

ENCOURAGING  
WORDS  
Book 10

TO REVIEW  
FOR STRENGTHENING

By Joan Royer

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This book contains bits and pieces of encouraging words I have received from the Lord directly to me personally (*which will be in blue italics*), from the Bible, and through the writings of others. There are times when I need to review these encouraging words to strengthen me. Therefore, I offer them to you, the reader, to strengthen you also. You may wish to begin your own book of encouraging words the Lord gives you personally, from the Bible, and from others, to keep for your own re-viewing and re-strengthening.

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## MY HOPE

My hope is in You, Lord!

**Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusts in Thee.**

*I keep you in perfect peace, Joan. You can't do that. What you do is keep your mind "stayed" and focused on Me and trust Me.*

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## JUST FOLLOW ME

Wow, Lord, this is a very positive dream! Is that right? Am I in a higher level of learning now and among those eating, praying, and singing with You and to You? And am I really on target, hitting the mark, with a bulls-eye?

*Yes. I will tell you more later when you have time to write then.*

Did You give me this dream, Lord?

*I gave you this dream to encourage you that you ARE doing the right thing, going the right direction, following My guidance, hitting the mark of your destiny. Be encouraged by it!*

*You needed Me to say this to you and this is one of the ways I have chosen to say it, this dream. You wondered again last evening if there was "more" you should be doing than intercession and writing. For right now, that is all I'm calling you to do, Joan - intercession and writing. If there is more, I will show you. Just "follow Me."*

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## JUSTICE

**I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. (John 12:24 NIV)**

That kernel is like a seed. When a wheat kernel (Christian) dies prematurely, by Satan or evil, it produces, due to God's justice, a 30, 60, or 100 fold harvest later when God applies His justice.

Due to the many who were martyred by Satan in the past, God's justice produces the many Christians in these end times, during the Great Harvest, who will not be subject to martyrdom by Satan's killing them. These "many" will go forth with great power and authority, with and in complete protection from God. The previous ones who were killed prematurely are waiting for justice to be done for them, in the lives of those who are living now.

Justice comes from the Lord and in His timing. He says that vengeance is His. Paul Keith Davis was teaching on a CD, that B and I heard yesterday, that God WILL have His justice for all those whom Satan has killed and martyred prematurely. Paul Keith thinks that time is now or soon, and the martyrs will gain benefit from this justice too.

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## **MY DESTINY IS TO WAIT FOR HIM**

**Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord who minister by night in the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord. (Psalm 134:1-2 NIV)**

**Those who were musicians, heads of Levite families, stayed in the rooms of the temple and were exempt from other duties because they were responsible for the work day and night. (1 Chronicles 9:33 NIV)**

**One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the Lord...I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27:4-5, 13-14 NIV)**

With these Scriptures the Lord again showed me that He made me a musician, and that I am one who is to minister to Him day and night as the Levites did. I am to praise Him, lift up my hands to

Him, sing to Him, gaze upon Him, dwell in His house all the days of my life. He will keep me safe in His dwelling in the day of trouble. I will sacrifice with shouts of joy. I will sing and make music to Him. I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. My destiny is to "wait for Him."

1. Praise Him
2. Lift up my hands to Him
3. Sing to Him
4. Gaze upon Him (focus on Him)
5. Dwell in His house
6. Be kept safe
7. Sacrifice with shouts of joy
8. Make music to Him
9. See His goodness in the land of the living
10. Wait for Him

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## **"Making Spiritual Progress - Entering into the Hot House of Our God"**

**by Wade Taylor  
June 19, 2009**

**"And the disciples came, and said to Him, Why speak You to them in parables? He answered and said to them, Because it is given to you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven, but to them it is not given."—Matthew 13:10-11**

As we grow spiritually, we become aware that we are beginning to see and understand things that others neither see nor understand. As a result, we may become critical of those who do not see as we see, and we may even become proud when we discover that we have spiritual understanding that others do not have. If we are making genuine spiritual progress, we will experience in some measure or form these reactions.

Although this is not good, it should encourage us, as it is an indication that we are making spiritual progress and entering into a higher realm of spiritual life and understanding. However, if we are to continue to develop spiritually, our pride and critical spirit must be dealt with and overcome. If not, we will go no further in our spiritual development, and worse, we may begin to lose ground, spiritually.

Nailed to Our Cross

**"If any man will (choose to) come after Me (continue to grow spiritually), let him deny himself and take up his (own) cross, and follow Me."—Matthew 16:24 (comments added)**

Fortunately, our Lord was a carpenter, and He knows how to make crosses. The word "if" tells us that this is an option that we ourselves must choose. We must give permission to our "Carpenter", Lord, to build this cross upon which we ourselves will hang in order to die to our pride and self-centered ways. For us to "take up our cross" means that the Lord has uniquely arranged a circumstance that is contrary to our desires (crosses them), which He has personally designed to crucify our self-life.

We must personally, specifically, make this arrangement with Jesus, otherwise, He will not build this cross. No one of us relishes a cross, nor will we appreciate the difficulties that He will arrange in order to crucify us. We can place the "nail" in our feet and in one of our hands, but then we are unable to place the other nail.

Fortunately, there are many Christians available who will gladly place this nail for us. Once we are upon this cross, with our hands and feet nailed, there is little that we can do to change the circumstances. None of us will appreciate these restrictions to our liberty, but we must stay there until the work is done and He has released us.

#### Into the Hot House

The normal habitat for a flower may be in the woods or in a garden. But if we desire to display a beautiful flower, we would go to a florist to obtain one that had been raised in a glass greenhouse. This glass "hot house" is a place where everything is intensified to bring forth both the beauty and the full potential of this "flower" (you and me, changed into the image and likeness of Jesus).

The Lord is bringing forth a people, especially at this present time, who are being prepared to display His end-time glory.

**"When He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day."—2 Thessalonians 1:10**

Therefore, special "hot houses" are available for this purpose. If we are spiritually perceptive and discerning (our willingness to be corrected and perfected), the Lord will arrange a set of circumstances, so we can come under the intensity of a special working of the Holy Spirit.

During the summer of 1959, I worked in a greenhouse for a short time. I filled a wheelbarrow with dirt from long flowerbeds within the greenhouse and wheeled it outside, and then replaced it with fresh dirt that had been carefully prepared for this purpose. It was over one hundred and twenty degrees within, and I would stop at the entrance and wait a few minutes to get adjusted before I entered with a fresh load of dirt. This environment was devastating to me, but the flowers flourished in it. I was told that this changing of the dirt was done each year to maintain the quality of the flowers that were produced.

Whenever I entered the greenhouse, I had only one thing in mind—to get out as quickly as possible. So also, we never seem to appreciate the dealings of the Lord, until after the flower (fruit of the Spirit) appears. Then, we recognize that all we had gone through was worthwhile.

### Launching Out Into the Deep

**"And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon Him to hear the word of God, He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two ships standing by the lake...And He entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And He sat down, and taught the people out of the ship."—Luke 5:1-3**

Because the people pressed to hear, Jesus entered a ship (our spiritual life experience) and pushed out a little from the shore in order to teach them. This "thrusting out" refers to our being brought into a different atmosphere (hot house—divine activity), where we receive direct, personal attention from the Lord (He entered into one of the ships) in preparation for something greater—a "launching out into the deep."

**"Now when He had left speaking, He said to Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught."—Luke 5:4**

Notice that the Lord did not stand on the shore and teach them. It is difficult for us to grasp the purpose and intensity of what Jesus was doing, when He pushed out a little from the shore. He moved from the normal circumstances of life (land—where we are in control), and entered into a new atmosphere (water—where He is in control), in order to prepare them. After this was done, He then said, "launch out"—go even further into the deeper purposes of the Lord.

**"I love them that love Me; and those that seek Me early shall find Me. That I may cause those that love Me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures."—Proverbs 8:17, 21**

This word, "early," has a special meaning that goes beyond the thought of the "first thing" in the morning. I did not like wheeling dirt into the greenhouse, as it was intensely hot within. "Early" means that I grabbed the handles of the wheelbarrow and proceeded, because I knew the Lord had directed me, and there was a higher purpose than merely moving dirt.

Although I did not understand, I strongly felt that there was something in the heat of the atmosphere that would accomplish within me what the Lord desired. My part was to believe this, and then act on it. "Early" means that I did not waste precious time struggling with my contrary feelings.

The Lord has a particular "hot house" for each one of us, which will expose our need and change us according to His purpose and desire. But, we must be willing to enter therein.

Some flowers will grow almost anywhere, but when a special show-flower is needed, we purchase one grown in a greenhouse. So also, when the Lord desires to display the very best from within His Body (Bride), He will seek out those who either are willing to enter or have entered the "hot house" of His preparation, and have come forth with spiritual "substance."

This "substance" is the very life of the Lord that has been worked into our lives. Only then can we become a true "witness" of His life—His life being seen through our lives.

Some of us are standing at the door of our "hot house," hesitating to enter. May we have the courage to enter, knowing that we will become as this special "flower," bringing pleasure and satisfaction to our Lord.

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## THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

**The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me. Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord, forever. (Psalm 23)**

As I prayed this Scripture the Lord said:

*That is what I will be doing, Joan, as you go through these next days/times. I will be your Shepherd. I will make you lie down in green pastures and lead you beside still waters, and restore your soul. Your soul will need much restoring as you go through these days, but I WILL DO IT. Even if you should walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will*



*keep you from fearing evil because I will be with you! I have a table prepared before you, Joan, even in the presence of your enemies and I will anoint you with My oil, My Spirit, in the midst of all that is coming. You SHALL dwell in My house forever. Count on it! Pray for it! Expect it!*

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## **A DREAM ABOUT CATCHING A TENNIS BALL IN MY LEFT HAND**

In this dream I was on a college campus. In one scene I was standing outside the house where I stayed and was talking with some friends. The people in the house beside mine were playing tennis inside the house and making lots of noise doing that. I could hear the sounds. They hit a ball outside and right towards me. I caught the ball in my left hand and was very surprised that I did. I just looked at that ball in my hand and said, "I caught the ball!" Someone came to get the ball and I started to squeeze it back into the right shape. He said not to do that but let it reshape with air by itself.

Interpretation:

- College campus: advanced learning
- House: your church, your life or heart, about me
- Friends: other Christians
- House next door: another church
- Playing (tennis): worship, spiritual warfare
- Ball (child's): suggests simplicity, ease of communicating ideas
- Air: Holy Spirit
- Left hand: works, deeds, labor, service, spiritual warfare, judgment, spirit

This dream seems to refer to me and catching the ball. The people in the house next door may refer to their worshipping and doing spiritual warfare which I can know by hearing them. Then the ball comes towards me and I catch it - to my surprise. This may refer to worship and spiritual warfare coming to me to do as my work/labor - and I catch it/do it. It may involve ease of communicating ideas. It was clear that I was not to try to reshape the ball/work given to me but let the Holy Spirit shape it. What do You say about this dream, Lord?

*You have the right idea. The "ball is now in your court" as the expression goes. It is in your hand. You can now use it for worship and warfare AS I LEAD YOU AND FILL IT WITH AIR.*

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## RESURRECTION

NOTES FROM CD VISION MESSAGE GIVEN TO JOHN KILPATRICK BY THE LORD  
USING THE LETTERS OF THE WORD RESURRECTION

On January 4, 2009

- R = Rescue. *I'm gonna rescue them this year and they shall not be in terror and fear, and I shall not let them go under.*
- E = Extreme: He will use extreme measures for us. He will use whatever needed for us. Ps. 121
- S = Signs: There will be an increase of supernatural signs in the heavens. The heavens will shake. Matt. 24; Joel 2; Genesis 1:14; Daniel 6:25,28; Haggai 2:6, 21.
- U = Usher: *I'll send My angels to usher in what I'm going to do.* An usher: escort, assistant, lead you, bring things
- R = Recover: We will recover and experience recovery. We will get back, regain things lost before.
- R = Russia: Keep a wary eye on Russia. There's gonna be a suddenly there.
- E = Earthquake: He said he had preached to them before about that.
- C = Candlestick: God said He will remove some candlesticks (churches). He will replace old with new. He will not tolerate evil in it anymore.
- T = Time: Time is quickly running out
- I = Israel: *Israel and Jerusalem is My timepiece.*
- O = Overthrow: God will overthrow evil, cities, and rulers. *Your eyes will see it.*
- N = Near: His coming is near.

John said that 2009 (9) refers to finality, fruitfulness, and (the 9th hour of) prayer. Acts 3:9-11; 10:1-8

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## A SAFE HAVEN

The Holy Spirit said God will protect B and me and the whole KC metro from terror attacks. It is not a target due to the 24/7 prayer for many years.

*It will be a safe haven that many will come to. Expect and prepare for that.*

*CTC will be used to house many refugees, as will many other churches in the KC metro.*

*It (Metro) will be My command center for help, first aid, and spiritual guidance.*

*Your home will be your haven of peace and rest where you can go for renewal.*

*Keep your CTC contacts alive and healthy. They will be very helpful in times to come.*

*It's not unusual for you to get tensed up when anticipating these things, but, when you do, come to Me for My peace.*

*Actually this will be the most exciting and the most fulfilling time in your lives, AND you both will be entirely under My protection all the time. Count on this.*

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## **A DREAM ABOUT PREPARING FOR A DRAMA INVOLVING PUTTING FLOWERS ON A STADIUM GROUND**

In this dream a group of people were preparing to put on a drama/play. This was to take place in a large stadium-like area. In preparation for it, many people were bringing bouquets of flowers and placing them on the stadium ground. These were forming an oval-like shape which I could see from high up above looking down on it.

- Flowers: fragrance of God, glory
- Stadium: tremendous impact, future calling
- Drama: an event that will be seen by many, living out our story on earth
- Group in preparation: Christians preparing for the coming harvest

This dream portrays those who belong to Christ (who is our glory) preparing to put on a spiritual drama. This represents the harvest event soon coming to America. In the drama we display God's glory in full view for great numbers of people to watch. It will be large and have a tremendous impact. It is our future calling. Many participate in this drama and we each do our different parts.

*This is good. This drama is coming soon. It is getting closer and closer.*

## **DARE TO BELIEVE**

"This Season the Lord is Revealing Hidden Treasures Deep Within Our Hearts and Spirits. Dare to Believe!"

by Mark Chironna

June 23, 2009

There is no question that we are in a season of challenge and opportunity. The Spirit of the Lord is brooding over areas that have been laying dormant in the deepest parts of our souls and spirits. Understanding the workings of the Spirit and cooperating with Him in such seasons is something we all desire to do and do more effectively.

In seasons of change and transition, where we face uncertainties and the unknown, we are invited to cross thresholds that we have never crossed before. While some may tend to deny it, anxiety can run high in seasons of uncertainty, and negative emotions can surge through us in torrents and cause us to experience a certain amount of pressure that we aren't quite sure we can handle.

Yet, we need to learn how to encourage ourselves in the Lord in such seasons and cultivate the gentle spirit of child-like trust in the goodness of God and move forward in the measure of faith He has apportioned to us.

### Something Awesome is Afoot in the Heavens

I am persuaded that many of God's dear saints, who are deeply sold out to the move of God and the goings of God, have endured a protracted season of tests, fiery trials and even strange ordeals. I am also persuaded that we are coming into a time and season where we will begin to see clusters of divine confirmations as we keep moving forward. All of us realize that we "walk by faith" and not by sight; and at the same time, all of us long for meaningful confirmations in our circumstances, our spirits, our minds and imaginations, and our dreams.

When you have endured a long season of seeming "silence" in your own personal walk, while the Lord has indeed been speaking in the larger arena, it is comforting to know that there is coming a time where, having trusted Him while HE remained silent, you can trust Him indeed when He once again begins to speak to the steps you are taking.

The Spirit of the Lord moved on me recently and gave me an utterance that I want to share with you in obedience, as well as give you hope. I pray that if you are one of the many who have found yourself in a season of transition, uncertainty and testing, that this word will serve to offer you assurance and hope that something significant is taking place in your life, and you are on the verge of getting some keen insights into the journey you have been on.

Something awesome is afoot in the heavens and is destined to manifest in the earthly arena in your life in short order! This is a season in which the Lord is going to reveal "Hidden Treasures" deep within the hearts and spirits of His elect.

God says, "They have been buried below layers of debris in their souls, which I am now cleansing and healing in order that they can more readily recognize the leading of My Spirit in their lives.

"I will not leave undone what has gotten them stuck in ruts. I will not leave unclear what has left them without solutions and resolutions to their crisis. I will not leave their unanswered questions unanswered, because I will give them their meat in due season. I will heal them at a deeply, spiritual level, as well as at a level of their emotional well-being.

"I will cause them to see Me in places where they have failed to recognize Me. And like a faithful brook, whose waters never fail and are always certain, I will make their souls like a well-watered garden and I will feed them with the abundance of My riches from My storehouse.

"I will bring peace and closure to events that they have endured for which they have felt left wounds in them. These are the things I will do and I will not leave them undone."

I am persuaded by the Holy Spirit that you are right now entering into a memorial season, not a holiday, but a season in God. And I declare to you by the Spirit, that you are about to have stuff pop up in your memory that you do not even know is in your memory, and it is going to lead you to a place in your destiny that you have been waiting for. All you have got to do is say, "Yes!"

#### "In this Season, I Am Stirring the Pot"

There is an impartation coming for the recognition of synchronicity, meaningful coincidences, open doors. You are in that season. Clusters of events are about to happen on your behalf to confirm you are in the flow of God. His hand is on you, whatever generation you are in—whether you are fifteen or fifty, five or ninety-five—there is a cluster of events that is waiting. There is an anointing in a new dimension. You are on your way. You are going to find your connections. You are going to find your brothers.

"In this season, I am stirring the pot," says the Spirit of Grace. "Not the pot of the nation, that I am doing because I am God, but I am stirring the pot—the cauldron at the depths of your spirit—the place where passion will once again boil and motivation will once again run over the brim. Deep within the pot, I have hidden stew to feed you in this hour of lack.

"Your provision is not without, your provision is within, for the Kingdom of Heaven is within you and My Spirit is stirring the pot and bringing to the surface good gifts that I have hidden inside you that are awaiting emancipation, that are awaiting manifestation, and I will bring you into clusters of events in this season that will match what is being stirred up inside you.

"And when you see without, what you already possess within, know that the day is upon you for the fulfillment of the next season you are moving into, in destiny. Pay careful attention to what I am stirring up in your dreams, to what I am stirring up in your imagination, to what I am stirring up in your heart, for I am stirring the pot and the aroma will attract what you need."

#### "Pay Attention to the Signposts"

"For there is a sweet fragrance of Christ that will begin to emanate from you in a brand new way of expression, and it will touch the hunger that is in the multitudes, for they are in the valley of decision and they wrestle, for they do not know either their destiny or their Destiner.

"But I have placed within you the key to unlock the door to their knowing Me. And I am going to first complete the work in you so that you can activate the work in them. Move in a greater level of trust and operate in the faith I have placed within you. For as the Lord your God, I will lead you into well-watered gardens where your soul will be renewed, refreshed and restored.

"Pay attention to the signposts, for they are the meaningful coincidences that I bring you through to let you know that this is Me. This is Me. This is Me. These are the things I will do," saith the Lord, "and I will not leave them undone for this is a season of the acceleration of momentum and the beginning of small that leads to large miracles.

