# NOTES

AND

QUOTES

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### **FORWARD**

Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.

HABAKKUK 2:2

FOR YEARS AND YEARS I HAVE COPIED INTO MY JOURNALS FAVORITE QUOTES FROM BOOKS and online messages as I have read them. And I have a huge computer file called *Wonderful Writings from Various Christian Authors*. As I've listened to conferences on the internet, I have often taken notes on what the speakers were saying.

I thought these were just for my private use. But one day the Lord told me to share these wonderful writings with others in a book He called *Notes and Quotes*. So I gathered many of these into this book to share with you.

It is my desire that these notes and quotes are a blessing to you as they have been to me. I have put the author or speaker's name at the end of each article, and have put resources for them in a list (called End Notes) at the end of the book. JOAN ROYER

## THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF THE WORD

The mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.

In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ.

EPHESIANS 3:3-4

### **QUOTES**

I'VE BEEN THINKING AGAIN ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF READING AND WRITING. There are several reasons I write. One of the most personally compelling is that I read. I mean, my main spiritual sustenance comes by the Holy Spirit from reading. Therefore reading is more important to me than eating. If I went blind, I would pay to have someone read to me. I would try to learn Braille. I would buy books on tape. I

would rather go without food than go without books. Therefore, writing feels very life-giving to me, since I get so much of my own life from reading.

Combine this with what Paul says in Ephesians 3:3-4 (RSV): "By revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. And by referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ." The early church was established by apostolic writing as well as apostolic preaching. God chose to send his living Word into the world for thirty years, and his written Word into the world for two thousand years. Think of the assumption behind this divine decision. People in each generation would be dependent on those who read. Some people, if not all, would have to learn to read--and read well in order to be faithful to God.

So it has been for thousands of years. Generation after generation has read the insights of its writers. This is why fresh statements of old truth are always needed. Without them people will read error. Daniel Webster once said,

If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country, I do not know what is going to become of us as a nation. If truth be not diffused, error will be; if God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy; if the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will. (Ernest Reisinger, "Every Christian a Publisher," Free Grace Broadcaster, no. 51, winter 1995: 17)

Millions of people are going to read. If they don't read contemporary Christian books, they are going to read contemporary secular books. They will read. It is amazing to watch people in an airport. In airports alone, at any given moment, there must be hundreds of thousands of people reading. One of the things we Christians need to be committed to, besides reading, is giving away thoughtful books to those who might read them but would never buy them. (bold mine)

The ripple effect is incalculable. Consider this illustration:

A book by Richard Sibbes, one of the choicest of the Puritan writers, was read by Richard Baxter, who was greatly blessed by it. Baxter then wrote A Call to the Unconverted which deeply influenced Philip Doddridge, who in turn wrote The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul. This brought the young William Wilberforce, subsequent English statesman and foe of slavery, to serious thoughts of eternity. Wilberforce wrote his Practical Book of

Christianity which fired the soul of Leigh Richmond. Richmond, in turn, wrote The Dairyman's Daughter, a book that brought thousands to the Lord, helping Thomas Chalmers the great preacher, among others. (Ibid, 18.)

I seems to me that in a literate culture like ours, where most of us know how to read and where books are available, the biblical mandate is to keep on reading what will open the Holy Scriptures to you more and more, and to keep praying for Bible-saturated writers. There are many great old books to read, but each new generation needs its own writers to make the message fresh. Read and pray. And then obey. JOHN PIPER

## -2-WAIT FOR THE LORD

Wait for the Lord, be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. PSALM 27:14

#### **OUOTES**

WE MUST CONTINUE TO PRAY AND "WAIT FOR THE LORD" until we hear the sound of His mighty rain. There is no reason why we should not ask for great things. Without a doubt, we will receive them if we ask in faith, having the courage to wait with patient perseverance for Him and meanwhile doing those things that are within our power to do.

It is not within our power to create the wind or to change its direction, but we can raise our sails to catch it when it comes. We do not create electricity, yet we can tap into it with a wire that will conduct it, allowing it to work. We do not control God's Spirit, but we can place ourselves before the Lord out of obedience to what He has called us to do, and we will come under the influence and power of His mighty breath. C. W. COWMAN

## THE LANGUAGE OF HEAVEN

Here am I! I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,
I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.
REVELATION 3:20

#### **NOTES**

HOW DOES GOD SPEAK TO US IN OUR HEART? A spontaneous thought can be the voice of the spirit world...a thought you didn't originate. All thoughts are not our thoughts. It can come as unpremeditated or unrehearsed thoughts. If the thoughts are from Satan, they have a wrong feel – it touches your ego and pride. If it is the voice of God, it is easy, gentle, and produces a special reaction, a quickening, a feel. It sounds like your own voice. It is subject to the witness of the Spirit in you.

How does God "knock on door" as it speaks of in Revelation 3:20 where Jesus is knocking? What does it sound like? It can come with a sense of God's presence, or with a song going through your mind. Or it can bring a hunger for God on you, or an awareness of the fragrance of God. NEVILLE JOHNSON

## BIBLE READING

All scripture is God-breathed and is useful For teaching, rebuking, correcting and training In righteousness.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16

### **QUOTES**

BIBLE READING, DONE IN A SPIRIT OF PRAYERFUL SUBMISSION TO GOD, is dramatically life-transforming. God's word has the power to change us! Revelation 1:3 pronounces a blessing upon "he who reads...those things which are written in it." *All you have to* 

do to be blessed is just read the book. Those who understand this truth are personally committed to daily Bible reading.

I want every single portion of God's inspired word to have a chance at my heart. I don't want a single issue in my soul to remain unmoved because I wasn't careful to expose myself to the full breadth of His wisdom and revelation. I want God to surprise me with insight from what I might have thought to be the most unlikely portions of His word.

Time in the word is the place of change, and I jealously yearn to expose my heart consistently and routinely to every living, breathing, inspired portion of Scripture.

I divide my reading into four sections:

- Genesis to Malachi (except for Psalms to Song of Solomon)
- Psalms to Song of Solomon
- Matthew to John
- Acts to Revelation

Each day I read in all four sections. This provides many benefits, not the least being that the variety keeps me interested and engaged.

It's the pursuit of Christ in His word that gets me up in the morning. My time in the word is my lifesource and my sanity. This is the place where I receive grace for another day. Yes, I love my daily Bible reading! BOB SORGE

## -5-SONGS

No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

REVELATION 14:3

### **QUOTES**

CERTAIN SONGS CAN ONLY BE LEARNED IN THE VALLEY. No music school can teach them, for no theory can cause them to be perfectly sung. Their music is found in the heart. They are songs remembered through personal experience, revealing their burdens through the shadows of the past, and soaring on the wings of yesterday.

In this verse, John tell us that even in heaven there will be a song that will only be sung by those "who had been redeemed from the earth." It is undoubtedly a song

of triumph - a hymn of victory to the Christ who set us free. Yet the sense of triumph and freedom will be born from the memory of our past bondage.

No angel, nor even an archangel, will be able to sing the song as beautifully as we will. To do so would require them to pass through our trials, which is something they cannot do. Only the children of the Cross will be equipped to learn the song.

Therefore, dear soul, in this life you are receiving a music lesson from your Father. You are being trained to sing in a choir you cannot yet see, and there will be parts in the chorus that only you can sing. There will be notes too low for the angels to reach, and certain notes so far above the scale that only an angel could reach them. But remember, the deepest notes belong to *you* and will only be reached by you.

Your Father is training you for a part the angels cannot sing, and His conservatory is the school of sorrows. Others have said that He sends sorrow to *test* you, yet this is not the case. He sends sorrow to *educate* you, thereby providing you with the proper training for His heavenly choir. Do not despise your school of sorrow. It is bestowing on you a unique part in the heavenly song. George Matheson/L. B. Cowman

## -6-BELIEVING AND FAITH

We live by faith, not by sight. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

#### **NOTES**

BELIEVING IS SOMETHING WE DO. FAITH IS SOMETHING WE HAVE. To believe, we have to ward off unbelief, and act as if what we believe for already exists. Faith is something that comes to us as an impartation.

Believing is a process of confessing what we believe, casting down all thoughts that are contrary to what we have faith for.

In Romans 10:17 faith comes from hearing the message. Faith comes. It is a power. When we believe (or act upon that faith) that power is released.

Faith works by love. Love energizes faith, gives a power to it, and is the highest form of energy in the universe. It's not abstract.

God is love and light. When God loves, light flows from Him. That light is the extension of who God is.

When our desires are motivated by love, that opens God's power to us. It releases the power of faith. Faith is empowered by love. When God imparts faith to us, substance is created. Neville Johnson

### -7-HOLY SPIRIT

When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. JOHN 16:13

### **QUOTES**

THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS SENT TO CONVICT YOU OF SIN, TO LEAD YOU TO TRUTH, and to testify of Me. He is with you continually. You must get to know the Holy Spirit better.

Many believe in the Holy Spirit, but few make room for Him in their lives. As the end of this age approaches that will change. The Holy Spirit is about to move over the earth as he did in the beginning. He will take the chaos and confusion that are spreading across the earth, and He will bring forth the glorious new creation right in the midst of it. You are about to enter the times when He will do wonders continually, and the whole world will be in awe of His works.

He will do all of this through My people. When the Holy Spirit moves, the sons and daughters of God will prophesy. From the old to the young they will dream dreams and see visions. The works that I did, the greater works, will they do in My name, that I might be glorified in the earth. The whole creation groans and travails for what the Holy Spirit is about to do. RICK JOYNER

-8-JUDGE

For it is time for judgment to begin With the family of God.

#### 1 Peter 4:17

### **QUOTES**

I AM THE SAVIOR, BUT I AM ALSO THE JUDGE. I am about to reveal Myself to the world as the Righteous Judge. First, I must reveal My judgment to My own household. My people are about to know the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Then they will know His power to convict of sin. They will also know that He will always lead them to the truth that will set them free. This is the truth that testifies of Me. When My people have come to know Me as I AM, then I will use them to testify of Me.

I am the Judge, but it is better for you to judge yourself so that I will not have to judge you. Even so, My judgments are about to be restored to My people. I will judge My own household first. After that I will judge the whole earth. RICK JOYNER

## *-9-*YOURSELF

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

### **QUOTES**

YOU BEGAN TO LOOK AT YOURSELF. THIS WILL ALWAYS BRING CONFUSION, making it harder for you to hear Me. Every time you experience My touch, your mind will become clearer. Every time you feel My presence, know that I have come to touch you in order that you may see Me and hear Me. You must learn to abide in My presence without becoming self-conscious and self-absorbed. This causes you to turn from the truth that is in Me and turn to the deception that is in your fallen nature.

Many people fall when My Spirit touches them. The time for falling is over. You must learn to stand when My Spirit moves. If you do not stand when My Spirit moves, He cannot use you. The heathen should fall before Me, but I need for My people to stand so that I can use them.

You are small, but you must learn to abide in My presence without looking at yourself. You will not be able to hear from Me or speak for Me if you are looking at yourself. You will always be inadequate. You will always be unworthy for what I call you to do, but it will never be your adequacy or worthiness that causes Me to use

you. You must not look at your inadequacy, but look to My adequacy. You must stop looking at your own unworthiness and look to My righteousness. When you are used, it is because of who I am, not who you are.

You did feel My anger as you began to look at yourself. This is the anger I felt toward Moses when he started to complain about how inadequate he was. This only reveals that you are looking to yourself more than to Me, which is the main reason why I am able to use so few of My people for what I desire to do. This false humility is actually a form of the pride that caused the fall of man. Adam and Eve began to feel inadequate and that they needed to be more than I had made them to be. They took it upon themselves to make themselves into who they should be. You can never make yourself into who you should be, but you must trust me to make you into who you should be. RICK JOYNER

## -10-DITCHES

I will instruct you and teach you In the way you should go. PSALM 32:8

### **QUOTES**

THE WHOLE WORLD STILL LIES IN THE POWER OF THE EVIL ONE, and you walk on the edge of hell every day. Through the midst of it, there is a path of life. There are deep ditches on either side of the path of life, so you must not deviate from the narrow way.

No one can find their own way out of those ditches. Following your own way is how you fall into them, and your own way will never lead you out. I am the only way out. When you fall, do not waste your time trying to figure everything out, for you will only sink deeper into the mire. Just ask for help. I am your Shepherd, and I will always help you when you call on Me.

It is wisdom to know when to ask for understanding and when to just ask for help. Here it is wisdom for you to ask. Only when you are in My presence can you understand. Your understanding will always be twisted when you are depressed, and you will never accurately see truth from that place. Depression is the deception that comes from seeing the world from your perspective. Truth comes from seeing the world through My eyes from where I sit, at the right hand of the Father. RICK JOYNER

## KEEPYOUR EYES ON THE LORD

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. HEBREWS 12:2

### **QUOTES**

LIKE THE CHERUBIM IN ISAIAH 6, THOSE WHO ABIDE IN MY PRESENCE will say, "The whole earth is filled with His glory." The reason that these cherubim say that the whole earth is filled with My glory is because they dwell in My presence. When you dwell in My presence, you will not see anything but glory.

(I guess I have spent much of my life sitting in one of those ditches beside the path of life rather than walking on it.)

That is true. Every now and then you would get up and take a few paces, but then slide off into the ditch on the other side. Even so, you have made some progress, but now it is time for you to stay on the path. You do not have any more time to waste in those ditches.

What caused you to slide into the ditch this last time? (I took my eyes off of You.)

I know it seems too simple, but this is all that you did, and taking your eyes off of Me is all that you have to do to drift from the path of life. When you abide in Me, you will see nothing but glory. This does not mean that you will not see the conflicts, confusion, darkness and deception that are in the world, but when you see them, you will always see My answer to them. When you abide in Me, you will always see how truth prevails over deception, and you will see the manner in which My kingdom will come.

When you start to live by what you see with the eyes of your heart, you will walk with Me, and you will see My glory. The eyes of your heart are your window into this realm of the Spirit. Through the eyes of your heart, you may come to My Throne of Grace, at any time. If you will come to Me, I will be more real to you. I will also trust you with more power. RICK JOYNER

## -12-YOUR DESTINY

Those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son. ROMANS 8:29

#### **NOTES**

THIS IS ABOUT CO-OPERATING WITH YOUR DESTINY. Your spirit came from heaven pre-programmed with your destiny and with success/victory seeded into your spirit. It is like a spiritual genetic code inside you. The provision needed to fulfill your destiny was also seeded (set aside) for you. It tells us in 2 Timothy 1:9 that this grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.

How does God work with you to fulfill your destiny? It comes through providential guidance, through divine foresight, and through predestination. Ephesians 1:11 tells us that we were chosen in him, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.

Providential guidance is God causing things to work together. The principles of working together with God include becoming formed to His image, your personal calling, and setting your heart to do the will of God. Things happen in God's timing. You can't speed it up, but you can slow it down. You are proven before God by what you do when things aren't going well. NEVILLE JOHNSON

## -13-WITCHCRAFT

Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

EPHESIANS 6:12

#### **NOTES**

2 CORINTHIANS 2:11 TELLS US WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF SATAN'S DEVICES. Ephesians 6:12 also tells us about our struggle with spiritual forces of evil.

There are 3 main words used to speak of Satan's power:

- 1. Witchcraft (a dominating Satanic force through spells, curses, and personal dominance)
- 2. Divination (fortune telling revelation from other sources other than God) Holistic medicine operates here sometimes and we must be careful about it. Some chiropractors operate with this by moving their hands close to the body to divine what is wrong.
- 3. Sorcery (Operates through objects like pins, dolls, bracelets, charms, rings, etc.) It opens you to Satanic control. It is a more subtle area of witchcraft.

It is never God's will for one person to dominate another. The force that enables that person to do so is evil. Witchcraft is a work of the flesh - a soulish desire to control. Much prayer is soulish.

Often when a person has problems receiving the baptism of the Spirit, or fluency with tongues, or difficulty reading the Bible, or falling asleep in church – it is past teachings against those, or they've been into divination sometime in life. They need to repent first, then pray out that spirit. They shouldn't try to pray out the spirit until they have repented.

Deuteronomy 7:25 tells us that objects can be an abomination to the Lord (i.e. things from foreign countries, jewelry). Grandmother's rings – if she touched the occult on any level – it will bring it into your house. NEVILLE JOHNSON

## -14-CHRIST IN US

Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. ROMANS 12:1

#### **NOTES**

EPHESIANS 4:13 TELL US WE ARE TO COME TO THAT PERFECT MAN, the fullness of the measure of the stature of Christ. We are to be a manifestation of the sons of God.

According to Psalm 8:5 we are a little lower than God. Satan's lie regarding our being this is evolution.

What happened when you were born again? God put His Spirit in you. When God put His seed in you, it was all His DNA - all He is - all the characteristics of Him. It's by grace.

It takes breaking of the outward man/soul. God uses trouble, disappointment, etc. to do that. Also fire breaks it. Your soul life has to be brought into subjection.

In your spirit you have the mind of Christ and know all things. You are a new creation, perfectly righteous (this is how the Lord sees us). If He increases in you then your soul decreases. NEVILLE JOHNSON

## -15-CRUCIFIED

I have been crucified with Christ And I no longer live, But Christ lives in me. GALATIANS 2:20

#### **NOTES**

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU IS TO BE CHRIST IN THE WORLD. What we want to be is crucified. The soul life is what is crucified.

It's God who works in us to will and act according to His good purpose/will (see Philippians 2:13). How do we walk in this?

First *know it* – who you are in Christ. Begin to verbally *acknowledge it* (in prayer) by acknowledging who you are in Christ.

Visualize it - who you are - righteousness, power, light, full of the glory of God.

Self-consciousness locks you out of the spirit. See yourself with the mind of Christ. Your spirit feeds on the Word of God. Bring your spirit man before God. Your soul controls when you [choose to] read the Word.

Praying in tongues strengthens your spirit. With your soul you activate the spirit. Feed that new man. Humility – total dependence on your new man, not your soul.

Be willing to give up your own life and will...laying down your own natural desires to follow the voice of God. Give up everything that separates you from God. NEVILLE JOHNSON

## ETERNALJUDGMENT

We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

#### NOTES

WE SERVE PROBATION TIME ON EARTH. THIS IS NOT OUR HOME. We didn't originate here. We have a short time here on earth. We only get one chance at it.

In Hebrews 11:9-10 it tells us that Abraham by faith made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country, for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

God chose earth as a schoolhouse for His sons to train in. He is training us in courage, reliability, faithfulness, and choosing righteousness over evil. It's where we learn to become like Jesus. To the degree we become in Jesus' likeness, will determine our place in eternity.

Romans 14:10 tells us we have a final exam before the judgment seat of God. If judged innocent we are given a white stone. Revelation 2:17 tells us the white stone has a new name on it.

There is a book about our life in heaven. It is like a hologram with every thought, emotion, and intent displayed in it. In Revelation 20:12 it tells us about the book of life. The book shows everything not repented of and covered by blood of Jesus.

Romans 2:4, 6, 11, and 16 tell us more about God's judgment. We need to ask God to judge us while we're still in the flesh/time. We need to ask God to search our hearts as shown in Psalm 139:23-24.

These are factors in the final test: (1) How much you have learned to love, (2) How much you've become like Jesus, and (3) How faithful to the Lord you've been.

