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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 messages as I have read them. I collected them in a computer file called *Wonderful Writings from Various Christian Authors*. Also 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 series of books 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 beginning of each article.

## IT'S TIME

(Kari Browning: "The Appointed Time Has Come" June 9, 2006)

### "The Appointed Time Has Come"

For years, God has been speaking through prophetic voices of a great outpouring where stadiums would be filled, and His Glory would be seen through healings, creative miracles, and signs and wonders. The appointed time has come!

On Mother's Day weekend this year, we experienced an unusual outpouring in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. We hosted a "Glory Explosion" conference with Jeff Jansen, David Herzog, and Joshua Mills. During this time, we witnessed many healings, some received gold crowns or fillings in their teeth, several experienced instant weight loss, one man had hair grow on his head, a few were covered in gold dust, and some saw angels with their open eyes! It was amazing and glorious.

Four years ago, on Mother's Day weekend 2002, we hosted a prophetic seminar with Shawn Bolz. When his team arrived that weekend, the headline in our local newspaper was "Reaching for Glory." We knew it was a sign. Before Kenneth Hagin died in 2003, he prophesied that 2006 would be the year of the glory:

**"Now what about 2006? There is no way to tell it! Oh Lord, oh my! How do you describe it? It will be a glorious year. It will be a year of Heaven on earth!"**

### Past Appointed Times

In the Bible, important events happened on festival dates. They were "appointed times." It seems like Mother's Day is an important event on God's calendar. In 1980, on Mother's Day, the Holy Spirit came in a powerful way in a Yorba Linda Calvary Chapel, pastored by John Wimber, who later became the leader of the Vineyard movement. On that Sunday, a young evangelist by the name of Lonnie Frisbee confessed the Church's failure to give place to the Holy Spirit. He concluded his prayer with the words, "Come, Holy Spirit!" The Holy Spirit came in power, and the rest is history.

The patriarch Abraham was given a promise that he waited 25 years to see fulfilled. During those 25 years, God would visit Abraham to give him encouragement, and more revelation concerning his promise. It wasn't until a year prior to the promise being fulfilled that God gave Abraham the timing. **"Then the Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." (Genesis 18:10)**

### Watch, It's Time

A year ago on Mother's Day, three well known prophetic voices had similar experiences. One was Bob Jones. He had a dream that morning--he was given a watch and was told that everything would begin in a year. After telling Rick Joyner of the dream on the way to church that day, Bob's watch fell off his wrist during the church service. Someone came over and put a Rolex watch on his wrist.

The same day Bob Jones was given a new watch in North Carolina, Danny Steyne was given a

new watch in Idaho. The night before, on May 7, Danny was speaking at the Healing Rooms in Spokane. I saw a vision of John G. Lake handing him a pocket watch and heard the words "It's Time." (John G. Lake had a great healing ministry. During his lifetime, Spokane was declared "The healthiest city in the world" by the mayor, because of his ministry there.) The next morning, Mother's Day, someone who had not heard the vision from the previous night, saw a vision of Danny taking a pocket watch out of his pocket and heard the words "It's Time." Later in the day, I bought Danny a pocket watch, and he had it inscribed with the words "It's Time."

## Glory Dates Leading Us to Glory

After this experience that occurred on May 7, I realized that May 7, was another important date on God's calendar. William Branham had been commissioned to the healing ministry on that date by an angel in 1946.

This was also the date that Mike Bickle, and the Church in Kansas City, began a 21-day fast for revival in 1983. Bob Jones had declared that a comet would come on the day the fast began, which would be unpredicted by scientists, and be a sign that revival would surely come. The sign happened on May 7, just as he had foretold. They all thought revival would come immediately after the fast ended in 1983.

However, Bob had a dream on the last day of the fast and told Mike the following: "The Lord spoke to me in a dream last night, and told me He is not going to break loose in the revival in the way that we all thought. God never said that it would begin after the fast. We only assumed it would. The Lord says, 'No! There is an appointed time and appointed season for America, and when the Lord says it's time, it will not be one day late.'"