"Despise not the small miracles. If you will celebrate them, they will get bigger. Begin where you are. Take the next easiest step of faith and discover that what is being stirred up in you is about to be manifest in the events of your life," saith the Spirit of Grace.

"Dare to Believe..."

God says, "In times past, a select few would hear the word of their God and believe it and enter in. In times past, a select few would access the realm of the supernatural and discover My goodness in that arena. In past seasons not the majority, but the minority, seemed to be the favored few—this was not so from Heaven's perspective. Rather, there were only a few that had the courage and the grace to believe I could do it."

But hear now the word of Thy God, "For now I am moving My entire Body from a state of uncertainty to a state of certainty, from a place of unbelief to a place of being persuaded that I am good and there will be wholesale manifestation of My goodness, of My glory and of My power.

- Dare to believe there is a miracle for you.
- Dare to believe there is the impossible ordained for you.
- Dare to believe I am walking in your footsteps.
- Dare to believe I am moving through your mind.
- Dare to believe I am moving through your voice.

"And you will discover that the miracle you thought you never would get will come in seasons that you least expect and that season is upon you," saith the Lord.

If you believe that this is going to be a "summer of miracles," say the following:

*"I decree that in this season of life, I will not be left out. I am included in the outpouring of God's favor and miraculous provision. Something is turning loose deep inside me and will manifest in the natural, not many days from now. This is my season to build a memorial unto God for His glory. I shall decree a thing and it shall be established in the name of Jesus."*

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## **HE TOOK THE LITTLE AND MULTIPLIED IT**

**When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.**

**Phillip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"**

**Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"**

**Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.**

**When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. (John 6:5-13 NIV)**

I read John 6:5-13 today about Jesus multiplying the 5 loaves and 2 fish to feed the people. The Holy Spirit then revealed to me that He will again be doing that as soon as we need food to feed the refuges who come for help after the earthquake and economic and natural storms come. He also said He would be doing that (multiplying food as needed) to feed His people who live during the Tribulation, so we are to know this and pray for this.

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## **GETTING RID OF BEES**

This message came in my email today and I thought it was good.

**June 09**

**by John Paul Jackson**

Over time, I have discovered that God takes our fears very seriously. We often do not. Most of us have been afraid of the same things for so many years that we almost don't notice how they're affecting us anymore — or worse, we choose to ignore them.

This isn't fear, we may think. I just don't do that sort of thing. I'm not outgoing like that. It's not because I'm afraid of failing. I've just decided not to see this through.

I know God doesn't want me to be afraid of this . . . but it's easy to be afraid of this. God takes our fears very seriously. They may seem small and insignificant to us, but they are not to Him.

Several years ago, I had nightmares for 69 nights in a row. Most of the time, I would wake up sweating, yelling and thinking I was going to die. I begged God to stop the dreams, but He didn't — at least, not in the way I had been expecting.

By the time Night Number 70 rolled around, I was staying up until 1 or 2 a.m. and avoiding going to bed for as long as I could. That night, when I finally fell asleep, I dreamed that I was in a huge, beautiful house. Everything was peaceful. But then I saw a bee outside the window, and I thought, Oh, no! Not again! I am not going to let them in this house!

I got out my duct tape and taped up every window, door and even the fireplace. I was determined the bees were not going to get into the house, and when I had finished, I was relieved. I had done it! I had conquered them! I couldn't see out the windows because the swarm was so thick — but I had conquered them.

Suddenly, an angel stood beside me. "Come with me," he said.

But I knew better. "No," I replied. "I know you. You've been here before! Every time I go with you, you take me outside, and if I go outside, the bees are going to know I'm there, and they will sting me, and I will die!"

Rather forcefully, he said, "I said, 'Come with me!'"

The next thing I knew, I was standing outside about 100 feet away from the house. The bees blanketed the structure completely. You couldn't even see it anymore.

The angel looked at me. "Blow on it!"

Once again, I knew better. "No," I told him. "If I blow on it, they are going to know I'm here, and then they are going to come and sting me, and I'll die!"

"I said, 'Blow on it!'" he repeated.

It was clear that either the bees were going to kill me or this angel was. So, coming up with a plan, I took a small breath and whispered at the house. I thought that maybe if I blew only a little bit, the bees wouldn't notice I was there, and the angel would be satisfied.



But no. He turned to me again. "I said, 'Blow on it!' Let the breath of God blow through you! Blow on that!"

Knowing I was facing imminent death, I took a deep breath and blew with everything I had. To my shock, a huge number of bees lifted off the house and disappeared! Full of courage, I did it again. Three breaths later, I could see that the house was completely clean.

The angel looked at me and said, "Never allow the enemy to do that to you again! The Spirit of the Living God will stop it if you will let Him come forth from you. Never stop the breath of God!"

God takes our fears very seriously. None of them is inconsequential, and no matter how small they may seem, every one of them affects us. Our heavenly Father wants us to be free from their negative and binding consequences . . . but we have to want that freedom, too.

We need to view our fears the way God views our fears. Take some time and ask Him which fear, or fears, He wants to address in your life today. What does He want to remove? What do you need to start thinking differently about? It could be that God has a great blessing waiting for you on the other side of this, a blessing that has been there this entire time, but the fear kept it hidden from your sight.

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## YOU WILL BE WELL SUPPLIED

### A DREAM ABOUT 3 FUEL TANKERS IN OUR DRIVEWAY

I had a short dream picture appear as I was dozing and waking. It was a picture of our driveway here in LS. I was standing near the garage by the left side of the driveway looking toward the street. I saw the backends of three tanker fuel trucks along that side of the driveway, which meant they were parked facing the right side (but I only saw the backs of them). Out of the backs of those trucks came hoses which brought the fuel to us. They were silver and the hoses were black.

- Fuel trucks: very large supply of fuel carried
- Hoses: used to take the fuel to the place it is needed
- Silver: knowledge, understanding
- Black: natural color of fuel hoses
- Three: Trinity
- Yard: public part of personal life. Front could be event that is coming or in future or visible
- Gasoline: fuel, prayer, that which makes something run/go
- Gas station (and therefore gasoline truck): get filled up with fuel
- Left side of driveway: (positioned on left) things we are called to be
- Facing out toward street: looking out to what's going on in world

My first impression and idea about this picture is that it represents the Trinity which shows where my fuel comes from, that which makes me go and do. They come with a huge amount of fuel and prayer power for me to use (and have) as I approach what is going on (and will go on) in the world. This represents prayer power from God and knowledge/understanding of how to pray. It represents what I am called to do. Its effects will be visible to others. Is this right, Lord?

*Yes, I used just a tiny piece of a dream (i.e. a short picture) to keep you focused on the specific message I wanted to give you today. "You will be well supplied" is the main message here. You will be supplied by all three of Us. This includes prayer power, but it also can mean you will be well supplied with everything/all that you need to carry on the ministry We have for you to do for Us. You will not use it all up. There will be an adequate amount of what you need - in every way and in every area needed - to minister for us. Primarily it will be through prayer. But it could be through supplying others' needs also since this is in the front yard area and quite visible to others.*

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## HEAVIER BATTLE

*We're going into heavier battle now, Joan, and this is the time for it. You are feeling the weight of it upon your spirit daily. You know bad stuff is coming, and you don't want to deal with it, but you have to in some way. You know that. There are several ways you can approach the battles.*

- 1. You can run from them and hide and act as if they don't exist. That is not the truth.*
- 2. You can face them and get angry and rail at Me and people and situations. That is not good.*
- 3. You can learn how to fight from Me, and engage in the battle you have to live through. I can and will show you the way if you seek Me for this. That is the best way.*

I ask you for this, Lord. Teach me how to fight and engage in the battle I have to live through. Show me the way. I seek You for this.

The Lord guided me to get out the book by Joyce Meyer called, *Battlefield of the Mind*. He wants me to read it today. He also guided me to listen to a TV program on TBN (Rod Parsley) which talked about taking a strong offensive position and not allowing Satan to take things from me that the Lord wants me to have.

I am reminded of the dream I recently had which showed "little creatures" nibbling away at things in the house of Christians and irritating them. I have seen a couple of irritating things happening to

me yesterday and today and have had to quickly forgive for them so they wouldn't cause offense. Satan would like to cause us Christians to become offended with each other and therefore break our unity with one another.

**The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5 NIV)**

**Apply your heart to instruction and your ears to words of knowledge. (Proverbs 23:12 NIV)**

**For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. (Proverbs 23:7 NKJV)**

Joyce Meyer says in *Battlefield of the Mind*:

(p.11)

"As long as we are on this earth we will need to study in the areas of thoughts and words. No matter how much we know in any area, there are always new things to learn, and things we have previously learned that we need to be refreshed in."

(pp.12-13)

She also says: "Don't ever give up, because little by little you are changing. The more you change your mind for the better, the more your life will also change for the better. When you begin to see God's good plan for you in your thinking, you will begin to walk in it."

(pp. 15-16)

The devil is a liar. Jesus called him...**the father of lies and of all that is false (John 8:44)**. He lies to you and me. He tells us things about ourselves, about other people and about circumstances that are just not true. He does not, however, tell us the entire lie all at one time.

He begins by bombarding our mind with a cleverly devised pattern of little nagging thoughts, suspicions, doubts, fears, wonderings, reasonings and theories. He moves slowly and cautiously (after all, well-laid plans take time). Remember, he has a strategy for his warfare. He has studied us for a long time.

He knows what we like and what we don't like. He knows our insecurities, our weaknesses and our fears. He knows what bothers us most. He is willing to invest any amount of time it takes to defeat us.

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What are the weapons that I learned today that I can use to defeat the devil's strongholds in my thinking?

1. The Word - which we must abide in, and continue in, until it becomes revelation to us.
2. Praise God - according to His Word and His goodness
3. Prayer - a relationship with God where we come and ask for help or talk to God about something that bothers us.
4. Fill our prayers with the Word of God. Our weapons are the Word used in various ways.

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## GOD'S PLAN

After B suddenly was laid off from her job during the economic downturn in 2009, I asked this: Lord God, do You have a plan for her?

*I do have a plan, Joan, and it is a good plan. It will make use of the giftings I've given her AND it will pay the bills so she can stay in this house, in this town, in this place, in this state. This is the place I've planted her, and this is the place I want to use her in the harvest. She has the connections she needs here in LS to work AND to minister. I've placed her here for a reason. Satan will not stop that reason. I've prepared this house and neighborhood for you two to live in for a reason, and that reason is not yet finished. So I will keep you here until that reason is finished or the Rapture comes - whichever comes first.*

*She needed a break from work for a few days. That is ok. Don't worry. She will find the job I have for her at just the right time. And I won't make you both wait until the last minute either. You will have plenty of time for her to find the job before the end of her severance pay. I will lead her right to it - the job I have ALREADY picked out for her, her next job. You have gone through many jobs in your life and they have all worked out ok, haven't they? Even when you quit your jobs and went to Europe for the summer? You weren't worried then. It was almost like an adventure for you. This will be an adventure for B, a spiritual adventure. She WILL find the way I have for her because I am dependable, and she is depending on Me. So are you.*

*She may begin gathering ideas and taking concrete steps (like applying for unemployment) on Monday, just like she was starting a new job, only this time her job is finding a job. You may help by taking care of as much of the household tasks as you can and letting her concentrate on her task. But ultimately I am responsible to get this job for her and guide her during the job changeover time. And I WILL do that, Joan. You are to trust Me. Come to Me each morning and declare your trust in Me.*

**God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea. (Psalm 46:1,2 NIV)**

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless. O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you. (Psalm 84:11, 12 NIV)**

**Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this. (Psalm 37:3-5 NIV)**

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV)**

**Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. (Luke 12:32 NIV)**

In the kingdom, there is no lack. In the kingdom, there is work for each of us, work prepared for us by You, Lord. And it is good work, and prosperous work. In the kingdom You are high and lifted up and worshiped and praised all day long.

*Anytime you begin to feel fear trying to come in to you, lift Me up high in your thoughts and in your mouth, and praise Me and thank Me. That will return you to My kingdom thinking and living. You CAN live in the kingdom now, Joan. It takes work to do that - the work of continually watching your thinking and speaking and thanking and praising. But it can be done. And you CAN do that now, daily, while on this earth. Try it. Do it. And trust will come to you more and more. And keep thinking on, meditating on, My Word daily. My Word also brings about My kingdom in you, in your life. It is powerful and effective.*

**So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. (Matthew 6:31, 31 NIV)**

**Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7 NIV)**

**Blessed is the man who makes the Lord his trust... (Psalm 40:4 NIV)**

**Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever. (Psalm 125:1 NIV)**

**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27 NIV)**

**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7 NIV)**

*These are My Words to you, Joan, and to B too. Say them over and over each day as you need them. Print them out and take them with you in your purse to have ready when you*

*need them. They will bring you peace in the midst of difficulties you might encounter. They are powerful!*

**And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19 NIV)**

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## **LIVING IN THE KINGDOM**

This morning I awoke around 5:30 or so and went downstairs to rest in the black chair as it was hot in my bedroom. Then the Lord began to teach me about His kingdom. Basically, He said that I was now living in His kingdom, that His kingdom was near because He was near, that His kingdom was within me because He was within me. He said - in His kingdom I lacked nothing - nothing. Everything was provided for me in His kingdom. He said I could count on that now, and over and over He kept saying, "I will NEVER leave you or forsake you." Therefore, I will always be provided for.

He said He will keep B and me in this house here in LS in the SR subdivision - that He chose this house for us and He will keep us here. We will never be without a place to live, and never be without food to eat and clothes to wear and water to drink. He will provide for us all the days of our lives. This is living in His kingdom, and that is what we are doing now. He also said he has a job for B that will be enough to pay all the bills for living here, and for the other things we need daily. And it will be a better job for her than the one she just lost. Maybe even much less driving time and expense.

He reminded me that Jesus got up early, while it was still dark, and went apart and spent time with His Father. And that is what He is having me do when He wakes me up while it is still dark and spends time talking to me and telling me about our precious relationship and what it provides for me. He reminded me that this is eternal life - to know Him. And I now "know" Him. And when I know Him, then I live in His kingdom where everything is provided by Him just as it is in heaven. "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." He reminded me that I have been praying that since I was a child, and it is reality now for me. It is happening in my life right now.

Living in His kingdom:

**One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. (Psalm 27:4 NIV)**

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## THE MEEK WILL INHERIT THE LAND

This Scripture caught my attention this morning as I was looking up another verse:

**A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found. But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy great peace.**  
(Psalm 37:10-11 NIV)

I believe it really is only a little while until Christ returns and cleanses the wicked from the earth and they will be no more here on earth. And then the meek, those who have given their lives to Christ, will inherit the land and enjoy great peace. That's why this Scripture speaks to me today - because it is the truth and I will see it come about soon. Also this one:

**The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.**  
(Psalm 29:11 NIV)

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## AN INSPIRING BOOK

Today I finished reading the book *The Smile of God* by John Piper in which John tells of the lives of John Bunyan, William Cowper, and David Brainard and the sufferings they went through and how their lives greatly and positively affected many others toward God. It was an inspiring book to read and encouraged me...especially as we are coming toward the end times difficulties prophesied and the economic difficulties in America and the World right now.

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## PONDERING A PUZZLING TEXT

This is an article by John Piper about a Scripture which I have pondered and puzzled over for years. So I copied the article for my journal. I like his interpretation of this Scripture.

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# Be Careful Lest the Light in You Be Darkness

## *Pondering a Puzzling Text*

July 22, 2009

By John Piper

**No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light. (Luke 11:33-36)**

Just before these verses, Jesus says, “Something greater than Solomon is here . . . Something greater than Jonah is here” (Luke 11:31-32). That is, the *wisdom* of Jesus exceeds the greatest human wisdom, and the *resurrection* of Jesus will be greater than most spectacular human rescues and resuscitations.

The question Jesus then addresses is: Do we *see* this for what it is—magnificent and compelling, so that it becomes the light and joy of our lives? He talks about seeing—and about two lamps.

The first lamp:

**Verse 33: No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light.**

I take this to refer to what Jesus has just said about his wisdom and resurrection: “I have set a lamp in the world: my wise and powerful presence—greater than Solomon and greater than Jonah. I am the light of the world (John 8:12; 9:5). I am the lamp that must not be hidden or missed.

The second lamp:

**Verse 34: “Your eye is the lamp of your body.”**

I take this to mean that the way the lamp of Jesus becomes a lamp *for you* is that you *see* it for what it really is. Your *eye* becomes the lamp of your body when you see the lamp of his greatness in the world.

He elaborates: “When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness.” [In other words, if your eye sees me for who I really am, then you are full of light; but if you don’t see me for who I am, then you are full of darkness.](#)



Then Jesus says, “Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness.” In other words, there is much that passes for light through the eye that is not light. There are many bright things in the world that keep us from seeing the true light of Christ—just like city lights keep you from seeing the stars.

“Be careful!” This is the only imperative in the text. Be careful what you see! Be careful what you regard as bright and attractive and compelling. If it is not Christ, you will be filled with darkness—no matter how bright it seems for a season. Candles seem bright until the sun comes out. Then they are useless and put away.

Christ is the glory we were made to see. His light alone will fill us and give the light of life and meaning to every part of our lives. And when that happens, we ourselves will shine and give off the rays of Christ. “If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light.”

Lord, open the eyes of our hearts to see the supreme greatness of your wisdom and power. Make our eyes good. Heal our blindness. Fill us with the all-pervading, all-exposing, all-purifying, all-pleasing light of your presence.

Seeking to see with you,

Pastor John  
([www.DesiringGod.org](http://www.DesiringGod.org))

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## A WARNING DREAM

### A DREAM OF DRIVING UPHILL AND MAKING A LEFT TURN INTO SAND

I was driving a car up a hill. There was a place where the road divided, and I took a rounding curve to the left. Then I drove right into what seemed like a sand pit. The sand was stacked up in formations. As I tried to drive, my car got stuck in the sand.

- Left turn: spiritual change
- Highway/road: Holy way; the path of salvation and life; truth; Christ
- Dead end: stop; repent; certain failure; stop and review everything and seek direction for necessary changes in direction
- Construction in road: in preparation; change; hindrance
- Sand: flesh; poor foundation; weak and faulty foundation; obstacle, weakness, weariness
- Automobile: church or personal ministry; warfare and battles; personal life

This dream seems to alert me to some spiritual change coming to me. I don't want to end up at a dead end, stuck in the sand, so I better be seeking the Lord as to which way to turn in my personal life. I have remembered this dream for several days. It keeps popping in my mind, so I think the Lord is giving it to me as a warning dream.

*That's right, Joan. Be forewarned that a place of decision is soon coming about which way to turn. I want to lead you as to the right way to go. Keep seeking Me about which way to go, and to keep you from making the wrong choice, even though it may seem right at that moment.*

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## THIS IS TRUE REPENTANCE

Quotes from *Satan's Dirty Little Secret* by Steve Foss:

(75-80)

Taking every thought captive is the key to total victory. The Scripture commands us to repent.

Sorrow leads us to repentance, but isn't repentance by itself.

Repentance isn't an emotional expression. It's a change in the way we think.