NEVILLE JOHNSON

BASICS OF PRAYER

## Now I have put my words in your mouth. JEREMIAH 1:9

#### **NOTES**

IT IS IMPORTANT TO BELIEVE GOD IS IN CONTROL. In Romans 8:28 we learn that God works all things together for good. Colossians 1:16-17 tells us that all things were created by Him. Nothing happens without God's permission.

Why should we pray? Our prayers do not influence God. He doesn't need you to pray. So why do we pray? Why did God devise prayer?

He has chosen to delegate the running of His affairs on earth to you – to the church, His family. In Ephesians 3:10 we are told that God's intent was that through the church the wisdom of God should be made known.

God does everything by the words which He speaks. Psalm 33:6 says that by the word of the Lord were the heavens made.

In Jeremiah 1:4-10 God put His words in Jeremiah's mouth. We are learning to administer His Word being spoken through our mouths.

Prayers that are answered are prayers that originate in God. Prayer equals the administration of God's will in the earth. God answers every prayer that originates in Him. In 1 John 5:14 we learn that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. God chooses to work through us in this way because He's training us to rule and reign with Him throughout eternity.

Now we are learning how to handle authority and creative power. In the Millennium we will speak the word and it will be.

In John 4:14 Jesus says to ask anything in My name. In My name means: He is behind it. He has originated it. He started it. He formed it in us.

It is His faith, not ours. If the prayer comes from God, faith will come automatically. We have problems with faith when we are praying what we want. When God originates and generates something, faith and power come with it. This is the secret of miracles, the key to it. This is the basis of true prayer: (1) God has decided to do it and (2) we cooperate with Him in it. NEVILLE JOHNSON

TIMES AND SEASONS

There is a time for everything,

## And a season for every activity under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

#### **NOTES**

THIS IS ABOUT TIMES AND SEASONS OF THE LORD. In heaven "time" is layered.

Those who come to earth have to qualify to come. You're sent with a purpose. A lot of seed has been sown for this generation by previous ones. The cloud of witnesses is watching us.

An angel appeared to him holding a glass with water dripping into it. This angel told him, "A major time and season is coming to an end." He also said millions of angels have been released into the earth waiting for us to be prepared to start working with them.

William Branham and Kathryn Kuhlman both worked with angels. God is raising up people to work with angels. He said there is a 14-year window open (2005-2019). NEVILLE JOHNSON

## VARIOUS TOPICS

Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. Romans 12:1

#### **NOTES**

THE FIRST PART OF THIS SESSION WAS A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION. Some of the highlights:

- Jebusites represent sewing discord among the brethren. When people try to tell you things like that, say: "I don't want to hear that."
- Family sins
  - You confess the sins of the fathers and unhook from the sin that was passed down – must be discerned
  - o The sin gets stronger as the family tree grows
  - The person can't be delivered unless they want to be, and want to give life to Christ.
- Bitterness
  - Brings poison
  - Miscarriage can be caused by bitterness

- Financial preparation for last days
  - o Millions of \$ are going to be released for God's purposes
  - Very few people are groomed enough by God to handle
  - Federal Reserve Bank is owned by a few families mostly European.
     They control our finances.
- Friendship with Jesus he was asked the secrets of his walk
  - o Millennium those who overcome will reign with Christ, not all Christians
  - o Can you see His image in you?
  - o Not what you do, but who you are
  - The greater your compatibility with God, the greater your union with Him
  - o God is love and light. You must become love
  - o Don't ask for power, ask for love NEVILLE JOHNSON

## -20-SANCTIFYING OURSELVES

In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

2 TIMOTHY 2:20-21

#### **NOTES**

In this session he did a teaching segment about sanctifying ourselves. He talked about 2 Timothy 2:21 regarding becoming vessels of honor. Transformed is the same word as transfiguration (by Jesus).

There are levels of walking with God: i.e. the outer court, the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies. To get into the Holy of Holies one must get past the altar of incense. You must deal with the incense to get to the Holiest (close relationship with God).

- To get into the Holiest place:
  - Absolute surrender
  - o Whole life a prayer to God
  - Must die upon altar
  - o Romans 12:1-2 living sacrifice

- Willing to die for the Lord
- Dedicate: give self to God, and also you can give your children to God
- Holy: to become sacred, set aside exclusively to God, sacrifice
- Consecrate: to be full of God
- Eyes: what you focus upon you will connect with, and an impartation will take place
- Sanctification: surrender of your life.
- It's good to go to sleep praying in tongues in your heart.
- Your surrender of your will results in obedience and being friends with God
- Coming through testing opens your ear
- There are degrees of commitment to the Lord
- Two kinds of servants
  - Hired got wages, days off, can quit or get fired
  - o Bond 365 days on call, no money of own, obey. NEVILLE JOHNSON

## -21-PIONEERS

Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. Hebrews 5:13-14

#### NOTES

THERE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THOSE WHO PIONEER AND MAKE A PATHWAY FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW. They often have a very unusual, sovereign experience with the Lord. They learn through revelation as to how those things work. He has had such and still doesn't know how to understand them or define them.

In the 1949 movement, they didn't train others to follow them. We need schools of advanced prophetic ministry in how to enter into the ways of God. In Hebrews 3:7-10 God said they did not know His ways. Take heed lest there be in you an evil heart of unbelief. Unbelief is rejection of truth.

The promised land was symbolic of rest. One of the hardest things to enter into is rest. Let us labor to enter into rest. This is one of the states God has to bring us

into. You'll never come into rest until you can give thanks for EVERYTHING in your life.

Hebrews 5:13-14 tells us that strong meat (solid food) belongs to those of full age who can discern good and evil. Neville Johnson

## -22-SEEING

I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again. JOHN 3:3

#### **NOTES**

IN ORDER TO PERCEIVE AND WALK UNDER AN OPEN HEAVEN, you have to develop a visual capacity. John 3:3 says "see" the kingdom - you can see the kingdom - literally see by perceiving. Luke 9:27 says until they "see" the kingdom of God.

Being spiritually blind in the spiritual realm is equivalent to being physically blind in the natural realm. It's not just for prophets to see. Ephesians 1:17 speaks of the eyes of your understanding.

What are the eyes of your understanding? It is not like knowledge or thinking. There is the reasoning, logical mind. Another kind refers to a different functioning of the mind. It means imagination.

Jesus considered imagination as reality. In Matthew 5:28 He indicates that what you imagine He considers as reality. The Greek word is "Dianoya". It is a faculty renewed by the Holy Spirit, called imagination.

The devil wants to shut this area down because it can take you places. It is the eyes of your imagination being enlightened. There is a connection between this (with images, pictures, and dreams) and the heart. To doubt with your heart, means to doubt with your imagination. To doubt with the heart means you use visual images to doubt with your heart. The heart makes contact with the spirit realm. The mouth releases the power of that realm.

Let the eyes of your imagination be enlightened by the Holy Spirit. You can see with your imagination. Let the eyes of your imagination be enlightened so you can see pictures of the spirit realm so you may know your destiny. The bridge between the soul and the spirit is the bridge of a sanctified imagination.

Isaiah 26:3 says "You will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you." Mind is "Yetsei". It means to frame an image in your imagination. Draw near to Him. Set your heart and mind on the Lord.

You have to believe to see the glory of the Lord. What you focus upon you will make connection with eventually. It may not be instantly, but eventually. What you focus upon you will make a connection with and an impartation will be established.

Romans 12:1-2 talks about being transformed (transfigured) in your mind. Present your mind as a living sacrifice. Keep it clean and pure for God. There is a clear connection between heart purity and spiritual sensitivity. Heart purity: (Matthew 5:8) the pure in heart will see God. It's saying - see with the imagination.

Proverbs 23:26 says give me your heart before your eyes can see My ways. What is the heart? It's a mystery. It can't be clearly defined. It's connected with the spirit and soul realm. There are at least 4 areas: mind/imagination, emotion, will, and conscience.

Sanctify your eyes. Everything you watch on TV is burned onto the hard drive in your mind. Think about what you watch on TV. What you focus upon you will conceive in time. It's in your mind. Porn has a spirit amplifying it. It forms a cloud between you and what you are trying to see in God. If you think evil of a person, a veil comes between you and God.

You must sanctify the mind and purify the emotions. To walk with God you've got to be able to feel His emotions. Purify your will. If you are rebellious you cannot discern the will of God. WHEN WE WANT OUR OWN WAY, WE CANNOT DISCERN GOD'S WAY.

When you came from heaven to here, you were programmed with the standards of heaven. That's why it says: "this is the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world." We call it conscience. It is the standard of heaven in your conscience, your spirit. Without a clear conscience, you can't keep the mind, the will, and the heart clean. It's necessary to see God.

1 Timothy 1:19 says "by holding faith and a good conscience." The books of Timothy talk about conscience as pure, or defiled, and seared. What way is it defiled or seared? If you keep overriding your conscience, it gets less sensitive. The standards of the world will be rewritten in your soul. If you ignore it, push it aside, and not respond to it. A veil will be there in thickness.

God wants us to maintain a pure conscience towards Him. If you don't keep your word, God won't keep His word to you. What you sow, you reap. David always was quick to repent.

Don't backbite with your tongue. Keep short accounts with God. It accumulates. It gets greater. Don't speak bad of anyone.

Moses spent so much time in the presence of God that he stopped aging. Just be there in the presence of God, and change will start to take place. They that wait upon the Lord (Isaiah 40:31). NEVILLE JOHNSON

## HOW TO COME BEFORE THE LORD

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

Come before him with joyful songs.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

PSALM 100:1, 3

#### NOTES

HE IS GOING TO LET US IN ON A SECRET...One of the greatest problems between us and God is the incompatibility between Him and us. What is God really like? Gen. 1:27 says we are created in His likeness and His image. The only difference is He is perfect.

People are known by their character and ability. Jesus is the image of the Father. You cannot describe the ability of God. It is beyond description. God is love - His nature. God is light - His power. The flow of His life or power is governed by His nature.

In the past Pentecostals could manifest in power by the gifts of the Spirit without a compatibility with His character. But this is changing. The Lord came to him and said: "The next level of power requires a higher level of love. In times past, I winked at man's failings. But now I require more. Tell My people I will no longer look the other way but I require holiness and righteousness. Only then will My power be released in greater measure." He gave him Acts 17:30 - in times of ignorance God winked, but now He requires all men to repent. The reason for this is to prepare us for a far greater manifestation of His presence.

I have set the Lord always before me (Psalm 16:8). Beholding the glory of the Lord, you are changed into the same image from one level of glory to another by the Spirit of God (2 Corinthians 3:18). How does that come about? Some clues on that:

- Looking unto Jesus (Hebrews 12:2)
- Seeing Him who is invisible (Hebrews 11:27)
- What you focus on, you will connect with, and impartation will take place.

- You take on what you look at (Psalm 115:8; 135:8)
- In conception there is a substance that has life and is born
- Process is the same in the spiritual realm negative or positive

1 Peter 3:3 emphasizes what you look like on the inside. What you are on the inside will reflect on the outside in what you look like and dress like. People in heaven look incredible. He has seen them. Paradise is just the outer courts of heaven. Everything emanates light. He saw a person. It was his mother who died when he was 17. She looked incredible.

What you focus upon, you will end up looking like. When your heart turns to the Lord the veil will be taken away (2 Corinthians 3:6, 14ff). We are to minister Jesus to this generation. To do this we become like Him (2 Corinthians 4:1). NEVILLE JOHNSON

## -24-BEHOLDING THE LORD

And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

#### **NOTES**

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BEHOLD THE LORD? When you look into a mirror you see your own reflection. We are told to see the Lord? What does that mean?

When you look at the Lord you have to see yourself being transformed into His image. Beholding the Lord IN US will change you into the same image. As you look and you see the Lord in that mirror, you see the Lord in you. You replace the image of you, with seeing the Lord in you.

To activate seeing Jesus in you, you have to behold the Lord in you. It is an act of faith. You have to believe that what you see is real and it is happening. That is faith.

Spend time coming before the Lord, just who you are, beholding in the mirror. If you begin to see Jesus in you, something happens on the inside of you. You begin to change into the image you see. When that happens the Lord is enlarged in you. "As a man thinketh, so he is." As you see it, so it is.

Faith is the color of blue. It is a substance. It can conform anything to anything. Christ in you, the hope of glory. It produces the glory of the Lord in you. Beholding

the Lord in you. As you do this it starts to happen. This is the secret of Enoch. The veil of unbelief is the first to go.

The clarity of the image is dependent upon the purity of the heart and the removal of the veils. Sometimes the veils are concepts taught wrong. This is a road to transformation. As the light in that mirror increases, it begins to dissolve the darkness in you. God will do it for you. Behold Him. He guarantees you will be changed into the same image. Keep submitting your mind to the Lord.

As the veils melt, clarity starts to happen to see the kingdom and walk in that realm. (Matt. 6:21ff) The eye is your imagination, your focus. If it is single to the Lord, you will be full of light. Transformation comes from the inside out.

There is a trigger point. It is hard to focus and do this daily. If you persist there comes a point (after a year or so) it was like a switch was thrown. After that point it would happen right away.

Light of the body is the eye - means light. Whole body will become light - a holder of the light, a lamp. Everything today is images around us used by the devil. Make the switch from beholding the Lord, to beholding the Lord in you. You've got to spend disciplined time - at least 2 hours a day. Best at night with no interruptions. Come before the Lord, worship him, behold Him, see His image in you. Keep coming back when it slips away. Walter Beuttler taught him to do this.

If you will do this, change is automatic (2 Corinthians 3:18). Beholding the Lord. In you. That is what you are becoming. In that presence of the Lord, your spiritual faculties will be sharpened. Once you start this, it's a way of life. The art of waiting upon God.

You must have quietness. Not hear a phone ringing somewhere. The least little thing will shift your focus. That's why the middle of the night is good. Waiting on God IN THE RIGHT WAY. You've got to get alone, and still your mind. You can't process two thoughts at a time. If you're thinking the wrong thought, switch your thought...until the stillness comes. NEVILLE JOHNSON

## -25-INTHE SPIRIT

I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

## On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit. REVELATION 1:9-10

#### **NOTES**

ENTERING THE STATE CALLED THE SPIRIT...John was in the spirit on the Lord's day. It is a state or realm you can enter. Brain wave activities:

- Conscious level 32
- Alpha level 14 no time or space level hypnosis is in that state
- Lost in the Lord waiting on the Lord...in the spirit
- Painless surgery level with no anesthetic 7
- Delta 4 unconscious
- Below this you are dead

As you focus on the Lord, you can drop into another level where you don't have to concentrate to stay there. It's the level of spirit. As you wait, you get into that. We do everything else but wait on God.

Eventually he made it a lifestyle. He broke through a level he hadn't known was possible. The kingdom of heaven is within you. Look into a mirror. Do you have the discipline to do that? Or will you give up?

When he is in the spirit, he has access to the reality to the kingdom of God. This is how God intended it to be from the beginning. It's not just for mystics in a monastery. A whole new world will open up. There is no end to it.

No one can do this for you. You must do it yourself. The hunger for it can be imparted to you, but you must do it yourself.

When Jesus rules in Jerusalem He will have a school of learning there where He will teach this. Ruling for us on earth is only level one. It encompasses the whole universe. NEVILLE JOHNSON

## THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Hebrews 13:7

#### **NOTES**

WHEN THE REAL WISDOM COMES, it will pale the present things. Moses said we need eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to understand. When we get a revelation that the

pain of our past is preparation for our future, we'll look at that from an entirely different perspective. We'll be free from grief, free from anger. It was necessary to prepare you to carry what you need to carry in the future.

Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you, consider the end of their life and conduct, and imitate their faith. We don't emulate their methods, we imitate their faith. (Hebrews 13:7-8)

The treasure is the glory of God in the face of Christ. That's what Enoch saw and Abraham saw. They saw the treasure. We want the treasure, but we don't want to dig for it. I believe the kingdom is the Lord Jesus living in His people, manifesting Himself. Paul Keith Davis

## -27-THE WELL OF SALVATION

Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water."

JOHN 4:13-15

#### **NOTES**

WE ARE IN A FULLNESS OF TIME JUNCTURE IN CHURCH HISTORY. Who are going to be the ones who cooperate with Him to be part of it? In the fullness of time...God.

Kathryn Kuhlman often said she was not the first one offered the ministry she did. She knew the spot where she died and God began to live in her.

He asks the Lord, "What are Your expectations of me? What is the currency of heaven? What can I do to get Your attention? What condition of my soul is so pleasing to You that You have to release favor?"

When the day of visitation comes, don't let us miss it by a spirit of stupor. We are promised there will be a generation that will be awakened.

Bob Jones in the 1970's - he had panoramic visions. He saw about a disease spread by homosexuality. He saw abortions. Science would produce a tablet that a woman could take to abort a baby.

The devil came and offered Bob thousands of people to follow his ministry if he didn't prophesy what he saw. He rejected it. The devil said he would kill him. Then

he had a aneurysm in his stomach. He thought he was healed as he was standing in a hallway of light in a white garment. But he was in heaven. He watched 97 others going to hell. They were clothed in what had been their god on the earth.

The Lord told Bob while in heaven, "I'm going to send every mantle that has ever existed on earth. Every commission, every mandate that has existed in the church will be released on this end time army."

Seeds of this end time army were sown in you before you were ever born. It's called the incorruptible seed. It will be a body of people who are just like Him. Why? Great grace. Multiplied grace. A humble generation - the recipients. Our role is to just cast the net. Throw out the message. That touches something in you - the seed.

Some will sit with Him on His throne and some will stand before the throne to serve him. Those who sit with Him will rule and reign with Him. They are willing to allow Him to grow them up. They must be mature.

John 4:7ff The woman at the well. She is emblematic of the western church. We're trying to satisfy something in our soul. Here is a life in God that you can have. Go for it. The response the Lord is looking for is "Give me this water."

She said, "I know that Messiah is coming." That was the seed imparted in her soul. She was looking for it.

Hebrews 4:12 ministry came through William Branham a generation ago. It was a unique method to awaken them. It was an anointing that came to reveal what was hidden in them. Then your faith is mobilized. This coming will be like that. The rerelease is coming. It's the Person of the Living Word coming to live in His people.

Sowing and reaping - In Acts 8 Philip went to Samaria and reaped the seeds of destiny where Jesus had sown through that woman and the revival there. Many people have sown into this generation - the cloud of witnesses. Those who sow and those who reap rejoice together.

In Claudio Friedson's revival in South America - they are reaping where somebody else has sown. It's about an awakening. Something changed in the spirit realm. The realms of darkness that shielded their eyes were lifted.

Here in America you have to labor and work to get people to respond. This army has to be raised up and the people awakened.

Jesus uses the gift of revelation to arouse a city. After Jesus leaves, Simon the magician comes in with a counterfeit spirit. Then the genuine comes, and the counterfeit is obvious.

We're having to fight off things now: hopelessness, shame, etc. The answer is the Spirit of revelation. Then hope is birthed. You become a valley of dry bones when hope is perished (Ezekiel 37)

Suddenly the Lord is going to come to His temple, and pour water on the seeds of destiny that are sown in our souls. You allow Him to deal with the issues in us.

Give me this Living Reality or take me home.

## -28-THE FISHERS AND HUNTERS

As truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.