Todd Bentley also had a visitation on Mother's Day, 2005. He was told that the healing ministry would begin that day. He was also told that the kingly anointing would begin on Mother's Day, and he understood that to be the apostolic ministry. He heard the Lord speak to him audibly "Acts 5:12 begins today." **And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people, Acts 5:12.**

Prior to the Glory Explosion conference, we hosted the "It's Time" conference on March 2-4, 2006 where the prophetic voices declared the changing of the season, and that it was time for apostolic power to be released. There were several dreams and prophetic experiences that confirmed that message prior to the event.

Then, on April 12-14, 2006 we hosted the "Northwest Revival Fire" conference. On April 14, (the actual 100 year anniversary date of the beginning of the Azusa Street Revival), Randy DeMain released the angel "Breakthrough Revival," which had been assigned to him in Nigeria two years prior. This angel was the same angel that had been assigned to Benson Idahosa, until his death in 1998. Randy saw this angel with his open eyes in the meeting, as well as another angel that is associated with healing.

On Mother's Day weekend, May 11-14, 2006 we hosted the "Glory Explosion" conference where we saw the glory of God manifest in tangible ways. We believe we are going to continue to be changed from glory to glory, and greater glory awaits us in days ahead.

**The appointed time has come. This is the hour that we have longed for. It's Time!**

**Kari Browning**

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## APPOINTED TIMES

(From "Your Appointment Awaits You" by Francis Frangipane)

### **Appointed Times**

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 unflinching 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.

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## THE PACIFIC

(Quote from *Director's Cut* by Alton Gansky page 85)

"The Pacific is aptly named. Looking at it always gave me a sense of peace. No matter what happened around me, the ocean never changed. That was how I had come to think of God... Through the difficult and even life-threatening events in my life, God had been there, unaltered by the chaos that surrounded me. Like the ocean, he could change everything around him, and not be changed in the process. There was comfort in that."

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## SATAN'S STRATEGY

(From *EXPOSING SATAN'S PLAYBOOK* by Perry Stone)

### The Real Warfare (16)

1. Strongholds are imaginations and mental darts that exalt themselves against God's knowledge in our lives. (2 Cor. 10:5) A person sometimes doesn't receive Christ because he "is stuck with certain ideas or thoughts contrary to the knowledge of God."

2. The real battle is with the mind, with the lust of the flesh, and with cares of this life attempting to choke off the Word of God by using mental strongholds.

#### Three Parts to Satan's strategy

1. Keep spiritual blinders on the eyes of the person. (2 Cor. 4:4)
2. Keep a person in spiritual ignorance especially concerning the subtle devices and deceptions of the enemy. (2 Cor. 2:11)
3. Deception.

#### The Pattern to Victory

When I am praying for an individual who is without a redemptive covenant:

1. Pray that the "eyes of their understanding will be enlightened" (Eph 1:18)
2. Pray for the person to be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. (Eph 1:18)
3. Pray against the spirits of deception that freely roam in and out of a person's mind.
4. Often a rebellious person must hit bottom before coming to his or her senses.
5. Fight the fight with the promises of God. (As in Jeremiah 29:11-13)

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## GOD IS DRAWING MUSLIMS TO CHRIST

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

(p. 394-5)

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

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

I asked him how he accounted for such developments.

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

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

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

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## DOORWAYS

(From PREPARE FOR WAR By Rebecca Brown MD)

Chapter 10 Doorways  
Pages 114 to 118

“He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it, and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.” (Ecclesiastes 10:8)

Normally, Christians are hedged about so that demons cannot get into them. Non-Christians are also protected to a certain extent in that the Lord does not allow demons to violate their free wills. Thus, in both cases of Christians and non-Christians, an opening in the protective hedge must be made before demons can get into a person to actually dwell in their bodies. I believe this is what “breaking the hedge” in the above scripture is all about.