If someone doesn't change the way they think, they will ultimately never change their actions.

If you think differently in accordance with the Word of God, then your feelings and emotions will line up with the Word of God and drive you in the right direction.

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One day...the Spirit of God began to speak to me about sin. He spoke to me a definition of sin that forever changed my life and has changed the lives of multitudes around the world.

He said, "**The essence of sin is the rejection of God's rightful authority over one's life.**"

Everything in the kingdom of heaven is about authority. The word authority speaks to us of the "legal right to exercise power."

When one has authority they have the legal right to exercise power over another.

(82)

Sin is an authority issue. God created us and has an inherent right to tell us what to do, say, and how to live. He is Lord.

From the beginning all sin is based in this single first step: the rejection of God's rightful authority.

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Now the Bible commands us to repent of our sins. In other words, change the way we think about rejecting God's rightful authority and accept His rightful authority over our lives. This is true repentance.

When we repent He will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (See 1 John 1:9.) He will cleanse us from all our un-God-like character and create in us His character and nature. The power of sin over our lives will be broken. As we take each area of our lives to God and surrender them to the rightful authority of Christ, then the power of redemption and deliverance begins to work practically in our daily actions.

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**[For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him. (Ephesians 1:17 AMP)**

Paul prays the prayer of the Holy Spirit that God the Father would give to them a spirit of wisdom and revelation. Now there is only one Holy Spirit, so what he is talking about here is an anointing-- a supernatural power for wisdom and revelation of **insight into mysteries and secrets in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him.**

God has secrets and he wants to reveal them to us:

**He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. (Psalm 91:1)**

**But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, ... (Daniel 2:28)**

**Then I will give them heart to know Me... (Jeremiah 24:7)**

**Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. (1 Corinthians 2:9-10)**

We need supernatural eyesight to see and understand the mysteries and secrets of God. God wants us to know His secrets:

**And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:13)**

Why does God want you to know His secrets?

**The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever. (Deuteronomy 29:29)**

The secrets of the Lord belong to Him until they are revealed.

**But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)**

Once the mystery of the healing power of Christ's stripes is revealed, then we have access to His healing power. When you *see* it, you can *have* it. Once the mystery is revealed it rightfully belongs to you. It is your inheritance. An inheritance that is not understood does the heir no good. It is not until the heir sees and understands what is rightfully his that he can have it.

In Ephesians Paul, by the Holy Spirit, is praying that God will give to you supernatural eyesight into mysteries and secrets in the deep and intimate knowledge of God. Because once you see the secrets, you have legal access to them. For we are "joint-heirs with Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:17)

One of the jobs of the Holy Spirit is to show us the secrets of God:

**However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. (John 16:13)**

God wants to open your spiritual eyes to see--the eyes of your heart, your understanding:

**By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope of your calling. (Ephesians 1:18, AMP)**

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**For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)**

It was at this point that the vision took hold of me. The light of the knowledge of the glory of God is revealed in the face of Jesus.

I saw in an open vision the Word of God. I saw these verses suspended in the air and from within the words themselves I saw a visible bright, blue-white light. It was the most beautiful light I had ever seen. It was the visible glory of God. I fell to my knees and cried out, "I see it! I see it!" Then God spoke to me and said, "Through My Word you'll see Me."

The spirit of wisdom and revelation came upon me and opened by eyes to see the mystery of the gospel, "which is **Christ in you the hope of glory**" (Col. 1:27 KJV).

This event changed my life and forever set the course of my ministry. It was the revelation of Christ that would change everything. As we see Him as He is, we will be changed. (See John 3:2.)

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## BEING A "BELOVED OF THE LORD"

*Every time you criticize yourself for not being a good enough pray-er, then remember that you are Jedidiah, beloved of the Lord...and that is enough. And every time you think you need to hurry up and do something before it's too late to do it, remember that you are Jedidiah, beloved of the Lord...and that is enough.*

Is that right, Lord? Is that *really* right? Is it enough to just be Your beloved? I feel like I need to earn rewards for doing things for You. Am I "feeling" wrongly?

*Yes, if I say so. You may earn rewards for doing things for Me, but You don't have to earn My love, Joan, like you felt you needed to "earn" your earthly father's love or your earthly husband's love. You don't have to earn My love, because you already HAVE My love. It exists. It is not something you earn. You have it because you exist - because you live. I am that kind of God, Joan...a God of love. Love is who I am and what I am. I give each person on earth opportunity and time to get to know Me as love, because I love each one. It may be through a dream; it may be through a revelation or realization someday, but I do give that opportunity to each one.*

*That's what I want you to "stand" in - being a "beloved of the Lord." I could love you no more nor love you any less because of what you do, and that includes prayer. I know that is hard for you to comprehend, because your life has been one of trying to please others around you. Now I want you to know that I love you - not by what you do, or by the prayers you say, or what you accomplish, but just because you are My beloved, beloved of the Lord. Will you try to grasp that?*

*I gave My life for you before you were even born, Joan. That's how much I love you and loved you. You are ALWAYS My beloved...always have been and always will be. It is not dependent on what you do. Just receive My love. I will be pleased if you do that...just receive My love - daily.*

How do I do that, Lord? How do I just receive Your love in a way that's right and pleasing to You?

*How do you do that? Just like you learn who I am and what I'm like in the Bible. You read My Word and believe it and trust in it. Look up the verses on love and put them here.*

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He keeps His covenant of love.

**O Lord, God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and obey his commands. (Nehemiah 1:5)**

He has a banner over me of love.

**He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his banner over me is love. (Song of Songs 2:4)**

He loved me and gave himself up for me.

**...and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:2)**

He loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

**Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:7-10)**

He is a faithful witness; He loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.

**...and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood... (Revelation 1:5)**

He makes me lie down, He leads me, He restores me, He guides me, He comforts me, He prepares a table before me, He anoints me, He gives me goodness and love, He lets me dwell with Him.

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23)**

He instructs me and teaches me, He counsels me, He watches over me.

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. (Psalm 32:8)**

He forgives all my sins, He heals all my diseases, He redeems my life from the pit, He crowns me with love and compassion, He satisfies my desires with good things.

**Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits--who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you**

**with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:1-5)**

He gives me His Word to light my way.

**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. (Psalm 119:105)**

He directs my path.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path. (Proverbs 3:5-6)**

He is a strong tower for me; He gives me safety.

**The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe. (Proverbs 18:10)**

He keeps me in perfect peace.

**Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusts in thee. (Isaiah 26:3)**

He gives me an instructed tongue; He wakens my ear to listen.

**The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. (Isaiah 50:4)**

The Lord laid on Jesus all my iniquity.

**We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)**

He has plans for me; He will listen to me; He lets me find Him.

**"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you." (Jeremiah 29:11-14)**

He answers when I call on Him; He tells me things I do not know.

**Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. (Jeremiah 33:3)**

He gives me my daily bread; He forgives my debts; he delivers me from temptation and the evil one.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. (Matthew 6:9-13)**

He gives me what I ask for; he opens the door to me.

**Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:7)**

He gives me rest; He teaches me.

**Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)**

He is with us in our midst.

**For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. (Matthew 18:20)**

He is with me always.

**And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:18-20)**

He gives me the right to become His child.

**Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)**

He gives me eternal life.

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)**

He gives me life to the full.

**I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)**

He gives me the way to the Father through Him.

**I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)**

He will never leave me or forsake me.

**I will never leave you or forsake you. (Joshua 1:5)**

I will remain in His love if I obey Him.

**If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. (John 15:10)**

He chose me and appointed me to go and bear lasting fruit.

**You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. (John 15:16)**

He gives me peace. He sends me.



**Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you. (John 20:21)**

He baptizes me with the Holy Spirit.

**Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:4-5)**

He wipes out my sins and gives me refreshing.

**Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord. (Acts 3:19)**

His Holy Spirit lives in me.

**Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? (1 Corinthians 6:19)**

He lives in me. He loved me and gave Himself for me.

**I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)**

He gives me the fruit of the Spirit.

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22)**

He saved me by grace. It is a gift from Him.

**For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)**

He works in me to will and to act as He wants.

**For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. (Philippians 2:13)**

He gives me His peace and guards my heart and mind.

**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)**

He supplies all my needs.

**And my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)**

He is greater than the evil one.

**The one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. (1 John 4:4)**

He teaches me, rebukes me, corrects me, and trains me through His Word.

**All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)**

*These are all signs of My love, Joan. Now you know I love you, so receive My love, every day of your life, from Me.*

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## **LISTEN TO ME EACH MORNING**

*I want you to listen to me every morning like this. Turn on your computer when you get up and prepare to hear from Me. Remember that I "awaken your ear to listen like one being taught" (Isaiah 50:4). That Scripture is for you. I DO awaken your ear to listen to Me like one being taught. That is why I want you to listen each morning and write each morning that you can. I have prepared you for many, many years for this time - now. You ARE ready for it. So is B. I have plans for both of you, together.*

*If you know that I have a lesson for you each morning, and you don't come and listen, then you know you will miss what I have planned for you to hear that morning. So know that. I have a plan for you to listen to each morning - and sometimes during the day also as I guide you to come and listen. I will not start speaking until you come. That way you show Me that you expect Me to speak to you. That expectation is called faith. You have faith in Me and what I will do.*

*By faith the Israelites in Egypt prepared their Passover lambs. By faith, they prepared to leave Egypt, not knowing exactly where they were going or how I would provide for them. They believed the word I gave to Moses. Their faith grew as they watched the plagues in Egypt - especially the ones that didn't affect them while it did affect the Egyptians. They saw a difference between what I did for them and the Egyptians. They grew to understand that I had set them apart as special unto Me. And their faith grew.*

*Your faith has grown too, Joan, over many years. Now you will see how I have set you apart as special unto Me - different from the "Egyptians" - those who haven't accepted Me into their lives. You will see a great difference. Daily. Beginning today.*

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## KEEP LISTENING FOR MY VOICE

*This is a new day, Joan, a day when things are going to be different. You never know which day something will change things in your life, but this is one of them. That doesn't mean it is something bad that will happen, although that could be. But on certain days, things change. It could even be the day you come to Me in the Rapture. Would you like that?*

Yes, Lord, I would REALLY like that. And I want my three children to come too. And all my brothers and sisters and their families. But that is in Your hands and Your timing.

I bless You, Lord. I love You, Lord. I want to come up there and be with You forever. Thank You for wanting me and for giving me joy in Your presence. Thank You for giving Your life for me, in my place, for my sins, so I can come close to You and spend forever with You. Thank You for Your love, for life, for joy, for peace, for Godly relationships here on earth and in heaven. Thank You for preparing a place for me in heaven, that where You are, there I may be also.

*I want you to "come up here," Joan, and soon too. It will be soon, but it will not be today. I have a bit more to do yet before I call My Bride up here to be with Me and have the marriage supper of the Lamb. But it won't be long. Not long at all. It is almost here, and I am so eager for that to come!*

So am I, Lord. So am I!

*Now, prepare your heart to listen to Me and hear from Me. This is important.*

*You can work on your July book section today.*

*And that dream symbol book.*

*Yes, angels are watching over you - day and night - and you can count on them because I said so. And what I say is true and right and just. All that I say and do is just, Joan, remember that. Even if you don't understand why I do some things, they are just.*

*Now I want you to go and do your regular daily things but keep listening for My voice to speak, and come and write when I do, ok?*

Ok, Lord, I will keep listening and writing throughout this day as You lead me.

## BE A PALM TREE

During my QT, as the Lord told me what He wanted me to do with my life, I made this commitment:

I commit myself to be Yours and work for You all the days and all the nights of my life. I commit myself to be a watchman for You, to listen to You, to pray as You lead me to pray, to do what You lead me to do, all the rest of my life here on earth and for all eternity.

You say You have trained me for this and You want me kept apart for this and that You need me for this work.

You say today, Lord, that you want me to wait patiently until the end of August or thereabout for You to bring B a job that will keep us here, in this house, in this community, and able to pay the expenses of living here. You want me to be willing to wait for that CFCA interview she has set up about Sept. 1-2.

*Yes, since that is what she has set up, be willing to wait patiently and in peace for that day to come, and watch and see what I will do between now and then. It will be an adventure and a pleasure to watch Me work.*

You tell me this morning in Quiet Time that You don't want me to spend my time working to prepare for a garage sale or looking for other paying work because you want me completely devoted and committed to working for You. Is that right, Lord?

*That's right, Joan. I am calling you to be My employee, and I'm offering you a job working for Me, just as you have been - in praying first of all, then of writing next, and giving that writing away to others for Me to use in My work with others. Then, thirdly, I am calling you to be there for B and K and J as they need you - to be the person who loves them unconditionally. They need that even if they don't realize they need that. I am calling you to do that too. So, three things:*

- 1. Pray for Me daily and nightly as I lead you.*
- 2. Write for Me daily and nightly as I lead you - and give it away as I guide you to do.*
- 3. Be one who loves B, K, and J unconditionally for Me.*

*Be a Palm Tree - a highly righteous fruit-producing person of My Church. Whenever I show you a palm tree, in a dream or otherwise, know that is what I see you as and what I want you to be - for Me, Joan. You are working FOR ME! Will you agree to do that?*

**But the godly will flourish like palm trees and grow strong like the cedars of Lebanon. For they are transplanted to the Lord's own house. They flourish in the courts of our God. Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green. (Psalm 92:12-14 NLT)**

Yes, Lord, I agree. I commit myself to You and to the work You have called me to.

*And I pay good wages, Joan, for the wages of working for Me full-time, as I've called you to do, is eternal life with Me, and in this eternal life I provide all that you need, and all that you want that is approved by Me (since I know what is best for you). Now that's good wages.*

That's what I want, Lord. I want You to take care of me, to provide for me. I want to work for You all the days of my life and I want to live in Your house, Lord, forever.

*I know, Joan. I know what you desire, and I am the One who put that desire in you so you would work for Me all the days of your life. It is a life to live by faith (not by sight) and I will even give you that faith.*

**Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28 NIV)**

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## **CHANGE FROM ONE STAGE OF LIFE TO ANOTHER**

The Lord brought the thought to me that it was ok to be so involved in discipling others while I was at CBC many years ago, but His purpose for me now is to be set apart to commune with Him and pray prayers as He leads me. To change me from one stage of my life to the other, He allowed the hearing and seeing deficiencies to come about that have kept me home and isolated most of the time (starting with the prayer group at Doug's church when I couldn't see well enough to drive home safely at night).

So You want me still set apart unto You, Lord, and spending my days and nights alone with You now?

*Yes, I want that for you unless and until I change that. I have trained you up to be My intercessor and spend lots of time with Me and commune with Me all day and night so you would be ready for now, this year, this time of the end when I will use you to pray and speak for Me, and to Me, for others. This is My perfect plan for you. Now that you understand this and are completely set apart unto Me all the time, I can heal you of those things which helped set you apart by yourself. And you will still stay set apart because you understand and know that is your purpose from Me. And writing will continue for you, just like it is now, almost daily, and to be given to others on the web as I lead.*

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## WHEN THE WHITE DOVE COMES

I had a dream in which a white dove flew down onto our deck and I saw it and exclaimed about it. I awoke and pondered it. Then I noticed the clock said 12:34 (1-2-3-4) and Holy Spirit said:

*It's all in order.*

I asked, "What's in order?"

*What I'm planning.*

What are You planning?

*Your rescue.*

Rescue from what?

*The earth.*

When?

*As soon as I'm ready.*

Do You want to tell me when You'll be ready?

*No, not yet, but I will just before it happens.*

[Will it happen] By rapture?

*Yes, by rapture. When the white dove (in your dream or in any form) comes he brings special revelation knowledge.*

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## WHAT WORSHIP IS

I had a dream which I summed up this way:

So this dream seems to be telling me that the wedding of the Bride of Christ is very soon and preparations are taking place to get this Bride/me ready by adjusting attitudes and cleansing from the spots of living on earth. It also assures me that I really am a Bride of freedom, Pentecost, liberty, and jubilee - a 50's Bride. But I need some cutting, adjusting and cleaning yet. Lord, show me where and how I need changing to be ready to be Your Bride. I want to get clean for You.

*I will show you. Be watching for this. I may use books you are reading or things you hear on TV, etc. Be watching, and when I show you some way, write it down and put it in your Journal for Me and others to read, and for you to reread as needed. We'll start with "adjusting attitudes and traditions."*

*You were brought up to believe that "worship" was going to church on Sunday and going through a planned program of singing and preaching, along with communion, together.*

*That does honor Me, but worship is also much more than that. It is an attitude of heart that honors Me in everything you say and do. It is an attitude that seeks Me and My way of thinking and acting in every act of everyday life - daily. It is an attitude of calling to Me and seeking Me in everything and in every way. Paul called it "praying without ceasing." You do this a lot of the time now. I want it to be your attitude ALL the time, especially with thoughts that try to invade your thinking with negativity - fearful thoughts.*

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## **A DREAM ABOUT A CHILD SAYING IT WAS 2:96 O'CLOCK**

The setting of this dream seemed to be a church. Some of us adults were with some children. One child said something cute and then said it was 2:96 o'clock. I repeated what the child said several times to people because it seemed funny. When I awoke I wondered if it was significant and wanted to look up that number to see what it might mean since it involves time. The number was said two ninety-six...like you would say the time (i.e. 2:19).

I asked the Lord to reveal to me what 2:96 meant. Later that day He showed me that 2:96 (2 hours and 96 minutes) was the same as 3:36 (3 hours and 36 minutes) and it stood for my birth month and year. He draws my attention to that time on the clock many times a day (i.e. 3:36, 4:36, etc.) to draw my attention to Him. It is a sign between us to draw our thoughts together. That, so far, is what the number in the dream seems to mean...a secret sign between Him and me to remind me of our relationship. I guess that is why I repeated it in the dream and why I laughed when I did. It is a delight to me to be reminded by Him of our relationship. That child represented me, and the child in me is happy in the Lord.

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## FAITH

(Quotes from book by Steve Foss *Satan's Dirty Little Secrets*)

(p. 97-113)

Let's look at faith for a moment. The word *faith* comes from the Greek word *pistis* which means "fidelity or loyalty to an authority." Faith is not a feeling. It is a state of being. It is a loyalty to God and His Word. In the simplest terms it is a choice of the will to believe and obey God's Word, regardless of your circumstances.

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## A DREAM ABOUT BEING INSTRUCTED HOW TO PRAY BY THE LORD

As I dreamed the Lord was teaching me ways to pray and what not to pray by following His instructions. He wants me to work harder and with more concentration when I pray from now on. He wants to instruct me and have me learn from Him. He wants me to be more serious and focused when I pray from now on. In the dreams He would show me words written out and tell me to either pray those words or not pray those words. He also had me praying for LR's back in one dream segment. LR's back was different than the average person's due to his surgery in the past. In the dream it seemed that LR was back as my pastor and we were beginning to reestablish our relationship/friendship of sharing again.