NUMBERS 14:21

#### **NOTES**

WHAT WAS IT IN MARY THAT QUALIFIED HER TO BEAR THE LORD JESUS? Why Simon of Cyrene? Something revealed to him while in Spokane, WA after ministering to the healing rooms with Cal Pierce. Restoration: the Lord opening a door of opportunity and stepping through it.

This happened while in Moravian Falls, NC (prophetic round table seeking the Lord): it was a meeting on Jan. 16, 2006 (40 years after William Branham preached that America missed its opportunity). Bob Jones had a vision 2 men would come. And they came. And one of them had been in that meeting 40 years previously. He said he was the last disciple of John G. Lake.

Why haven't we entered in? God in his Sovereign grace has given us the opportunity to be ready, to embody the Spirit of Truth. If someone with the Spirit of Truth walks in a meeting, it brings the Spirit of Conviction. Example: Maria Woodworth-Etter.

A revelation would come to these men (like John G. Lake) when they were old showing them a glimpse of what they were building toward. He thinks this was what happened to Patriarchs of old like Abraham in Hebrews 11. Smith Wigglesworth also. John G. Lake heard an angel: "prayer, much prayer, persistent prayer is the door of entrance to the heart of God."

Teaching is a seed. When the water comes on it, that's what's going to come up. One time when he kept having bad things come up within his soul, Bob Jones told him the Lord is pouring water on the tares of his soul. The enemy is sometimes content to leave that tare until later and use it to bring them down.

Angels that gather - in the end time Jesus said He would send his angels that gather to take out tares of the soul from us. God is extracting out of His kingdom everything that is an offense.

Fishers and hunters - there is a parallel of Israel and the church - return to your inheritance/your heritage. Alexander Dowie preached this at the same time Hertzel called Israel to this.

This was the fishers' message - to draw them (Israel) in with the prophetic message to be restored to their inheritance. Few people are willing to leave the comfort of where they were...friends, establishment, etc. The hunters came next. The Lord pulled back his hand, and the Holocaust happened.

Regarding the church: in 1948 Oral Roberts, and others, called people back - fisher's message. What's the hunter going to do? Sickness will drive people to God. Calamity. They are driven to your message.

Right now the Lord is allowing us to put His goodness out in front of the people. His goodness should bring people in. If not, God may dangle them over hell. PAUL KEITH DAVIS

## -29-A PLAN FOR THIS GENERATION

Who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this? Esther 4:14

### **NOTES**

THE LORD HAS A VERY SPECIFIC PLAN FOR THIS GENERATION. It began before the world began. The Lord wove together a divine strategy. You're in the kingdom for such a time as this. Time is measured. The Lord saw just the ones He wanted to live in the end time generation. There is an ingathering on the horizon, and we're there.

God is progressively unfolding His nature and His strategies. An end time strategy which has application to us now. We'll be ready when You have made us ready. Pray for insight WITH understanding. In our dreams we often have a flushing out of daily things. You have to come before the Lord to gather your authority.

He was caught into heaven; he saw: army of light and army of darkness, battlefield with a scoreboard. Suddenly there came a wave of revival and the army of light pushed back the army of darkness. We were ahead on the scoreboard. Somehow the army of darkness got ahead, then another revival, etc. suddenly time was running out, seconds were remaining. We were behind. Darkness unleashed everything it had. Seeds of darkness were coming to maturity. But suddenly from behind us came the

capstone with grace, grace. The most in all of history. God stored up unprecedented grace and it was released on the army of light, and at the last moment we completely overwhelmed the army of darkness. The scoreboard said 41-41. He heard Genesis 41:41. (And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.) See Joseph has been set over all Egypt. Picture the Lord Jesus where it says Joseph.

A revelation comes in seed form, and we must cultivate it and let it grow.

Strategy: let Pharaoh take action to appoint overseers, extract 1/5 and store it up and let it be guarded, so the land may not perish. The Lord is looking for cities to become storehouses. And He's looking for overseers, someone He can trust, upon whom He can give authority. They have the power and authority to go into the wheat fields and bring out 1 out of every 5. They need to inquire of the Lord for His strategy. Prayer, praise and prophetic proclamations is releasing the authority of the overseers.

This next harvest will be a harvest of harvesters. The laborers are still out there. Gather them and guard them until people are really hungry. Guard them means schools of ministry. Learn in a year what we learned in 10 years. Knowing how God works keeps you from being angry at God.

Matthew 13: Wheat and tares. How are we going to gather? The Lord has a strategy for that. In Albany, OR he saw angels that gather and told the pastor Denny Cline. The harvesters gather people and finances. Stumbling blocks standing in the way of our children coming in.

A union experience means He occupies you. Christ IN US the hope of glory. John G. Lake had 4 experiences of sanctification. He preached a message called "Triune Salvation" The Lord wants nothing in us that agrees with the devil. Paul Keith Davis

## EYESTO SEE AND EARSTO HEAR

That they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

COLOSSIANS 2:2-3

**NOTES** 

CHANGE FROM PURSUING MINISTRY TO PURSUING THE LORD. When you're the authority of the meeting, carry it, steward it, but don't give it to someone else.

To understand where we're going, we need to have a basic understanding of where we've been. Failures came because eyes didn't have understanding and ears could not hear.

What about Ananias (who was sent to speak to Saul)? Just a little old man who was the friend of God. He obviously had talked to the Lord before by the way he spoke when the Lord appeared.

Four-fold commissioning to Paul: (1) Called to **know** his will, (2) **See** the righteous one, (3) **Hear** utterance from His lips, and (4) **Testify** to what he'd seen and heard.

This next generation is dependent on us. Everything has been an orchestration of events to the fullness of time for us. If you step into your destiny and bless the Lord, He will bless your children. Your cross is the purpose for which you were created – your destiny.

Colossians 2 talks about the treasures hidden in Christ - of wisdom and knowledge hidden in Christ - poems, songs, paintings, inventions, etc.

The treasures are hidden in Jesus' heart. We don't just see them, we become them. He said: "I don't want you to just have a word, I want you to become the word." PAUL KEITH DAVIS

## -31-WATCHERS

Behold, a watcher and a holy one came down from heaven.

DANIEL 4:13

#### **NOTES**

WATCHERS - DANIEL 4:13FF TELLS US ABOUT AN ANGELIC WATCHER. They issue decrees, cooperate with the Holy One. Daniel 4:23. Book of Enoch - who are the angels that fell (after Lucifer that Jude talks about) that are now in prison, who brought knowledge to the earth that it wasn't capable of handling.

Enoch talked about watchers. He believes some of the watchers were those who fell. The watchers issue decrees and watch over it to see that it happens. The watchers are coming. They bring decrees that directly open the gates of heaven. What

the watchers brought previously in an illegal way, the watchers are going to bring it now. God has to have some people down here pure enough to handle it.

Bob Jones August 12, 2004 had a visit from an angel. He said the watchers come straight from the throne. The angel said he was going to work with Bob to open a gate...open a portal so angels can ascend and descend over a certain city. Bob asked him why he was shaking. He was told because you've never seen this level before.

He felt a watcher come up behind him while speaking one time. Bobby Connor saw it. Decrees are coming and the holy ones.

Mal. 4:6 John the Baptist fulfilled only the first half. - turn the hearts of the fathers of Israel to the new thing. Elijah came and IS COMING. This time He will turn the hearts of the children back to the apostolic fathers. New ministry model. - the spirit of Elijah prepares the way. We are transitioning from the church age to the kingdom age. There have been things spoken into this generation that will happen. PAUL KEITH DAVIS

## -32-LIVING EPISTLES

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
REVELATION 19:10

### **NOTES**

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE BRIDE. We're at the latter part of Rev. 10 - the open book. The Lord made you to be born today. We're going to devour the mysteries and eat them and it's going to be called the testimony of Jesus...the unfolding...living epistles. They will read you and read the testimony of Jesus. The Lord will give the grace to become this.

Who will listen and hear for the time to come (Isaiah 42:22). A holy stirring to be discontent with the status quo. He hears happenings of things going on

John 3:3 unless one is born again, he cannot SEE the kingdom of God. We need to be seeing the kingdom. The fields are ripe for harvest. One of the greatest harvests is the Spirit of truth. The Spirit of truth will bring the conviction of sin.

We all have the opportunity to be a friend of God. Every believer can have revelatory experiences. John 3:12 how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? You're multi-dimensional. On earth and in heaven.

As we SEE we prophesy. It changes our hearts. This generation has been called to walk where no other generation has walked. What Solomon asked for was a hearing heart - to perpetually hear from God.

We can ask the Lord this: Lord, do You have an opinion about such and such? As we learn to see differently, we have the power to walk differently.

The Spirit of Prophecy is the testimony of Jesus. Testimony/witness means: (1) stand before a body of people and testify of what you have seen and heard, (2) it must come from your experience, (3) articulate what you have just seen and heard, and (4) people who have had an experience, who have seen something. The Spirit of Prophecy is an abiding presence. It can be prayed on you.

He said he asked the Lord for an army of little old ladies who had authority with the Lord...out of a relational exchange. He described seeing a lady in her prayer closet getting a revelation from God and speaking it out and others picking up the revelation.

We can release back into the atmosphere what we're shown and others pick up on it. Those who sow and those who reap share the same rewards. The Lord keeps good books, Paul Keith Davis

## -33-PERUSIA

"Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" MATTHEW 24:3

#### **NOTES**

THIS IS ABOUT AUTHORITY. Paul brought light to Ephesis because he carried authority.

He saw a little old lady go into her prayer closet and the Lord brought on her a Spirit of Prophecy due to her relationship with Him, and she prayed it and released it in the spirit realm. Others picked up on it and thought they got the revelation, but it really came forth from this little lady.

He told the story that Lance Wallnau told him about monkeys on an island who discovered how they could wash a salt layer off the outside of a fruit and then could eat it, and how the monkeys on another island got the same idea at the same time. He

gave this as an example (of something in the spirit realm that was released in one place and picked up in another place)

The Lord keeps really good books. Those who sow and those who reap rejoice together.

The gift of prophecy is seeing in part. The Spirit of Prophecy is the Spirit's ability to convey the whole picture. It functions more through relationship than through spiritual gifting. If you have a relationship with Him that is intimate and real, you are a candidate to be endowed with the Spirit of Prophecy. I believe it is the Living Word. Those that hold the testimony of Jesus. It's interwoven into the very fabric of your being.

The Spirit of Prophecy - when it goes into a person it is like a seed and it expands and grows, and eventually, you look just like Jesus. You are the testimony of Jesus.

"Perusia" - means coming. What will be the sign of Your "Perusia" - when is Your presence going to be manifested, and we'll know it's the end times? Perusia - His essence. This is not the same as His second advent. Wm. Branham carried the "Perusia". It's the manifested presence. Branham would say: "He's here." The Perusia is the Spirit of Prophecy.

Ecclesia: the church, an assembly that has come into existence through a call. They have a common cause. A community called, that by the power of the Holy Spirit, all are brought into Koinonia which is a body of people with a common cause, who have fellowship and a testimony.

The real called-out-ones are to usher people into a relationship with the Lord. They rally behind the cause rather than behind the idea of unity. If you don't see the cause, you can't have unity. That produces a testimony to the community...koinonia. A place of safety. A sense of family and fellowship. Paul Keith Davis

## TREASURES IN CHRIST

My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, So that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, In order that they may know the mystery of God,

Namely, Christ, in whom are hidden

All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

COLOSSIANS 2:2-3

### **NOTES**

A SUPERNATURAL UNDERSTANDING OF THE TREASURES IN CHRIST is a deep well of assurance and spiritual conviction for a believer. The more intimate our knowledge of the mysteries and secrets of God, hidden in the Bridegroom and reserved for His bride, the deeper our faith becomes.

To venture deep into the heart of God and discover the mind of Christ, men and women must be anointed with the spirit of revelation.

We only need an impartation from Heaven to enlighten our eyes to a deep and intimate knowledge of Him. PAUL KEITH DAVIS

## -35-THE SWORD OF THE LORD

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.

**REVELATION 1:11, 15** 

### **QUOTES**

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE ENEMY'S LAST DAY ARMY. This is Satan's ultimate deception. His ultimate power of destruction is released when he uses Christians to attack one another. Throughout the ages he has used this army, but never has he been able to use so many for his evil purposes as he is now. Do not fear. I have an army too. You must now stand and fight, because there is no longer any place to hide from this war. You must fight for My kingdom, for truth, and for those who have been deceived.

You have used the wisdom that will enable you to keep climbing. Many have fallen because they did not use their sword properly to anchor themselves.

You cannot win if you try to fight the enemy on his own ground, but you must remain on My Holy mountain. Take heed when you think you stand, lest you fall. In this life you can fall from any level.

I must now share with you what I shared with your brothers after My ascension—the message of My kingdom. The enemy's most powerful army has now been put to flight, but not destroyed. Now it is time for us to march forth with the gospel of My kingdom. The eagles have been released and will go with us. We will

take arrows from every level, but I am your Sword, and I am your Captain. It is now time for the Sword of the Lord to be unsheathed. RICK JOYNER

## -36-THE GREATEST WEAPON

Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:7-8

### **QUOTES**

I HAVE GIVEN YOU SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND POWER, and an increasing understanding of My word and My kingdom, but the greatest weapon that you have been given is the Father's love. As long as you walk in My Father's love you will never fail. The fruit of this tree is the Father's love, which is manifested in Me. This love which is in Me must be your daily bread. (They were standing in the Garden of God under the Tree of Life)

You never have to leave this garden. This garden is in your heart because the Creator Himself is within you. You have desired the best part, to worship and sit in His presence forever, and it will never be taken from you. But you must take it from here to where it is needed most. This fruit and this tree are within you because He is in you. You must believe.

You have tasted of the heavenly realm, and no one ever wants to go back to the battle once they do. No one ever wants to leave the manifest presence of the Lord. When the apostle Paul came here he struggled for the rest of his life as to whether he should stay and labor for the sake of the church, or return here to enter into His inheritance. His inheritance was magnified the longer he stayed and served on earth. Now that you have the heart of a true worshiper you will always want to be here, but you can when you enter into true worship. The more focused you are on Him, the more glory you will see, regardless of where you are. RICK JOYNER

#### DREAMING

The angel of God said to me in the dream, "Jacob." I answered, "Here I am."

GENESIS 31:11

#### **QUOTES**

YOU ARE DREAMING, BUT THIS DREAM IS MORE REAL THAN WHAT YOU THINK OF AS REAL. The Father gave men dreams to help them see the door to His dwelling place. He will only dwell in men's hearts, and dreams can be a door to your heart, which will lead you to Him. That is why His angels so often appear to men in their dreams. In dreams they can bypass the fallen mind of man and go straight to his heart.

I am the primary gift that has been given to you for your work. I will show you the way, and I will keep you on it, but only love will keep you faithful. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, but the highest wisdom is to love Him.

(He asked if this was the third heaven) This is part of it, but there is much more. You will see much more. I am taking you to see more now.

(He asked if John's revelation was from the third heaven) Part of John's revelation was from the third heaven, but most of it was from the second heaven. The first heaven was before the fall of man. The second heaven is the spiritual realm during the reign of evil upon the earth. The third heaven is when the love and domain of the Father will again prevail over the earth through the King.

(He asked what the first heaven was like) It is wisdom not to be concerned about that now. Wisdom is to seek to know the third heaven just as you have. There is much more to know about the third heaven than you can know in this life, and it is the third heaven, the kingdom, that you must preach in this life. In the ages to come you will be told about the first heaven, but it is not profitable for you to know about it now. RICK JOYNER

## -38-TRUE WISDOM

Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. 1 Chronicles 16:29

**QUOTES** 

IT IS WISDOM TO LOVE AND I COULD NOT BE WISDOM IF I DID NOT LOVE YOU. It is also wisdom to behold the kindness and the severity of God. It is wisdom to love Him and to fear Him. You are in deception if you do otherwise. That is the next lesson that you must learn.

I have been your companion for a very long time, and I know your teachings. Now you are about to learn what some of your own teachings mean. As you have said many times, 'It is not by believing in your mind, but in your heart that results in righteousness.'

There are times to adore the Lord, and there are times to honor Him with the greatest fear and respect, just as there is a time to plant, and a time to reap. It is wisdom to know the time for each. True wisdom knows the times and seasons of God. I brought you here because it was time to worship the Lord in the glory of His love. This is what you needed the most after such a battle. RICK JOYNER

# -39-THE LION AND THE LAMB

The Lion of the tribe of Judah has triumphed. I saw a Lamb standing in the center of the throne.

REVELATION 5:5-6

#### **QUOTES**

IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO WORSHIP HIM IN THE FEAR OF HIS JUDGMENT. Until you know both there is a danger that we can be separated from each other. (Do you mean that if I had stayed back there in that glorious worship I would have lost you?)

Yes. I would have always visited with you when I could, but we would have rarely crossed paths. It is hard to leave such glory and peace, but that is not the whole revelation of the King. He is both a Lion and a Lamb. To the spiritual children He is the Lamb. To the maturing He is the Lion. To the fully mature He is both the Lion and the Lamb. Again, I know you understand this, but you have known it in your mind. Soon you will know it in your heart, for you are about to experience the judgment seat of Christ.

You enter His gates with thanksgiving, His courts with praise. You were there. It has not gotten more real, but you have. Just as the Lord told the thief on the cross, 'Today you will be with Me in Paradise,' you can enter Paradise at anytime. The

Lord, His Paradise, and this mountain, are all abiding in you, because He is in you. What were but foretastes before, are now a reality to you because you have climbed the mountain.

The reason that you can see me and others cannot, is not because I have entered your realm, but because you have entered Mine. This is the reality that the prophets knew which gave them great boldness even when they stood alone against armies. They saw the heavenly host that was for them, not just the earthly one arrayed against them. RICK JOYNER

### -40-HUMILITY

Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

1 Peter 5:5-6

#### **QUOTES**

HE THEN GAVE ME A VERY PLAIN MANTEL TO PUT ON. What is this? I asked. Humility. You will not be able to see very well without it.

What army is that? I asked. That is Pride. That is the hardest enemy to see after you have been in the glory. Those who refuse to put on this cloak will suffer much at the hands of that most devious enemy.

Only the soldiers who wear this cloak will recognize your authority. Come with me. There is something else that you must see before you can help lead in the great battle that is to come.

You have taught that there was no armor for the backside, which meant that you were vulnerable if you ran from the enemy. However, you never saw how advancing in pride also made you vulnerable.

Pride is the hardest enemy to see, and it always sneaks up behind you. In some ways, those who have been to the greatest heights are in the greatest danger of falling. You must always remember that in this life you can fall at any time from any level.

When you think you are the least vulnerable to falling is in fact when you are the most vulnerable. Most men fall immediately after a great victory.

Stay close to me, inquire of the Lord before making major decisions, and keep that mantle on. Then the enemy will not be able to easily blindside you.

The Lord is closer to the homeless than to kings. You only have true strength to the degree that you walk in the grace of God, and "He gives His grace to the humble." No evil weapon can penetrate this mantle, because nothing can overpower His grace. As long as you wear this mantle you are safe from this kind of attack.

When they saw the battle you just witnessed, they all came to Me for help, and I gave them their mantles. I am with all who go forth to do the will of My Father.

