

THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God*

IN CHRIST JESUS.

(Philippians 3.13-14 NASB)

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THE NUMBER 93 — SONS OF GOD'S LOVE

On November 15, 2008, I had a dream in which all I saw was the number **93**, as if it were in the middle of a blackboard. As I slept, perhaps half-conscious, I kept trying to figure out what this number could mean. I could not recall it appearing in any of the Biblical mathematics or numbers books that I have read. So, I started my day by studying the number 93, and much to my surprise, I discovered it to be a fascinating number. I should add that I believe that there is also a prophetic meaning to this number, but this will be explained in an upcoming article.

As a reminder, in discussing the meaning of numbers, we need to keep in mind that the Hebrew and Greek languages use their characters to represent their numbers as well, a system or technique called **gematria**. For example, in the Hebrew, *aleph* equals 1, *beth* equals 2, *gimel* equals 3, and, in the Greek, *alpha* equals 1, *beta* equals 2, *gamma* equals 3. Totaling the numeric values represented by the characters in a word or even an expression or sentence yields another numeric value. These values can then be compared to other similar expressions to see if there is any correlation. Also, there are other ways that numbers have meaning in Scripture. For example, the number of times a certain word or expression appears in Scripture, or the repetition of a specific number of years or multiples of years often has meaning.

Now, to understand the number 93, let us start with the number **3**, which is the lowest common denominator that divides into 93.

The number **3** signifies "**divine completeness**." The Creator of all things has revealed His hand in the geometrics of the physical universe. We live in a three-dimensional space of height, width, and depth, or longitude, latitude, and elevation, or the coordinates of x, y, and z. It takes three lines or three dimensions to form any sort of figure or solid. The simplest form of a solid figure is the cube (x^3). Thus, in this regard, the number 3 signifies solid, real, and complete.

However, there is more, for God Himself is expressed through threes: There is the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent. The seraphim cry, "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Isaiah 6.3). Further, Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14.6). He was crucified at the third hour. There were three hours of darkness while He was on the cross. He rose from the dead on the third day.

Consequently, when we see the number 3, we need to realize that the hand of God is at work, for it signifies something of God's handiwork or of God Himself, and it speaks of completeness of what He has created.

Next, we discover that the number 93 is divisible by 3, which yields the whole number 31. The number **31** (or a factor thereof) signifies "**Deity**" and "**offspring**." The gematria for the Hebrew word **El**, which refers to God, is 31; lamed (30) and aleph (1). Obviously, *El* speaks of *Deity*. Regarding offspring, the 31st time that the names of Noah, Abram, Abraham, and Jacob appear in the Bible, we discover that each case refers to the bringing forth of offspring. For example, with the 31st mention of Noah's name, we discover the command to **be fruitful and multiply, and fill the whole earth** (Genesis 9.1). Also, see Genesis 14.14; 20.17-18; 28.13-16.

In Hebrew, the number 93 can also mean “**the sons of (the merciful) God.**” The number 93 is an intensification of the numbers 3 and 31, which makes it more significant, for it carries the meaning from offspring to sons of God, which speaks of completeness.

But there is more. Again, using numeric values, the number 93 refers to two more words of significance.

First, in the Greek, the word **agape** or **love** corresponds to the number 93. As we have seen, **EI** corresponds to 31, a factor of 93. This should remind us that **God (31) is love (93)**. So, we could say that the number 93 speaks to the very essence of God or that love (93) is the intensification of who God (31) is. Thus, the number 31 intensified 3 times (93) speaks of God’s intense love for mankind, for God so loves the world.

Second, there are **93 million miles from the sun to the earth**. The word **brightness** in the Greek corresponds to the number 93. In other words, the brightness of the sun travels 93 million miles to bathe the earth in light. Now, one of the spellings of the word *God* has a numeric value of 864, and the diameter of the sun is 864,000 miles. So, the sun speaks of God who sends forth His light into the earth, which is 93 million miles away, and in doing, so He manifests His love (numeric value 93) for mankind. Of course, He did this in a most profound way as He sent the Son of His love, the Light of the world, to this earth to die for mankind, and He will come again, only this time He will reign over mankind through His conquerors.

There is another interesting point that pertains to light, which travels 186,000 miles per second. The number **6** represents **the earth and mankind**. God sent the Light of the world to the earth to give light to mankind. Dividing the number 186,000 by the number 6 yields the number 31,000. Once again, the number 31 referring to **EI** appears; only now it is greatly intensified by 1,000, which speaks of **the glory of God and completeness**.

However, this is not the end of the line for the number 93. The number **37** is a prime number, and many of the names or titles given to God the Father and His Son are multiples of the number 37. For example, the numeric value for the name *Jesus* is 888, which is 24 times 37, and for the title *Christ* is 1480, which is 40 times 37. Multiplying 37 by 93 yields the number 3441, which corresponds to the numeric value of the words contained in Romans 9.23, **the riches of His glory**. and Hebrews 5.10, **a High Priest after the order of Melchizedek**.

The order of Melchizedek speaks not only of the Lord as the King-Priest of the new covenant but also of the sons of glory that will reign with Him in His coming kingdom on earth, the kingdom of king-priests. They are likened to the sons of Zadok (Zedek) [Ezekiel 44.15] that will minister to God in the heavenly tabernacle and to mankind on the earth. They will know the riches of His glory and manifest His glory to the nations.

Did you know that the numeric values of God’s word could yield so much truth? This is no coincidence!

So, what are we to conclude about the number 93? The number **93** refers to **the divine completion of the offspring of God**. It speaks of the ones born from above that will mature into the likeness of Christ. It speaks of **the manifestation of the sons of God, the sons of glory, the conquerors that will reign with Christ in the coming eon**.

These are the ones that will be the first to experience the Tabernacles as they take on celestial, spiritual, glorified, immortal bodies, for they will be like the Son of God’s love. They are the sons of God’s love, the saints in light.