*LR and PJ were your two favorite pastors because they talked with you and shared with you what I was showing them and they wanted to hear from you what I was sharing with you. That is a precious relationship which you miss greatly. And GS did too.*

*So, I am showing you in this dream that I will begin to reestablish that kind of Spiritual sharing relationship for you with someone whom I have now picked to be your Spiritual friend. AND I do want to teach you much more about praying, perhaps through this new friend.*

*You haven't been taught yet all I want you to learn...and you will learn best from hearing another person pray the right way. Watch for this coming new relationship and welcome it, Joan. It is from Me. In the meantime, listen to the prayers that others pray - whether at*



*church, through TV or in books, and learn from them as I lead you to. You can learn a lot about praying from Chuck Pierce.*

## **PRAYER AND WRITING**

Lord, I dedicate myself to You for prayer. You tell me that there is one more chapter in the book of my life and it is called: *Prayer and Writing*. You showed me that I have already written and lived chapters called *Learning and Writing*, *Studying and Writing*, *Listening and Writing*, and *Following/Obedying and Writing*. Now the last chapter is *Prayer and Writing*. Prayer is the central focus of this last chapter of my life.

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## **A DREAM ABOUT SEEING NEW DISCIPLESHIP MATERIALS LIKE MASTERLIFE**

In this dream I became aware of new materials for discipleship which were like MasterLife, but had different studies and things to do. I was looking over the materials and thinking about possibly leading a group through them. I was planning how I would sign people up, and whether I should require MasterLife first before taking this new material, (and decided not to). I thought I would have a sign-up sheet and offer both courses. I wanted to see what the materials covered and then discuss it with the Pastor. I had heard that state/national leaders hadn't liked one special section/retreat of MasterLife listed "on their schedules" (a section about cutting up an apple and explaining how it fit some teaching) and so they didn't want that done this time. I shared some of the new materials with another woman before it was available to the public.

This dream may be alerting me to new discipleship opportunities coming with a new approach written in the materials to teach them. It may be showing me that being open and ready to teach both ways (old and new) may be good or at least should be considered. The reference about cutting up an apple reminds me of a teaching about using an apple as an illustration of the Trinity - three in one. Christianity is the only religion that I know of that believes and teaches the Trinity, so this may be a warning there could be those who oppose that teaching. It may be showing me that new materials for teaching similar concepts that were taught in MasterLife could become available, and that I should look them over carefully to see if they are as good. MasterLife to me refers to teaching the truth about the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and how to build a right relationship with them.

*You WILL see new teachings coming, Joan, teachings similar to MasterLife, but different. Look them over carefully when you become aware of them. Talk to Me about them and let Me reveal the truth to you about them - whether they are of Me. Don't accept them automatically. This is just a warning dream to alert you to something coming.*

## CLEANSING IS IMPORTANT

In a dream I was getting hand soap ready for washing hands (like we are reminded to do for protection against flu).

What does this mean, Lord? Is there something in me that needs confessing and cleansing? Or is there some other meaning?

*It is to remind you that cleansing is important - cleaning of your hands to help prevent flu, AND cleansing of your soul to help prevent sin. If there is something specific you need soul cleansing from, I will tell you - I, the Holy Spirit. That is part of My job. So, count on Me to show you when some cleansing is needed in your heart.*

I have been having some negative thoughts coming at me lately, Lord. Cleanse me from them and guide me to know what to do with them when they come.

*Tell them the truth, Joan. Speaking the truth banishes lies. The truth is My Word. Speak My Word to those negative thoughts when they come, and keep asking Me to cleanse you from them.*

Will You remind me of that when it happens?

*I will remind you of that. Count on it.*

## A DREAM ABOUT SINGING "WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER I'LL BE THERE"

In a dream just before I woke up this morning I was walking through the hallways of an educational institution (which seemed like a college). It was divided into different sections and each section had a movie place in it and a window for selling tickets. In the first section I came to, the movie had just let out and I could hear the music from that movie pouring outside. The song was "When the Roll is Called up Yonder I'll Be There." I saw SP coming out of the movie and she and I exclaimed because that was the second time that day we had seen each other (and we seldom ever saw each other). I started singing along

with the song, and kept on singing it, as I walked through the next several sections of the building and noticing the movie ticket window in each section - but these were all closed. The song rang throughout the building, wherever I went, and I sang along. It was very exhilarating and joyful.

- Movie/picture: memory, conscience, past experience, circumstance, imagination, a message within itself
- Movie Theater: God will show you something
- College/school: place of education, teaching or learning, Church, people or work, upper/higher level of learning
- Hallways: transition, direction, without deviation
- Ticket windows: place to purchase tickets to see movie
- Song: the song indicates the "roll called up yonder" is very soon
- Sharon (the name): Culture origin: Hebrew, inherent meaning: borrowed, spiritual connotation: dedicated, Scripture: *Now I am giving him to the Lord, and he will belong to the Lord his whole life.* (1 Sam. 1:28)

My best interpretation of this dream would say that we are going through a time of transition right now in our great place of learning (the earth life). There were many opportunities (many ticket windows) during that time to "see the movie" which told us about "the roll being called up yonder" - which refers to those who give their lives to Jesus and therefore join that list or roll call. This dream pictures the "last movie" just now letting out. This may refer to it now being the last chance to choose Jesus as Lord before the time is close for making that decision before the Rapture (the calling of the Believers up into Heaven). Those who choose Jesus and become His by faith will be part of that "roll call" up yonder in Heaven. It assures me that I'll be there. Sharon symbolizes those who are "dedicated" to Jesus - those who will belong to the Lord forever.

*That's good, Joan. You have interpreted it well. If I have any more to share with you about the meaning of this dream, I will, and you can then write it later.*

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#### WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER

By James Black 1893

When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

- Refrain:  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of His resurrection share;  
When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,  
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care;  
Then when all of life is over, and our work on earth is done,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

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## THE LAST DAYS HARVEST IS HAPPENING

Thank You, Lord, for guiding me to read this book (*Inside the Revolution*) by Joel Rosenberg. It is so encouraging to read the stories of the millions who are giving their lives to Christ in Muslim and Middle Eastern countries. And You are doing a lot of it through dreams and visions! I can now see that the "Last Days' Harvest" is actually happening, but mostly in other countries than the U. S., so I don't hear about it on the news, etc. Thank You that You had Joel write about it! We really ARE in the Last Days, and Your end time harvest is really happening! I pray for all these new Christians to be taught by You, Lord, and led to other Christians who will be their friends and encouragers and teachers. There are many personal stories told in this book, but I want to quote here one interview by Joel of an Iraqi.

(Quote from Joel Rosenberg's book *Inside the Revolution*)

(pp. 394-5)

Before 2003, senior Iraqi Christian leaders tell me, there were only about four to six hundred known born-again followers of Jesus Christ in the entire country, despite an estimated 750,000 nominal Christians in historic Iraqi churches. By 2006 the number of known believers inside Iraq had grown to more than five thousand. And God has continued moving powerfully since then. By the end of 2008, Iraqi Christian leaders estimated that there were more than seventy thousand born-again Iraqi believers - some ten thousand actively worshipping in above-ground Bible-teaching churches inside Iraq, at least another ten thousand worshipping in secret house churches inside Iraq, and another fifty thousand living as refugees outside the country.

Why such spiritual hunger? Every Iraqi Christian I have interviewed has given me the same two answers: war and persecution. Though the security in Iraq was deteriorating from 2003 to 2007, one of the top leaders of the Revivalist movement there told me he had never seen so many Iraqis praying to receive Christ and wanting Bible teaching.

I asked him how he accounted for such developments.

"It's not that complicated really, Joel," he replied. "When human beings are under threat, they look for a strong power to help them - a refuge. Iraqis look around and when they see believers in Jesus enjoying internal peace during a time of such violence and fear, they want Jesus too."

But, I asked, how did he and his disciples share their faith and lead people to Christ with all the suicide bombings, car bombings, snipers, and other troubles of the past few years?

"We did what we could" he said, "but God is not dependent upon us. This is something He is doing on His own. He is drawing Muslims to Christ. We are just His servants, helping where we can. The truth is, God is healing Muslims of sicknesses and diseases. He's also giving Muslims visions of Jesus Christ. He is coming to them and speaking to them, and they are repenting and giving their lives to Him. I'm saying that Shiites are seeing visions of Christ and repenting. When we meet them, they already believe in Jesus. We don't have to share the gospel with them. We want to, but it's not necessary. They're already convinced that Jesus is the Savior. They're already convinced that the Bible is the Word of God. So we help them study the Bible. We help them grow in their faith and get into a good church so they can meet other believers and learn to worship the Lord as part of the Church. But see, Joel, it is God who is at work. He is making this happen - not us."

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## A WITNESS AND TESTIMONY

When I awoke this morning I asked the Lord why I was here, what I was here for. He answered:

*As a witness and testimony.*

I knew it meant, not only to people here, but to the unseen spiritual world.

### A DREAM ABOUT CHOOSING GOLD AND SILVER CHAIN-LINK ARMOR TO PUT ON

I had a dream in which I could choose something to put on, wear, and use. What I could choose was like armor made of flexible chain-link-like metal, with the links being very small, and closely linked together, but flexible. There were two such sheets of armor, one for either side of me - one on my left side and one on my right side. One sheet was silver and the other sheet was part silver and part gold.

I think this dream is a reminder to me to daily put on the armor of God found in Ephesians 6:10-18 and that this armor is flexible so it can function in this world. It is also silver which represents wisdom, and gold which represents holy, glory, purity, and great value. It is put on the right side which represents the natural side, and the left side which represents the spiritual side.

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## THE LORD'S BELOVED

This is a quote from *The Jedidiah Identity* by Richard Speight which speaks to me today as I cope with the fact that Beth was not chosen for the job at CFCA which she had her heart set on. Now she must begin looking for another job possibility. We are trusting that God has something even better for her than that job which she wanted. The quote says:

*If my happiness depends on what happens, the evil one can steal my happiness away. But if I rest in being the Lord's beloved, then real life begins to well up inside me to overflowing.*

I need to rest my happiness on being the Lord's beloved rather than what happened.

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## THE EXODUS

Thank You, Lord, for keeping B and me through the night and giving us peace and quiet. Thank You that today is Sunday and we get to go to church and worship You, together with other believers, freely here in our country. Thank You that we get to see our many friends there and fellowship with them today. You are so good to us, Lord, and bless us so much! I want You to know I appreciate it!

Thank You for sharing with us that DVD last night about *The Exodus* and the latest archeologist evidence and undersea evidence to show where the Israelites traveled and where they likely crossed the Red Sea. I have pondered that trip for years wondering where they went. In this documentary it is speculated they crossed the Sinai Peninsula and came to the Red Sea (on the Gulf of Aquabah) and then crossed over the sea into Midian (modern day Saudi Arabia). The researchers have found a place across and under the sea there with a wide flat high ridge which they could have walked on after the water was backed up by the Lord. And the researchers have also found coral crusted items on the sea floor that are like chariots that were left there by the Egyptians. In Midian they have located places the Israelites likely visited such as Mt. Sinai, the seventy-palm and 12-spring area, etc.

I heard or read recently that the Saudi Arabians have not allowed archeologists to dig for artifacts which might have been pre-Muhammad...but that they are now just beginning to allow such digs. So perhaps there will be evidence found soon showing the Israelites went that way.

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**PROTECT US BY THY MIGHT, GREAT GOD OUR KING**

This song is repeating over and over in my mind this morning:

(A song)  
*Our father's God, to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright,  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God our King.*

I imagine that it is a warning that I need to pray for protection for our country - especially since the anniversary of 9-11 is next Friday. So, I am praying today for protection over America and Israel and over our people wherever they are in the world. The terrorists hate us because we are Christians and Jews and belong to God...the true God.

My Country, 'Tis Of Thee  
By Samuel Francis Smith

My country, 'tis of Thee,  
Sweet Land of Liberty  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountain side  
Let Freedom ring.

My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills,  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet Freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God to Thee,  
Author of Liberty,  
To thee we sing,  
Long may our land be bright  
With Freedom's holy light,

Protect us by thy might  
Great God, our King.

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## **TO WALK BY THE SPIRIT IS TO WALK IN LOVE**

"To Walk by the Spirit is to Walk in Love"  
by JoAnn McFatter  
Sep 9, 2009

It seems that so often when we think of walking by the Spirit we think of the supernatural aspect of doing so. This is especially true these days when that is "the draw" for so many people to gather together to be amazed, whether it be at conferences or on the streets. While that is a part of life in the Spirit, to move in the same fashion as Jesus Christ while He was here on earth, it is really just a byproduct of possessing the Spirit of God within. Abilities such as walking on water, changing water to wine, passing through a crowd in a way that He was there one moment and gone the next, healing disease and raising the dead are just a few of the more popular examples He left us with when He said we would do even greater works than these.

However, He also warned us that seeking these things would not be to our advantage, telling us to seek His face and not His hand. In other words, seek the Giver of the gifts rather than the gifts themselves, but not to the point that we ignore them. Time and time again we have heard this, though I wonder if it's really ever gotten through...selah. At best we vacillate in our awareness.

My point is—there is a way to live this life in this end time that involves all of these things! It involves opening the depths of the Word, meditation, communion with Him; signs and wonders, extravagant giving, opening the mysteries of God that have been saved for this dispensation in time; worship that breaks the barrier between Heaven and Earth, angels and people ascending and descending, massive salvation of souls...I could go on and on, but we have all heard it so many times.

We know it all has to do with faith—as Jesus Himself told us that even faith as a mustard seed would be enough to say to a mountain Be moved and it would obey. To walk by the Spirit, in all that is summed up by that phrase, takes trust in Him that we really can move from having faith in God to that place where we move in the faith OF God. It must be out of a place of revelation of who He really is—in us. It's all so amazing and stimulating to our spirit man when we dwell on the possibilities that lay before us. Of course, Jesus Christ is our supreme example of walking by the Spirit as He was fully man and fully God, leaving us a blueprint for walking life out by the Spirit in its fullest expression.

### One of the Most Powerful Things Jesus Ever Said

BUT...He also tells us that in ALL of this, the greatest of these is love. One of the most powerful things said to us by Jesus' very lips was that, above everything, we were to love Him with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength. The more we know Him, the more we love Him. But He didn't stop there as He continued by saying, "and to love your neighbor as yourself." He said there were no greater things than these. When the scribe questioning him agreed, Jesus made an interesting statement to him by saying that he was close to the Kingdom of God.



Then one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, perceiving that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first commandment of all?"

Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

So the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, for there is one God, and there is no other but He. And to love Him with all the heart, with all the understanding, with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Now when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God."—Mark 12:28-34

What amazing revelation this scribe displayed, full of wisdom and living beyond his dispensation of time: the revelation of love surpassing all the rest, even to the point of overtaking the burnt offerings and sacrifices. Jesus said that very revelation put him "not far from" the Kingdom of God, even BEFORE the full revelation had been revealed.

Out of all the things we are admonished to go after and possess, again, the greatest of these is love. We, of course, all know 1 Corinthians 13. We are told that if we have all the gifts and abilities that walking in the Spirit entitles us to, but we don't love, it's all just noise. So of all the things God is going to pour out in these last days by His Spirit, love would have to be at the top of the list. The Spirit without measure would bring love without measure; a revelation of love that will rock both our world and the world around us!

In these days of uncertainty and want, we must remember love. Wisdom would have us asking for the grace to love unconditionally, that we might be moved with the same compassion that Jesus worked miracles from. More than once it is said He was moved with compassion and healed someone. God IS love! His Spirit is referred to as The Comforter.

As things shift all around us we must remember love. It's easy to love when everything is going well for us, just as it is easy to give in a time of abundance. I believe one of the most difficult things to be an overcomer in is our tendency for self-preservation in the midst of crisis; unfortunately, to the point of gathering to ourselves all that we can, even at the expense of others.

### To Walk By the Spirit is to Walk in Love

It's almost humorous that when we thought Y2K was going to be some big deal, everyone hoarded things for themselves in preparation with the purpose and mentality of taking care of the proverbial "us four and no more." Some were even buying guns to hold off the masses from getting what they had so wisely stored up. And while we can appreciate the wisdom of preparing in the years of plenty for the years of lack, we have to ask ourselves what would we do if our neighbor was not so well prepared?

Maybe they didn't have the money to store up, or perhaps they just didn't see it coming. My question is, would we actually refuse others food, drink, or even shelter in that hour? As if in His love we could say, "No," to another in need. God Himself put the example out there of the widow who gave her last to the prophet, and then, and only then, did she receive more than she could imagine.

As we ponder this place of walking by the Spirit in all the interesting and stimulating things it has to offer, we must first and foremost remember love, for without it, all of our effort is null and void. To walk by the Spirit is to prefer others. To walk by the Spirit is to think of others more highly than ourselves—not in some funky religious mindset, but truly caring for them first and then ourselves. Believe me, as I write this I am painfully aware of my own shortcomings in this way of

living life—this way of love that is so foreign to our culture. As we seek to overcome adversity and keep our faith we must hold onto love above all else.

Our American mindset would send someone down to the mission shelter before opening our home to them. We can't deny it. Our first thought is How are we going to feed our family for the next four months, rather than to share this day what we have with ones who don't have today? Seriously...are we going to say No, you can't have our food, even though you are starving? God help us all!

**Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.**

**Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

**Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.**

**When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.**

**And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.—1 Corinthians 13**

What more can be said, other than to know Him is to love Him. To love Him is to love those that He loves. For God so loved the WHOLE world that He gave His only begotten Son...Perfect love casts out all fear. To walk by the Spirit is to walk in Love.

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I am now reading the book *Beyond the Cosmos* by Hugh Ross, PH.D. On pages 124-6 he says:

God wants to provide so much more than physical and spiritual vitality. For those who commit their lives to Him and invite His Spirit to live within, He supplies both the desire and the power to fulfill His purposes here on Earth, an assignment that yields to each of us what He describes as "life to the full."

(Matthew 17:20-21 NIV, 21:21-22 NIV, John 14:12-15 NIV)

Learning to use our extra-dimensional capacities takes time, for it takes growth in faith, with accompanying wisdom and purity. In asking for "anything," that "anything" must be identified by a heart attuned to God's purposes and plans. How often are we inclined to ask for the removal of trouble from our path? And yet He told us clearly that trouble is a constant companion, a tool for character growth, during our earthly life:

**In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. (John 16:33 NIV)**

Knowing what to ask in the face of trouble comes through knowing Him better and better. Building any relationship takes effort and attention, and the same is true of our relationship with God. The attention is always fully available on His part; our part is up to us.

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## DECLARATIVE PRAYER

(This is from John Paul Jackson's website at [www.streamsministry.com](http://www.streamsministry.com).)

### Declarative Prayer by John Paul

*Posted on February 03, 2008*

I pray declarative prayers often. They get me out of my self-pity, anxiety, confusion and self-doubt. They change my mindset and reorient my thinking.

During this holiday season, we are encouraged to be thankful. I would like to submit to you a list of things I pray, so that perhaps you can be thankful for the same things. Maybe you already have all of these things firmly planted in your heart, but most of us need to be reminded of who we actually are in Christ and the ramifications of what He has done for us.

When life seems dark and you feel hopeless, the following are true even then, because God never changes, and He will not forsake you.

During this season, pray this prayer over yourself every day, and see what God does within and around you. You may just have even more to be thankful for by the turn of the year.

My Father in Heaven:

- I will bear Your light to change the world.

