This paper warns against the teaching, 'Operating in the Courts of Heaven!' 12 Reasons why this teaching is not biblical, and opposes God's Holy Word! by Richard Aaron Honorof, © Feed My Sheep Jerusalem

- 1) **The Throne of Grace**, contrary to this author's teaching, page 46 in his book, 'Operating in the Courts of Heaven,' is not a court! **The Throne of Grace** is a Holy Place where Jesus sits beside His Father, interceding for each one of us to give Grace, Love, Mercy, and help in time of need. This Holy Place is not a courtroom setting where Satan can come with accusations against us because of our un-confessed sins, or any ancestral generational un-confessed sins, and also where we come to defend ourselves. This false teaching is so unbiblical, for it is in direct opposition to the Word of God, and to the finished Work of the Cross of Jesus, where Jesus died for all of our sins. Jesus told us on the Cross, "It is Finished!"
- 2) God is the Judge; all Judgments take place only at His Throne, not in any Heavenly courtrooms. There are no 'courts' found in Heaven in God's Word, only God's Throne! The only mention of a 'court' in Heaven in the whole bible is Daniel 7: 9 (10)-14, 26, where the Ancient of Days judged anti Christ, ordered his future destruction, and for him to be burnt in the fire. And here the English word used for 'court' really meant **Judgment** in Hebrew; God's Judgment of anti Christ! All believers are called by God to come boldly to the Throne of Grace, where we may obtain Mercy and find Grace to help in time of need. Hebrew 4:16 This teaching of believers going to different courts in Heaven is a total deception! Jesus never talked of courts in Heaven, nor did He ever mention anything about needing to go to Heaven to access books on our calling and destiny. But we are told by God to come boldly to the Throne of God, where Jesus is always interceding for us before His Father. Revelation 4:2-12; and 5:5-14; Also read about the Judgment Seat of Christ 2nd Corinthians 5:10; See Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 8:6; Romans 8:34; Daniel 7:9-14 And there will also be the Great White Throne Judgment! Revelation 20:10-15

We in **the New Covenant** are justified **by <u>Jesus' Blood</u>** alone, and called by God to walk by faith and not by our good works ...

- 3) Satan is never allowed back up into Heaven to accuse us!

 The abominable liar can never come back to Heaven; for he was cast down to earth until death. Isaiah 14:12-20; Ezekiel 28:13-19; Matthew 4:1; Luke 10:18, 19; Father God does not allow Satan's counsel; Satan does not present our sins in any imaginary court in Heaven! This teaching is very strong deception! Rev 12:10 ... for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. This stopped 2000 years ago when Jesus nailed all of Satan's accusations to the Cross at His death. Satan was then defeated and disarmed. Colossians 2:13-15 From that time, Satan's accusations stopped going up to Heaven!
- 4) This teaching from 'Operating in the Courts of Heaven' gives Satan new power and authority, which God has never given him! Jesus said that He has given us all authority over Satan and his demons; Luke 10:18, 19 Luke 10:18, 19 And He (Jesus) said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from Heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."
- 5) God said, <u>I will remember your sins no more</u>, a major Truth to the whole New Covenant! This teaching is <u>the total opposite</u>, a <u>corruption of the New Covenant</u>, where our sins are brought into a court in Heaven. Jeremiah 31:31-34; Isaiah 43:25; Hebrews 8:12
- 6) We are commanded <u>not to add</u> or <u>take away from God's Word</u>. Proverbs 30:6; Revelation 21:8; Revelation 22:18 This teaching of 'Operating in the Courts of Heaven' is built <u>lie upon lie</u>, by adding and taking away from God's Holy Word. <u>Satan is a liar, and the father of lies</u>'. This teaching of Henderson tells us that sometimes we are on a battlefield and at other times we are in a courtroom setting in Heaven. Which one is it? If the enemy can deceive us to stop during a battle and get us to switch into some imaginary courtroom setting in Heaven when the actual battle is really getting tough</u>, then he can defeat us! For <u>we have put down our Sword</u> and also our whole Armour, if we are believing we are really in

a courtroom setting and not on the battlefield. This teaching says that we must try to stop the accusations of Satan, which God, who is the Just Judge, is allowing Satan to bring against us because of our sins, preventing God from being able to grant us the Victory from getting what is in our books in Heaven. (But we are always commanded by God to repent for any and all unconfessed sins.) Thus the enemy will have so **tricked and beguiled us** with this false teaching causing us to have quit fighting, and lose the battle, especially right in the middle of a major battle, allowing Satan to steal, kill, and destroy us. John 10:10 For it may have been a real battle we were in, and called **to stand!** Jesus, at His death gave us all the Power and Authority that we would ever need + His own Holy Spirit in us + His Blood to win the Victory, not allowing Satan to ever intimidate us. So many of us, including myself, have been deceived by this totally unbiblical teaching.

