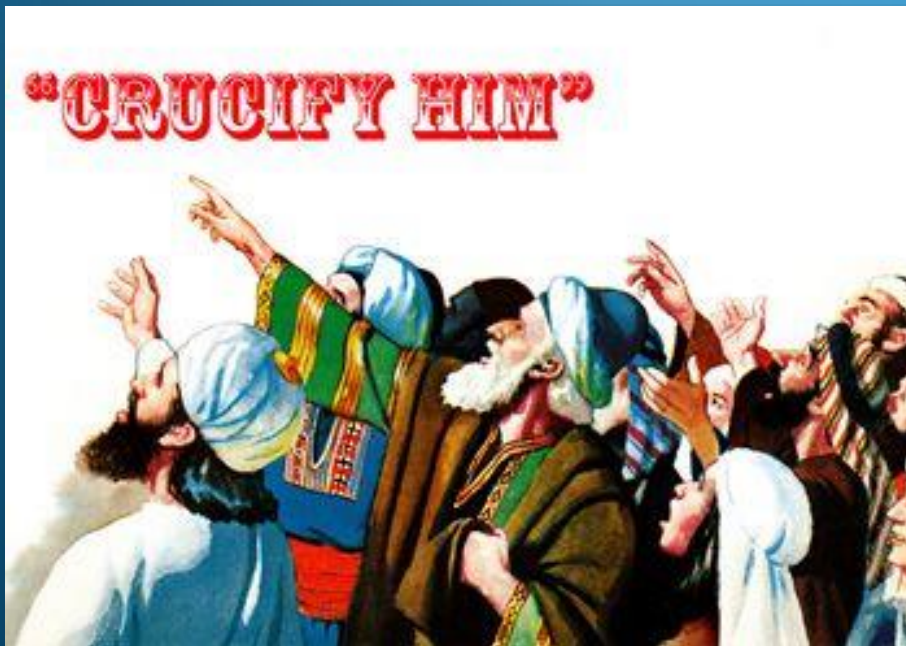


“Hosanna to the Son of David!”

Matthew 21:9



Sunday to Friday:
The short-term alliance
with the Lord Christ



1. The different Goal ⁽¹⁾

- “Hosanna” means “Save”.
It had a different meaning in the mind of the Lord Christ versus the people who greeted Him with it.



1. The different Goal ⁽²⁾

- God's promises of freedom, blessing, safety, love, and salvation might have different meanings in His mind.
- The inevitable frustration



2. The Stumbling block of the Cross ⁽¹⁾

- “...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness”

1 Corinthians 1:23



2. The Stumbling block of the Cross ⁽²⁾

- The offense of suffering while following the Lord Christ turns many away.
- “But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles”

Matthew 13:20-21



3. Relying on Emotions

- Emotions are a very strong catalyst in any relationship, but they are short-lived.
- Loving God expressed in keeping His commandments, tending His sheep, and the life commitment to follow Him



4. Falling captive to Passions

- “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other” *Matthew 6:24*
- Many masters are in today's world who enslave many away from their Savior



5. Unwillingness to incur a cost

- St. Paul understood that to enjoy the knowledge of Lord Christ, he had to give up many earthly gains.
- Zacchaeus and trading his money in return for the permanent relationship with the Lord Christ



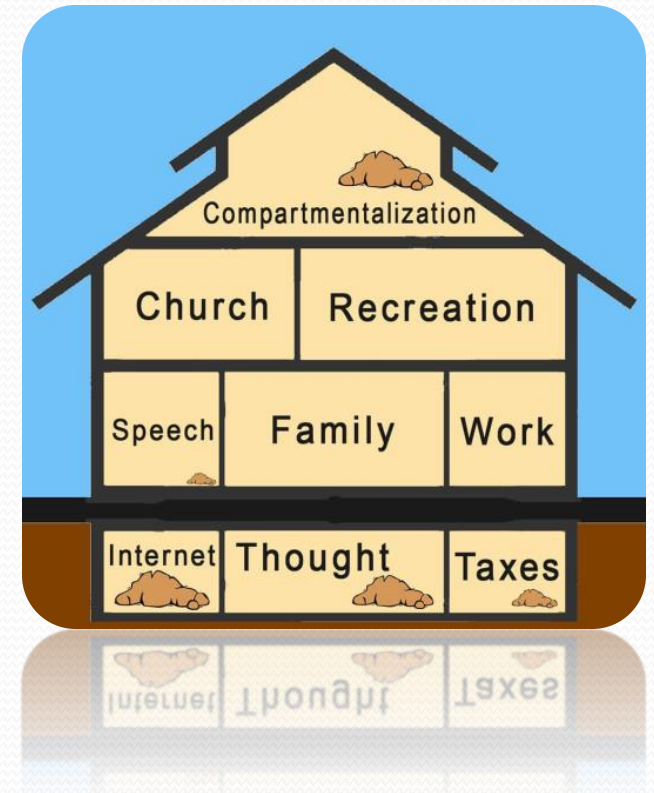
6. Forgetfulness

- “Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits”
Psalm 103:2
- The Israelites in the wilderness
- Demanding of the Lord to prove
His love by meeting our
expectations daily!



7. Compartmentalization

- Limiting the relationship with God to a certain time or place
- The unhelpful separation between God, work, family, friends, and church



8. Different Solutions

- “ But Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life’”

John 6:68

- Trusting my will, the wisdom of this world and chasing the mirages of a good life away from God



9. Wrong Dynamics

- Between God and myself, who is the Master and the Wise One? And who should yield and look for the other's will to know and obey?
- Knowing Him on my own with my mind as the ultimate reference!