- I am the light of the world, because the Light of the World dwells in me.
- Your Kingdom will come; Your will, will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.
- No one will meet me and not be changed, because no one can meet You and not be changed.
- I will become increasingly aware of the Light that I carry.
- I will grow in You and grow in this Light.
- I will become a change agent in this world.
- I will believe the unbelievable; what is not yet, I will become.
- I will come to understand where I am in You, and I see my future more clearly than ever before.
- The gifts You have given me will begin to flourish as I understand Your ways.
- Nothing will prosper that comes against me, because I will live a repentant life before You; because I live a repentant life, You will answer my prayer.
- I will become what You have called me to become.
- I have been placed here for such a time as this.
- I live where I live because You placed me here.
- I am not here by accident; I am here by divine appointment.
- My neighbors will prosper because of You in me.
- Those I touch will prosper because of You in me.
- Everyone I pray for will be touched, because You flow through me; it makes no difference if others recognize the touch or not – You will touch them.
- You will touch others more some times than at other times; I will not judge my relationship with You based on what they feel.
- I relate to You because of who You are in me, not because of others, not because of my emotions, not because I feel saved, not because I've ascended to greatness through my intellect – but because of what You have done in me.
- I am re-procreated, regenerated and born anew.
- Your seed has entered me.
- My spirit is alive and quickened.
- I will become quickened to You, fine-tuned to Your Spirit, not doing what You're not doing, and doing what You are doing.
- I will become a witness for You.
- With Your help, when people see me, they will see You.
- Soon, there will be a clear distinction between those who don't know God and me, because I know You.
- People will see me and they will know that I am a follower of Jesus and a bearer of His light.
- For Your glory this will happen, taking the foolish things to confound the wise.
- Thank You for finding me and choosing me to be a change agent on this earth for Your glory. In Jesus' name, amen.

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**ENDURE**

A DREAM ABOUT BEN LEIGH

I had a dream about someone named Ben Leigh. In this dream I was in a strange place. I didn't seem to belong there. Eventually I wanted to leave there.

These are the impressions I get when I ponder the meaning of this dream:

The name Ben: Language: Hebrew; Inherent meaning: Son of My Right Hand; Spiritual connotation: Mighty; Scripture:

**You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up. Your gentleness has made me great. (Psalm 18:35 NKJV)**

The name Leigh: Language: American; Inherent meaning: meadow; Spiritual connotation: Guided of God; Scripture:

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would hearken to his voice! (Psalm 95:7RSV)**

*You are Ben Leigh, Joan. I especially brought your attention to his name twice so you would be able to remember it. You know or have heard his story, but don't get to talk with him about it as you wanted to.*

*Yes, this dream brings back feelings of not be recognized and paid attention to by your father since you were not a boy. Now forgive him for that - again.*

*I accept you and I love you, Joan, and I want you to know that.*

In this dream I was in a strange place, Lord. I didn't seem to belong there. Eventually I wanted to leave there.

*Yes, that's the way it is for you in this earthly world. You don't truly belong here, but you are here, trying to listen to others and relate to them. You are now ready to leave it. It holds no allure or attraction for you anymore. You want to come up here and be with Me. It will be soon, and I will enable you to endure until then. I am, for you, what these Scriptures say:*

*I am your shield of salvation  
I hold you up with My right hand  
I give you My gentleness  
I have made you great  
I am your God  
You are a sheep of My pasture  
You are a sheep of My hand  
I want you to hearken to My voice today*

*Ben Leigh was the main idea I wanted you to get from this dream - the message in that name. Ben Leigh represents those who belong to Me and are favored by Me. I turn My face toward them and relate to them.*

*Now you see what it seems like to those who are "outside" My favor and attention, even as you felt as a child. You had to overcome this feeling and trust My Word that you are in My favor because you believe in Jesus and gave your life to Him. You are My "Ben Leigh," Joan...My favored one.*

*This dream is about: what did you do with what I made you? If a girl, how did you respond to the situation that I put you in? You eventually reconciled yourself to being a girl, Joan, and believed that was ok and what I made you to be. You mothered two beautiful daughters/children and now a beautiful son-in-law also. You love them as I want you to. You nurture them as I lead you to. You let them grow up and become their own selves, not necessarily the way you would want them to be. And you pray for them regularly.*

*You did the best you could with what I made you to be while here on earth. AND you loved Me in the midst of all this. I am pleased with you, Joan. You are MY daughter. You will soon be up here with Me to begin the next phase of your eternal life. Endure, My child. Endure to the end of this life until the next one.*

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## **ROSH HASHANAH**

Today begins Rosh Hashanah at sundown. I have been waiting for this day for a long, long time because *maybe* it will be the day the Rapture takes place. Perry Stone teaches that it might be the fulfillment in New Testament times of the Old Testament holy day where trumpets are blown over and over throughout the day. It is called "the blowing". And the Rapture is to take place with the blowing of a trumpet, so it might take place on Rosh Hashanah to fulfill the meaning of that special day. I sure hope so! And I hope it is today! I am ready to go!

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## **AT THE LAST TRUMPET**

Rosh Hashanah began at sunset last evening and continues until sunset tomorrow evening. I found some interesting articles regarding it on [www.about.com](http://www.about.com) which I want to copy and paste here. I also looked up time zone differences to find out Israeli time compared to our time here in KC. They are 8 hours ahead of us. So sunset tomorrow evening in Jerusalem should be somewhere between ~ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and here that time would be ~ 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. They blow the trumpet 100 times during each day of Rosh HaShanah (except on their Sabbath day), so the "last trumpet" will likely be blown in Israel during those hours of 6-8:00. The reason I wanted to calculate the time of the "last trumpet" is because the Scripture in 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 says:

**Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (1 Corinthians 15:52)**

**For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. (1 Thess. 4:16-17)**

**This is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come....so you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. (Matthew 24:39-42, 44)**

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## **Introduction to Rosh HaShanah**

By [Ariela Pelaia](#), About.com

Rosh HaShanah (ראש השנה) is the Jewish New Year. It falls once a year during the month of Tishrei and occurs ten days before [Yom Kippur](#). Together, Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur are known as the Yamim Nora'im, which means the Days of Awe in Hebrew. In English they are often referred to as the High Holy Days.

### **The Meaning of Rosh HaShanah**

Rosh HaShanah literally means "Head of the Year" in Hebrew. It falls in the month of Tishrei, which is the seventh month on the Hebrew calendar. The reason for this is because the Hebrew calendar begins with the month of Nissan (when it's believed the Jews were freed from slavery in Egypt) but the month of Tishrei is believed to be the month in which God created the world. Hence, another way to think about Rosh HaShanah is as the birthday of the world.

Rosh HaShanah is observed on the first two days of Tishrei. Jewish tradition teaches that during the High Holy Days God decides who will live and who will die during the coming year. As a result,

during Rosh HaShanah and [Yom Kippur](#) (and in the days leading up to them) Jews embark upon the serious task of examining their lives and repenting for any wrongs they have committed during the previous year. This process of repentance is called *teshuvah*. Jews are encouraged to make amends with anyone they have wronged and to make plans for improving during the coming year. In this way, Rosh HaShanah is all about making peace in the community and striving to be a better person.

Even though the theme of Rosh HaShanah is life and death, it is a holiday filled with hope for the New Year. Jews believe that God is compassionate and just, and that God will accept their prayers for forgiveness.

## **Rosh HaShanah Liturgy**

The Rosh HaShanah prayer service is one of the longest of the year. Only the [Yom Kippur](#) service is longer. Rosh HaShanah service usually runs from early morning until the afternoon and is so unique that it has its own prayer book called the Makhzor. Two of the most well known prayers from Rosh HaShanah liturgy are:

- Unetaneh Tohkef – This prayer is about life and death. Part of it reads: "On Rosh HaShanah it is written, and on Yom Kippur it is sealed, how many will leave this world and how many will be born into it, who will live and who will die... But penitence, prayer and good deeds can annul the severity of the decree."
- Avienu Malkeinu – Another famous prayer is Avienu Malkeinu, which means "Our Father Our King" in Hebrew. Usually the entire congregation will sing the last verse of this prayer in unison, which says: "Our Father, our King, answer us as though we have no deed to plead our cause, save us with mercy and loving-kindness."

## **Customs and Symbols**

On Rosh HaShanah it is customary to greet people with "L'Shanah Tovah," which is Hebrew that is usually translated as "For a Good Year" or "May you have a good year." Some people also say "L'shana tovah tikatev v'tahetem," which means "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year." (If said to a woman the greeting would be: "L'shanah tovah tikatevi v'tahetemi"). This greeting refers to the belief that a person's fate for the coming year is decided during the High Holy Days.

The [shofar](#) is an important symbol of Rosh HaShanah. It is an instrument often made of a ram's horn and is blown one hundred times during each of the two days of Rosh HaShanah. The sound of the shofar blast reminds people of the importance of reflection during this important holiday. [Learn more about the shofar in this article.](#)

[Tashlich](#) is a ceremony that usually takes place during the first day of Rosh HaShanah. "Tashlich" literally means "casting off" and involves symbolically casting off the sins of the previous year by tossing pieces of bread or another food into a body of flowing water. [Learn more about tashlich in this article.](#)

Other significant symbols of Rosh HaShanah include apples, honey and round loaves of challah. Apple slices dipped in honey represent our hope for a sweet new year and are traditionally accompanied by a short prayer before eating that goes: "May it be Thy will, O Lord, Our God, to grant us a year that is good and sweet." Challah, which is usually baked into braids, is shaped into round loaves of bread on Rosh HaShanah. The circular shape symbolizes the continuation of life. On the second night of Rosh HaShanah it is customary to eat a fruit that is new to us for the season, saying the *shehechyanu* blessing as we eat it to thank God for bringing us to this season. Pomegranates are a popular choice because Israel is often praised for its pomegranates and because,



according to legend, pomegranates contain 613 seeds – one for each of the 613 mitzvot. Another reason for eating pomegranates on Rosh HaShanah has to do with the symbolic hope that our good deeds in the coming year will be as many as the seeds of the fruit.

Some people choose to send New Year's greeting cards on Rosh HaShanah. Before the advent of modern computers these were handwritten cards that were snail mailed weeks in advance, but nowadays it is equally as common to send Rosh HaShanah e-cards a few days before the holiday.

### **2009 - 2012 Rosh HaShanah Dates**

- Sunset September 18, 2009 - nightfall September 20, 2009
- Sunset September 8, 2010 - nightfall September 10, 2010
- Sunset September 28, 2011 - nightfall September 30, 2011
- Sunset September 16, 2012 - nightfall September 18, 2012

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## **What Is a Shofar?**

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The shofar (שופר) is a Jewish instrument most often made from a ram's horn, though it can also be made from the horn of a sheep or goat. It makes a trumpet-like sound and is traditionally blown on Rosh HaShanah, the Jewish New Year.

### **Origins of the Shofar**

According to some scholars, the shofar dates back to ancient times when making loud noises on the New Year was thought to scare off demons and ensure a happy start to the coming year. It is hard to say whether this practice influenced Judaism.

In terms of its Jewish history, the shofar is often mentioned in the Tanach, Talmud and in rabbinic literature. It was used to announce the start of holidays, in processions and even to mark the start of a war. Perhaps the most famous biblical reference to the shofar occurs in the Book of Joshua, where shofarot (plural of shofar) were used as part of a battle plan to capture the city of Jericho:

"Then the LORD said to Joshua... March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in. (Joshua 6:2-5)"

According to the story, Joshua followed God's commandments to the letter and the walls of Jericho fell, allowing them to capture the city. The shofar is also mentioned earlier in the Tanach, when Moses ascends Mt. Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments.

During the times of the First and Second Temple, shofarot were also used along with trumpets to mark important occasions and ceremonies.

### **The Shofar on Rosh HaShanah**

Today the shofar is most commonly used on the Jewish New Year, called Rosh HaShanah (meaning "head of the year" in Hebrew). In fact, the shofar is such an important part of this holiday that another name for Rosh HaShanah is Yom Teruah, which means "day of the shofar blast" in

Hebrew. The shofar is blown one hundred times on each of the two days of Rosh HaShanah. If one of the days of Rosh HaShanah falls on Shabbat, however, the shofar is not blown.

According to the famous Jewish philosopher Maimonides, the sound of the shofar on Rosh HaShanah is meant to wake up soul and turn its attention to the important task of repentance (teshuvah). It is a commandment to blow the shofar on Rosh HaShanah and there are four specific shofar blasts associated with this holiday:

1. Teki'ah – An unbroken blast lasting about three seconds
2. Shva'rim – A teki'ah broken into three segments
3. Teruah – Nine rapid fire blasts
4. Tekiah Gedolah – A triple teki'ah lasting at least nine seconds, though many shofar blowers will attempt to go significantly longer, which the audience loves.

The person who blows the shofar is called a Tokea (which literally means “blaster”) and it is no easy task to perform each of these sounds. Scroll down to the end of this article for a link to a video demonstrating the four shofar sounds of Rosh HaShanah.

## Symbolism

There are many symbolic meanings associated with the shofar and one of the best known has to do with the Akedah, when God asked Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. The story is recounted in Genesis 22:1-24 and culminates with Abraham raising the knife to slay his son only to have God stay his hand and bring his attention to a ram caught in a nearby thicket. Abraham sacrificed the ram instead. Because of this story some midrashim claim that whenever the shofar is blown God will remember Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son and will therefore forgive those who hear the shofar's blasts. In this way, just as the shofar blasts remind us to turn our hearts towards repentance, they also remind God to forgive us for our trespasses.

The shofar is also associated with the idea of crowning God as King on Rosh HaShanah. The breath used by the Tokea to make the sounds of the shofar are also associated with the breathe of life, which God first breathed into Adam upon the creation of humanity.

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF ROSH HASHANAH, DAY OF THE "LAST TRUMPET"

The 1 year before Noah went on the ark, while he and his 3 sons were building it, how was he provided for financially? This is my question this morning, Lord, because B needs a job so we can be provided for. Did you supernaturally provide for Noah and his family during that time, or did they do their "daytime jobs" to provide food and build the ark also?

The Lord led me to read about Noah, and I read from Genesis 6:8 **But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord**. The word "favor" had a reference to Exodus 33:12-17 and it said:

**(Moses is talking to God) You have said, "I know you by name and you have found favor with me." If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you...**

**The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest"...**

**And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."**

*What does it mean: I will give you rest?*

It means You will give me peace in relationship with You.

*And I will give you rest, Joan. I know you by name and I will give you rest and peace with Me - no matter what comes today.*

I am asking You to come, Lord Jesus, and take us who belong to You out of this world today. Rapture us, Lord. You tell me that You put that desire in my heart, and it's all right to ask, so I do.

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## **PRAYER SHAWL**

I had a dream last night in which I was sitting in a sanctuary with a large group of people. All I noticed were women. I was sitting in between two older women who occasionally talked with me. Many of them had some kind of a prayer shawl around their shoulders. It seemed like they had made them themselves. I was hoping some of them would offer a prayer shawl to me. It seemed like such a good idea to cover your head when praying to shut yourself off from the rest of the world and be entirely separated unto God.

*You can cover your head with an invisible prayer shawl, Joan, when you come unto Me to pray. Symbolically place it on your head and it WILL be there spiritually.*

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## **PREPARE YOURSELVES**

## **"Prepare Yourselves! We are About to Step into a New Dimension and Future in the Cloud of Glory"**

by Mark Chironna  
Sep 17, 2009

Prophetic word of the Lord given by Dr. Mark Chironna on Sunday, September 6, 2009 at The Master's Touch International Church in Longwood, Florida:

I hear the Spirit clearly saying, "Prepare yourselves. Prepare yourselves. Something is being released in this season; prepare yourselves." The Holy Spirit is coming in a brand new way; prepare yourself. The visitation of God is coming in a fresh way; prepare yourself. Joshua walked through the camp and said, "Prepare yourself for tomorrow." Saints of God, the Spirit is saying, "Prepare yourself for tomorrow."

We are about to step into a new dimension and future in the cloud of glory. Prepare yourself before God even now. If you need your heart to be cleansed by the Blood, just confess what you need to confess right now. All things are naked and bare before Him with whom we have to do; present your heart to the Father, by the Blood of Jesus. Prepare yourself. The Scripture says that we are to cleanse ourselves of all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. Beloved, something is coming—we are actually on the threshold of something we have never known or had before. Prepare yourself.

I keep hearing the Spirit cry, "Prepare yourself. Prepare yourself. Prepare yourself." You are crossing a threshold, prepare yourself. There is a tomorrow you could not see but it is dawning now; prepare yourself. Prepare yourself. There is a new manifestation of the power and glory of God, prepare yourself. Heaven is opening; prepare yourself. The rain of the Spirit is going to pour in torrents; prepare yourself. The wonders and signs of the Almighty are coming, prepare yourself.

### Ask, Seek and Knock

"For in the declaration and the utterance of My Son, as He listened to My voice on the mountain, He cried out and said to the multitudes, 'Ask and it shall be given. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it shall be opened.' I have had you on a journey. You have been asking, you have been seeking, you have been knocking and now I would reveal to you that this is a process whereby I wean you away and draw you away from everything you consider familiar, everything you consider understandable. And I have allowed you to go through a period of darkness and even confusion. And you would say, 'God, where are You?'"

"And I would remind you that My Son exhorted you to ask, seek and knock; for the process and the progress of your soul when it asks and when it seeks and when it knocks, leads you through a place of radical disorientation. Many would refuse the progress and the process. But it is a spiritual pathway that you must take if you will learn the way of wisdom and the way of power. You say, 'Well God, You promised.'"

"I know I promised. I said, 'Ask, seek, knock and you will find.' You say, 'But I have found loss. I have found dispossession. I have found letting go.' And I would say to you that until you dispossess what you have you can never possess what I want to give to you. Until you surrender your understanding, you will never get My wisdom. You would say, 'Lord, what is at the end of this process?'"

"And here I would reveal it to you by My Spirit. Through the disorientation, through the season of confusion and disillusionment, I bring you to a place of mystery. I bring you to a place of wonder and I bring you to a place of awe. For there can be no release of what I desire for My people; there can be no manifestation of what I yearn to give My people, except I draw them by their hunger, by their asking, by their seeking, by their knocking.

"I draw them out of the known, out of the familiar, out of the safe, out of the comfortable, out of the place of possessing what they have had into a place of unknown, uncertainty, confusion, disorientation, disillusionment, disappointment; and in that void, in that void, in the place between the letting go and the taking on, I then bring you into the mystery of faith. And there, as I invite you to step across the threshold into the mystery of faith, is something that goes beyond your comprehension and can only be apprehended by your spirit, for I am bringing you to the spirit of faith."

### I Am Bringing My Body into the Way of Wonder

"For do you not know the Holy One of Israel, His Holy Spirit is the spirit of faith? And there, when I bring you there out of the darkness, out of the confusion, out of the letting go, out of the dispossessing, I then bring you into the place of wonder. For am I not a God of wonder? Am I not a God of miracles? Am I not a God who manifests His goodness in the midst of conflict and decision? Know this My people, I am bringing My Body into the way of wonder, for I have seen the failings of My people. I have seen the failings of the traditions of men. I have seen the failings of those who would want to maintain the status quo, and it has been My finger that has been toppling these things, both in the nations and in your personal life.