I told you that I would never leave you or forsake you. I am with all of My warriors just as I am with you. I will be to you whatever you need to accomplish My will, and you have needed wisdom.

The angels bowed to him when he had the mantle on. They told him the mantle (of humility) was the highest rank in the kingdom. They said he was clothed in the grace of God. There is no greater power than that. They said the ones who wore that mantle were the dreaded champions, the sons and daughters of the King...that as long as he wore that there was no power in heaven or earth that could stand before him. They said everyone in heaven and hell recognizes that mantle. RICK JOYNER

# -41-SALVATION

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

ACTS 4:12

#### **QUOTES**

YOU THINK THAT THIS IS THE LOWEST LEVEL (SALVATION), but this is the foundation of the whole mountain. In any journey, the first step is the most important, and it is usually the most difficult. Without 'Salvation' there would be no mountain.

These angels have beheld the courage that it took for these to hold on. They may not have gone any further, but neither did they give up. They will soon be healed, and then they will behold the glory of the rest of the mountain, and they will begin to climb. These will be great warriors for the battle to come.

By staying here they made it easier for you to climb by keeping most of your enemies occupied. Very few from the higher levels ever reached out to help others

come to the mountain, but these did. Even when these were barely clinging to the mountain themselves, they would reach out to pull others up. In fact, most of the mighty warriors were led to the mountain by these faithful ones. These are no less heroes than those who made it to the top. They brought great joy to heaven by leading others to Salvation. It was for this reason that all the angels in heaven wanted to come to minister to them, but only the most honored were permitted.

It is right for you to want to help, but you will help most by going on to what you have been called to do. These will all be healed and will climb the mountain. They can now climb faster because of you and the others who went before them, both destroying the enemy, and marking the way. They will join you again in the battle. These are fearless ones who will never retreat before the enemy. RICK JOYNER

## -42-OVERCOMERS

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

REVELATION 3:21

#### **QUOTES**

These thrones are for the overcomers who have served Me faithfully in every generation. My Father and I prepared them before the foundation of the world. Are you worthy to sit on one of these?

Those empty seats could have been filled in any generation. I gave the invitation to sit here to everyone who has called upon My name. They are still available. Now the last battle has come, and many who are last shall be first. These seats will be filled before the battle is over.

Those who will sit here will be known by two things: they will wear the mantle of humility, and they will have My likeness. You now have the mantle. If you can keep it and do not lose it in the battle, when you return you will also have My likeness. Then you will be worthy to sit with these, because I will have made you worthy. All authority and power has been given to Me, and I alone can wield it. You will prevail, and you will be trusted with My authority only when you have come to fully abide in Me. RICK JOYNER

## -43-FEED MY LAMBS

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Jesus said,, "Take care of my sheep." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." JOHN 21:15-17

#### **QUOTES**

I LOVE ALL OF THESE WITH A LOVE THAT YOU CANNOT NOW UNDERSTAND. I also love all who are supposed to be here but did not come. I have left the ninety-nine to go after the one who was lost. My shepherds would not leave the one to go after the ninety-nine who are still lost. I came to save the lost. Will you share My heart to go to save the lost? Will you help to fill this room? Will you help to fill these thrones, and every other seat in this hall? Will you take up this quest to bring joy to heaven, to Me and to My Father?

This judgment is for My own household, and My own house is not full. The last battle will not be over until My house is full. Only then will it be time for us to redeem the earth, and remove the evil from My creation. It you drink My cup you will love the lost the way that I love them.

You have called upon Me for grace. This request I never deny. You shall return, and the Holy Spirit shall be with you. Here you have tasted of both My kindness and My severity. You must remember both if you are to stay on the path of life. The true love of God includes the judgment of God. You must know both my kindness and severity or you will fall to deception. This is the grace that you have been given here, to know both. The conversations you had with your brethren here were My grace. Remember them.

This, too, is grace. You are but one of many who have been prepared for this hour. Preach and write about all that you have seen here. What I have said to you say to My brethren. Go and call My captains to the last battle. Go and defend the poor and the oppressed, the widows and the orphans. This is the commission of My captains, and it is where you will find them. My children are worth more to Me than the stars in the heavens. Feed My lambs. Watch over My little ones. Give the word of God to them that they may live. Go to the battle. Go and do not retreat. Go quickly for I will come quickly. Obey Me and hasten the day of My coming. RICK JOYNER

# RIGHEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE

This is what the Lord says:
"Maintain justice and do what is right."

ISAIAH 56:1

#### **OUOTES**

AN ANGEL TOLD HIM: "Now that he has stood He will not sit again until the last battle is over. He has been seated until the time when His enemies are to be put under His feet. The time has now come. The legions of angels that have been standing ready since the night of His passion have now been released upon the earth. The hordes of hell have also been released. This is the time for which all of creation has been waiting. The great mystery of God will soon be finished. We will now fight until the end. We will fight with you and with your brethren."

There is a freedom that comes when you perceive truth, but whomever I set free is free indeed. The freedom of My presence is greater than just knowing truth. You have experienced liberation in My presence, but there is yet much more for you to understand about My judgments. When I judge I am not seeking to condemn, or to justify, but to bring forth righteousness. Righteousness is only found in union with Me. That is the righteous judgment, bringing men into unity with Me.

My church is now clothed with shame because she does not have judges. She does not have judges because she does not know Me as the Judge. I will now raise up judges for My people who know My judgment. They will not just decide between people or issues, but to make things right, which is to bring them into agreement with Me.

When I appeared to Joshua as the Captain of the Host, I declared that I was for neither him nor his enemies. I never come to take sides. When I come it is to take over, not to take sides. I appeared as the Captain of the Host before Israel could enter her Promised Land. The church is now about to enter her Promised Land, and I am again about to appear as the Captain of the Host. When I do I will remove all who have been forcing My people to take sides against their brothers. My justice does not take sides in human conflicts, even those of My own people. What I was doing through Israel I was doing for their enemies, too, not against them. It is only because you see from the earthly, temporal perspective that you do not see My justice. You must see My justice to walk in My authority because righteousness and justice are the foundation of My throne. RICK JOYNER

# TRUE KNOWLEDGE

My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

COLOSSIANS 2:2-3)

#### **NOTES**

THE DISCIPLES' WITNESS WAS EXPERIENTIAL. THEY SAW HIM AFTER THE RESURRECTION. The day of Pentecost not only gave them power, it changed their hearts. There was an invisible union of the Heavenly Bridegroom and the Earthly Bride.

What's about to return is the manifested presence of the "perusia" God. This will mold and shape and transition us. For the Bride of Christ this is going to be our finest hour. For the darkness there will be some judgment.

The church is called to be a community - a common cause that supercedes our differences. People are looking for family, a safe place, community.

He told a story of Aaron Evans, a black man, who was in jail for a hate crime. A ball of fire came through the ceiling and Jesus came in it. Jesus said to him that He is not a white man, and not a black man, but the right man.

Community and testimony are inseparable in koininea. It's a God-released thing to look for family/koininea. He said he believes the seeker sensitive church is nothing more than the Laodecian church warmed over. He said recently the leader of Willow Creek said they failed; that they thought by getting everyone involved and having something for everyone, they would make disciples, and it didn't work that way.

Apostles' doctrines - that which is taught, true instruction, the substance of His word as truth (Acts 2:42). The true knowledge of God. The word of knowledge matures into the Spirit of knowledge, etc with each gift. (Col. 2) Resulting in a TRUE KNOWLEDGE of God's mysteries. True knowledge - "epinosis". Precise knowledge of things Divine. A true knowledge is being established.

(Isaiah 48:6ff) Will you not testify? New, hidden things created now, by the Spirit of Prophecy. Called into being by the prophetic word.

There is about to be a download of the mysteries of the kingdom. (Revelation 10) The Lord is coming with the open book. We are going to be given an understanding of the book. We are to eat the book.

He believes the "end of days" time clock started in 1967 when Jerusalem was taken over by the Jews. The Lord is inviting us to begin encountering Him.

Let God sanctify what you have been in the past and use it for His kingdom - like he took Paul's knowledge and sanctified him and revealed true knowledge to him, not the tainted knowledge he had previously. (Acts 22)

We are all called to be a friend of God, a priest and king, sons of God. He talked about the "hidden" people from Rick Joyner's books who were in high places in heaven but not known on earth for ministry.

John G. Lake said he had four experiences: (1) Salvation - justification, (2) Sanctification, (3) Healing - impartation of gifts, (4) Presence of God on him - a Christ-man.

He said he thinks what he saw in the treasury room of heaven are things we will begin to see brought forth by the Spirit of Prophecy...in the open book...the revelations are in that book that are now being presented to a body of people. The Spirit of Prophecy will bring a pure word. PAUL KEITH DAVIS

# AN EXPLOSION OF THE LORD'S POWER

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

#### **QUOTES**

I SAID TO THE LORD ON SUNDAY MORNING, "The gunshots we are hearing daily on the news are so grieving." The Lord said, "There will soon be an explosion of My power that will be heard around the world that will bring salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. This explosion will interrupt news reporters and the media."

A great light will accompany this explosion, piercing gross darkness in the hearts of men. This explosive power will blow the scales off the eyes of the Jewish people and they will run like prodigals to the mountain of the Lord. The sound of a Shofar will roar like a lion calling them home.

This great light will penetrate war zones releasing the angel armies to war with Heaven's most powerful weapon: God's love. I heard that familiar voice conversing with terrorists saying, "Why do you persecute Me?" (see Acts 9:4). Some angels were causing guns to jam and bullets to disappear as a light brighter than the sun brought instant healing to their hateful hearts.

Certain areas of war zones became "fields of altars" as many blinded by the light were crying out, "Lord, what would You have me to do?" Many were surrendering to the Lord on the battlefield.

Angels were protecting some of these soldiers until the light broke through. Some died in battle, but as that bright light shone on their corpse it was like someone had breathed life back into them and they stood knowing they were a new creature. Hatred was gone and God's love had come.

Soldiers on both sides of the battlefield were being visited. Some soldiers seeing their comrades die but were now alive were in shock as the fear of the Lord came upon them. At first, the enemy tried his best to keep these testimonies as quiet as possible. But all the demons and powers of Hell could no longer hold them back. For they were now overcoming the enemy by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.

Journalists and news reporters at first were struck with unbelief as these miracles began to reach their ears. But as they kept hearing these unusual events, believing began eroding their doubts as soldiers reported seeing Jesus and were being healed of their battle wounds. Curiosity caused many journalists and reporters to listen to the rest of their stories. Slowly but surely these unbelievable testimonies began breaking into the media and news outlets, touching the viewers and the readers of the late breaking news that could no longer be ignored.

I asked the Lord, "What caused this shift and turning in the hearts of men?" He said, "It's the prayers of My remnant in the earth who are praying with forgiveness in their hearts and blessing their enemies in the time of being persecuted for My namesake, because that is My will."

"Praying, forgiving and blessing releases My Spirit to move on anyone. Many of My people have chosen which enemies to pray for and have decided which enemies are too far gone to be saved. But those who are filled with My love know that the real enemy is satan, not flesh and blood, therefore, no one is too far gone."

If you think the terrorists are too far gone, read the story of Saul (see Acts 9) whose name became Paul who wrote much of the New Testament. God wants to change many more names!

"Keep praying, keep forgiving, and keep blessing in My name. The fuse has been lit." BILL YOUNT

## -47-THE NEW COVENANT

After supper he took the cup, saying,
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood;
do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."
1 CORINTHIANS 11:25

#### **QUOTES**

WITH WHOM DID GOD MAKE THIS COVENANT? He cut it with his son, Jesus—and they agreed to its terms before the very foundation of the world (Titus 1:2). This covenant was a formal agreement between Father and Son. This covenant, cut before the world was formed, has in it the sworn oath of Almighty God to save and deliver us from the power and dominion of Satan, just as surely as he did it for his own son. This covenant was cut with us also, since we are one with Christ through faith.

Here is God's primary purpose in formulating the New Covenant. It was to recover a lost humanity from the devil's power. The heavenly Father wasn't willing to lose his beloved creation to the powers of hell. So he formed a redemption plan—one that came completely from his heart of love, before the world was created.

Jesus answered the Father, "You've shown me that your help to humanity is going to be laid upon my shoulders. You're sending me to rescue the imprisoned, heal the hurting, break satanic strongholds and reconcile creation back to you. Father, I accept this charge to take on the redemption of the lost. And I accept the might and power You will give me to accomplish the task."

#### THINGS THE FATHER SENT JESUS TO DO:

- Rescue the imprisoned
- Heal the hurting
- Break satanic strongholds
- Reconcile creation back to the Father
- Minister as a priest and shepherd to His children

- Walk with them through every shadow of death
- If one goes astray, take him in Your arms and bring him back to My love
- Rescue his soul and bring him great comfort.
- Call His sheep by name
- Not cast out all that the Father gives Him
- Preach good tidings to the meek
- Bind up the brokenhearted
- Proclaim liberty to the captives
- Open prison doors to all who are bound
- Bear with the weaknesses of the frail
- Not break a bruised reed
- Not quench a smoking flame
- Bear tenderly with the ignorant
- Feed the flock
- Supply their shortcomings with Your strength
- Gather all the lambs in Your arms and carry them in Your bosom
- Gently lead the young
- Lend Your strength to the weak
- Guide them with Your counsel
- Promise to send them the Holy Spirit to carry on the work of freedom
- Cherish them, perfect them and bring them home to glory with You

#### FATHER GAVE THESE EVERLASTING COVENANT PROMISES TO HIS SON:

- You will have the Holy Spirit upon you without measure.
- You will never be out of My sight. My presence will always be with You.
- I will lift you up in all times of opposition and discouragement. Every time the enemy brings discouragement upon you, I will be there to counteract it.
- I will highly exalt You and give You a name above all other names.
- After Your work is finished, I will bring you back to glory...in victory, power and anointing. DAVID WILKERSON

### THE OVERSHADOWING

I have put my words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of my hand.

ISAIAH 51:16

#### NOTES

WHEN PEOPLE BEING PRAYED FOR WERE OVERSHADOWED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, they would go out, they would fall, under the Spirit, sometimes for 2 or 3 days, and would come out with a testimony of what they experienced. What's coming now is Jehovah Shammah - the Lord who is present. We are going to become something that we've never been before. There is a birthing.

When we take a cup of water of the Spirit, everything that He is, is in that cup of water in seed form. That's the only way we can be conformed to Jesus.

A law of the kingdom: every seed bears fruit after its own kind. If it perishes in the ground it multiplies. To truly bring people to repentance we need to bring the goodness of God to them.

If we were embodying the Spirit of Truth, it would bring the spirit of conviction. The call of the church is to embody the Spirit of Truth.

He told the story of a meeting in Kansas City where he felt they had reached a ceiling. He asked the Lord what to do. The Lord said to have the people give a shout, and He would scatter their enemies. When they did, God came in and brought conviction.

In Luke 1 it says - "and the angel said do not be afraid Mary...you will conceive in your womb and you will bear a son...the Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the most high will overshadow you."

Overshadow means: To be enveloped in a bright shining light, a cloud of light, visible and tangible. What brings a conception? A word and an overshadowing.

In the transfiguration: a cloud formed and began to overshadow them...a voice came. In Acts 5:14 it speaks of the bright shining cloud overshadowing Peter.

The overshadowing is going to change our whole perspective. In Isaiah 51:16 it says "I have put my word in your mouth and overshadowed you with my hand." This is our calling - to out-ray light. To have His word in our mouth.

Our eyes haven't been opened to the real realm yet. One overshadowing can change everything. PAUL KEITH DAVIS

# -49-THE BLUEPRINTS OF GOD

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
No mind has conceived
What God has prepared for those who love him,
But God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.
1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-10

#### **NOTES**

LORD JESUS, SHOW US WHAT YOU'RE DOING, so we can position ourselves to cooperate with You.

God saved us, and He called us to His purpose, and He set up an account for us in heaven of grace to do what He called us to do. And this was all set up before time began, before the foundation of the world.

We need to discover how to empty our grace account. When mine is empty, then I'm out of here.

The Spirit of Revelation opens our eyes to see and our ears to hear and our hearts to understand. The spirit of stupor needs to be lifted off so people can receive revelation.

Regarding The blueprints of heaven: He saw the treasury room of heaven (Colossians 2:2-3) of wisdom and knowledge of Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 2 tells of things which eyes haven't seen and ears haven't heard. Blueprints for buildings, etc.

There are layers of truth in the Word about to be released. Now the book has been opened. And you will eat it; and it will be part of who you are. You will be the word.

God has a blueprint; He has a divine strategy. We fail to recognize the stepping stones. The treasure is the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 13:7-8 Remember those who led you. Consider the result of their conduct. Imitate their faith.

1885 the seeds of restoration/revival were sown - taught that healing was the children's bread. Pentecostal movement. 1900 Charles Parham taught about baptism of Holy Spirit. PAUL KEITH DAVIS

# -50-PRAYER-THE SPOKEN WORD

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray." LUKE 11:1

#### **NOTES**

WHY PRAY IF GOD IS IN CONTROL ANYWAY? It does not influence Him. He doesn't need you to pray. It is because He has delegated the running of His kingdom on earth to people on earth. Prayer is based on the reality of God sharing with us the privilege of ruling with Him.

Why didn't God just get rid of Satan and his fallen angels as soon as they rebelled? Lucifer was able to call into question God's integrity to the degree that a third of the angels followed him. God needed to show the righteous angels the consequences of the rebellion. They had to see what evil would do. There was no second chance for the fallen angels.

Lucifer may well have been the second under God, leading worship. Because of sin and rebellion, he became darkness...The opposite of what he was previously in the presence of God.

God allowed man to choose between good and evil. So there had to be evil in the world...to train God's people in warfare.

This is where prayer comes in. Prayer is the spoken word on what God has already determined to do. (Luke 11:1ff) Lord teach us to pray. He prayed the Lord's prayer.

Story of a friend who asked for bread - because of his importunity. Importunity means boldness, not persistence, it's an attitude. We are acting on behalf of Jesus' instructions, therefore faith and boldness arises.

Don't just ask once, continue to ask, not necessarily for the same thing, but for things. Supplication (Ephesians 6:18) means - with an added intensity, lock on and not let go, not cave in, intercession. Intercession - means come between, and stop the working of the enemy.

Basis of prayer - God has already decided to do it, and passed on to us to do it through prayer. Old Testament prayer was beseeching God. New Testament prayer is God interceding through us to fulfill His will.

(Romans 8:26) We don't know how to pray as we ought - the Holy Spirit in us makes intercession through us. Spiritual battles have to be initiated by God. Don't get in a battle God didn't initiate. Joshua had to listen to God and battle when and where and how He said. A lot of people enter into spiritual battles which God is not in. If you get into a spiritual battle that God is not in, you are in trouble. That is the cause of a lot of people's troubles.

Co-sovereign-ship with God. 2 Timothy 2:12 reign with Him - prayer is to achieve that. Rev 3:21 - he that overcomes, I'll grant to sit with Me upon My throne - a co-ruler-ship. How are we going to learn to rule, reign, and to overcome?

God will do nothing without the church. They have to have a hands-on situation. God will decide what is to be done, but man will do it. He will instruct us on how to do it, but we will do it. And you do it through the spoken word.

We don't understand the full dynamics of speech. God spoke things into existence. We have to do it His way. It won't be done unless it is spoken. He spoke, and it was done.