All through scripture, demons are referred to as serpents and scorpions. Jesus himself said:

“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy...” (Luke 10:19)

*Sin* breaks a hole in the protective hedge, many times allowing a demon to actually enter into the person committing the sin. I call such holes, *doorways*.

And scriptures are very plain. *Any* dealing with Satan opens a doorway in a person's life for the inflow of satanic power and/or demon infestation. God told the Israelites:



“Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them; I am the Lord your God.” (Leviticus 19:31)

Although The Brotherhood and other groups of hard-core Satanists are very strong and fast growing, they are but a handful compared to the vast numbers held in bondage by peripheral involvement in the occult and other sins which have opened up their lives to Satan’s power and/or an inflow of demons.

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...” (Hosea 4:6)

Every person needs to be aware of possible doorways in his own life. But it is also important to have an understanding of these doorways to be able to effectively share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others. Many are not able to accept Christ when He is presented to them because their will and mind is literally bound by the dark powers through some opened doorway in their lives either currently or in the past.

“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them” (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).

This is a very important principle to understand as we go about our Father’s business and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with other people. Many people are literally bound by demonic spirits, either from within or without, so that their wills are not free. They cannot will to accept Jesus as their Savior and their minds are similarly bound so that they cannot understand the gospel message. As the above quoted scripture states, **“the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not.”** This is such an important principle that I want to give a couple of examples here before going on to talk about some specific doorways.

1. Some friends of mine, Mark and Cathy, (not their real names) had been trying to share the gospel for several years with a couple who were business partners and friends. Always, this couple just never seemed interested or to even begin to understand their need of a savior. The couple had much marital difficulty, both involved in extra-marital affairs.

Finally, Mark and Cathy read my first book, *He Came To Set The Captives Free*, and learned about demonic binding of minds and wills. They decided to try binding the demons in their friends. The opportunity arose the next time they went out to dinner with this couple.

During dinner, the wife started arguing with her husband, making more and more bitter comments. Finally, as dessert was served, Cathy couldn’t stand it any longer. She excused herself from the table and headed for the restroom. As soon as she got a few feet away from the table, she quietly, but out loud said, “You demons creating this argument, I bind you right now in the name of Jesus Christ and command you to be silent!” The change was immediate and remarkable. The wife’s entire countenance changed, the subject was abruptly changed, and they did not argue or make any nasty comments to one another the rest of the evening.

During the next month, both Cathy and Mark repeatedly bound the demons whenever they were in this couple's presence. As a result, within a month, the wife committed her life to Jesus Christ. The marriage has radically changed, and the wife is now praying for her husband intensively and is growing in the Lord. Until Mark and Cathy bound the demons, the wife had been completely unable to understand her need of a savior, neither was she able to *will* to accept Jesus.

3. Jane is a 35-year-old nurse from my home town. I worked with her a number of years ago when I was myself still a nurse. I ran into her again some time ago. She was amazed by the change she saw in me and as a result I was able to sit down and share with her what the Lord had done in my life. Her response was:

“You know, I have had two other friends over the past five years who also committed their lives to Christ and changed dramatically from being dissatisfied and unhappy to joyful and filled with peace. I have often thought I would like to do the same, but I just can't, so I don't think about it anymore.”

Not long before, I would have stopped there. But, praise the Lord, thanks to His training, I easily recognized all the symptoms. So I persisted.

“Let me ask just one more question – when you try to think about Jesus, is it kind of like you run up against a black wall and it becomes such an effort to continue thinking about it that you just give up?”

“Yes that's it! How did you know?”

“Well, I have been in God's training school. Tell me, what occult activities have you been involved in?” She reacted with shocked surprise.

“How did you know about that? I haven't done much, but I did visit a palm reader about eight years ago just for kicks. I've been back to palm readers and fortune tellers several times since then and recently have been doing my horoscope. But nothing really serious.”