"Fear not. Fear not, neither let your heart be troubled, for what lies ahead is the way of wonder. I am bringing you into the mystery of faith and the way of wonder; prepare yourself. Cleanse your hearts. Cleanse your hands. Let go of what is no longer necessary; let go of what is no longer useful; let go of what does not serve My purpose; let go of your agendas; let go of your presuppositions; let go of your projections; let go of your judgments and surrender, for you are at the threshold. You are at the precipice.

"You are, as it were, standing on a cliff through the darkest of a night only able to see the shadows of that which is in the valley. But now, as the light on the horizon begins to rise and the sun announces the dawning of a new day, the outlines that you saw in the shadows will become the substance of My provision that you see in the light. For I am taking you out of the shadows into the substance and I declare to you, a new day is dawning and the light is rising and I am bringing you into the mystery and the wonder of My glory!"

He that hath an ear to hear let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Song of the Lord:

Father, let it be  
Father let it be  
Even unto me  
Father let it be.  
Spirit, let me see  
Spirit, let me see  
Even unto me  
Spirit, let me see.  
Jesus, set me free  
Jesus, set me free  
Even unto me  
Jesus, set me free.  
Father, let it be  
Father, let it be  
Even unto me  
Father, let it be.

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## **THEIR CHILDREN WILL BE BLESSED**

This Scripture is for me this morning to encourage me in regard to B getting a job soon.

**I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed. (Psalm 37:25-26 NIV)**

These Scriptures are for B this morning.

The Lord says,

*Read them over and over, and carry them with you to read them off and on all day. Bury this Word in your heart.*

He says,

*My Word instructs her.*

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. (Psalm 32:8)**

**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. (Psalm 119:105)**

**I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (Psalm 119:11)**

**Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27:14)**

**Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17 KJV)**

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## **JEHOVAH JIREH, YOUR PROVIDER**

**Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion, therefore I will wait for him." (Lamentations 3:22-24)**

**Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall. (Psalm 55:22)**

*I WILL give B her job soon. I have a "just right" job for her and she will be pleased with it. In the meantime I will provide for you both, even as I have before. I haven't changed and I still am Jehovah Jireh, your Provider.*

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## **THY WILL BE DONE, LORD**

**"You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord. (Jeremiah 1:4-10)**

**But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. (Luke 2:19)**

**A man can receive only what is given him from heaven. (John 3:27)**

Today B interviews for a job at Ferrell Oil Company. I pray that if this is the job the Lord wants her to have that He brings that about today. And, if it is not the job He has for her, that she doesn't get it. Thy will be done, Lord.

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## THE BEST OF THE BEST

**But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God. (John 3:21)**

**Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)**

*You will be okay. No matter what comes you will be okay, Joan. You will not die an earthly death, but you WILL be raptured. And so will B. So, trust Me, if anything threatens your life or hers, that you will not die an earthly death. But you both will be raptured. I am taking care of you (both). My angels are watching over you both. Know this.*

*This is a good day, Joan. Enjoy it.*

I enjoy it first and foremost by being with you, Lord, and then by sharing my whole day with You and I walk through it. Thank You for that.

*You're welcome, My child. It is My pleasure to do that. You are My treasure and I enjoy being with you and teaching you. You are so eager to learn from Me. I made you to be a "learner" and you do it well every day of your life. You will continue to learn when you come up here and be with Me in the place/mansion I already have prepared/reserved for you. It's a beautiful place. I designed it well to suit you perfectly.*

Of course! You're the Creator! You created me, and You created this earth just perfect for me to live in. So it makes sense that You also have created a perfect place for me to live in heaven with You - in the New Jerusalem. And I imagine that it is "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" as You told me in Scripture today. I am eager to come!

*Of course you are, because it's the best of the best! That's how I do things!*

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## POWER

**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)**



**Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 1:4-5)**

*This is what I want you to write today, Joan: that you WILL receive power when I send My Holy Spirit to come upon you, and you WILL by My witness. Wait for it, expect it, know it is coming SOON. Then things will be very different and will never be the same again. This will not be done in your own power, or your own pushing yourself to do it. It will ALL be done by the power of My Holy Spirit coming upon you. This is for B too. You will share this together, and pray together, and have great power together. Expect this to come SOON. That's what I wanted to tell you today.*

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## **TREASURING MY WORD**

**The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. (Isaiah 50:4)**

**In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)**

*Look at the date when you wrote those Scriptures in your blue book. What is it?*

The date I wrote them down is 9-15-87

*So that means you have been treasuring My Word for over 22 years.*

*What does it say is your strength?*

Quietness and trust.

*And that's the way I want you to go through today, Joan, in quietness and trust.*

*And I want you to know that when I say I have given you an instructed tongue and that I waken your ear to listen, that that is a gift I give to all who belong to Me, who believe in Me, and who follow Me. It is not exclusive to just a few of Mine.*

*And what's your salvation, Joan?*

Repentance and rest.

*So keep yourself in repentance whenever it's needed, and keep resting in Me...daily.*

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## DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE

### A DREAM ABOUT WRITING A RESEARCH PAPER ON CLOTHING AND PEOPLE

In a dream I was working on a research paper. I had a chapter of some material on clothing (especially women's dresses) and another chapter of some material on people. There were pictures of clothing and people in this material. I was using this material to help me write my paper. In the dream I was looking at these chapters and trying to get ideas for my research paper and writing out my ideas on paper. It seemed like I had a limited amount of time to accomplish this task - perhaps 1 weekend or 2 weekends.

Interpretation:

- Clothing: covering, righteousness, spirit/attitude, mantle, what going to be doing, garments signify various things the Lord is clothed in and thus provides for us
- People: in this dream they are in pictures which seem to indicate different types of people and what they do
- Research paper: studying something in great detail to learn extensively about it and then write that out
- Papers: for writing ideas and communicating them to others

Lord, if You want me to learn something from this dream, then please show me what.

*I do.*

This dream seems to show my studying people and their mantles/attitudes and what doing in great detail, and then writing out these ideas to communicate to others later.

*Yes, that is something I am giving you to do now. Study different people (like what Murray Deuck is teaching in the book you just bought) and what I have given them to do. Then write what you learn in your journal and in your books so this information can be communicated to others through those books.*

Oh, that fits with today's Scripture (below)! And I just started reading a new book and author (for me) called *If This Were A Dream, What Would It Mean?* by Murray Deuck. It is about our paradigms and how to see things from God's paradigm.

**I will stand at my watch and station myself in the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. (Habakkuk 2:1-3)**

**The righteous will live by his faith. (Habakkuk 2:4b)**

Is that the way I "stand at my watch" and look to see what You want me to write? I do it by reading books and listening to recorded speeches, and then write about those people and what they do for You, Lord?

*Yes, do this like a research paper, Joan. As you encounter another person (like in a video online) and learn something about that person and what he is doing or teaching, then come to your computer and write out what you learned about him and what he said.*

*You've been doing some of that. I want you to keep doing that, but in even greater detail, and giving more information about **WHAT I HAVE GIVEN THAT PERSON TO DO AND BE.***

*You will notice I have given many **DIFFERENT** things to many different people - each one unique to him. And this that I have given you to do is unique to you. I have trained you to do exactly what I am calling/asking you to do.*

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## **YOU ARE MY CHILD**

**But he who sent me is reliable, and what I have heard from him I tell the world...I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him. (John 8:26, 28-29)**

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)**

Good morning Heavenly Father. Good morning, Lord Jesus. Good morning, Holy Spirit.

*Good morning, My child. And you are a child to Us. We are your Teacher, and We have a lot to teach you, and We enjoy teaching you each morning as you come to Us. This is the*

*most blessed thing you can do each day, Joan, is to come to Us and listen to Us and learn from Us.*

I want to learn from You today, Lord.

*Then quiet your heart, and separate yourself unto Me, and we will commune.*

*And wait for Me...*

*The waiting is important, Joan, because the more you wait for Me, the less you are likely to use your own thoughts in your writing, and the more you will find My thoughts.*

*That's what I want you to write this morning...that you are My child, and that there is no greater privilege than that on this earth, than to be called My child, by Me.*

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## **SYMBOLIC LANGUAGE**

Today I'd like to write a little bit about Murray Deuck that I have been learning from his book called *If This Were A Dream, What Would It Mean?* He is teaching me about God's many uses of symbolic language which He uses in the Bible, in dreams, in visions, and in circumstances.

He wants us to learn to recognize and understand this symbolic language so we can know what God is teaching us and showing us. It is a very interesting and fascinating book. As far as I have read so far, he has laid the groundwork of explaining what symbolic language is and has shown many examples of it in the Bible. He says it often foreshadows things He will be doing and that the Prophets understood this symbolic language.

In what I expect to read today he will tell how he became interested in this and learned about this.

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## **A PLACE OF QUIETNESS AND PEACE "WITH ME"**

When I awoke this morning the song was in my mind which we used to sing in choir: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*. The words are from Numbers 6:22-27

**The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:**

**'The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.'**

**So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them"**

Having this song in my mind when I awake is a sign from the Lord that He is with me and blessing me. Thank You, Lord!

#### QUIET TIME NOTES

**You have laid your hand upon me. If I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me; your right hand will hold me fast. (Psalm 139:5)**

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path. (Proverbs 3:5-6)**

You have laid Your hand upon me, Lord and Your right hand will hold me fast. I trust in You with all my heart, and don't lean on my own understanding. I acknowledge You, Lord, in all my ways, and You will direct my path.

*A place of quiet and peace... That's what we have, Joan, and I want you to write that down. You can ONLY have quiet and peace through Me - and no other way on this earth at this time. The world right now is very chaotic, and yet you have to live in it. So you need a place of quiet and peace. That place is with Me.*

*As you come to Me each morning and seek Me, I will bring you to that place of quietness and peace. It is "with Me." It is because I am blessing you and keeping you. It is because I am making My face shine upon you and being gracious to you. It is because I am turning My face toward you and giving you peace. In that way My Name is put upon you and I give you peace.*

*Peace is, and will continue to be, an extremely rare commodity in this current world. But you have it "in My Name." It IS a great blessing. Treasure it.*

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Psalm 51:17)**

*In your world and culture you are taught that a strong confident spirit is best - an independent spirit. And you have fought that independent spirit and allowed Me to break it so that My Spirit is strong in you, Joan.*

*Remember that when you are weak, then you are strong, because I am strong in you. Remember that you read that when you give up power (of your self) then you gain authority (in Me). And you HAVE gained authority in Me, Joan.*

*However you don't "feel" as if you have any authority, so you don't understand that you really have it. But I will show you that authority when I pour out My Spirit in a much stronger/greater measure, and that will be soon. I will pour it out over the whole earth at a certain point in time, and then you will see My power active in you and "know" My authority in you.*

**Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. (Psalm 127:1)**

*What house am I building in you, Joan?*

A house of prayer and intercession, and a house of prophecy. A house of submission unto You, and a house of writing what You lead me to write.

*Yes, that is correct and I am building those houses gradually. I have been building them throughout your life. The building has gone on quickly during some time periods, and slowly in other time periods. However I have kept building and building these in you. And they have grown stronger, AND more accurate, even though they are not completely perfect and won't be while you are in this earthly body. When you are changed to your heavenly body, then these will be perfect.*

*You have set apart this time this morning unto Me, and I will always be here for you. I will never leave you or forsake you. We will have our "special times" together as often as you seek Me. This is a promise to you. And when you speak to Me throughout the day, as you like to do, I will always be here for you. Do not fear being inaccurate in what you hear. And do not fear inserting your own imagination into what you hear. I will help you clarify what is from Me and what is not from Me.*

Thank You, Lord. Please do that. I do not want to insert my own imaginations and desires into what You say and think that You said it.

## A DREAM ABOUT PUTTING PURPLE AND GREEN HOUSES ON A MOUNTAIN TO PREVENT MUDSLIDES

In this dream I seemed to see a hill or mountain which had groups of people or houses on the side of it which were either purple or green. But there were still potential mud slides on the mountain, so I was to move a group/clump of green and a group/clump of purple people/houses there to keep mudslides from happening.

Interpretation:

- Mountain: exalted, obstacle, difficulty, challenge, power and strength, wholeness and solidity
- Mud: flesh in its weakness
- Green: life, mortal, flesh, renewal, provision, rest and peace, prosperity, growth, new life
- Purple: royalty, wealth, prosperity, rule, majestic, noble, kingly
- House: person or family, individual, Church, a dwelling place, you

John Paul Jackson says 90% of house dreams are about you. So I will assume this dream may refer to me, and the hill or mountain may symbolize some challenge which I see in front of me. The challenge is to keep mudslides from happening. They may symbolize the flesh causing deterioration in the mountain (power and strength, wholeness and solidity) of my daily seeking God. Things of the flesh cause things to slide off the mountain. The way to keep that from happening is to place or plant Godly houses on that mountain to keep the mud from sliding.

The purpose of moving the houses/people to the side of the mountain was to keep mudslides from happening. This could symbolize putting something in place in my life that stabilizes me more. This is represented by purple and green houses/people. The green symbolizes renewal, rest and peace, prosperity, growth, new life, hope, and the Spirit of the Lord. The purple symbolizes royalty and authority, kingly.

So how do I do that?

I think it is done by daily spending quiet time with the Lord and receiving from Him renewal, rest and peace, prosperity, new life, hope, growth, royalty and kingly authority - through the Holy Spirit. The Lord is reminding me how important it is to keep doing this daily - to keep the flesh from causing part of the mountain of my spiritual life to slide away.

*Yes, Joan, what you have done is good. I am reminding you how VERY important your daily quiet time is for renewal and authority to stabilize your life.*

*Your life is like a mountain for you to keep strong and travel upon during your earthly time. It is not an easy plain to walk on, but a mountain to climb daily. Upon that daily mountain climb you will find Me, connect with Me, hear Me, receive instruction from Me. This is very important to do daily to keep the flesh from wreaking havoc. Now go and do that.*

## THE MAN WOULD BE TRANSFORMED

Today the music and words/scenes from the movie *What the Deaf Man Heard* are going through my mind. Perhaps this is some sign from the Lord, so I am recording that idea here. Murray Deuck, in his book (*If This Were A Dream, What Would It Mean?*), teaches that God sometimes gives us signs about things that are coming, and we should watch for these signs. They will likely come in the form of symbols that we need to interpret. So I am wondering if this is a sign and what it might mean.

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### QUIET TIME NOTES

Good morning, Heavenly Father.

*Good morning, My child. Do you know that I'm on My throne?*

Yes.

*Remember that, when things happen, I am still on My throne. What does that mean? It means I am still ruling. I am still Sovereign. I am still King and Lord of the whole universe. I am still in charge, even though it might seem as if I am not at times (when bad things happen). I AM in charge, Joan, and I AM always with you. I will always protect you and look after you and guide you - show you the way to go. Put the Scriptures on courage here now.*

**Don't be afraid, because I have saved you. I have called you by name, and you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. When you cross rivers, you will not drown. When you walk through fire, you will not be burned, nor will the flames hurt you. This is because I, the Lord, am your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Isaiah 43:1-3)**

**Don't worry; because I am with you. Don't be afraid, because I am your God. I will make you strong and will help you; I will support you with my right hand that saves you...I am the Lord your God, who holds your right hand, and I tell you, "Don't be afraid. I will help you." (Isaiah 41:10, 13)**

**How great is your goodness that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you have given to those who trust you. You do this for all to see. You**



**protect them by your presence from what people plan against them. You shelter them from evil words. (Psalm 31:19-20)**

*Now do you want Me to tell you something you don't know?*

Yes, Lord, if You want to.

*I want to, My child. And you ARE MY CHILD. I want you to know that and be assured of that.*

What do You want to tell me that I don't know?

*First look up the Scripture about telling you things you don't know.*

**Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. (Jeremiah 33:3)**

*It is about "What The Deaf Man Heard." You see, you, Joan, are deaf to everything except what I reveal to you. So now I want to reveal something to you. You will find it in that book (The Apostle) which you started to read last night. When you come upon the "revelation" I want you to know, I will highlight it for you to hear, see, and know.*

Here is what the Lord highlighted for me as I read *The Apostle*. It was on page 26 when it talked about how Christians were brought before the tribunal to give testimony about believing in Jesus. It said: *"After a few shy sentences, the man would be transformed: clear words, unashamed convictions, it was almost as if he were prompted."*

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## **THE DAY OF THE LORD IS COMING**

**Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand. (Joel 2:1)**

**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. (Col. 3:15)**

**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. (Col. 3:16)**

These Scriptures remind me that I am to be about warning others that the day of the Lord is close at hand. This was the primary message in a book I just finished reading by Jesse Duplantis called:

*Heaven: Close Encounters of the God Kind* which tells about Jesse being taken to heaven and given the message to come back to earth and tell others that Jesus is returning soon. That was an encouraging message for me since He keeps telling me He is coming soon too.

At the same time that it is important to warn others, I am encouraged to let the peace of Christ rule in my heart - to enter the rest of God - and to let his word dwell in me richly.

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*Joan, I have never spoken to you in an audible voice, but I have always spoken to you through your spirit and through your mind. That's why you have trouble distinguishing My speaking from your own thoughts. You have to work that much harder to know if it really is of Me or of your own imagination. That's ok.*

*I will give you discernment as we go along. You will have to seek Me much harder than if My voice was clear and plain to you. This is My choice, not necessarily yours. But it doesn't mean that I don't speak to you - it's just not clear and plain. It comes through your own spirit, where I dwell, and through your own mind.*

*Some who are prophets hear My audible voice clear and plain. Yes, you DO belong to Me, and you DO hear Me, but you have to work much harder to distinguish My thoughts from your thoughts. Keep trying. Keep working at it. It draws you closer to Me daily that way. No, you are not being deceived. I will see to that. It takes a lot of trust in Me.*

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## **A DREAM ABOUT THE SONG "IN MY HEART THERE RINGS A MELODY"**

In this dream I was planning a worship service for a new church group. DP was the leader. I wanted to start it off with some peppy music and chose the song "In my heart there rings a melody." I awoke with that song going through my mind for a long time. The words are:

(A song)

I have a song that Jesus gave me.  
It was sent from heaven above.  
There never was a sweeter melody.  
It's a melody of love.  
Chorus:  
In my heart there rings a melody,  
There rings a melody, with heaven's harmony.  
In my heart there rings a melody,  
There rings a melody of love.

What does this dream mean? My first thought is that it is a reminder of what heaven will be like. We will be worshiping there with a 'new church group.' And DP will be there and likely quite active in leading others. And the words of the song remind me that the melody inside me is love and it was given from heaven by Jesus. Thank You, Lord, for this reminder that soon I will be up in heaven with You singing that 'melody of love' which You have put inside me.

Is there more You want to say?

