 9:4**](swordsearcher://bible/de9.4-5) Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee.  
**Deuteronomy 9:5** Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

**It is not because of your righteousness – You are a stiffnecked people**  
[**Deuteronomy 9:6**](swordsearcher://bible/de9.6) Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou *art* a stiffnecked people.

**Provoked the LORD from the first day in the Wilderness**  
**Deuteronomy 9:7** Remember, *and* forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the LORD.

**II.** **A stiffnecked people**

**Remember the provocation at Sinai**  
[**Deuteronomy 9:8**](swordsearcher://bible/de9.8-12) Also in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you.  
**Deuteronomy 9:9** When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, *even* the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water:  
**Deuteronomy 9:10** And the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them *was written* according to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.  
**Deuteronomy 9:11** And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, *that* the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, *even* the tables of the covenant.  
**Deuteronomy 9:12** And the LORD said unto me, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted *themselves*; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image.

**What does the LORD speak to Moses about? – Destroying the people?**  
[**Deuteronomy 9:13**](swordsearcher://bible/de9.13-14) Furthermore the LORD spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it *is* a stiffnecked people:  
**Deuteronomy 9:14** Let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and greater than they.

**Moses descended the Mount with the two tables of the Covenant**  
[**Deuteronomy 9:15**](swordsearcher://bible/de9.15) So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the covenant *were* in my two hands.

**Ye had sinned against the LORD**  
[**Deuteronomy 9:16**](swordsearcher://bible/de9.16) And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, *and* had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you.

**Moses broke the Tables of the Covenant**  
[**Deuteronomy 9:17**](swordsearcher://bible/de9.17) And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.

**Moses sought the LORD for 40 days and 40 nights – Type of The Intercessor**  
[**Deuteronomy 9:18**](swordsearcher://bible/de9.18-21) And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.  
**Deuteronomy 9:19** For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you. But the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also.  
**Deuteronomy 9:20** And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time.  
**Deuteronomy 9:21** And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, *and* ground *it* very small, *even* until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

**Remember Taberah and Massah** – [Exodus 17:7](swordsearcher://bible/ex17.7); [Deuteronomy 6:16](swordsearcher://bible/de6.16); [9:22](swordsearcher://bible/de9.22)  
[**Deuteronomy 9:22**](swordsearcher://bible/de9.22) And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibroth-hattaavah, ye provoked the LORD to wrath.

**Remember likewise at Kadesh-barnea**  
[**Deuteronomy 9:23**](swordsearcher://bible/de9.23) Likewise when the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice.

**Moses says this people have been rebellious from the day I knew you** Exodus   
[**Deuteronomy 9:24**](swordsearcher://bible/de9.24) Ye have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you.

**Look how Moses prayed for these stiffnecked people**  
[**Deuteronomy 9:25**](swordsearcher://bible/de9.25-29) Thus I fell down before the LORD forty days and forty nights, as I fell down *at the first*; because the LORD had said he would destroy you.  
**Deuteronomy 9:26** I prayed therefore unto the LORD, and said, O Lord GOD, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.  
**Deuteronomy 9:27** Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin:  
**Deuteronomy 9:28** Lest the land whence thou broughtest us out say, Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.  
**Deuteronomy 9:29** Yet they *are* thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power and by thy stretched out arm.

**God commands Moses**

[**Deuteronomy 10:1**](swordsearcher://bible/de10.1-3) At that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.  
**Deuteronomy 10:2** And I will write on the tables the words that were in the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark.  
**Deuteronomy 10:3** And I made an ark *of* shittim wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand.

**The LORD writes of the two new tables that Moses had hewn**   
[**Deuteronomy 10:4**](swordsearcher://bible/de10.4) And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me.

**Moses again descends the mountain**  
[**Deuteronomy 10:5**](swordsearcher://bible/de10.5) And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the LORD commanded me.

**Moses and the people go to the place where Aaron died –** [Numbers 33:36-39](swordsearcher://bible/nu33.36-39)  
[**Deuteronomy 10:6**](swordsearcher://bible/de10.6-7) And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to Mosera: there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead.  
**Deuteronomy 10:7** From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jobeth, a land of rivers of waters.