The dynamic of the creative speech. God rules with words - which in turn releases power. Hebrews 1:3 upholding all things by the word of His power. Authority is established and released by the spoken word.

Prayer is not praying for what we want; it is praying for what God wants to do. Jesus said if you seek first His kingdom, He will give us what we need

In going into the promised land, the Israelites went on the offense. Previously they fought only to protect themselves when attacked.

Warfare has to be initiated by God. Prayer is ruling, it's not begging. It's learning how to rule with God. Learn to do it My way. Learn from Me.

Prayer: It's the highest form of ministry in God's kingdom. That's where the action is. Jeremiah 1:9 - "I will put my words in your mouth." If My people will pray, then I will do this...

When we find the connection with God - we start in the natural until we connect, then we hear and pray as He leads. His words in your mouth. Praying in the Spirit - purposes and will of God to come to pass. It's a matter of sowing to the Spirit (praying in the Spirit) and then you will reap of the Spirit.

God rules with words, which release power. It's thinking with God in His purposes, and uniting with Him in prayer. God takes the initiative. Don't act out of presumption.

God told Joshua - meditate on My word day and night and then you will have success. Be "linked in" with God. NEVILLE JOHNSON

# PRAYERS THAT ORGINATE IN GOD

Who gave man his mouth? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say. EXODUS 4:11-12

#### **NOTES**

HOW DO WE PRAY PRAYERS THAT ORIGINATE IN GOD NOT OURSELVES?

- Praying in tongues/spirit it is your spirit that is praying 1 Cor. 14:2 the enemy cannot understand what you are praying. Paul said "I will choose to pray in the spirit in the natural spirit. Then your spirit will rise to connect with the Spirit. Pray out loud, with power, distinctive, with the force of your spirit, where your mind is in neutral, strongly, with force, purpose, faith, and power. Pray for an hour out loud.
- By sensing the Holy Spirit's prayer initiatives, prompting of Holy Spirit. Start by praying in the spirit. When you have a sense of burden or concern of the Spirit, pray until that concern ebbs. May have visual direction: nation, person, or situation. When you are praying for a person, don't be directive. Can pray positive things for that person: blessing, strength, wisdom, light, revelation. You cannot use spiritual means to control another to do this or that. Pray against spiritual opposition that may be against them.
- Pray until you connect with God, then follow that through. Scanning through praying different subjects, different areas, until you touch a cord in God. Talking to God is fellowship, not praying. Praying is ruling with God.
- Prayer is ruling with authority, faith, and power. You cannot whisper prayers like that. It has to be strong with force and power
- His words in your mouth (Exodus 4:16) "I will be with your mouth" (Isaiah 61:15) "I will put my words in your mouth" (Jeremiah 1 also) Words form in your mouth before your mind formulates them. It comes with a special feeling or sensation (like he feels on the side of his tongue)
- Prophetic praying in English ahead of your mind. You relinquish your mind and allow the words to come through. Speaking from your spirit.

#### YOUR SPIRIT IS CONTROLLED BY YOUR CHOICE.

• The mind aiding the spirit.

- Your soul controls your spirit. It can block or release your spirit.
- A weight in your spirit: Sighing can be releasing a weight in your spirit. Can be caused by oppression. If you get that, you often get indifferent. You've got to get rid of it, get your spirit free again. The easiest way to get rid of it is to praise the Lord out loud/sing out loud.
- If that won't break it, dance before the Lord.
- Garment of praise to lift the spirit of heaviness
- If YOU don't get rid of it, God won't get rid of it for you.
- You don't feel like it, but you must do it out loud. The louder the better. Get some power behind it.
- Push the thing off the weight on your spirit
- If you become self-centered, turning inward, your spirit will begin to sink. Your soulish life will totally surround your spirit.
- The easiest way to break through is to pick some situation for someone else and pray for them
- When your spirit begins to ebb, the flow stops when that happens, then prayer is a chore, bible reading is not getting anything out of it. Your spirit is like a well, it has to be unblocked. Often heavy soulish activity can cause this, natural mind activity, emotional activity causes this to happen.
- Numbers 21:17 "Spring up O well"
- Sing unto your well
- Most people don't recognize when their spirit is beginning to sink. About all problems in your life can be related to the condition of your soul.
- Over-tiredness can do this also
- External anxiety without a cause

#### YOUR MIND HAS TO ACTIVATE YOUR SPIRIT.

- Press in until you connect with the Holy Spirit.
- If nothing is happening, stir up your spirit.
- Don't underestimate your spirit to lie down on the job. Other people and things can affect your spirit. You must spend time rejoicing. Dance before the Lord. Shout before the Lord...it's a spiritual principle. It penetrates. NEVILLE JOHNSON

# Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. MATTHEW 6:34

#### **QUOTES**

Part of saving faith is the assurance that you will have faith tomorrow. Trusting Christ today includes trusting him to give you tomorrow's trust when tomorrow comes. Often we feel today like our reservoir of strength is not going to last for another day. The fact is, it won't. Today's resources are for today, and part of those resources is the confidence that new resources will be given tomorrow.

The basis of this assurance is the wonderful teaching of the Bible that God assigns only as much trouble to each day as that day can bear. God will not let his children be tested in any given day beyond what his mercy for that day will sustain. That's what Paul means when he says, "No test has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tested beyond what you are able, but with the test will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it." (1 Corinthians 10:13, author's translation).

The old Swedish hymn "Day by Day" is based on Deuteronomy 33:25: "As your days, so shall your strength be." It gives us the same assurance:

Day by day, and with each passing moment, Strength I find to meet my trials here; Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear.

The "Father's wise bestowment" is the amount of trouble that we can bear each day - and no more:

He whose heart is kind beyond all measure Gives unto each day what he deems best Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure, Mingling toil with peace and rest.

With every day's measure of pain, he gives new mercies. This is the point of Lamentations 3:22-23, "The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."

God's mercies are new every morning because each day has enough mercy in it only for that day. This is why we tend to despair when we think that we may have to bear tomorrow's load on today's resources. God wants us to know that we won't. Today's mercies are for today's troubles. Tomorrow's mercies are for tomorrow's troubles.

Sometimes I wonder if we will have the mercy to stand in terrible testing. Yes, we will. Peter says, "If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you" (1 Peter 4:14). When the reviling comes, the Spirit of glory comes. It happened for Stephen as he was being stoned (Acts 7:55-60). It will happen for you. When the Spirit and the glory are needed, they will come.

The manna in the wilderness was given one day at a time. There was no storing up. That is the way we must depend on God's mercy. You do not receive today the strength to bear tomorrow's burdens. You are given mercies today for today's troubles. Tomorrow the mercies will be new. "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Corinthians 1:9 RSV). "Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will act!" (1 Thessalonians 5:24, author's translation). JOHN PIPER

# -53-FUTURE GRACE

By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:10

#### **QUOTES**

OBEDIENCE COMES FROM TRUSTING GOD FOR MORE GRACE - FUTURE GRACE - and thus magnifying the infinite resources of God's love and power. "I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God which is with me" (1 Corinthians 15:10 RSV). The grace that enabled Paul to work hard in a life of obedience was the daily arrival of fresh supplies of grace. This is what faith trusts in - the continuing arrivals of grace. Faith looks to the promises like, I will be with you wherever you go (Joshua 1:9), and in that confidence faith ventures, in obedience, to take the land... Trusting in future grace is the enabling strength of our obedience. The more we trust in future grace, the more we give God the opportunity in our lives to show the glory

of his inexhaustible grace. So take a promise of future grace and do some radical act of obedience on it. God will be mightily honored. JOHN PIPER

## -54-BE WILLING TO GROW

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18

#### **QUOTES**

THE NAME OF JESUS IS POWER. No loving parent would release power to a baby, because he knows the child would get hurt if he did. Parents don't withhold power from their children to hurt them, but to help them or to keep them safe. Our heavenly Father is the same way. He tells us what is available to us, and then by His Spirit helps us mature to the point where we can handle what He desires to give us.

Be willing to grow into new levels of maturity and obedience. Ask the Holy Spirit to begin to reveal to you any areas in your life that are blocking the power of God. Ask Him to show you areas of selfishness and areas of deception. Get serious in your praying, serious about growing up. JOYCE MEYER

# PURSUING PLEASURE IN GOD

Delight yourself in the Lord And he will give you the Desires of your heart. PSALM 37:4

**QUOTES** 

SOME OF THE STEPS OF OUR SALVATION ARE predestination, creation, incarnation, propitiation, sanctification and consummation. At every step the Bible says God is doing these things, through Jesus Christ, to display and magnify His glory.

Predestination: "He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace." (Ephesians 1:5-6)

Creation: "Bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the ends of the earth, everyone who is called by My name, and whom I have created for My glory" (Isaiah 43:6-7).

Incarnation: "Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises given to the fathers, and for the Gentiles to glorify God for His mercy" (Romans 15:8-9).

Propitiation: "God displayed [Christ] publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed" (Romans 3:25).

Sanctification: "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more...having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:9, 11).

Consummation: "[Those who do not obey the gospel] will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed" (2 Thessalonians 1:9-10).

[Jonathan] Edwards was the greatest pastor-theologian that America has ever produced. He wrote a book in 1755 called *The End for Which God Created the World*. The foundation and aim of that book is the following stunning insight. It is the deepest basis of Christian Hedonism. Read this old-fashioned English slowly to see Edwards's brilliant resolution.

God is glorified not only by His glory's being seen, but by its being rejoiced in. When those that see it delight in it, God is more glorified than if they only see it. His glory is then received by the whole soul, both by the understanding and by the heart. God made the world that He might communicate, and the creature receive, His glory; and that it might [be] received both by the mind

and heart. He that testifies his idea of God's glory [doesn't] glorify God so much as he that testifies also his...delight in it.

This is the solution. Did God create you for His glory or for your joy? Answer: He created you so that you might spend eternity glorifying Him by enjoying Him forever. In other words, you do not have to choose between glorifying God and enjoying God. Indeed you dare not choose. If you forsake one, you lose the other. Edwards is absolutely right: "God is glorified not only by His glory's being seen, but by its being rejoiced in." If we do not rejoice in God, we do not glorify God as we ought.

Here is the rock-solid foundation of Christian hedonism: God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him...

The radical implication is that pursuing pleasure in God is our highest calling. It is essential to all virtue and all reverence. JOHN PIPER

# -55-TESTIMONIES

The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.
REVELATION 19:10

#### **QUOTES**

TESTIMONIES REVEAL GOD'S NATURE. This means that every story of every miracle or sign that God has ever performed is your story because you have become related to the God who made them happen.

The testimonies of God are the tools that equip us to walk in our purpose to demonstrate what He is like through the miraculous. First, they reveal the nature of God and how He does things--His ways. Secondly, this awareness of who God is creates an expectation in our hearts for God's ways to be manifested in our lives. The Hebrew root word for "testimony" means "do again." Every record of what God has done in generations past is a promise of what He will do again in our lives, because He is the same yesterday, today and forever, and is no respecter of persons...When

we declare what God has done, power is released to make that testimony happen again in the lives of those who hear it.

Our expectation of God is what determines our level of faith. And we have to have faith in order to "keep His commandments." All of Christ's commands, from "heal the sick" to "love your neighbor" are only possible to fulfill through the supernatural empowerment of His Spirit that comes through faith.

They [Israelites] possessed the testimonies of what God had done for their fathers that, if declared, would not only give them the courage to step out in faith but would release a prophetic anointing to repeat those acts. The problem was that they had forgotten them. Thus they lacked the strength and faith needed to face the battle.

Like Israel, the only thing that distinguishes believers from the rest of the world is the reality that God is active among us. When we lose sight of that, we are no different than anyone else--with one exception, we will experience more serious consequences because we are accountable for the revelation of God we've received in the testimonies. We rob people of their encounters with Him when we forget that the testimony matters to God.

What does it take to keep the testimony so we can stay out of the downward spiral and carry out our responsibility to represent God with power? It simply takes following the prescriptions that God gave His people in the first place. We are to establish a culture of the testimony in our personal lives, in our homes, and in our churches...We're to build memorials that remind us of what God has done and consider them regularly. BILL JOHNSON

# -56-WHAT ARE ANGELS

You have come to Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly. HEBREWS 12:22

**NOTES** 

ANGELIC ACTIVITY WILL INCREASE IN THE END TIMES

They are created beings

They range in size from small to large

They vary in power

Some of them have wings and some don't.

Some appear as normal men sometimes

There are evil angels that belong to the kingdom of darkness

Isaiah 14:12ff talks about Lucifer and his fall from heaven

Angels have free will

Ezekiel 28:12ff talks about Lucifer's fall

Rev. 12:3 Dragon - he drew 1/3 of the angels from heaven with him - he deceived them - fallen angels - rulers of darkness - they wage war against the purposes of God - they have their abode in the heavenly realm between heaven and earth

Another factor is demons. Demons are not fallen angels. They are an entirely different kind of creation.

Angels have bodies

Demons are disembodied spirits

Where do demons come from?

He thinks they are disembodied spirits from another creation before the creation of man

Earth was under Lucifer's control before he fell, and when he fell, he took all that was under him with him.

Genesis 1:1 earth was perfect, good

Genesis 1:2 - the earth became without form and void for some reason. Something took place that destroyed that form of creation

Possibly the ice age was between verses 1 and 2

Jeremiah 4:23ff he is quoting what he saw in vision form. This was about the original calamity on the earth. There was no man. Adam was the first man. There was a form of creation that was not man. Lucifer had dominion over it. That creation was destroyed. These disembodied spirits - demonic power.

2 Peter 3:5ff not talking about the flood. The **world that then was**, being overflowed with water...but the earth we know now...he is talking about a pre-Adamic world. He is talking about a former creation.

Demonic activity came out of that period of time

They are not fallen angels; they seek expression through human bodies or animals

Demons are earth bound, they cannot get into the heavenly realm

Eph. 6:12 records 4 orders of darkness: rulers, authorities, powers of this dark world, spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Matt. 28 Jesus said He is with us always - this is by the Holy Spirit

He is also with us though by the angelic creation

- Archangel Jude 9 (Michael) 1 Thess. 4:16 voice of the archangel. Michael is the only one now. Lucifer WAS an archangel (he thought stronger than Michael) Michael is the prince of Israel in Daniel 12:1. One of his prime roles is warfare. He has whole battalions under him. Rev. 12:7ff war in the heavens
- Gabriel and his angels. God's messenger. Bearer of good news/revelation. Daniel 8:16-19. Luke 1:19-20 I am Gabriel who stands in the presence of God. Luke 1:26, 28.
- Seraphim message of holiness, spirit of burning, baptism of fire will come through them. Isaiah 4:4 spirit of burning, cleansing the church, ask God to send them
- Cherubim Matt 18:10 children have an angel assigned to them. Hebrews 1 ministering spirits. They are with you constantly.

There is a correlation between our warfare on earth and what is happening in the heavenly realm with angels. Story of Daniel and 21 days of prayer

Angels can bring visions, dreams, impressions, and talk to you, give you guidance.

Exodus 23:26 Angel of his presence

We don't worship them or pray to them, but we can call upon their assistance Your angel won't do anything if God says no. NEVILLE JOHNSON

# -57-APPOINTED TIMES

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 2:3

#### **QUOTES**

IN SPITE OF ESCALATING TURMOIL IN OUR WORLD, there still remains one last, great outpouring of mercy before the time of the end (Matt 24:14; Acts 2:17). This supernatural season is not something for which we must beg God. No, its coming has been predetermined. It is the "appointed time" of the Lord.

For those unaware, an "appointed time" is, in truth, an open display of the sovereignty and power of God. In it we discover with absolute certainty that nothing

is impossible for God. It is a season when God fulfills the hopes and dreams of His people. The Psalmist wrote, "But You, O LORD, abide forever, and Your name to all generations. You will arise and have compassion on Zion; for it is time to be gracious to her, for the appointed time has come" (Ps 102:12-13).

During an "appointed time" it's as though the Lord physically rises and moves in unfailing compassion on behalf of His people. It is the time when divine promises, dreams and spiritual hopes are fulfilled. Recall: Abraham and Sarah had waited in faith for a quarter century for the promise of God. Finally, as they neared one hundred years of age, the Lord told Abraham, "At the appointed time I will return to you . . . and Sarah will have a son" (Gen 18:14). One year later, "at the appointed time" (Gen 21:2), Isaac was born to aged parents!

While there are, indeed, appointed times of judgment (Mk 13:33), the phrase most frequently represents a time, preset by God, when He invades mankind with "wonders, plans formed long ago, [that unfold] with perfect faithfulness" (Isa 25:1).

Demons may stand arrayed against the Lord; nations may align themselves to fight Him. It does not matter. He who sits in the heavens laughs. For He makes all things His servants (Ps. 119:91), even His enemies' plans for evil are reversed and made to serve the purpose of God (Gen. 50:20; Rom. 8:28; Acts 2:22-24).

If God gave you a vision, a spiritual hope or dream for your future, there will be an appointed time when that which God spoke comes to pass. Thus the Lord assures us, "Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run. For the vision is yet for the *appointed time*. It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay" (Hab. 2:2-3).

If you have a vision or promise from God, that vision also has a time of fulfillment. Though it tarries, wait for it. For it will certainly come to pass at the appointed time.

### **Appointed Servants of God**

Prior to the unveiling of an appointed time, God has, of course, been actively working in hiddenness. When He rises and moves, He is moving the power grid He laid in secret. The work manifests suddenly, but the preparation may have taken years. Likewise, the Lord also appoints people. He predestines the time of their breakthrough in advance, even as He works silently within their hearts in preparation. Francis Francischer

## DEEPENING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

"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."

JEREMIAH 29:11

#### **QUOTES**

LIVING IN DEEP COMMUNION WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT isn't something that happens overnight. It's actually a lot like falling in love.

Just like falling in love with a person, falling into true love with the Spirit of God takes time, focus, and commitment. There are several different ways you can practice the presence of God and deepen your love relationship with Him. The possibilities are endless. One mind-boggling, simple way is by realizing--and believing--how much He loves you (1 John 4:19). The following exercise will help you do that.

#### Set Aside One Hour To Be Still And Pray

Ask the Lord to tell you what He wants you to know about yourself. Write down what you hear Him saying to you--the quiet thoughts that come to your mind. Nothing is too outlandish. You are not being egotistical; you're listening for the Lord's purpose, His heart, His tender affirmations of you. This simple exercise will change your life. It will open your eyes to the depths of His heart and how prominent your place is in it. You matter to God. Most of us have a small understanding of that, but few of us actually live like we believe it.

#### I Asked God What He Thought Of Me

Several years ago, I was flying back on a corporate plane from Las Vegas to Dallas-Ft. Worth. All the VPs and other people were joking and harassing each other about how great Vegas was--while I had spent most of my time in the hotel room. But during that return flight, I asked God what He thought of me, and I still have the eight pages He gave me in return.

In the middle of the flight, God so overwhelmed me with His love that I was weeping. I was in the tail of the airplane, writing as fast as I could write and praying, "God, don't let any of those guys turn around and see me back here!"

Now, twenty-five years later, every single thing on those eight pages has come true. At the time, I thought, I don't want anybody to ever see this because no way is this going to happen. There's just no way this is going to happen. But twenty-five years later, it has all come true.