*Yes. My melody, that song of love, is ringing throughout the whole world, My kingdom, ringing in the hearts of all those who belong to Me. It is ringing loud and clear to Me now and that means it is soon time to bring My Singers, My Bride, up here to heaven to be forever with Me. I am looking forward to that, My child, as you are - even more so. So be joyful today that you have almost made it through life's difficulties, and rejoice that I have saved you from your sins.*

*Looking at the news may not always be a prompting from Me. Ask Me when it comes if it is from Me. It might be the enemy's way of trying to get your thoughts off of Me and worshiping Me.*

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## **I AM GOING TO POUR FAVOR ON MY KINGDOM PEOPLE**

**And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col. 3:17)**

**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men. (Col. 3:23)**

**I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. (Psalm 4:8)**

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In an email message from Chuck Pierce he said this which I copied for my journal:

Recently in a meeting at Rutgers University in New Jersey, the Lord impressed me to say,

*"I have now lifted favor from this nation. Fear not! Even though favor is lifting from the nation, I am going to pour favor on My Kingdom people in this land!"*

Favor means *pleasure, desire, delight, to be pleased with or favorable toward something*. When God is pleased with us, His favor rests on us.

This fits with the way I have been praying lately - that even though our country seems on a downward turn, that God would continue to bless and favor His people. So I was happy to see this is what God told Chuck Pierce.

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## TEACHING

### IMPRESSIONS FROM MY DREAMS

My dreams last night contained scenes where I was letting someone set up space in the upper area in my house to have disciple groups come. I also was preparing food for them. I was considering head coverings for them to put on - like the head draping the Jewish people wore.

These impressions left from last night's dreams may symbolize things taking place inside of me as the house in the dreams. I am being prepared to host discipleship groups. I am preparing food to give them to eat, and considering a head covering for them. This dream may refer to something I may do while here on earth, or it may refer to what I may do in heaven. Either way, I seemed to be getting ready for teaching and discipling others.

The head drape refers to setting oneself apart unto God and communing with Him in a Quiet Time. The upper area meeting place refers to the spiritual part of people. The food refers to the spiritual food of the Word of God, and of Jesus, who is the Bread of Life. It seems there are many things for all of us to learn when we get to heaven. The more we learn while here on earth, the better.

I read in Jesse Duplantis' book called *Heaven, Close Encounters of the God Kind* that there is much teaching going on in heaven (where he was taken by God to visit) to those who come there without knowing much about God's Word (Jesse calls it God's Oracles). This is partly done to children who haven't yet learned His Word. I imagine I will be doing some of that in heaven. This dream may reflect that.

*Yes, My child, you WILL be doing much teaching in heaven - and ESPECIALLY to children since you have experienced working with and teaching them much here on earth. That is a calling I have on you that will be further enhanced and developed in heaven. But adult teaching too - there will be many adults in heaven who have not studied My Word closely and will want to learn much more about Me in heaven. That IS your calling while there...teaching.*

Thank You, Lord. I'd like to do that.

## ASK ABOUT THESE SIGNS

**Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. (Jeremiah 33:3)**

**Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. (Matthew 7:7)**

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In Murray Dueck's book *If This Were A Dream, What Would It Mean?* he says God gives us signs to show us things that might be coming unless we change or pray. These signs might be in the sky, the weather, events, or circumstances. He gives a list of questions to ask yourself about these signs to find out if they are from God and to gain an understanding of what God is doing:

- If this were a dream, what would it mean?
- Do you see any evidence of colloquialisms or wordplay?
- Is there a connection between the symbolic events and events in your church, community, nation or the world at large?
- Do you see evidence of divine timing?
- Do events correspond with any significant dates, such as holidays, celebrations, or anniversaries?
- Do you notice any significant numbers?
- How do these events correspond to symbolic language in the Bible?
- Is there evidence of a paradigm-shift, particularly from pride to humility, in the people involved?
- Can you organize these events into a prophetic timeline?
- How does God want you to respond?

As I am reading this book today, I think about the three earthquakes (series of quakes) that have taken place in the last week or so. One was in the Samoan and American Samoan island area in the sea. The next one was in Indonesia along the oceanfront. The third series was northeast of Australia, also in the ocean or in an island in the ocean. There was a series of 3 quakes, all large, in this third one just 1-2 days ago. There were tsunami warnings sent out.

I think these quakes may be a sign in the natural of something which is happening in the supernatural. Three quakes and three (3) in a series refers to God and these being from Him. Quakes represent something extremely dramatic, a drastic change, suddenly happening. They may symbolize drastic changes coming upon people suddenly. These quakes were mainly at sea, and the

sea symbolizes the masses of people. The tsunami "warnings" could represent that we are being "warned" of repercussions happening from the quakes coming spiritually, economically, and socially. Since it happened three times that can also mean they are "set" and won't be changed.

These happened during the time of the Feast of Tabernacles in Israel, and during the 8-year anniversary of our going to war against Afghanistan.

I asked God how to pray about this sign, and He had me pray in tongues, which I did.

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## **ANGELS WITH ASSIGNMENT**

This came in the August newsletter from White Dove Ministry:

### *Angels with Assignment*

By Steven L. Shelley

Before leaving home in Salem, Alabama the morning of July 28, 2008, I had prayed in frustration, asking the Lord to help me recapture the dream that I had experienced during the previous night. I remembered that an angel had walked into our bedroom and over to my side of the bed. He had spoken several things to me, and as he was finishing, I was awakened by our four-year old daughter Olivia crying out in the night, "Daddy, that door is open, should I go through it?"

I got out of bed and walked to the doorway of her room. She was sleeping soundly. As I walked back to bed, I suddenly realized that I could not remember a single thing the Angel had said to me. It was as though it had been erased from my memory.

The next morning I was scheduled to fly to Canada for a conference with Paul Keith Davis and Neville Johnson. With a stopover in Salt Lake City I was to meet up with Paul Keith before completing our journey. I finally spotted him and as I approached him he greeted me with: "Steven, what happened to you last night?" I must have looked shocked because he then explained that around 3 AM he woke up with Ms. Wanda standing over him, asking him the same question!

Earlier that night, she had experienced a supernatural encounter. She was shown that a message of some sort was being given at that very moment to both Paul Keith and myself. The messenger had specifically called my name to Ms. Wanda.

It was embarrassing for me to have to tell him that even though I knew I had been visited by an angel in a dream, I could not remember anything that had been spoken to me. He agreed to help me pray that the message would not be lost.

Late that night I finally settled into my hotel room in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. In desperation, I called out to the Lord to restore what I felt the enemy had stolen from my mind. I randomly opened my Bible and used it as a pillow and I lay on the floor and buried my face into its open pages. I was so very disappointed in myself for letting this slip and repented in case there was anything that I had done that had caused it to be lost. I felt like a poor steward of what the Lord was saying to us.

After much weeping I raised my head and my eyes fell on the open pages of my Bible. It was opened to Daniel chapter two, where the king had forgotten a dream and was asking for Daniel to tell him both the dream and the interpretation of it. I smiled inside at God's perfect timing. I was encouraged and drifted off to sleep, knowing that the Lord would restore to me the revelation that had slipped from my memory.

God didn't waste any time. I began dreaming that I was back in my bedroom in Alabama. I was somehow conscious enough to wonder in excitement if this would be *the lost dream*. I soon recognized the angel that I had seen the night before and determined to listen carefully to what he had to say. The dream progressed as he walked over to my side of the bed.

### The Message

He said: "The plumb line is NOW in the hand of Zerubbabel."

**Zechariah 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven; they *are* the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.**

A "*plumb line*" is a simple but accurate ancient tool that is used to determine whether or not something is perfectly vertical or upright. It consists of a line and a weight of some sort. Initially a stone was used, but in later times the weight was more commonly made of lead.

I knew that in the context of this experience this *plumb line* spoke of a Word or Message from the Lord that was being released in our day that would measure, once and for all, the "uprightness" of the Bride. The very definition of the word righteousness is "uprightness".

**Amos 7:7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall *made* by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. (8) And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel:**

We have in recent times been guilty perhaps of leaning too far to the left or too far to the right. I knew that the Angel was saying that it was time to examine how we were standing and make the necessary adjustments immediately. We can only make these important changes by examining our lives according to the clear *plumb line* message of the Kingdom being released by God in the earth NOW. In addition we must cooperate fully with the double grace (Zechariah 4:7) that is being extended to the Bride in this season.

Interestingly, Zerubbabel is the one who led the first band of Jews back to Jerusalem from Babylonian Captivity. This exodus took place in the first year of Cyrus, the King of Persia. We also learn that Zerubbabel laid the foundation for the Second Temple.

**Zechariah 4:9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.**

It becomes clear that as Zerubbabel was a builder of the *natural* temple, these same scriptures prophesy of the building of a *spiritual* temple. Zerubbabel is a type of the *Master Builder*, who is shaping and molding His people into a temple in which He can dwell with all His fullness. Zerubbabel's perseverance in the completion of the earthly Temple is a prophetic sign to us that the Lord Jesus will also prevail in finishing the spiritual temple that he is building in and through us.

**Philippians 1:6 (AMP) And I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ [right up to the time of His return], developing [that good work] and perfecting and bringing it to full completion in you.**

I then asked the angel, "Who are you?"

"I am one of those who has been sent to prepare a people to receive the open book and to eat it!" he answered boldly.

I believe that this was the Lord speaking clearly of a people, *in this hour*, who were chosen before the foundation of the world, to discover hidden treasures that have been reserved in darkness. These hidden treasures are truths that were sealed and not available to the body of Christ for many centuries ... until NOW. \*

**Isaiah 45:3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.**

### Taste and See

Perhaps some wonder why these *mysteries* were hidden for so long. The answer is two-fold. First, these truths were reserved until this generation because we have now crossed that threshold into the *end of days* to which these truths are at long last relevant. Second, there were things concealed in this *open book* which, because of their spiritual implications, made it imperative that they be hidden from our enemy. Just think what damage might have been done had they fallen into satan's hands at the wrong time or ahead of God's great times and seasons.

Satan is constantly trying to cause things to engage earlier than their appointed time. Prayer warriors are often being arrested to pray against this plot of the enemy to pre-empt the timing of the Lord. This strategy of the enemy requires that we as a body of believers walk even more sensitively and in total agreement with the purposes and seasons of the Lord. (1 Chronicles 12:32)

It is part of the *overcomer's* calling to receive this *open book revelation* and to eat it. We read in Revelation 10:9-11 that John was told to eat it up. He was also warned that it would be sweet in his mouth, reminding us of the sweetness of true revelation. John was further warned that the book would be bitter in his belly. This speaks of the effect that these revelations will have on the inside of the believer. As these truths are made real to us we will not be able to keep them inside, they are not for us only but must come out of us again as we prophesy these end-time truths to many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.

It is refreshing for us to know that in these troubled and uncertain times when we often feel overwhelmed and insufficient for the task of harvest, that God is releasing angels who find and mark those who hunger for deeper truths. These angels will then help to prepare us to open up our hearts for Kingdom mysteries. Additionally, they will release God's grace over us to step aside, when necessary, from our own opinions and interpretations of the Word.

### Angelic Convergence

A few weeks ago we were gathered once again in Red Deer for the annual "Rivers of God's Love" conference. Again God chose to speak to me in a dream. I was given a pair of very old binoculars and then instructed to look through them. As I placed them before my eyes, I saw two groups of angels coming in, one from the East and one from the West. They were converging in the middle and teaming up in pairs. I then saw them being dispatched to various places throughout the world.

I then took the binoculars away from my eyes and realized that I could no longer see the angels.

"What was I seeing?" I asked.



The messenger replied: "This day begins a new cooperation in the angelic realm. Two classes of angels who each have distinct commissions are now being joined together in full cooperation for a season of ministry."

I found this so fascinating that once again I placed the old binoculars up to my eyes and carefully examined the scene before me.

The angels coming in from the West looked almost identical in every way. Their robes matched in every detail down to the trimmings. They seemed oddly familiar to me. I suddenly realized that the one who had come to me in Alabama was one of these. I could only surmise that these were the angels who were being sent to prepare a people to receive and to eat the open book!

I then asked the messenger who had given me the binoculars, "Who are these other angels coming in from the East" I had noticed that they were also quite similar to each other, but I observed that there were variations in the belts that they wore.

"These are *angels that gather*." I was told. Although I was very familiar with Paul Keith's encounter with them, this was my first time seeing them.

He then restated to me what I had concluded on my own: "There will now be a divine cooperation between the *angels that gather* and the *angels that are sent to prepare a people to receive and eat the open book*."

We are living in incredibly exciting days. Angels are being dispatched to help prepare us to receive, eat, and digest perhaps the most astounding revelation of all time ... *the revelation of the open book*! We may not yet have the full understanding of what this angelic cooperation will look like, but I am convinced that it certainly means that help is on the way. More than ever, humility is the order of the day. Declare with your mouth that you are HUNGRY and willing to do whatever it takes to be a vital part of what God has in store.

\*For further understanding of what the revelation of the "Open book" is about read Daniel 12:1-4, Revelation chapters 5, 6 and 10. It might also prove helpful to listen to the sermon series, *The Revelation of the Seven Seals* by William Branham. I believe that special insight and revelation was given in this series that would greatly enhance one's understanding of the truths that are contained in *The Open Book*.

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## **A DREAM ABOUT FINDING 20 GOLD PIECES IN GOLD ENVELOPES ON THE STREET**

In this dream I was walking along a street and found something gold lying on the street. I picked it up and found it was a packet of what I thought was 20 pieces of gold, each in a separate thin golden envelope (about 3 x 3 inches). As I walked on two young men approached me and wanted the gold envelopes. I began to call out to other people I knew

along the way to come with me to wherever it was I was walking. This was to give me help and support to keep those 2 young men from forcing me to give them the gold packet.

Interpretation:

- Street: way, the Christian faith, truth, way of life, Christ
- Gold: glory or wisdom, truth, something precious, righteousness, glory of God, enduring capacity of the believer as overcomer, unchanging holiness, kingship, purity, holy
- Envelopes: that which hold the gold pieces
- 20: Holy, tried and approved, redemption
- 2: divide, judge, separate, discern, witnessing, matter is firmly decided by God, co-laboring, multiplication, division
- Young men: (strangers) angel, oneself, or demon
- Foreigner: not of the fold, someone to view with care, not a citizen of heaven, wanderer, alien, evil motive
- Friends: Jesus, ones who come alongside to help and protect

While going through life I discovered something precious to me, something glorious, wise, the truth, righteous and pure, representing the glory of God. It was held in envelopes, which could represent my body, this earthen vessel. It was holy, tried and approved, and redeemed. It may represent my relationship with Jesus Christ. Young men may represent unknown people or spirits that threaten to take that from me by force. So, I call alongside me my friend/friends to help give me protection and extra strength. This may represent the Holy Spirit, angels, or other Christians, or strengths within me.

The next day:

*Now I want you to go back to that dream you wrote/had yesterday. I am that gold, that tried and tested gold, which you held in your hand. And those you saw near you and called to you to walk with you and help protect you from having Me taken from you (by force) are My angels. They are with you all the time and you can call on them ANY time for My help.*

*When you call on Me, My angels come to help you. So call on Me whenever you feel threatened, and I WILL send you all the help you need to withstand whatever it is you face. You are not alone, and you won't be alone. You have at hand the greatest help possible - Me.*

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**YOU ARE MINE, AND I WON'T LOSE YOU**

**And this is the will of God, that I should not lose even one of all those he has given me, but that I should raise them up at the last day. For it is my Father's will that all who see his Son and believe in him should have eternal life. I will raise them up at the last day. (John 6:39-40)**

**The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just. The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not slip. (Psalm 37:30-31)**

**Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusts in thee. (Isaiah 26:3)**

*You have set yourself apart unto Me, and I am here with you, and you are here with Me. I love you, My child, and I will always love you. I will ALWAYS love you, and I will never forsake you. I will take you places with Me that you cannot go on your own - places in the Spirit.*

*You will never leave Me nor forsake Me, Joan, just as I will never leave you or forsake you. If it should ever happen that people would try to force you to leave Me and reject Me, I will help you at that time to stay true to Me...so don't fear recanting as you know some others have done. Your life is Mine, and My life is yours. We are one. Just say, "Help me, Lord Jesus," and I WILL help you.*

*You are Mine and I won't lose you. Know that you are held in My care and I never lose those who belong to Me truly. And you belong to Me truly. Your heart is Mine.*

*Notice that some who recanted under pressure still remained Mine and returned to Me. I understand the pressure to save your life or the life of a loved one by recanting. I will NEVER leave you or forsake you, Joan. Whatever comes, I will be there with you, and you will KNOW My presence at that moment/time. So do not fear.*

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## **A DREAM ABOUT GETTING READY FOR STUDENTS TO ARRIVE**

In this dream I was a teacher preparing materials/books for the arrival of my students. I found that I didn't have enough leftover hardback book covers so I wasn't able to yet prepare for all of the students. I didn't know the names of the students or how many would arrive. I knew one thing - they were to read a story before they came back the next day to start classes. When they came, and I started handing out materials, I asked a girl if she would act as my assistant/secretary and write down their names and whether they got materials or needed them.

What does this dream mean? My first impression is that it refers to new Christians who would soon be coming to learn about following Christ. We didn't know how many there would be and needed to take down their names and give them materials. The story they were to read was the story of Jesus and what He did for them.

What do You want me to do about this, Lord?

*I want you to ask Me and let Me get you ready for what is coming and what I want you to do when that time arrives.*

(I did that)

*Ok, I will get you ready. Just listen to Me daily, and follow Me. Remember "follow Me"? That is the important KEY in your life work. Remember a key is a symbol of authority. I have a key that is just right for you - the right amount of authority for what I want you to do. So "follow Me" and I will show you the way and give you the authority you need to accomplish what I want done.*

The song going through my head after awakening this morning is a clue from the Lord:

(A song)

Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free.

- Refrain 1:  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see,  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.

- Refrain 2:  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see,  
Open my ears, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear,  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share.

- Refrain 3:  
Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see,

Open my heart, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Last night before retiring I read in a book by Dutch Sheets and Chuck Pierce about how God gave Dutch Sheets a call on his life and then confirmed it many times. The confirmations often came through being given a key or keys and repeating Isaiah 22:22 or giving the numbers 222, etc. So I had just read from him that those keys stood for the authority God was giving him to intercede for that area of his call.

**I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. (Isaiah 22:22 NIV)**

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## **TOO ATTACHED TO THIS WORLD**

These were the words that came to me from the Holy Spirit when I got up this morning.

*Too attached to this world – that's for you and to tell others.*

Lord, is this word from You?

*Yes.*

Then please teach me the ways I am too attached to this world so I can gain wisdom from You and repent of my “worldly” ways. Tell me how You want me to change.

*Ok, be watching throughout this day for Me to teach you how you are too attached to this world, too “worldly,” and come and write what I show you. I may show you through a book, an idea I impress in your mind, something on TV, etc. Be watching and looking and expecting. I will show you.*

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## **MY KINGDOM IS COMING**

**But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)**

**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)**

*Not of this world, not of this world, but of My Kingdom. My Kingdom IS coming and My will IS being done right now on earth as it is in Heaven. Paul Keith Davis was right that he taught that My “Perusia” Presence is coming to My people, in its fullness, before I take out My Bride in the Rapture. You will experience My “Perusia” Presence, Joan, and so will all three of your children, and so will ALL of your brothers and sisters, and J. I will come upon all of you and send you forth in My Name each day to tell others about Me.*

*This is the fullness that is coming into your lives. Pray for this to come, Joan, now, today pray it.*

*Didn't you start praying for this revival back in 1983-4-5 when you heard about it at the Conferences on Prayer for Spiritual Awakening? I heard your prayers then and ever since then, Joan, for My fullness to be poured out upon all My people to revive them and send them out to tell others about Me. Yes, you did.*

*And I have heard every prayer that has ever been prayed for this “end time” fullness/revival to come. My bowl of prayers for that is now full or soon will be full, as many more are now praying for that too. The word is going out through many leaders to pray for this, Joan, so join them now.*

Add my prayers to Your bowl, Lord.