This teaching takes us away from using the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17), when we suddenly switch gears and go into some imaginary courtroom in Heaven. For it turns the real battle into a courtroom setting, and gets us off track, allowing Satan to then be able to defeat us and win! Put on the whole Armor of God, and leave it on, and Stand! Take up the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God; and cut through all these lies of the enemy! As believers we are on a real battlefield every day; never in some courtroom in Heaven! We live in Jesus. We are seated by Jesus' Throne in Heavenly places, enjoying Eternal Life. (Eph 1:20, 2:6; 1st John 5:11; John 16:11)

7) This teaching also says that we still have hidden generational sins, and this process to get set free could take us forever. This is contrary to God's Word, a real lie, for Jesus nailed all of our sins to the Cross at His death, setting us free forever! We are New Creations, old things have passed away, behold all things have become New! 2 Corinthians 5:17 If the Son makes you free you shall be free indeed! John 8:36 Yes, Satan is regularly accusing us when we sin, but he does it from his position of down here on earth and not from some imaginary courtroom in Heaven. Even the Old

Testament, in Ezekiel 18:2-4, 20, says that the children will no longer be judged for their father's sins, but only for their own sins.

8) Our good works are given to us **by God's grace and wisdom** alone; & we are not to try to get them downloaded. This teaching is just the opposite of God's Word, making our 'good works' into **a self work** for us to do, not by God's grace alone. We are called to deny ourselves, to take up our cross daily, and to follow Jesus. Also we are not called to be somebody, or to try to get our own good works from God, or to get our books opened in Heaven.

This doctrine about getting what is in our books in Heaven is just the opposite of **the Walk of the Cross** - taking up our cross daily, and following Jesus only.

- 9) Jesus told us that the Law (the Torah) and the prophets are **fulfilled** in us when we **love God** and we also **love one another**. That is our great Victory! It is never in our trying to get some books opened on our own behalf in Heaven.
- 10) Yes, we are all called to be <u>daily confessing & repenting</u> of our sins, and then God has promised <u>to both forgive us and to cleanse us from our sins</u>. 1 John 1:9 Ask, <u>and you will receive</u>. Matthew 7:7, 8; God told us <u>in many places just to ask Him for help</u> when we are in need: see Matthew 6:25; Matthew 19:26; Matthew 21:22; Mark 9:23; Mark 11:24; Mark 16:18; John 14:13, 14; John 15:7; John 15:16; John 16:24; Philippians 4:6, 7; 1 John 5:14, 15; etc ... In Matthew 6:6, Jesus told us <u>exactly how to pray</u>, "... go into your room, shut the door, **and pray to your Father in secret** ... and He will reward you openly." Read again the Lord's Prayer, Luke 11:2-4; Yeshua is regularly bringing us new revelations and also new words of knowledge when we humbly just ask Him.
- 11) When Jesus was asked about the Time of the End and what would happen, what He told us first was, "**Do not be deceived!**" For deception will always lead to greater and greater deceptions. Some believers will be so deceived to even later take the Mark!

Jesus strongly warned us against false prophets, and to help each other by exposing all these lies and deceptions. And He also told us that **even** 'the **elect**' would be deceived. Matthew 24:4, 11; 24;

12) This teaching is **a different gospel**, <u>not the Gospel of Jesus</u>, or the Gospel of the New Covenant. Galatians 1:6; 2nd Cor. 11:3, 4

Sanctify them by Your **Truth**, <u>Your Word is **Truth**</u>! John 17:17

Just this simple Truth from the Word of God in the first chapter of John 1 destroys this false theory about Courts of Heaven.

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses, but <u>Grace and Truth</u> came through Jesus the Messiah.

Heaven is a most Holy Place. And the Holiest Place in Heaven is at the Throne of God, which for all true believers is a place of God's Grace and Mercy.

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