#### Fall In Love With Him; Let Him Woo You

One of the first--and vitally crucial--ways to deepening your relationship with the Lord is taking Him at His Word. Fall in love with Him; let Him woo you. Let Him court you (**Hosea 2:14**). Let Him speak great, amazing things over you--things that seem too great, too amazing. But believe them, because everything God says is fact; it will happen.

Ask God to tell you what He thinks of you. His answer will coincide with **Jeremiah** 29:11: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you . . . thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." JOHN PAUL JACKSON

# -59-HEAVENLY PORTALS

He commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven. PSALM 78:23

#### **QUOTES**

GOD DELIGHTS IN REVEALING HIMSELF to those who love His appearing and to those who watch for His coming.

One of the marvelous mysteries of God is the existence of portals--doors and passageways--leading to and from the heavenly realms. When you are standing in a portal, it feels like an open Heaven.

A heavenly portal is a spherical opening of light that offers divine protection by which angels and heavenly beings can come and go, without demonic interference. God has designed portals to begin in the third Heaven, travel through the second Heaven, and open upon Earth.

Throughout Scripture, we see the existence of doorways or portals:

"Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in"--Psalm 24:7.

"He commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven"-- Psalm 78:23.

"Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors"--Proverbs 8:34.

"Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man"--John 1:51.

"After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this. Immediately, I was in the spirit"--Revelation 4:1-2a.

The "door" in Revelation suggests God's invitation for us to have access to His heavenly realm. As His friends, the Lord wants to open the portals of Heaven and release an unparalleled visitation of heavenly hosts.

#### **Jacob Discovered a Heavenly Portal**

Jacob spent the night in a place where his forefather Abraham had "called upon the name of the Lord"--Genesis 12:8. As he rested his head upon a covenant stone, a portal opened. Jacob saw a vision of a ladder with angels ascending and descending on it. When he awoke from sleep, he said,

"Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it...How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven!" Genesis 28:16-17

Eager to mark the specific location where he had encountered the stairway to heaven, Jacob erected a monument and named the place, "Bethel" or "dwelling place of God." Several times after this, the Lord told Jacob to return to Bethel, where He would speak to him.

Have you ever wondered why the Lord, who could speak to you anywhere, would instruct you to go somewhere else, so that He could talk with you?

While God was talking to Elijah, He instructed the prophet to go to Mount Horeb, also known as Mount Sinai, where the Lord would talk to him further--1 Kings 19:11-18.

Divine portals into the heavenly realm exist around the Earth today. The city of Jerusalem is a portal. In fact, it is the major portal on the face of the Earth. That's why both David and Isaiah said that Jerusalem is the center of the earth. Why do you suppose the enemy is trying to capture Jerusalem? [He] is trying to block or close off this portal.

In Moravian Falls, North Carolina, Rick Joyner has shared that he and his staff have had numerous angelic visitations on their property that was once owned by Count von Zinzendorf and the Moravian community of faith. Several portals exist on this land which had been prayed over by the Moravian brethren for over 100 years.

In Sutton, New Hampshire, a portal exists on the 90-acres that were given to Streams Ministries. Obviously the enemy knows this, because he has been blocking the use of this portal and providing access only to the second Heaven. Every time I climb to the top of the land, which the locals refer to as "the Pinnacle", I have torn down demonic altars erected by witches who trespass on the property and defile places where God had once revealed Himself. But God is calling us to take back these high places, so that His angels can come and go without hindrance.

Sadly, while many in the New Age movement recognize the existence of portals, the portals they recognize are those of the second Heaven. Many erroneously think they are hearing from God when actually they are being deceived by the counterfeit.

While living in Babylon, the prophet Daniel encountered angels who had battled with principalities. However, since the prince of Persia ruled the nation, the portal to the third Heaven was stopped up, much like a kitchen sink that is clogged with debris, so that nothing can flow from the source. But the Lord is calling us to take back these places full of divine destiny, so that His angels can come and go unencumbered in our midst.

# Often, the Keys to Open these Heavenly Portals Reside in the Actions of Our Hearts

At Pentecost, the key to unlocking the portal was the unity of the believers. Gathered together, Scripture says they were "in one accord," when suddenly, a portal opened. A sound from Heaven was heard that resembled a mighty rushing wind, filling the whole house. A supernatural manifestation that looked like flames of fire appeared on the believers and filled them with the Holy Spirit--Acts 2:1-4.

We are entering an hour when God wants to give us a mighty outpouring of His Spirit and an unprecedented visitation of heavenly hosts on the Earth--Joel 2:28-29. This new wave of God's Spirit will begin to flow with great power, bringing healing and life, much like Ezekiel's vision of the river of life-- Ezekiel 47.

This coming flow of God's Spirit will be felt in such fullness of power that it will unleash a massive, worldwide revival. Believers will be anointed and empowered to perform even greater works than those Jesus did--healing the sick, casting out demons, raising the dead, and proclaiming the Kingdom of God has come to Earth-John 14:12. In the coming day, the Lord will begin to show many of you where portals exist in your community, so that you will be able to receive even greater spiritual insight and revelation from God. John Paul Jackson

# -60-POWER OF FORGIVENESS

If you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

# But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. MATTHEW 6:14-15

#### **NOTES**

WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND FORGIVENESS. IT NEEDS TO BE A CONSTANT IN OUR LIVES.

God is purposing to bring in a harvest.

He has set things in motion that cannot be reversed.

There will be no delay. The purpose of delay is so the church can get ready. God is moving on.

There are 2 kinds of people in the church today characterized by Cain and Abel.

- They had equal standing before the Lord
- They had equal opportunities before God
- They had each a different spirit and that was to make a profound change in their lives

Cain had blood on his hands because of anger, jealousy he responded in a certain way.

1 John 1:7 If we are living in the light...we have true unbroken fellowship...the blood of Jesus removes guilt from us and keeps us from sin.

Your sins cause separation from God, He hides His face from us

There are those who don't know the Lord, separated from God.

God cannot look on them due to sin.

Sin removes covering over us and opens us to oppression

God has dealt with the sin problem Eph 1:17

There is no record of sins that are confessed and forgiven - every wrong is completely gone. Therefore your life is closed off from oppression.

With faith in Jesus, all demonic oppression is cut off from you

Two ways Satan can get to you -

- Deception
- Sin

You resist Satan and submit to God, the devil will leave you.

#### The power of forgiveness shuts out Satan from our lives

Little things affect our destiny

Obedience to the little things determines our destiny

1 John 1:7 if we walk in the light, we have fellowship one with another

Most of our sins are not against God, it's the other people that are the problems

If you are to walk in the light, you have to be in fellowship with each other. Then the blood cleanses us.

# If we're not in fellowship with each other, the blood does not cleanse us, and leaves us open to oppression of the enemy

This is a major problem in the church.

God commands us to love one another

Forgive - dismiss, forget, accept, be kind and gracious

90% of discord in the church is caused by

- Misunderstanding
- Misinformation through gossip
- Insecurity
- Jealousy
- Godly ambition

The prime thing is misinformation through gossip

James 4:1 where problem arises - uncrucified life - war in your members

Matt 7:1 judge not or you'll be judged

Luke 6:37 condemn not and you shall not be condemned

The law of sowing and reaping

If you want to be forgiven, you must forgive others

Matt. 18 the servant was handed over to the tormenters. So shall God do to us if we don't forgive.

# When we don't forgive a person fully, the next time you sin, you cannot be forgiven. There is an open gap in your life. Through that Satan can legally come in and you be tormented.

If you have unbroken fellowship, the blood of Jesus continues to cleanse you from sin.

It's often just the little things.

## Unforgiveness is the most deadly thing in a Christian's life

Out of that comes bitterness

It holds back the harvest

What's going to happen?

It releases millions of tormenting spirits. They are poised to invade the church. It's going to affect great change in the church

Any fool can judge.

God is not going to wait any longer.

Get it right, or you will not move on.

By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, by your love for one another.

**NEVILLE JOHNSON** 

# -61-INJESUS' NAME

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.

COLOSSIANS 3:17

#### **QUOTES**

WE PRAY AND ASK THE FATHER FOR THINGS IN JESUS' NAME, but we command the enemy in that name. We speak to circumstances and principalities and powers, using the authority that has been given us by virtue of the power of attorney invested in us by Jesus Himself.

In exercising our ministry, when we cast out demons, we don't lay hands on a person and begin to pray for God to cast it out. We command it to come out in the name of Jesus.

We have already done our praying. We have already been to the Father in Jesus' name and enjoyed our fellowship with Him. We have already talked to Him and asked Him to grant us power over demons so we can help people when that kind of ministry is needed. Now we go and use the power He has granted us, and we exercise the authority inherent in the name of His Son Jesus.

The same thing applies to healing the sick. There are times to pray the prayer of faith in the name of Jesus (James 5:15); there are times to anoint with oil (James 5:14); but there are also times simply to command or speak in the name of Jesus.

Victory is not in having the name of the Lord to use, or even in using it, but victory is in having faith in the name of Jesus and using it properly.

There is healing in His name! There is deliverance in His name! There is salvation in His name!

So much can be accomplished in the earth as believers begin to use the name of Jesus unselfishly.... Intercession for others is a manifestation of love. Love is also spiritual warfare, and the devil works hard to trap believers into selfishness so their love walk will be cold instead of fervent. Replace all judgment and criticism with prayer, which

is love in action.... Take the name of Jesus and love people with it. Pray for them using that name. There are two ministries that have been given to every believer: the ministry of *reconciliation* and the ministry of *intercession*. We can help bring reconciliation to the lost as God opens the doors for us to do so, and we can pray for others we see who are hurting or living outside of His covenant.

The name of Jesus is power. No loving parent would release power to a baby, because he knows the child would get hurt if he did. Parents don't withhold power from their children to hurt them, but to help them or to keep them safe. Our heavenly Father is the same way. He tells us what is available to us, and then by His Spirit helps us mature to the point where we can handle what He desires to give us.

Be willing to grow into new levels of maturity and obedience. Ask the Holy Spirit to begin to reveal to you any areas in your life that are blocking the power of God. Ask Him to show you areas of selfishness and areas of deception. Get serious in your praying, serious about growing up.

I believe you and I are also near the end of our ministry on this earth. The end of all things is shortly about to come to pass in my opinion. The Second Coming of Christ is near, and we can expect the spiritual warfare to increase. Just as Jesus encouraged His disciples to pray that they not fall into temptation, I encourage you to do the same. As soon as you sense temptation, pray in His name that you not fall into it.... Yes, come against those temptations with which you wrestle in the name of Jesus, and I believe you will have good results. You do not have to fight your battles alone. There is power in the name of Jesus. Use it! JOYCE MEYER

# THE BLOOD OF JESUS

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb And by the word of their testimony.

REVELATION 12:14

#### **QUOTES**

JUST AS LIGHT IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN CONQUER OR OVERCOME DARKNESS, so life is the only thing that can conquer or overcome death.....The chemical substance

that we call blood carries life. If a person loses his blood, he loses his life. No blood means no life, because the blood carries the life... Life is a spiritual substance, but it must have a physical carrier. Blood carries the life of God, for He is life.

Our position "in Christ" is one of being seated at the right hand of the Lord God Omnipotent. It is impossible for us to live victoriously in this earth without understanding and operating in our rightful authority and dominion over the devil and all his works.

We are delivered from sin and all the "death" it brings with it. When God told Adam that he would surely die if he ate of the forbidden fruit, He did not mean that he would immediately stop breathing and cease to exist. He meant that death would enter the earth. From then on man would have to deal with death in all its forms.

Worry, anxiety and fear are forms of death. Strife, bitterness and resentment are forms of death. Sickness and disease are forms of death. All of these are "portions of death" that are a result of sin in the earth.

Why did it have to be blood that purchased our salvation? Because the life is in the blood, and life is the only antidote for death.

God is equipping His people. He is ready to display His glory, but we have to honor the blood. We must know that when God moves mightily, Satan also moves against Him, and us, with a vengeful force. The blood is our protection, and Satan is afraid of the blood.

When I am applying the blood, I usually pray this way: 'Father, I come to You in Jesus' name, and I put the blood of Jesus on my life and on all that belongs to me, on all that over which You have made me a steward. I put the blood of Jesus on my mind, my body, my emotions and my will. I believe I am protected by that blood. I put the blood on my children, my employees and all the partners of Life in the Word Ministries.

Quite frequently when unpacking and settling into a hotel room I will "plead" the blood or "put" the blood on the room, to cleanse or remove any wrong spirits that may be there from other guests. I do this by praying, by speaking about the blood in my prayer.

One morning not too long ago Dave and I wrote out our tithe check to give to the work of the Lord. As we did, we laid hands on the check and prayed. I went and got

all of our checkbooks and my pocketbook and Dave got his wallet and we laid hands on all of them and put the blood on them, asking God to protect our money, to cause it to multiply and to see to it that Satan could not steal any of it from us.

God certainly has many things that you and I need, and in a covenant relationship He cannot, He will not, refuse to share them with us... because we are in covenant relationship with Him, we can trust Him. JOYCE MEYER

### -63-BELIEVING, SEEING, UNDERSTANDING

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

#### **NOTES**

THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING IS GOING TO COME

IF YOU BELIEVE you will see the glory of God. The pattern is:

- Believing
- Seeing
- Understanding

Multiplied layers of truth

He asks the Lord questions: What are you doing today, Lord?

Book of Destiny shows your destiny in heaven

There are things expected of this generation that weren't expected from any other generation

God came down and talked to him when he was 12 years old, before he was born again.

The Lord kept him within certain parameters because of his destiny

1st you have an awakening - his was that the Lord still communicates with people in the same way that He did in the bible

He read "I Believe in Visions" by Kenneth Hagin. He would walk in the woods and ask the Lord to speak to him. He was getting insight and recording it.

He had read about Samuel's commissioning when he heard the audible voice of the Lord.

Now He is not just issuing mandates, He's issuing decrees. Decrees will happen.

Watchers are in our meetings. The watcher comes from the throne of God and finds someone to speak what the Lord says, then the watcher performs it.

The question is - who is going to cooperate with Him in this.

A watcher appeared to Bob Jones. That meant Bob was now on a higher level. The watcher came to express a decree. The decree was expressing the Lord's desire for an open heaven.

John was one of the Lord's greatest friends.

If we walk in this realm of hearing from God and closeness with God, there will be a lot of people that don't understand us.

The Final Quest - it's an inspired prophetic word. Take it back to the bible and apply the revelation to the Word. That's what the books of Enoch are - prophetic words.

Enoch was taken to heaven and was there for an extended period of time and saw the end times, a generation of people who walked with God. He became a prototype of the people he saw. Daniel was similar.

Daniel 12 he saw things

Cultivate our souls - plant the word in us and water it

If you agree with that word, it will grow quickly, flourish, and needs to be watered, pruned, cultivated.

God puts his finger on something inside you and gives you the grace to remove it.

Then he talked about the treasure room of heaven, what he saw there, and about Akiane and some of her poems and paintings she got from God.

We need to speak in agreement with heaven, not in agreement with the enemy.

PAUL KEITH DAVIS

### -64-FAITH-THE LINK WITH GOD'S POWER

This is the victory that overcomes the world, Even our faith. 1 John 5:4

### **QUOTES**

SOME BELIEVE THAT SIMPLY HAVING FAITH is an entitlement to blessing and prosperity. Others believe that faith in oneself is all that is needed in life. Still others

contend that faith is a cosmic force that breeds superhuman, super-spiritual, invincible.

It is none of these. Faith is not believing what you know is not true, nor is it believing something for which there is no evidence. The Bible is a book all about faith, and provides the evidence that makes faith so vital, so important and so astounding.

In *Faith: The Link With God's Power*, international evangelist Reinhard Bonnke draws from his years of personal study and vibrant ministry to millions to reveal that:

- Faith is like a wiring system that carries power into our lives. Faith itself is not the power, but it links us to the power source. There is no link to God's power without faith.
- What we believe will happen tomorrow, comes from what we already know happened yesterday.
- It is not the size of your faith, but the size of the God you believe in that determines the results. REINHARD BONNKE

### -65-GOD HAS APLAN

With God all things are possible.

MATTHEW 19:26

### **QUOTES**

WHATEVER WE FACE--NO MATTER HOW IMPOSSIBLE IT APPEARS TO BE--God has a specific, strategic, tailor-made plan just for us!

• God has a plan for us. (Jeremiah 29:11 "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."

- We receive God's plan by faith--nothing wavering, sight unseen. (James 1:5) "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him."
- God's plan will come out of the realm of the spirit--not the natural. (1 Corinthians 2:10) "...but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God."
- We have the ability to hear God's plan. (Psalm 85:8) "I will listen to what God the Lord will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints..."
- We are obedient to God's plan. Whatever He tells us to do, we will do. (Isaiah 1:19) "If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land." UNKNOWN AUTHOR

### -66-KINGDOM OF GOD

Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness.

MATTHEW 6:33

### **NOTES**

(Joan's notes) In a conference I attended I especially liked the two messages by Michael Sullivant. These are notes I took from his messages.

IN THE FIRST ONE HE TALKED ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD and showed us a drawing he created to explain about the Kingdom coming and what it's doing now. He said that:

- In the Old Testament the kingdom was concealed
- At the first coming of Christ it was revealed
- During the church age it is delegated (to the Christians to continue to reveal it)
- At the second coming it will be consummated.

Out of Romans 8 he talked about the fruits of the Spirit:

Hearts soften toward God and people

- People come to Jesus and become His disciples
- Total forgiveness flows
- Healings and miracles
- Personal strongholds are broken
- People discover their true selves in Jesus
- Hunger for God and His Word grows
- Prayer and worship ascend
- New music and literature inspired
- Reconciliations happen
- Marriages are restored
- Healthy relationships are built
- Poor are helped
- Prophetic activity heightens
- Teams are sent to unreached
- New churches planted
- Generosity is unleashed
- People have joy restored
- Persecution breaks out

In his second presentation about the Kingdom of God:

### Prophecy:

- 1 Cor. 10:11 on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come
- 1 John 2:8 Darkness is passing away. True light is already shining
- Hebrews 6:5 Tasted the powers of the age to come. God slices off slivers of His knowledge and gives pieces to people

### Mysterious ways the kingdom operates:

- Gradual and sudden
- Hidden and manifest
- Within us and beyond us
- Already and not yet
- Flowing and ebbing (going out and coming back)

### Prophetic:

- Word of God made alive by the Holy Spirit to and/or through human beings
- Direct divine communication
- Prophetic ministry involves a life <u>centered</u> in the Person and work of Jesus Christ.

7 Points of Prophetic Reformation:

1. Being naturally supernatural and supernaturally natural. He then showed us a revelation he got in a dream about God's ways of relating to His creation:

Transcendence (above and beyond)
Immanence (intimately involved)
Providence (power of God displayed in usual ways)
Miracles (unusual acts of God's power)
Omnipresence (is everywhere)
Manifest Presence (manifest in us individually)

- 2. Deconstructing the "celebrity" mentality. He told us a dream about a beautiful field of grass and then seeing one weed representing one who was arrogant, centered on self
- 3. Merging holiness (Christ in us) and wholeness. He read 2 Timothy 1:7 about God giving us power, love, and a sound mind. He said these were three streams of the Holy Spirit (power, love and sound mind)
- 4. Becoming a prophetic community.
- 5. Bathing Prophetic ministry in a lifestyle of intercession
- 6. Placing Prophetic ministry into its New Testament Apostolic context of horizontal and vertical.

