

Some Concerns Regarding Statements in the Book “Rees Howells: Intercessor” (PDF 3)

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Rees Howells: Intercessor

(PDF): <http://www.inspirationalchristians.org/downloads/rees-howells-intercessor-ebook.pdf>

- This is a good book with powerful scripture references and inspiring examples from the life of a man who desired to serve God and do God's best will for his life. He saw miracles happen in answer to prayer and the course of World War 2 changed by way of his and others' prayers. This is an inspiring book to read and seek God through, but it does have some errors, as most Christian books do.
- There are more errors than I have been able to write about. So, we Christians need to be Bereans ([Acts 17:10-11](#)). I myself have been

misled at times, so I offer this article with a desire to point out why God is a loving, caring, compassionate, patient, gracious, longsuffering Father.

Rees Howells was being hard on himself on page 64, in the section titled "21 - - MADEIRA."

Rees went to the Madeira, a Portuguese archipelago, to help a sick friend recover.

A missionary had given Rees a room to stay in that was filled with bugs and it was hard for him to sleep at night. He felt resentful toward the missionary, but God graciously showed him that he needed to forgive the man for giving him a bad place to sleep at. Forgiveness is a choice. It is not a feeling. And, faith is a choice, and it is not a feeling. That is why Jesus told the ruler of the synagogue, whose daughter had just died, "...Be not afraid, only believe."

- [Mark 5:35-36](#): "[35] While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house certain which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? [36] As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe."

It seemed that Rees was hard on himself at times. He felt that he had to feel close to Jesus and enjoy fellowship with Him and gain a place of "perfect forgiveness and mercy" before he could choose to fully forgive the missionary who gave him the bad quarters. But, forgiveness is not a feeling. It is a choice. Jesus never taught that we have to have reach a place of feeling "perfect forgiveness" to truly forgive someone.

We tend to follow our feelings a lot, but the truth is that faith and forgiveness are choices which precede feelings. When we chose to forgive someone who has wronged us, and give God our emotional hurt and wounded feelings, then our feelings will change. And, we will have joy.

Look what Jesus taught in [Matthew 18:21-22](#): "[21] Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till

seven times? [22] Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven."

We have to decide to forgive every time someone has wronged us, even if they do it throughout one day, and day after day. This is by looking to God and making a choice. Let's just obey God's Word, and not be hard on ourselves.

2) Rees Howells: Intercessor - Note for Page 66 (Chapter 21 -- MADEIRA) - A Statement about Healing that is Incorrect (and Verses on Healing)

Rees Howells wrongfully believed that God would only heal someone after they tried the doctors and all that medicine could do, but what does the Bible say? Does Jesus tell us to only release healing of the sick after trying the doctors?

Matthew 10:8: "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give."

Luke 10:1: "After these things the Lord appointed other **seventy** also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come."

Luke 10:8: "And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: 9. And **heal the sick** that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you."

Luke 10:17-20: "[17] And the **seventy** returned again with joy, saying, Lord, **even the devils are subject unto us** through thy name. 18. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. 19. **Behold, I**

give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20.

Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

Mark 16:15-18

"[15] And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17. **And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18. They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**"

James 5:15: "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

John 14:12-14

"[12] Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 13. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."

The Bible teaches that we Christians are to release God's healing of the sick. God desires this. (See Matthew 18:18 and Mark 16).

3) Rees Howells: Intercessor - Note for Page 115 (Section 33 -- FOURTH ESTATE, AND THE JEWS) - An Incorrect Statement about Arabs

This book is inspirational and convicting. But, it does contain some misstatements. I am not intending to make this book look bad. Rather, I just want to point out some things to watch out for.

Mistake #1:

Rees Howells is quoted saying that the Arabs worship only the one God. Now, I know that Rees did not believe that the Arabs are saved if they are trusting in Islam. But, it would be wise to mention that point in that same chapter of the book. He should have mentioned that *most* Arabs are monotheistic and believe in only one god*. [** If Muslims teach falsehoods about God, then their god cannot be the true God that the Bible speaks of.*]

Mistake #2:

Another point to make is that the book includes an incorrect reference (Isaiah 21:13-15) it uses to support a statement regarding how Arabs will provide shelter to the Jews (who came from Jacob, a grandson of Abraham). The reference is below this paragraph. It would be good to read [Isaiah chapter 21](#) to get the context, if you're interested. Starting at verse 11, it is speaking about judgment on Dumah. Dumah was a son of Ishmael ([Genesis 25:13-14](#)).

Isaiah 21:13-15

"[13.] The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanim.

14. The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled.

15. For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war."

The problem is that [Dedanim](#) does not refer to the Jews, Israel, or Hebrews at all. It refers to the descendants of Dedan, a great-grandson of Ham. Dedan is not Hebrew because Dedan came from Ham. The Hebrews (Jews) came from Shem (see Genesis 10). And, those who flee from war are Arabs. (See [Isaiah 21:11](#).)

[Dedan](#) (as in [Dedanim](#)) is mentioned in Genesis 10 as a descendant of Ham.

Genesis 10:6-7

6. And the sons of [Ham](#); Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and Canaan.

7. And the sons of [Cush](#); Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and [Raamah](#), and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and [Dedan](#).

Ham
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Cush
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Raamah
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Dedan

This writer recognizes that Rees Howells didn't have the research tools we have today, such as online search engines and Bible websites. He made a scriptural mistake, but this writer gives Rees credit for his devotion to God and for his desire to have the Arabs and Jews dwell together in peace. But, that can only be through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).

Genesis 11 : 10 - 26

Shem

Arphaxad

Salah

Eber

Peleg

Reu

Serug

Nahor

Terah

Abram

Abraham (who was first called Abram) is 9th in the line from Shem and 10th in the line from Noah.

Shem had Arphaxad 2 years after the flood.

Arphaxad was 35 when he had Salah.

Salah was 30 when he had Eber.

Eber was 34 years when he had Peleg.

Peleg was 30 years when he had Reu.

Reu was 32 years when he had Serug.

Serug was 30 years when he had Nahor.

Nahor was 29 years when he had Terah.

Terah was 70 years when he had Abram (Abraham).

Abram was thus born 292 years after the flood.

Noah lived 350 years after the flood (see Genesis 9:28).

Amazing Fact: Abraham would have been 58 years old when Noah died. ($350 - 292 = 58$). Abraham and Noah were contemporaries.