**Here the LORD commissioned the Levites to bear the Ark –** [Numbers 1-4](swordsearcher://bible/nu1-4); [I Corinthians 12-14](swordsearcher://bible/1cor12-14)  
[**Deuteronomy 10:8**](swordsearcher://bible/de10.8-10) At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day.  
**Deuteronomy 10:9** Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD *is* his inheritance, according as the LORD thy God promised him.  
**Deuteronomy 10:10** And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights; and the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also, *and* the LORD would not destroy thee.

**The LORD instructs Moses**  
[**Deuteronomy 10:11**](swordsearcher://bible/de10.11) And the LORD said unto me, Arise, take *thy* journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give unto them.

**What does the LORD require of Israel? – Keep the Commandments, walk in all His ways**  
[**Deuteronomy 10:12**](swordsearcher://bible/de10.12-22) And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,  
**Deuteronomy 10:13** To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?  
**Deuteronomy 10:14** Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens *is* the LORD'S thy God, the earth *also*, with all that therein *is*.  
**Deuteronomy 10:15** Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, *even* you above all people, as *it is* this day.

**Deuteronomy 10:16** Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.  
**Deuteronomy 10:17** For the LORD your God *is* God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:  
**Deuteronomy 10:18** He doth execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.  
**Deuteronomy 10:19** Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.  
**Deuteronomy 10:20** Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name.  
**Deuteronomy 10:21** He *is* thy praise, and he *is* thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen.  
**Deuteronomy 10:22** Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

**The LORD is speaking to you**

[**Deuteronomy 11:1**](swordsearcher://bible/de11.1-9) Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway.

**Deuteronomy 11:2** And know ye this day: for *I speak* not with your children which have not known, and which have not seen the chastisement of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched out arm,

**Deuteronomy 11:3** And his miracles, and his acts, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land;  
**Deuteronomy 11:4** And what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and *how* the LORD hath destroyed them unto this day;  
**Deuteronomy 11:5** And what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came into this place;  
**Deuteronomy 11:6** And what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that *was* in their possession, in the midst of all Israel:  
**Deuteronomy 11:7** But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD which he did.

Since you have seen – Keep His Commandments  
**Deuteronomy 11:8** Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it;  
**Deuteronomy 11:9** And that ye may prolong *your* days in the land, which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

**Description of the land**  
[**Deuteronomy 11:10**](swordsearcher://bible/de11.10-12) For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, *is* not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst *it* with thy foot, as a garden of herbs:  
**Deuteronomy 11:11** But the land, whither ye go to possess it, *is* a land of hills and valleys, *and* drinketh water of the rain of heaven:  
**Deuteronomy 11:12** A land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God *are* always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

**III. Do My commandments and I will prosper you**  
[**Deuteronomy 11:13**](swordsearcher://bible/de11.13-15) And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,  
**Deuteronomy 11:14** That I will give *you* the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.  
**Deuteronomy 11:15** And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full.

**Take heed that you don’t turn back or you will perish**  
[**Deuteronomy 11:16**](swordsearcher://bible/de11.16-17) Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;  
[**Deuteronomy 11:17**](swordsearcher://bible/de11.17) And *then* the LORD'S wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and *lest* ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

**Therefore lay-up My Words in your heart And soul**  
[**Deuteronomy 11:18**](swordsearcher://bible/de11.18) Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

**Teach My Words to your children**  
[**Deuteronomy 11:19**](swordsearcher://bible/de11.19) And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.  
**Deuteronomy 11:20** And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates:  
**Deuteronomy 11:21** That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

**I will drive out your enemies – Does this mean don’t be concerned the LORD will handle it? – No!**  
[**Deuteronomy 11:22**](swordsearcher://bible/de11.22-25) For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him;  
**Deuteronomy 11:23** Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.  
**Deuteronomy 11:24** Every place where on the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be.  
**Deuteronomy 11:25** There shall no man be able to stand before you: *for* the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.