The horizontal

- Community: form friendships
- Using gifts
- Discipleship
- Church planting churches

### The vertical

- Word and Spirit
- Worship and Prayer
- 7. Aiming for quality over and above quantity

Then he gave a demonstration about how we might meet in a group and activate the prophetic:

- Have someone come forward to receive prophetic
- Group wait on the Lord
- Try to sense what God's doing
- Speak the prophetic words we receive for that person
- Could write Scriptures down and give to him/her later
- Then pray for the person MICHAEL SULLIVANT

## -67THREE LEVELS OF SERVICE

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.

Colossians 3:23

#### **NOTES**

#### THERE ARE 3 LEVELS OF SERVICE:

### 1. Workers FOR God

This involves obedience. It is oriented to the needs of people – like missionaries. Mark 16:15 "go into all the world and preach the gospel" Out-of-court ministry, legalistic

### 2. Minister WITH God

Yoked with Him. <u>In Holy Place</u> ministry.2 Cor. 6:1, 1 Cor. 3:9, Psalm 123 "Take My yoke upon you – learn of Me."

Become a partner

Restriction – when He moves, you move with Him.

Your eyes wait upon the Lord. Psalm 123

You eat and drink when He does or you miss it. SOS 5:2

### 3. Learning to respond to a Person.

Everything is done as an act of worship to meet His need.

Yoke is destroyed because of the strength. NEVILLE JOHNSON

### BRIDGE OF FAITH

When you walk, your steps will not be hampered.
When you run, you will not stumble.
PROVERBS 4:12

### **QUOTES**

THE LORD ONLY BUILDS A BRIDGE OF FAITH DIRECTLY UNDER THE FEET of a faithful traveler. He never builds the bridge a few steps ahead, for then it would not be one of faith. Years ago automatic gates were sometimes used on country roads. They would securely block the road as a vehicle approached, and if the traveler stopped before coming to the gate, it would not open. But if the traveler drove straight toward it, the weight of the vehicle would compress the springs below the roadway, and the gate would swing back to let him pass. The vehicle had to keep moving forward, or the gate would remain closed. This illustrates the way to pass through every barrier that blocks the road of service for God. Whether the barrier is a river, a mountain, or a gate, all a child of Jesus must do is head directly toward it. If it is a river, it will dry up as he comes near it, as long as he still forges ahead. If it is a mountain, it will be removed and "cast into the sea" providing he approaches it with unflinching confidence. Is some great barrier blocking your path of service right now? Then head straight for it, in the name of the Lord, and it will no longer be there. HENRY CLAY TRUMBULL/L. B. COWMAN

### -69-THE NEW COVENANT

I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

JEREMIAH 31:33

# QUOTES WHAT IS THE "NEW COVENANT" GOD PURPOSES TO MAN THROUGH JESUS CHRIST?

Meaning of "covenant"

The English word "covenant" means

"a written agreement or promise . . . between two or more parties, esp. for the performance of some action" (*Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary*).

"Covenant" expresses the fundamental meaning of both the Old Testament Hebrew word "berit" and the New Testament Greek word "diatheke."

"The covenant . . . is an act of grace on God's part for reconciling man to himself, but man's response should not be overlooked" (Smith's Bible Dictionary, article "covenant", emphasis mine).

### **Covenants and God's plan**

God created man with the potential to have a relationship with Him (Genesis 1:26-27). Therefore, He has initiated many agreements with man--some conditional, some unconditional. Since God wants us to obey Him, many of these covenants stress the necessity of obedience as a condition to receiving what He promises.

The first scriptural mention of "covenant" is found in Genesis 6:18. God promises to spare Noah and his family from the impending worldwide deluge. This "covenant" was primarily an act of God's grace (Genesis 6:8). But Noah's responsiveness to God was also a significant factor (Genesis 6:9).

God established another covenant with Noah after the Flood, promising to never again destroy the earth with water (Genesis 9:11-17). This covenant was unilateral and fundamentally unconditional. It was simply an expression of God's grace.

Some claim God's "covenant" with Abraham mentioned in Genesis 15:18 is the main covenant He made with Abraham. But this account is more like an oath that He would fulfill what He promised. Genesis 17 describes the formal institution of the covenant. Here God spells out the terms and conditions of this historic pact. God's promises are conditioned upon Abraham's obedience (Genesis 17:1, 26:3-5). This covenant was also extended to Isaac and his descendants (Genesis 17:9, 24:60, 27:28-29, 28:10-14). Circumcision was the "sign" or physical brand of identification of the human participants (Genesis 17:11).

Genesis 22:16-18 describes the "seed" promise which Paul refers to in Galatians 3:16. Again, although fundamentally based on God's grace, the context clearly ties God's offer to Abraham's obedience.

God delivered Israel from Egypt due to His prior covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Exodus 2:23-25, Exodus 6:2-8). God then makes a covenant with Israel (through Moses as mediator) (Exodus 19:1-8). Israel glibly accepts the offer, not realizing they don't have the nature to fulfill God's requirements (Exodus 19:8, Deuteronomy 5:28-29). The terms and conditions of this covenant are spelled out in the remainder of the book of Exodus and reiterated in Deuteronomy.

Exodus 31 expounds yet another covenant to emphasize the monumental importance of the Sabbath as an identifying sign of God's people. Some erroneously claim the Sabbath is a sign of the old covenant, which the text simply does not say.

### A "new covenant"

Jeremiah 31:31-34 prophesies about "a new covenant." The book of Hebrews provides the main New Testament commentary on this "new covenant."

### Why is it called "new?"

The New Testament uses two different Greek words for "new." "*Neos*" means new in contrast to old. "*Kainos*" means "new" in the sense of "unique". Hebrews 12:24, which identifies Jesus Christ as the mediator of the new covenant, is the only scripture where "*neos*" is used in reference to the new covenant. Every other passage uses "*kainos*." So the "new covenant" is unique.

### How is the new covenant unique and better than the old?

Hebrews 8:6 tells us the new covenant is better than the old because it contains better promises. Promises which were never before offered and thus unique to the new covenant. Hebrews 8 enumerates three such promises.

1. **CHANGE OF NATURE--INTERNALIZATION OF THE LAW OF GOD** Israel didn't have the heart or nature to obey God (Deuteronomy 5:29). The old covenant contained no provision for internal motivation to obey God (Hebrews 8:7-8, Romans 8:3). In the new covenant God promises to put His laws into the mind and write them on the heart (Hebrews 8:10). What does this mean? David wrote.

"I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is in my heart" (Psalm 40:8).

Delighting in God's law is not a normal human response (Romans 8:7). The new covenant promises the power to obey God. How? Through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:1-4, 9), a unique feature of the new covenant.

The fundamental basis of the new covenant is simply the conversion process. "Writing" God's laws in the mind and on the heart poetically describes how God, through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, helps us "internalize" His laws.

But conversion does not put the brain on automatic pilot. Nor is it like a sudden brain transplant. It is a daily process (II Corinthians 4:16) of renewing the mind (Romans 12:2). Christ is being

"formed in you" (Galatians 4:19) as "God works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose" (Philippians 2:13, NIV).

This change of nature results in an intimate relationship with God (Hebrews 8:10).

### 2. FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Forgiveness of sins, also necessary for a relationship with God (Isaiah 59:1-2), is another unique benefit of the new covenant (Hebrews 8:12). The blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sins (Hebrews 10:4). Therefore, forgiveness of sins was unique to the new covenant. The Passover wine represents the new covenant in Christ's blood, which was shed for the remission of sins (Matthew 26:27-28).

The old covenant was made at Sinai when Israel accepted its terms. The new covenant is made at baptism when we accept Christ's sacrifice and commit ourselves completely to God and His will.

### 3. ETERNAL INHERITANCE

Eternal inheritance is a third unique and better promise offered in the new covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15). Eternal life is more than a chronological event and change of composition. Most importantly, it is a never ending relationship with God (John 17:3).

What meaning would eternal life have apart from God? We are heirs of God through Christ (Galatians 4:6-7, Romans 8:16-19). The change of composition is only a means to that end. And the chronological aspect of eternity simply "goes with the territory."

### **Future fulfillment**

The main fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy will occur when the new covenant is made with the house of Israel (Jeremiah 31:31, Hebrews 8:10). After He returns to set up the kingdom of God, Christ will establish the new covenant with all Israel and ultimately all mankind. So Malachi 3:1 calls the returning Christ the

### "messenger of the covenant."

Under His rule, The Law will be taught from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:3). This shows The Law remains an integral part of the new covenant.

Ezekiel 11:17-20 prophesies that God will give them a new heart and new spirit to motivate them to obedience. Mercy and forgiveness of sin will be extended to all (Isaiah 59:20-21). As result, Israel will enjoy an intimate relationship with God (Hosea 2:16, 19-20, 23).

### What is "obsolete" (Hebrews 8:13)?

Some wrongly assume that all Old Testament laws are obsolete unless repeated in the New Testament. The New Testament is a record of members living by the terms of the new covenant. But nowhere does the Bible say all new covenant laws are recorded in the New Testament. Rather, the laws of the new covenant are written in the minds and hearts of God's people.

The new covenant renders the old covenant obsolete. The old covenant is not the same as the Ten Commandments. A covenant is an agreement; commandments are laws or terms of the agreement. The Ten Commandments are the "words ["terms," *Jewish Publication Society* translation] of the covenant" not the covenant itself (Exodus 34:27-28). The covenant or agreement became obsolete, not the laws within it.

The word "obsolete" (Gr. "palaioo") means "things worn out by time and use" (Vine's Dictionary of Biblical Words). Hebrews 10:9-18 shows Christ's sacrifice made animal sacrifices obsolete. But the old covenant was not suddenly discarded or forbidden in the New Testament Church. It simply faded into disuse as people

became aware of the superiority of the new covenant and came under it. But the law of God will *never* become obsolete (Matthew 5:18).

### **Summary of new covenant features (present and future)**

The new covenant is really quite simple. God wants us to have a relationship with Him. Obeying His laws is fundamental to that relationship. The way God has communicated His laws has varied, but the laws remain the same. He related His laws verbally to the patriarchs

(Abraham "**obeyed my** *voice*" - Genesis 26:5).

To Israel, God wrote them on stones and in the "book of the law." In the new covenant, He "writes" them in the mind and on the heart.

The new covenant provides the motivation to obey His laws, extends forgiveness when we don't, and results in an intimate relationship with God for all eternity. We all look forward to the time when we will fully experience the benefits of the new covenant as eternal spirit members of God's family. LARRY WALKER

### -70-COOPERATION WITH GOD'S GRACE

Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 2:1

### **QUOTES**

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS A COOPERATION WITH GOD'S GRACE. <u>God will not do our part</u> and <u>we cannot do His part</u>. If we do not do our part, then God withholds some of the blessing He wants to give us. <u>Our part</u> includes making <u>quality decisions</u> to deny ourselves (say no to sin), to <u>feed our spirit</u> on the Word, to <u>ask for God's help</u> through prayer with fasting, and to embrace <u>godly activities</u> (serving) and <u>relationships</u> (fellowshipping, confessing our sins), etc. <u>God's part</u> is to release supernatural influences on our <u>heart</u> (power, wisdom, desires), on our <u>body</u> (healing) and on our <u>circumstances</u> (provision, protection, direction) and <u>relationships</u> (favor). MIKE BICKLE

### -71-FIRST PROPHECY CLASS

#### NOTES

Beth and I took a class on prophecy led by Bill Weinkauff. These are our notes from that class.

#### Joan's notes:

When I first walked in the room, Bill said, "You're an intercessor." He later said he could tell because there was light around me. He also said he saw prophecy on me--he saw a clear window and blue. Later he asked if I saw angels because he saw angels going up and down over me, like at Bethel. He prayed for me that I would see them. And he said he saw wisdom in me too.

#### Some highlights he said:

- Seek God's heart for a situation. After get a revelation, then seek His heart about it. We are to journal this week about what we experience, but especially reflect His heart.
- God has called us for obedience, not for understanding.
- The Word and intimacy and intercession all go together.
- God writes a letter on your heart and it comes back out to others.

#### Beth's notes:

- Bill's first invitation to minister God told him: "You can take your notes with you and you'll have your notes, or you can leave them behind and put your trust in Me."
- "If you get out of the way and let Me, I'll start leading these meetings."
- The longer you move in the prophetic, the quieter His voice gets.
- Don't just share revelation knowledge. Share God's heart.
- Begin to journal, write down what God says to me.
- Sit in His presence and listen for the wind of God, for the still, small voice.
- Don't build a ministry; build a relationship. As you get close to Him, the prophetic is going to happen.

- Renewal of the mind, transformation get that Bill Johnson book
- Lord, would You love the people through me?
- When you get a dream or vision, take it right to the prayer room. Don't impose your own spin on it.
- "I've called you to be obedient, not to understand." Often the understanding will come as you obey.
- Ask: "Give me a heart transplant. Replace my heart with Your own, Father."
- Hardness of heart directly affects our ability to hear the Father's voice.
- The role of the prophetic is to point people to the Lord, not to lead them from A to B to C.
- If they get to point B and then look to you, instead of to the Lord, then something is wrong. Either you didn't do what the Father was doing or that person is looking to the wrong place for guidance.
- Prophesy is speaking LIFE into people, the life that the Father reveals.
- Fear of the Lord is a freeing thing. It breaks off fear of man, fear of transition, fear of change.
- The Church is pregnant with the heart of the Father.
- When you move more in the prophetic, you need the Body even more. You need the accountability, the covering, the reminders of the Truth. You'll be more of a target for the enemy, more vulnerable to attack.
- People who have the wisdom gift often don't even realize that it is God. They just function and flow so often in that gift that it seems natural to them.
- Don't use the amount of revelation as a barometer/gauge of how much God approves of me or loves me.
- The Lord is teaching me a prophetic language. I have to learn the language (through prayer) before I can understand the message.
- Moving prophetically is exactly like jumping off a high dive when there's no water in the pool. Just before you hit the pool, it fills up with water.
- Me: deeper water, prophetic teaching gift, shooting an arrow, prophetic teaching, shooting an arrow, then teaching again.

- Prophetic teaching, as opposed to regular teaching, readjusts our vision and perspective. Hearts burning within them.
- For Joan: light bulb, intercession, lots of time in the Word, clear window, vision. Seer anointing, gift of intercession, eyes really clear, ascending and descending angelic presence in the home, like Bethel. (Mom felt a weight, heaviness when Bill prayed for her) Precious jewels in you, real deposit of wisdom, you yield yourself to Him in such a way that you allow Him to flow through you. What you've battled before has given you, earned you, a key of authority
- The two of us: a real team, ministering together

### -72-SECOND PROPHECY CLASS

#### **NOTES**

Last night at the Prophecy Class Bill just talked extemporaneously as the Lord led him. He would on occasion look at one of us and tell us what he was seeing for us (like for Liz he saw hiking boots and her climbing up hills, and for Roxy he saw water dripping down into her and ripples going out from it).

It was such a marvelous affirmation and comfort! It was like I found some people who are more like me, and it is ok to be that way. It was like we are going to discover who we are in this class. I had such an attack of the enemy (using fear of going out and being with people) off and on yesterday. I finally realized it was not the voice of the Lord putting those thoughts (of not wanting to go) into me, but the enemy. The Lord kept telling me He wanted me to go, so for awhile I felt like I was getting conflicting messages from Him. But when I could finally call it "fear" then I could send it out and tell it not to speak to me anymore.

### -73-THIRD PROPHECY CLASS

#### **NOTES**

#### Joan's notes

- Walking in grace and holiness
- Purpose: burden bearer
- Whatever you speak, it will come back to you. Be careful what you speak.
- If receive an audible word from God, it means more judgment

- When you see something, don't criticize, pray. Turn them back to Jesus.
- He will teach you to lead by teaching you to follow the Holy Spirit
- Romans 9:16 "It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy."
   God has mercy on whom He wants to have mercy. (Pharoah)
- He gives us revelation because He loves His Church
- Love them to maturity
- Doing things how God says as much as what He says
- Wait to see how God wants to say it
- Ask why did He show it to me that way
- Character takes years to develop
- Don't use revelation as a barometer of His love
- Get rid of my timetable and agenda
- I've called you to be a key to open doors for others
- You're walking through the valley of death
- You have a well within you to share with others
- A prophetic person can be a typology, a parable (my books)
- "With an outstretched arm I will redeem you." (Exodus 6:6) "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment."
- Battle is really a promotion
- Hebrews 12:12 "Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees."
- Isaiah 35:3 "Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way."
- Whatever you've been through, you'll be sensitized to (like divorce)
- When the rejection doesn't bother you anymore, neither will the acceptance
- Dreams impart deposits in you
- He imparts faith
- People can't see the seed God has placed in you. When it manifests fruit, others will see it
- Levels of revelation: show His heart, His mercy, His authority
- Interpretation: (Proverbs 25:2) "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings."
- Daniel 7:16 "I approached one of those standing there and asked him the true meaning of all this.
- Ok to ask God questions
- Every step of the person's progress was a prayer, then a step, a prayer, then a step
- Proverbs 27:21 "The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but man is tested by the praise he receives."
- When you stop trying to do God's job, He'll do it
- Silence is the same as agreeing with the enemy
- Bill said he saw me with goggles on as a welder putting things together

#### Beth's notes

- The balance between grace and holiness-walking the line between them-correct amount of each
- John 17:3 to know God that's the main thing
- Purposes of the prophetic
  - Unity in the body: the prophetic is a burden-bearer for the issue of unity in the Body. Negative, critical words about other believers or denominations will really weigh you down,

might shut the door on an opportunity to minister to them. Ask God to give you His heart for them. The measure that you use to judge others will come right back on you.

- Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up
- Your purpose is to encourage someone to turn their focus from something else (possibly sin) onto Jesus
- Knowing when to share, and when not to, comes from spending time with Him
- If you aren't following the lead of the Holy Spirit, then the only thing you can lead is rebellion
- God's own faithfulness reminds Him of His promises
- I lead you in the wilderness to test you and to teach you
- The enemy will always come to tempt you to doubt God's faithfulness, to doubt that God will lead you out of the desert
- You want to be a place of preparedness, ready for revelation, but don't let pride creep in so that you feel you have earned it
- Romans 9:16
- Don't slip into a performance mode, people-pleasing
- How precious the Church is to Jesus
- Different levels of revelation within the same word/dream/vision
- Words of judgment and conviction are a sign of God's mercy. He wants them to change their ways but deliver them with fear and trembling, with His mercy and love and grace
- You've got to have a core group of people who are "safe" among which you can be vulnerable and voice your feelings, people who can help you deal with your struggles
- John 12-end -- the Father told Jesus what to say and how to say it
- Typically God speaks to us in a way that we can understand
- There's as much to be learned from how He gave the Word as from what He actually said
- Character issues take time to mature, the gifting can come in an instant
- He moves in these gifts because He loves His Bride and He wants to touch unbelievers
- There are times when the Lord rearranges things in our lives. He might take back something He had given us before
- It's like we're going up steps. Getting to the top is not the goal. The goal is to increase in the character of Christ
- Grumbling and complaining toward God can be a hindrance
- Levels of revelation
- Many of us are living parables. God expresses His character through our lives
- Before there can be a real revelation, there must be a real death
- Exodus 6:6 "with an outstretched arm I will redeem you."
- The valleys prepare us for the mountain tops
- As you grow in the prophetic, your eyes will be opened even more
- The battle is an invitation to greater authority
- You can't have victory without a battle
- Hebrews 12:12 Make level paths. Whatever we've been through we'll have an authority to minister in that area
- Issue of rejection. When the rejection doesn't bother you anymore, neither will the acceptance and praise
- God wants to break our tendency to want to please people
- Some dreams are more than mere revelation. Sometimes they are vehicles to deposit things in us that we'll need at some point

- Levels of revelation increasing > moving from facts toward an understanding and communication of His heart
- God asks us questions, one after another, and the answer is always "Jesus"
- Those questions are situations He allows us to walk into so we'll learn that the answer is always
  Jesus before we even find out the complete question
- Proverbs: glory of God to conceal a matter
- Daniel 7:16, 19, 20 Daniel asked God for the meaning of the dream
- Keep asking God for the interpretation of your dreams
- Severe headaches might be evidence of a stronghold of human wisdom
- Proverbs 27:21 a man is tested by the praise he receives
- Never allow yourself to be put onto a pedestal
- When the Lord leads you to take a sabbatical, TAKE IT!
- Silence is the same as agreeing with the enemy (when he manifests his evil in a situation)

### -74-FOURTH PROPHECY CLASS

#### **NOTES**

#### Joan's notes:

In meetings Bill says he is:

- Looking for the wind of His Presence
- Asks: Lord, what do You want to do?
- Waits on Him
- Never goes over the authority in the meeting
- Always speaks life
- 1 Cor. 14:3
- Learning to discern His Presence
- Lord, help me to get out of the way
- John 12 Jesus says the Father tells Him what to say and how to say it
- 1 Cor. 12 need love most of all
- Purpose to worship Him and to bring others to Him
- The Lord said He would teach him to lead by following the Holy Spirit
- Bill saw a cloud over Beth and me connecting us together and he saw books behind us...at least
- A major message the Lord gives Bill is "follow Me"
- Bill said he saw me putting my face down in a pool of water that said HEALING on it. My eyes and understanding were opened to healing then.

#### Beth's notes:

Possible priority order during corporate worship

- 1. Focus on Him
- 2. Honor Him
- 3. Honor others above ourselves
- 4. Flow in unity
- 5. Flow in the gifts
- Ask the Lord what He is doing
- Wait on His timing
- Never go against the authority that God has placed over a meeting. If you are getting something that does contradict the authority, then pray about it and ask God what to do with it.
- Many prophetic words are invitations to intercede

### Scriptures about prophecy:

- 1 Cor. 14:3
- Do not put out the Spirit's fire
- Do not treat prophecies with contempt
- If I have prophecy but have not love...
- We know in part, we prophecy in part
- Thess. Test everything
- 1 Corinthians 12 corporate worship, word of knowledge, other gifts, tongues, interpretation
- The Lord wants leaders who will sense His presence and follow the Spirit and stay out of the way.
- If you lose track of where He's going, wait for Him to show you again.
- Don't make something up or try to help Him on your own.
- Learning to flow in His Presence allows God to orchestrate the worship in concordance with His score, not ours
- The gifts we've been given are instruments for worshiping God.
- We have to learn to do nothing before God will use us to do something, especially in this busy society.
- It's in the rest and peace that we'll be able to hear His voice clearly.
- He is a big enough God to cause it to come about.
- Don't believe the enemy's lies that it will never happen.

#### Bill said to us (Beth and Joan):

- He saw lots of books lined up behind us there were 12 that he could see.
- He saw a river flowing through them.
- He saw a cloud of His Presence upon us
- He's giving us new sandals. As we follow Him, He'll take us on a new path, a new life
- "Follow Me"
- He saw me teaching in the church.
- He saw the Lord giving us greater understanding.
- For me Bill saw a windmill. I'll start catching the wind and drawing water for dry places, like Ezekiel, and dry bones. He saw fire going into me and saw Mom handing me the fire-all her intercession for me. Intercession Mom for me going way back.

- Mom blue thread, part of garment handed down through generations, an anointing, getting stronger with each generation, intercession back at least one generation from Mom. When Susan said the stuff about blessing of the oldest child that's when Bill saw fire going into me, Mom handing it to me.
- Me blessing, inheritance, oldest child, seer anointing, see in the spiritual realm, it will happen suddenly
- He saw a curtain being drawn open
- Me prophetic teaching, no notes, just flow in the Spirit.
- Mom wind chimes, very sensitive to Spirit, even as child. Your mother (or someone) spoke prophecy over you as a child.

### Team ministry:

- It takes an "anchor person" who is not experiencing the heights of glory and anointing to balance the high-flyers.
- Willingness is the key--God will flow through whomever is willing and trustworthy.
- You can have true revelation, but then mess it up with an incorrect interpretation.
- Offer a word to people as possibly from the Lord, give it with grace, give them a way out if they're not ready to accept it.
- Ask God questions: what does that mean? It's like a muscle the more you use it, the easier and quicker it will respond.
- Sometimes the amount of warfare is disproportionate to what you're doing right now. Sometimes the warfare you experience now is to prevent you or the people you will touch in the <u>future</u> from doing something much bigger.
- Valley before the next mountain. God will often give you a deeper revelation of the cross.

### Ideas:

- Me-revelation of cross
- Time of death precedes time of new life
- During death seems like nothing is happening
- Gather all prophetic words, pray through them several times a week, put them in my PDA
- Stay focused on Him in the midst of difficulties
- Wherever we are, He'll use that place as our training ground.
- He makes the promise and then He causes it to come about

-75-FIFTH PROPHECY CLASS

**NOTES** 

Joan's Notes

As Bill had Beth come forward and sit in the middle for prayer (in regard to her headaches primarily) the Holy Spirit said to me:

I'm doing something great tonight for Beth - something phenomenal, something Beth is now ready for. It's going to make a big change in her life from now on. You'll see.

Bill said to Beth: she was beloved and favored. The Lord was putting a different yoke on her - <u>His</u> yoke - of sons and daughters. He's carrying the weight and carrying Beth too. She will have freedom to be who God's created her to be. The Lord was standing behind Beth as a Shepherd and blocking the darts that were coming at her from the back. Jesus' tears were watering the seeds of prophetic destiny in her. Bill saw a band tight around her head and then saw it melting off.

Bill said there was a well down in Beth that had been capped. He was suggesting I pray for that to be uncapped.

#### Beth's Notes

The gift was real, but it was coming through the man's filter of past rejections and pain. The Lord wanted Bill to "love him to maturity" in order to help him clean his filter.

Find out how God speaks to me, how I can sense His presence.

Look and wait for His presence, then flow in that presence.

If someone is focusing on the negative, God will often bring someone else along to encourage them and change their focus to something positive.

The purpose of the prophetic gifts is to point people to Jesus (like John the Baptist).

Don't just accept physical attacks - fight back with the Sword of the Spirit.

Bill mentioned at least twice that he saw the Presence like a thick cloud over the two of us.

Metal band on my head, melting by fire.

Removing the yoke of man upon me - His yoke is easy

Emotional hardness of heart.

Intercession for softening of my heart

People pleaser.

Arrows in my back. Jesus, the good Shepherd, stood at my back to block the arrows.

Freedom to be what He made me to be

Yoke of sons and daughters

#### Boundaries

Bill saw a very strong bond between the two of us, rare thing, we complement each other very well, almost the same in some ways.

### -76-SIXTH PROPHECY CLASS

#### **NOTES**

#### Joan's notes

To pray for leaders (unless the Lord gives you something specific):

- Pray for blessing
- Pray "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven"
- Pray for God's grace to be released

#### Beth's Notes

- Submitting to and staying under Divinely ordained authority is like having a bunker for a safe place during a battle.
- Praying for leaders: God bless them, release grace to them, thy kingdom come, thy will be done
- Usually a good idea: deliver prophetic words with a "could this be?" attitude rather than a "thus saith the Lord" attitude
- Always speak life and hope into people, be an encourager!
- "Surviving a wave of the Spirit"
- Each wave is deeper in the things that He has for us, He might work on character issues during "low tide" so we'll be prepared for the coming "high tide," fruit of the Spirit
- Often God works on our character issues intensely when He's about to promote you to a higher level. This is also a time when the enemy attacks more forcefully and blatantly.
- He never takes something away unless He has something better or greater to give you. (The gift might remain, but the anointing is gone.)
- Give up your own timetables and agendas.
- Think of the joy a mother has in watching her child grow and change and mature. If they were the same all the time, it wouldn't be nearly as precious. If they were full-grown instantly, then it wouldn't be nearly as joyous. Our journeys with God are like that.
- Cultivate abiding presence of the Lord
- Judy for Mom: headphones with music playing, Bill saw lights/angels behind you. Prayed that Mom would hear the worship of heaven and singing of angels

- New release ready to break forth. Tomb before stone was rolled away, shaking in Spirit. Greater
  angelic presence in the home, saw some kind of impartation, angels some warriors, maybe
  dancing angels
- We don't focus on angels, but if we understand their purpose, then we can join them in it.
- We're part of the net for revival, we're being equipped so we can teach others.
- Bill saw a burning bush in a very large area in the room. Why so large? God is saying that He won't let us miss it.
- For us: fire of Spirit on our feet → travel? Impartation, increase seer anointing, increased fire
- Bill saw me writing about angelic encounters
- Mom--altar of intercession, took a coal from alter, fire on? Your life is a precious intercession to Him, smoke or steam from fire; hot rocks in a sauna, living stones
- Bill saw the Lord drive His sword down into us through our heads, prayed that we would know Him as the Living Word. More of His presence to be released into our home.
- Mom said that's the third time Bill has said that <u>I'm</u> going to write. I remember at least one other word like that from him.
- I've given out a few small "words" this evening. After the last one, Judy said, "See? You are flowing." I even had a few other small things a few comments to clarify the meaning of Bill's statements, maybe not "clarify," but additional insight. But I didn't say them all. Because I wasn't sure if I should jump in, if they would be meaningful.
- I remembered that I've often gotten small add-on words when functioning in a group and they've usually been things the Lord has brought to my mind, not pictures.
- This is confirmation of how God speaks to me through my mind. My analytical abilities can be used for this, but could also be a hindrance if I'm not focused on Jesus.
- For all of us: He's giving us a gift which is <u>more of Himself.</u> God imparted in us a desire for Him to have His way in us.

### -77-SEVENTH PROPHECY CLASS

#### **NOTES**

#### Joan's notes:

The four levels of prophecy:

- 1. Spirit of prophecy most common
- 2. Gift of prophecy a smaller number of people (1 Cor 12)
- 3. Prophetic mantle strong anointing
- 4. Office of Prophet highest realm, sovereign call of God, mature Christian, governmental

What's important in the prophetic is being faithful - doing what God calls you to do. Be submitted under authority in the prophetic. The test is in the condition of our hearts (1 Cor 13:1). Motivated by love. Our destiny: what God wants to do and how. Elijah co-labored with God.

Joyce Gochenaur mentioned there are files that are storing things and are going to be opened. I told her some of my files have already been opened, and I had a dream with files and rainbows over the file tabs. She didn't say this word was for me or to anyone at first. Later she seemed to apply it to the Curts's

For Beth: confusion. Bill (or Joyce?) prayed for a clear picture inside regarding her gifting. Give her a throne room experience, a stake to put in ground, so she will know without a doubt that it was from God. Throne room experience - will impart to her from there. He saw a round table - gift of wisdom. Cleansing to the house of God. Teach on wisdom and counsel of Lord. People try to put things together; Beth will help them.

#### Beth's notes:

### Joyce Gochenauer

- Ephesians 4:11-12
- Prophets help prepare the Bride for Christ's return (as well as other 5-fold offices)
- They have the ability to impart, birth, activate, call forth, release the gifting in others
- 4 levels of prophetic gifts:
  - a. spirit of prophecy
  - b. gift of prophecy
  - c. prophetic mantle
  - d. office of prophet
- a. Is the most common, Rev. 19:10, equivalent to testimony of Jesus, specific anointing by Holy Spirit, can fall on a whole group
- b. 1 Cor 12, smaller group of people, given by Spirit at will. 1 or 9 gifts
- c. Ministry empowered by a strong prophetic anointing, often preparation time for office of prophet, Elisha received Elijah's mantle, if you spend time can occur in close association with office of prophet
- d. Requires sovereign call of God, won't be an immature Christian, operates in a governmental authority, direct and correct the church. Ephesians 4:11-12 is this level, moves in the Father's love
- A, b, c mainly encouragers, edifiers, not correction. D should be submitted to someone in authority
- Prophetic people need a covering! Anyone who is prophetic should be submitted to some authority to work within their boundaries. Must be accountable and able to accept correction.
- Matt 12:33
- It's not what you say, but what you are that matters. You'll be known by your fruit.
- 1 Cor 4:1-2 faithfulness doing what you know God wants, faithful with little, later faithful for lot
- John 15:5
- We have to submit to God's growth process, maturation process, roots go down deep (the Word), steady diet, develop character, bear good fruit
- Must be a balance of character, time in God's presence, gifting (best if all grow at same rate)
- 1 Cor 13:1 condition of heart.

- Flow in Spirit of Wisdom and Love, mercy, gentleness, intercession, servanthood
- Don't want gifting to develop too quickly and outpace your character development
- Bill prayed that the Lord would reveal our destinies/callings to us
- Giving prophetic words is proportionally like the tip of an iceberg most of your life is made of the hidden stuff
- (words for me from Bill) This kind of fits with past prophetic word that I would be a "sweeper in the house of the Lord"
- Judy you have to stand up and start walking in your gifts before you'll be able to get the right size shoes
- If I take one step forward toward Him, then He won't let me miss what He has for me.
- Some of us are like filing cabinets, what has been stored in us will eventually start coming out: revelation, interpretation, application life flowing
- Homework-find someone to practice the prophesying on
- For me: Joyce fanned the flame, she saw the Lord reaching into a treasure chest, getting out some new jewels (for me?) (from within me?)
- For Mom: Joyce said increase in the prophetic; you'll be giving more prophetic words

During prayer against confusion for me, they prayed for clarity.

### -78-EIGHTH PROPHECY CLASS

#### **NOTES**

#### Joan's Notes

Bill said he saw a safe/vault with a combination # of 19 and gold coins coming out. He said if he sees paper money it refers to finances, but if he sees gold, it refers to revelation.

#### Beth's Notes

- Bill saw vision of safe, gold (revelation) coins spilling out, combination lock first # = 19, Psalm
   19. More revelation will be poured out to us, beyond monetary value.
- Learning to follow His leading in every day life (equivalent to ministry)
- It's not about trusting my ability to hear God it's about trusting His ability to speak
- Give up my own agendas and timetables
- Fear of man is broken off by fear of the Lord (trusting Him)
- Pray and ask God for a revelation of the fear of the Lord
- Don't try to be/act like other prophetic people you know just be yourself and prophetic things will flow through your relationship with God
- Sometimes during prophetic ministry you're performing CPR on their destiny, pumping life into it
- We must learn to "inquire of the Lord"

- Stop focussing on the negative focus on the positive instead. How? Praise and worship, giving thanks
- Sue saw 3 warriors behind my right shoulder she had seen them before the last time they prayed for me. She felt maybe there are some people at work that I'm supposed to step out and minister too. ??? Maybe they have been with me for awhile now, shielding me from additional warfare
- Bill saw mom with a bullhorn. God may start giving her stuff to speak out verbally, not written down. Maybe God will give mom the messages and someone else will proclaim them
- Some keys to prophetic "reception" simple, child-like faith, clean heart
- There's as much meaning and value in how God says something as in what He says
- My lack of understanding God's revelation doesn't prevent Him from doing what He said He would do
- Review past prophetic words. Speak forth what is not as if it were
- It's not about me it's about God preparing me for His purposes

### -79-NINTH PROPHECY CLASS

#### **NOTES**

#### Beth's Notes

- Get a doormat. Tape a prayer of blessing on the bottom of it to bless everyone who crosses over it.
- About Mom: Bill hasn't encountered anyone else for whom he can hear so clearly when the Lord is stirring them. Bill said Mom should come on Friday nights.
- Instead of going into a meeting with an agenda, Bill goes in and looks for what God is doing.
- River, rocks illustration: each time you step out in faith and deliver a word, it's like removing one of the rocks and the river flows easier and faster.
- If a river is flowing, have someone stand in it. Even if they don't get anything (words) while standing there, even if they don't feel anything, the flow of the river will start to loosen and dislodge the rocks within them.
- Greater amount of time in the Word will increase the level of spiritual revelation (prophetically)
- The Word is kind of like a window-washer cleans away dirt and distractions.
- The harder it is to hear the Lord on a subject, the more important it probably is.
- Friday night's group is a good place to practice receiving and delivering prophetic words.
- Teaching gift often pairs with words of knowledge.
- Sometimes God will cover and hide someone in quietness (lack of revelation) as a protection so the enemy won't be alerted to the importance of what God is doing in/through them.
- <u>Afterward</u> perhaps all you can say is "this is what I have learned" rather than describing how God spoke to them and guided them along the way. Their <u>life will become</u> the testimony that God wants to speak to other people.
- In order for there to be a real resurrection, there must first be a real death.
- God told Bill recently that the Lord is beginning to resurrect the Lazaruses.

- Whatever comes at you, whatever the enemy attacks you with, is the very thing God will give you the authority to turn back against the enemy (to set people free).
- Typically the first few times you step out on faith to give a prophetic word, the enemy will immediately attack you and try to discourage you.
- A lot of the time, we quit petitioning God too soon.
- Some of what you're contending against is for you and some of it is for the people we'll help set free in the future.
- Twice tonight I "heard" in the spirit the very thing that Bill described that he was seeing: 1. Water faucet turning on, opening up; 2. Wind blowing a stack of dead, fall leaves across the ground.
- Sometimes the Lord will give you an initial word or phrase to get you going, to get you to speak. Then, when you step out in faith and start sharing the word, He'll download a whole bunch more and it will flow more easily through you.
- Bill saw rainbows forming over the head of each person in the room: promise of peace and rest in midst of storm; giving us each instructions; increase in anointing.
- As He sends us out, we'll feel the manifest presence of God (it will rest on our walk). Bill sensed a real weight on this word--a strength or surety.
- As we step out in this, His presence will be with us
- He saw an anointing for writing--stronger than before
- Blue ink (or pen)
- Writing the revelation, it is amplified when you speak it out loud or share it with others.
- The more you surrender to Him the fewer aches, pains, headaches you'll get
- Ask Mom if she got something this evening, maybe around 9:30. Bill heard the wind chimes. (I got the message of the importance of "believing" and holding on to believing through the book *Hannah's Hope* by Karen Kingsbury during that evening--and how important it is to give to those in need as encouraged at the end of that book).

• Some of us will get tears of intercession.

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### **END NOTES**

John Piper, A Godward Life

L. B. Cowman, Streams in the Desert

Neville Johnson, Various Conferences, White Dove web site.

Bob Sorge, Secrets of the Secret Place

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