*You already have many prayers in this bowl for revival prayers, Joan, and I will now continue to add them – now that you again believe it will surely happen.*

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## **SO IS MY WORD**

**As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth, and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11)**

*And now, My child, wait for Me. Wait for Me. It is good what I want to tell you today, so wait for Me. Use this whole day as a waiting and listening and writing day for and with Me. Begin now.*

*You are My writer, Joan. I have a lot to say through you. I want to speak and have what I speak written down for others to read at specific times to come soon.*

*You are My listener, Joan. I have trained you for this, and you have responded. Count on it. Trust Me in it. You do it so easily, Joan, and that is the way I have trained you. It was not always easy, but you have persisted until it has become easy. That's good.*

~ 76 ~

## LOVED BY THE LORD

Today as I was reading Deuteronomy 33 I felt verse 12 fit me:

**Moses said this about the tribe of Benjamin: "The people of Benjamin are loved by the Lord and live in safety beside him. He surrounds them continuously and preserves them from every harm. (Deut. 33:12)**

The idea that came was that each of the 12 tribes represented some part of the Bride of Christ as each of us is unique. And the word over Benjamin fits me the most. I will declare these Scriptures over me and B, K, and J.

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## A DREAM ABOUT MAKING COPIES OF NECKLACES ON COPY MACHINES

I was in an office area and was using two copy machines to make copies of necklaces. Some had blue stones and some had red stones in the necklaces. The copies came out as real necklaces, not paper.

- Jewelry: treasure, desire, precious, God's gifts, prized possessions that are preferential to someone; precious person, God's people, gifted person who has received abilities from the Lord, truth, people of God

- Blue: spiritual, Spiritual gift, divine revelation, heavenly visitation, God's Spirit or Word, blessing, healing, good will, symbol of heaven, peace, calm water, The Fear of the Lord, communion
- Red: wisdom, anointing, power, redemption, love, passion, emotion, enthusiasm, zeal, blood of Jesus, sacrifice, suffering, The Spirit of Wisdom

What does this dream mean?

If the necklaces represent precious people who belong to God, then they probably represent new Christians coming from copying other Christians, imitating their lives, receiving Christ through them. These become God's precious jewels. They have spiritual revelation, God's Spirit, the Word of God, heaven's blessing, communion with God, and the Fear of the Lord. They also have wisdom, redemption, love, passion, anointing, power, the blood of Jesus, and the Spirit of Wisdom. Not everyone can produce these jewels - only someone who is a Christian and belongs to God. Since two copy machines were being used, it may symbolize this process being doubled now.

*You have done well, My child. This is a true interpretation. I want you to know the process of making new Christians is now doubled. It is happening quickly. Pray for that. Declare it.*

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## A FISHER OF MEN

**"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." (Matthew 4:19)**

*You ARE a fisher of men, Joan.*

I am, Lord?

*Yes. Why do you think you give to TBN, and Benny Hinn? Because you are a fisher of men. Why do you think you give to CUM and SA? Because you are a fisher of men. Why do you think you give to CTC? Because you are a fisher of men.*

*Why do you ask Me to change you into what I want you to be? Because you are a fisher of men. You care about Me and the people I want to reach and save. That's why you pray for salvation of others in your prayer bundle so much...because you are a fisher of men. I have MADE you that way, and it is good!*

Thank You, Lord. I want to be a fisher of men. Thank You for changing me and making me that way.



## A DREAM ABOUT BEING IN A HOUSE WITH A HALLWAY WITH A 90 DEGREE TURN TO THE FRONT DOOR

In this dream I was in a house with lots of rooms. It had a hallway, which took a 90-degree turn to get to the front door. One time I was in this maze of a hallway and got confused and didn't know which way to go. So I was trying to think of a way to mark it, or place something decorative in it so it wouldn't be plain in all directions. Then I could see which way to go to make the turns to get to the door.

So, what does such a strange dream mean?

House dreams are usually about myself, so I will assume this dream was about me. I am the main character and this house represents me. It reveals that I am in a new situation which I am not totally familiar with yet.

The house also has a strange configuration of rooms with a hallway (which leads to the front door) a bit confusing. This hallway represents transition, so I am going through transition and am not quite sure how to walk through it without confusion as I look for the front door. That front door represents the opportunities for now and for the future. The hallway is similar to a maze that turns at a right angle so you can't see what is around the corner.

Is there any more You want to show me about this dream, Lord?

*Yes. It is a dream from Me. I wanted you to remember it and write it down. You may get more revelation on it as the day goes on, or as the week goes on when you read it again. It does have significance.*

*You ARE in a transition time - like being in a strange new, not very familiar house, with a part of the house unfamiliar, and a part you are enjoying exploring and seeing. This transition time/place doesn't give you clues as to which way to go, and you can get turned around easily during it.*

*Remember the maze vision I gave you years ago? This is that. That time of transition without knowing which way to go (unless you follow Me) is now upon you, Joan. But you have the promise that I will be with you and show you the way from that maze vision.*

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## NEW LIFE

*You are enjoying the fall now in all its beauty, and you will enjoy the winter and the beautiful scenes/things it offers. But spring will be coming, Joan, and new life will come to the earth then. At that time I will bring new life to you and to others who are My Bride. New life. New life. New things that are not like the season before it. Watch, wait, and pray, and declare for this new life.*

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## GOD CONFIDENCE

*Some of that self-confidence you used to have is now gone as I have broken you of being independent. Now you are dependent on Me only. Not on a husband, father, daughter, or anyone but Me.*

*And soon I will fill you more with God-confidence. God-confidence, Joan. The best confidence! From Me and by Me. This will be good, and you will shine with Me and for Me. Look forward to this time and decree it.*

I decreed it.

*And I will give it in Jesus' name. It is coming soon. You do not bring it on or work it up, but just wait for Me to cover you with it.*

*You just decree it and wait for it.*

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## WHAT HE OPENS NO ONE CAN SHUT

**These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. (Revelation 3:7b)**

**I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. (Revelation 8a)**

**I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. (Revelation 3:8b)**

*And I have opened the door of protection and safety for both you and B, also K and J, and I will always watch over you and keep you. "He that keepeth Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps." I am the One who keeps you four and I don't slumber or sleep. I watch over you day and night and My angels are with Me watching over you with Me and carrying out My commands to keep you four safe all the time. Trust in this and know this.*

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## **DECLARING THE NAMES OF GOD**

This was in the Streams October 2009 E-letter from John Paul Jackson

### **Declaring the Names of God**

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Every time a word is spoken, that word becomes established in the Earth. We may not remember it; we may forget it the moment it leaves our lips, but it hasn't disappeared.

In part, this is why we pray. This is why we bless our enemies and not curse them, because if we return their evil actions with evil, it perpetuates evil, but if we return their actions with goodness, it stops evil and starts the flow of God in our lives. The eternity of words is one reason we avoid careless speaking (Matthew 12:36), and perhaps it is also one reason the Bible declares the names of God, His nature and His character over and over again. The Hebrews believe that once a word is spoken, it never stops speaking.

It is good to remind ourselves of the nature and character of God. It is good to speak His names into the atmosphere surrounding us. It is good to declare His glory and His favor and His blessing into our bodies, our families and the environments we find ourselves in, because once a word is spoken, it never stops speaking.

The Psalmist understood that there is no place where God is not (Psalm 139:7-12). There is only a difference in the measure of His presence. God Himself determines that measure, which is in accordance with His self-existent ways. Why is this important to us? Because God is always here. He is watching us, aiding us, protecting us and preparing us to be a habitation of the Most High. We are never, ever forgotten, and we are never, ever alone.

As I have written in an e-letter before, I pray declarative prayers often. Something happens when we declare who God is in our lives, in our circumstances, in the hard things and in the easy things. Something changes. Something shifts and

adjusts and realigns with the Father's purposes for us; this is why He created us. He wants us to succeed and achieve those purposes. When we recite His attributes back to Him, we synergize with His Kingdom — and with the results of that Kingdom, which far surpass the effort it may have taken us to pause a moment and speak His names. In this place of remembrance, we grow and find new life.

You are my Protector.  
You are my Strength.  
You are my Shield.  
You are my Covering.  
You are the One who keeps me from falling.  
You are my Director.  
You are my Way.  
You are the One who keeps me upright.  
You are my Choice and my Decision.  
You are my Hiding Place.  
You are the One I trust.  
You are the One I love.  
You are the One who treasures me, even when I see nothing good within me.  
You are the Creator.  
You are Wisdom when life is confusing.  
You are God, who speaks to me.  
You are my Healer.  
You are my Helper.  
You are the One who completely forgives me.  
You are the One who never forgets a promise.  
You are Gracious.  
You are Patience.  
You are my Comforter.  
You are ever faithful.  
You are the One who brings me peace.  
You are my Father.  
You are my every breath.  
You are the Answer to every question I have.

Nothing is too hard for You. Even when fear surrounds me, and worry tries to steal my heart, Father, you are the One I choose. You are the One I will trust. My life is in Your hands, and it will be to me according to Your word and not to the word of the enemy. There will be no fault or shortage in the promises You have made me, because You are the One who made them. I will take You at Your word, and I will remember who You are.

When life is difficult, declare His nature and His names. When you find yourself wrapped up in negative circumstances, call to mind who He is and how safe you are with Him, and experience again the hope found in His presence.

***Then I called upon the name of the LORD:  
"O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!"  
Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
Yes, our God is merciful. — Psalm 116:4–5***

## I AM YOUR GOD AND YOU ARE MY CHILD

*I am with you, My child. I am your God and you are My child. That is our relationship while you are on this earth. I will relate to you as My child, and a Father provides for His child - everything that the child needs.*

*So, therefore, I provide for you everything YOU need. It is there. If you don't see it (the provision) and you need it, ask Me to show it to you, and I will.*

*That is My word to you today...and it is a good word. My word is the truth and you can believe it.*

## EVEN SO, LORD, QUICKLY COME

I found this song repeating over and over in my mind today:

### Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871*

*Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893*

*Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, Meter: 77.77 D*

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in,  
ere the winter storms begin.  
God our Maker doth provide  
for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field,  
fruit as praise to God we yield;  
wheat and tares together sown  
are to joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take the harvest home;  
from the field shall in that day  
all offenses purge away,  
giving angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in the garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
bring thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest home.

I believe the Lord wants me to sing this song to Him and invite Him to come and take His harvest people home to be with Him.

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### **A DREAM ABOUT TRYING TO LEARN IF I WAS TAKING ALL THE COURSES IN COLLEGE NEEDED TO GRADUATE**

The setting of this dream was a college administration building. I was there during a 1/2-hour break between classes, but ended up staying much longer. I was trying to find the registrar's office because I wanted to find out what classes I was signed up for that semester to see if I was attending all the classes I needed to attend. It was winter and I was to graduate the following spring and I wanted to be sure I was ready. The people from the administrative offices were sitting out in the hallways. It seemed something was being done to their offices to make them move out into the hallway. I approached one after another of those administrators trying to find someone who would tell me what courses I had signed up for that semester and whether these would complete what I needed to complete before graduating. I was so frustrated because no one seemed willing or able to help me get this information. One man said I had taken "Scientology" which I had not taken. I knew that wasn't true.

- College: place of higher learning
- Administration building: place where the administrators of the college have offices and work

- Registrar: person who keeps track of what courses we take in college and the requirements for graduation
- Winter: time of cold, trees losing their leaves, plants dying, and things not growing
- Spring: time of new life returning and things blossoming
- Hallways: referring to transition
- Graduate: leaving the college having learned what I came to learn
- Administrators: those who run the college
- Scientology: a cult calling itself a religion

This dream indicates that the time of graduating from my higher learning place (college/earth) is soon and will come when new life returns to the earth after the winter. This may refer to the harvest time (time of new life) coming soon. I want to be ready when it arrives. I want to be sure I have taken all the courses or learned all the things I need to learn by that time. I try to find out from the "administrators" who run the college and should know, and they aren't help to me. This frustrates me because I want to be sure. I somehow feel there might be one more course I need to be attending and am not attending. I am seeking to find out what that course is. This taking place in a hallway refers to this being "in transition" to what's coming next. I don't know why the dream referenced "Scientology" but perhaps it is a clue to something false or cultic which is in the world now or yet to come. I knew I had not studied it. Maybe this is a clue to warn me to watch out for false religions, which I had not learned about in college.

Lord, did You give me this dream? You told me to write it out on my computer.

*Yes, I gave you this dream to teach you something.*

1. *You are to keep learning until graduation day.*
2. *You take all the courses of learning which I require, even though you don't know for sure what they are ahead of time. Only I know.*
3. *Scientology does refer to all those "false" ideas and philosophies in the world of learning. You did not study that course and you know that you didn't. But it is something you learned about by studying the truth (and therefore recognize what is false).*
4. *No person on earth can tell you exactly when and whether you are ready to graduate.*
5. *All of you on earth are in a "learning zone" and in "a hallway of transition."*

*This is a dream to tell you the time is short, and you have learned almost all I have planned for you. Keep open to what I continue to teach you, and carefully evaluate the true from the false.*

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**OVERCOMING**

**They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. (Revelation 12:11)**

**The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. (1 Peter 4:7)**

**Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. (Hebrews 12:2a)**

These are all Scriptures about overcoming things while here on this earth. Here are things we can do to be prepared to face them:

1. Plead the blood of Jesus over us.
2. Speak our testimony about Jesus and what He has done in our lives.
3. Don't love our lives so as to shrink from death.
4. Be clear minded.
5. Be self-controlled
6. Fix our eyes on Jesus - follow His example.

**Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee. (Psalm 119:11)**

Check everything you read and hear by the Word of God, so you won't sin against Him by believing what is not in accord with His Word.

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## **GOD'S PROTECTION**

I was lying in bed awake for awhile this morning thinking about the time when my husband and I were in Laos and flew with an Air America pilot who was delivering rice to a small village there. Then we flew on to Luang Prabang, the old Capital of Laos, and walked around for a couple of hours while the pilot was taking care of his business there.

That seems so foolhardy now to me because I realize through news media that some people disappear in foreign countries and are captured by foreigners. I remember seeing the Khmer Rouge people (with their silver necklaces I had read about) who watched us as we stood under the wing of the airplane stretching our legs a bit at that small village of the rice drop. That airplane must have been very strange-looking to them and we also - with our white skin and different way of dressing - like something from outer space.



It seems now that we weren't being brave for going on that flight, but just ignorant of the difficulties that were potential there. We were told later that a couple of weeks before that the small plane bringing rice to that same village was shot at from the mountains around it. That was in 1962, I think, and Laos was at war. We could hear some of the guns in the distance while at Luang Prabang, and we sat at the airfield on boxes labeled dynamite. Amazing that we didn't encounter difficulties.

Thank YOU, God, for being with us and protecting us! I realize now that You did that, and I appreciate Your protection!

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## A PROPHETIC WORD

At church this morning Matt said he had a prophetic word for me which he got the second day he was in Israel. It was something like this:

*The Lord would bring me a greater understanding of love, and have me receive more love, and have me give more love. The love would be so great that it would just blow away or push aside the fear, worries, etc. that come in my life.*

Matt said he wrote it down on a paper, and when he was out on the Sea of Galilee the paper blew away, so it was now floating there.

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## GOD CHOSE US IN CHRIST

**I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)**

**For he [God] chose us in him [Christ] before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will. (Ephesians 1:4-5)**

This is an absolutely amazing Scripture! Think about what it means! God knew me, and those who belong to Him, before He created the world. He chose us then. He chose us to be holy and blameless in his sight. He loved us even then. He predestined us to be adopted as his sons then. He did this through His Son, Jesus, then. This was His pleasure and will. To me that seems to be one reason why Jesus said in John 6:44-45:

**No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: "They will all be taught by God." Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. (John 6:44-45)**

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## **WHAT A WONDERFUL PROMISE!**

Today I was reading Scripture in Genesis 15. I read verse 1, which says:

**Some time later, the Lord spoke to Abram in a vision and said to him, "Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great." (Genesis 15:1)**

The Holy Spirit spoke to me that this Word from God was for me too, and I could put my name in it in place of Abram's. What a wonderful promise! Thank You, Lord!

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## **THE TIME HAS COME**

### **A DREAM ABOUT SEEING TWO CLOCKS SHOWING 6:00**

In this dream I seemed to be a church secretary and I was visiting a company across the street from the church. I took them some gifts. There were two women and one man there. One of the gifts I took them was a purse - the kind made of quilted cloth and it had many separate zippered pockets which I showed them. It reminded me of a baby diaper bag. As I was talking with these people I looked at two clocks they had there. One clock seemed to be stopped at 6:00 and the other was showing 6:00 on its face, but it seemed to be working ok. I told them that I needed to leave because I had to sing in the choir at church that night and needed to be there at 6:20.

- Clock: time, late, early, delay, time to make a change, time running out, not on time for something. Time is significant in the Bible for - the last days, coming of the Lord, day of salvation, time of bondage, captivity, wandering in the wilderness
- Church secretary: one who helps people of the church, the Bride of Christ
- Church: may represent one's own Church, congregation
- Across the street: may refer to outside my house
- Highway (street) way, the Christian faith, truth, way of life, the path of salvation and life
- Gifts: perhaps gifts of the Spirit
- Purse: treasure, heart, personal identity, precious, valuable
- Pockets: different aspects or divisions of the purse
- Baby diaper bag: that used carry those things to provide for the needs of a baby
- Two: divide, judge, separate, discern, witnessing, co-laboring with God, dividing light and darkness
- Clock stopped: time is stopping for some (i.e. they are being raptured from earth)
- Clock going: time is continuing on for some (i.e. they will be left behind on earth)
- 6:00: man, image, flesh, carnal, toil and strain of the flesh or natural realm, work, sorrow
- choir: heavenly choir which I will be singing in soon
- 20: holy, tried and approved, redemption

This dream seems to tell me that the "time" has come (clock stopped) for some people to leave, be raptured, and leave the earth and go to heaven and sing in the heavenly choir. For others the "time" (clock continuing to run) to remain on the earth and keep going is still here. It is the time of some men (6) to leave and the time of some men to stay. Two clocks may symbolize dividing, judging, separating out those who belong to the Lord and those who do not. It may also symbolize witnessing, co-laboring with God, and dividing light and darkness.

This dream shows me visiting people "across the street" - which may symbolize going outside my usual area of work, and taking them gifts - which may refer to the gift of the salvation message, gifts of the Spirit, and a purse. This purse represents treasure, the heart, their personal identity, something precious and valuable. It has pockets - which may represent many different aspects of dimensions of this purse gift. Since it looked like a baby diaper bag to me, that may symbolize these people becoming "babies in Christ" and needing to be given things to help them during the baby phase of salvation.

Needing to leave at 6:20 may symbolize this: (6) leaving mankind, and (20) being holy, tried and approved, and redeemed. Singing with the choir at church may refer to singing in the "heavenly" choir soon after leaving earth.