**IV. A blessing and a curse**  
[**Deuteronomy 11:26**](swordsearcher://bible/de11.26-32) Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;  
**Deuteronomy 11:27** A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day:  
**Deuteronomy 11:28** And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.  
**Deuteronomy 11:29** And it shall come to pass, when the LORD thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal.  
**Deuteronomy 11:30** *Are* they not on the other side Jordan, by the way where the sun goeth down, in the land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the champaign over against Gilgal, beside the plains of Moreh?  
**Deuteronomy 11:31** For ye shall pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein.  
**Deuteronomy 11:32** And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.

**V. An Executive decision made before the foundation of the world**

**The Father has made known to us the mystery of His will – We do not have to wonder about His will!**

[**Ephesians 1:1**](swordsearcher://bible/eph1.1-9) Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:  
**Ephesians 1:2** Grace *be* to you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Ephesians 1:3** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:  
**Ephesians 1:4** According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:  
**Ephesians 1:5** Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,  
**Ephesians 1:6** To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.  
**Ephesians 1:7** In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;  
**Ephesians 1:8** Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;  
**🢣Ephesians 1:9** Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

**Why did He make known to us the mystery of His will?**  
**🢣Ephesians 1:10** That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him:  
**Ephesians 1:11** In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:  
**Ephesians 1:12** That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

**Sealed by Holy Ghost – How? – After knowing God’s Promise is sure, we obey Him till the end**  
[**Ephesians 1:13**](swordsearcher://bible/eph1.13-14) In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,  
**Ephesians 1:14** Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

**Paul heard of the Ephesian’s faith and love – They were not born that way – Came from the Word**  
[**Ephesians 1:15**](swordsearcher://bible/eph1.15-23) Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,  
**Ephesians 1:16** Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;  
**Ephesians 1:17** That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:  
**Ephesians 1:18** The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,  
**Ephesians 1:19** And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,  
**Ephesians 1:20** Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*,  
**Ephesians 1:21** Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:  
**Ephesians 1:22** And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church,  
**Ephesians 1:23** Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

**As Christ was raised from the dead, He quickens His people who had a Worldly Walk with no hope**

[**Ephesians 2:1**](swordsearcher://bible/eph2.1-3) And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;  
**Ephesians 2:2** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:  
**Ephesians 2:3** Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

**Those of the world do not have a spiritual walk, - Quickened people do not have a worldly walk**  
[**Ephesians 2:4**](swordsearcher://bible/eph2.4-6) But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,  
**Ephesians 2:5** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)  
**Ephesians 2:6** And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

**Why did He separate us out in heavenly places? For the ages to come in order to point us out!**  
**🢣**[**Ephesians 2:7**](swordsearcher://bible/eph2.7) That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

**Saved by Grace means being lifted from this world and from which we have separated ourselves**  
[**Ephesians 2:8**](swordsearcher://bible/eph2.8-9) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:  
**Ephesians 2:9** Not of works, lest any man should boast.

**The Bible does not say some are working for salvation! Context of circumcision/uncircumcision:**

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where *is* boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. *Is he* the God of the Jews only? *is he* not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:[**Romans 3:24-29**](swordsearcher://bible/rom3.24-29)

**Why did the Father do all this? – So we can act out His Word before the world**  
[**Ephesians 2:10**](swordsearcher://bible/eph2.10) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

**🢣 Romans 2 and Ephesians 2 are in the same context! Same executive decision**  
[**Ephesians 2:11**](swordsearcher://bible/eph2.11-22) Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;  
**Ephesians 2:12** That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:  
**Ephesians 2:13** But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.  
**Ephesians 2:14** For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*;  
**Ephesians 2:15** Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace;  
**Ephesians 2:16** And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:  
**Ephesians 2:17** And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.  
**Ephesians 2:18** For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.  
**Ephesians 2:19** Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;  
**Ephesians 2:20** And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;  
**Ephesians 2:21** In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:  
**Ephesians 2:22** In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

