"The Test" John 6:1-15; Deut 8:1-5; Job 23:8-10; Romans 4:18-25

When you come right down to it, life is a test and God is behind the scenes continuously testing our faith in Him, our obedience to Him, our love for Him and others, our integrity before Him and our loyalty

to Him.

One's character is revealed by testing and if the tests are consistently passed and we gain momentum from them, these tests prove to be catalysts for even further spiritual growth. God is observing how we respond to other people, to our problems, to prosperity, adversity, conflicts, sicknesses, our disappointments and our victories.

To face the momentum tests of life, we must develop a biblical frame of reference.

A biblical frame of reference is the basis for learning and applying more advanced biblical truths and we'll never learn advanced principles until we have more basic principles in our frame of reference.

A biblical frame of reference establishes a new conscience compatible with God's standards of divine viewpoint which is our basis for applying the Word of God to our experience and that glorifies our Lord.

A biblical frame of reference refutes unnecessary guilt and not only that; it provides for accurate prayers.

Our ultimate goal in the spiritual life is becoming conformed to the image of God's Son, Jesus Christ which demands our understanding of the experiential plan of God.

We must know what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to be living in humility, motivated by virtue from our very own personal love for God.

Absolutely nothing in life is more gratifying than sharing the happiness of God and enjoying His eternal prosperity

And the issue is always the same as it was for Abraham many years ago; it's all about how much of the mind

of Christ is in our minds!

People love to be entertained and in the time of Jesus' ministry on earth, a miracle was the greatest entertainment for the negative unbeliever.

What makes a stable person?

The mission of the Lord Jesus Christ is NOT to make us physically well but spiritually fit.

What are the religious leaders doing at Passover?

What do they have? Ritual without reality.

The Lord Jesus taught and practiced separation from religion.

When ritual becomes religious, the participants are blinded to grace and truth.