

Revival or Relaxing?

Gen 13:1-11



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Genesis 13:1 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

2 And Abram *was* very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold.

3 And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai;

4 Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

5 And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.

6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.

7 And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we *be* brethren.

9 *Is* not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if *thou wilt take* the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if *thou depart* to the right hand, then I will go to the left.

10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it *was* well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, *even* as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar.

11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.

“The Church right now has more fashion than passion, is more pathetic than prophetic, is more superficial than supernatural.”

— Leonard Ravenhill, Revival God's Way

1. The Course for Relaxation

Gen 13:10 “And Lot lifted up his eyes,”

Gen 13:12 “and pitched *his* tent toward Sodom.”

Gen 19:1 “ and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom”

Psalms 1:1 “Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.”

A. Weak in his devotions-

Gen 13:4 Says Abraham had an altar, Gen. 13:5 says Lot had flocks, herds, tents.

Abraham had devotions in Gen. 19:27...He knew that the Bible would keep him from sin, and sin would keep him from the Bible!

B. Worldly in his desires-

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C. Wrong in his decision-

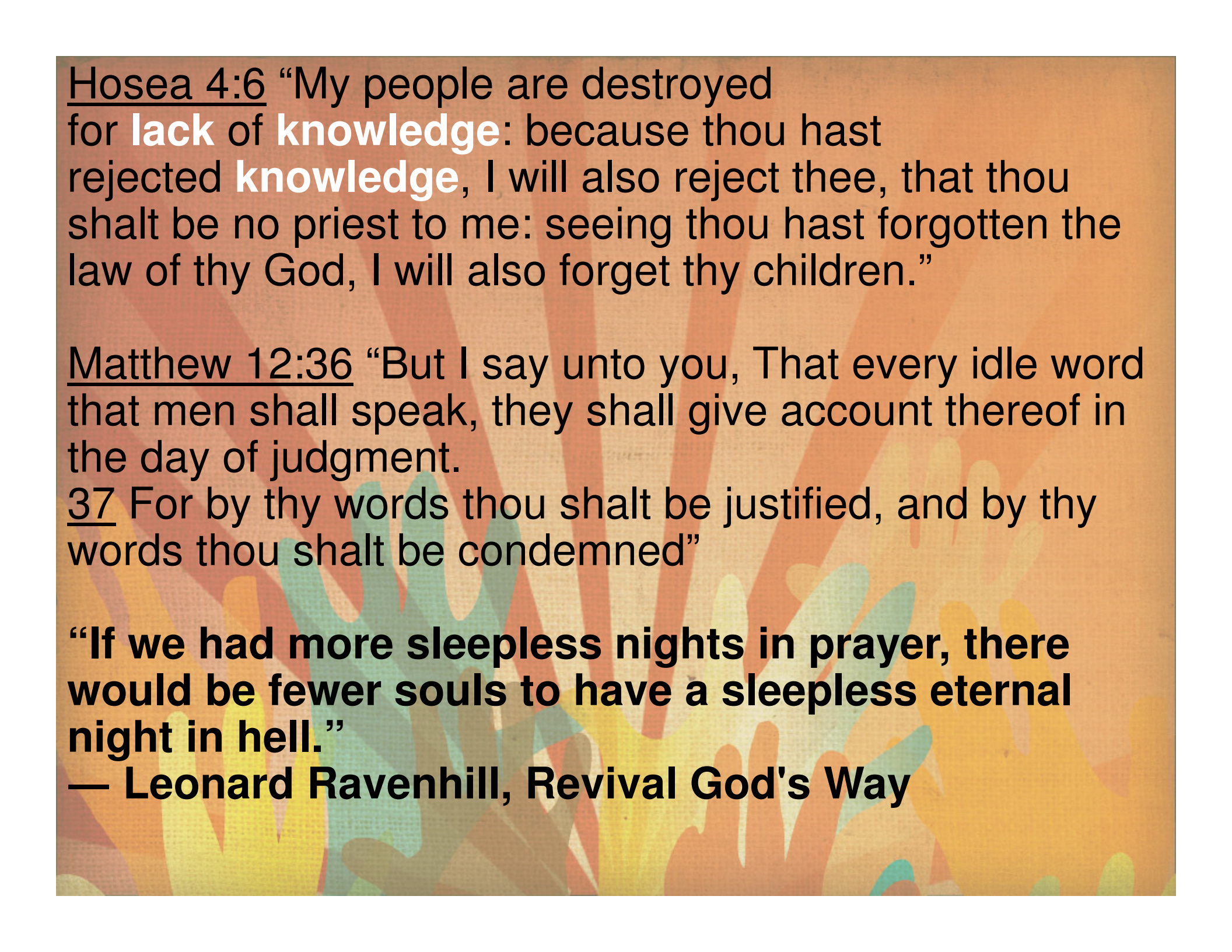
Gen 13:11 "Then Lot chose him"

D. Wrecked in his demise-

2. The Curse of Relaxation

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

11. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God"



Hosea 4:6 “My people are destroyed for **lack of knowledge**: because thou hast rejected **knowledge**, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”

Matthew 12:36 “But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned”

“If we had more sleepless nights in prayer, there would be fewer souls to have a sleepless eternal night in hell.”

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3. The Cure from Relaxation

Gen 18:26 “So the LORD said, “If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.”

Gen 18:32 “Then he said, “Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?” And He said, “I will not destroy it for the sake of ten”

Eze. 22:30 ““So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and **stand in the gap** before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; **but I found no one**”

**“Sodom, which had no Bible, no preachers, no tracts, no prayer meetings, no churches, perished. How then will America and England be spared from the wrath of the Almighty, think you? We have millions of Bibles, scores of thousands of churches, endless preachers—and yet what sin!”
— Leonard Ravenhill, Why Revival Tarries**





Conclusion

Isaiah 6:8

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:

“Whom shall I send,
And who will go for Us?”
Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”