**Paul is carrying out the Father’s Executive Decision, given as a Mystery**

[**Ephesians 3:1**](swordsearcher://bible/eph3.1-5) For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,  
**Ephesians 3:2** If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:  
**Ephesians 3:3** How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,  
**Ephesians 3:4** Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)  
**Ephesians 3:5** Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;

**VI.** **The Executive Decision Revealed - Given in the form of a “mystery” is revealed**  
[**Ephesians 3:6**](swordsearcher://bible/eph3.6-8) That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:  
**Ephesians 3:7** Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.  
**Ephesians 3:8** Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

**And the Fellowship of the Mystery**  
[**Ephesians 3:9**](swordsearcher://bible/eph3.9-13) And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:  
**Ephesians 3:10** To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,  
**Ephesians 3:11** According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:  
**Ephesians 3:12** In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.  
**Ephesians 3:13** Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

**It is not just that the Ephesians had an experience with God one time – They need to continue**

[**Ephesians 3:14**](swordsearcher://bible/eph3.14-21) For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**Ephesians 3:15** Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,  
**Ephesians 3:16** That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;  
**Ephesians 3:17** That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,  
**Ephesians 3:18** May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;  
**Ephesians 3:19** And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.  
**Ephesians 3:20** Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,  
**Ephesians 3:21** Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

**Now, Because of the previous chapter’s contents… Walk worthy (The Executive Decision)**

[**Ephesians 4:1**](swordsearcher://bible/eph4.1) I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you **that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,**[**Ephesians 4:2**](swordsearcher://bible/eph4.2-6) With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;  
**Ephesians 4:3** Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.  
**Ephesians 4:4** *There is* one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;  
**Ephesians 4:5** One Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
**Ephesians 4:6** One God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

**Every one of us is given a measure of God’s grace – No excuses**  
[**Ephesians 4:7**](swordsearcher://bible/eph4.7-12) But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.  
**Ephesians 4:8** Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.  
**Ephesians 4:9** (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?  
**Ephesians 4:10** He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)  
**Ephesians 4:11** And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;  
**Ephesians 4:12** For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

**Do this until we have the knowledge of God’s Son “unto a perfect man” unto the measure and stature!**   
[**Ephesians 4:13**](swordsearcher://bible/eph4.13-16) Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:  
**Ephesians 4:14** That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;  
**Ephesians 4:15** But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:  
**Ephesians 4:16** From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

**Walk not as other Gentiles walk** – **Why? We are examples and ensamples just like the children of Israel**  
[**Ephesians 4:17**](swordsearcher://bible/eph4.17-19) This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

**Ephesians 4:18** Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:  
**Ephesians 4:19** Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

**Christ is not like other Gentiles**  
[**Ephesians 4:20**](swordsearcher://bible/eph4.20) But ye have not so learned Christ;

**🢣How do we be like Christ?**  
**Ephesians 4:21** If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:  
**Ephesians 4:22** That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;  
**Ephesians 4:23** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

**We do not “put on” Christ – This new man is created in righteousness (His Workmanship)–** [I John 3:2](swordsearcher://bible/1jo3.2)  
[**Ephesians 4:24**](swordsearcher://bible/eph4.24) And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

**By the putting away…**  
[**Ephesians 4:25**](swordsearcher://bible/eph4.25-32) Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.  
**Ephesians 4:26** Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:  
**Ephesians 4:27** Neither give place to the devil.  
**Ephesians 4:28** Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.  
**Ephesians 4:29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.  
**Ephesians 4:30** And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.  
**Ephesians 4:31** Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:  
**Ephesians 4:32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

**VII. Another mystery is revealed in chapter 5 and for the same reason:**

1.) Man is to love his wife as Christ loved the church;

2.) Wives are to submit herself as unto the Lord.

3.) Both are to submit to each other in the fear of God.

4.) Why? **Because they are both acting out Christ in their family life**

**They are living examples and ensamples for ages to come – God will point them out (**[2:7](swordsearcher://bible/eph2.7)**)**

**🢣This is why, finally brethren, having fulfilled the Father’s Executive Decision, we can stand strong with the complete armour of God in victory and God will put away our enemies**

**And of course:**

**The Father’s Executive Decision has resulted with glory to God**