“Well, Jane, that 'superficial' involvement in the occult has been enough to put you into demonic bondage so that you can't accept Jesus. But I have good news for you. Jesus came to set the captives free and because I am His servant, He has given me His power and authority over Satan and the demons. Now, you demons who are binding and blinding Jane, I bind you right now in the name of Jesus. You may no longer operate in her life!”

Jane looked startled as if she wondered if I had taken leave of my senses. But I merely changed the subject and talked about something else for about 10 minutes. Then I said:

“Jane, I asked you about accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior awhile ago. You know that's what you need to do, how about praying with me now?”

She looked surprised, then relief flooded over her face.

“You know, I would like to pray with you now. I *can* accept Jesus. I don’t know why I didn’t do so earlier.”

We both knelt down together, and another captive was released from Satan’s kingdom of darkness and entered into God’s kingdom. I then told her about the doorways she had opened, and she prayed and closed them to Satan forever with the precious blood of Jesus.

You may not always know exactly what doorways are open in a person’s life. But if you are trying to share the gospel and you seem to come up against a wall, don’t forget to bind the demons. You may be led by the Lord to bind them right in front of the person with whom you are talking, or you may need to get away where they cannot hear. Bathrooms were made for spiritual warfare. You can always use them as an excuse to get away from any situation to bind the demons. Demons have very sharp ears. You do not need to speak loudly to bind them.

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## SATANIC USE OF SOUL POWER

(Quotes from the book *The Latent Power of The Soul* by Watchman Nee)

(Preface)

Our conflict is not concerned with word but with that which lies behind. The spirit and the soul are two totally different organs: one belongs to God, while the other belongs to man. They are completely distinct in substance. The peril of the believer is to confuse the spirit for the soul and the soul for the spirit, and so be deceived into accepting the counterfeit of evil spirits to the unsettling of God’s work.

The greatest advantage in knowing the difference between spirit and soul is in perceiving the latent power of the soul and in understanding its falsification of the power of the Holy Spirit. Such knowledge is not theoretical but practical in helping people to walk in God’s way.

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Man’s body was formed of the dust of the ground, and man’s spirit was given to him by God. After the breath of life had entered into his nostrils man became a living soul. The spirit, the soul, and the body are three separate entities. The spirit is God-given; the soul is a living soul; and the body is God-formed.

We humans have both spirit and body; but our characteristic is neither spirit nor body but soul...soul stand for our personality, for what makes us as man.

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How strong must Adam be to be charged with dressing a land which was surrounded by four rivers! He was not only to dress it but also to keep it; to keep the garden from being invaded by the enemy. Therefore the power which Adam had in that day must have been tremendous. He must have been a man with astounding ability. All his powers were inherent in his living soul. We may look upon Adam's power as supernatural and miraculous, but so far as Adam was concerned these abilities were not miraculous but human, not supernatural but natural.

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At the fall, though, the power which distinguishes Adam from us is lost. Yet this does not mean there is no longer such power; it only denotes that though this ability is still in man, it is nonetheless "frozen" or immobilized. According to Genesis 6, after the fall man becomes flesh. The flesh envelops the whole being and subjugates him. Man was originally a living soul; now, having fallen, he becomes flesh. His soul had been meant to submit to the spirit's control; now it is subject to the dominion of the flesh.

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When Adam fell in the garden of Eden his power was immobilized. He had not lost this power altogether, only it was now buried within him...this primordial ability of Adam has become a "latent" force in his descendants. It has turned to become a kind of "hidden" power. It is not lost to man, it is simply bound up by the flesh.

Today in each and every person who lives on earth lies this Adamic power, though it is confined in him and is not able to freely express itself. Yet such power is in every man's soul just as it was in Adam's soul at the beginning...The work of the devil nowadays is to stir up man's soul and to release this latent power within it as a deception for spiritual power. The reason for my mentioning these things is to warn ourselves of the special relationship between man's soul and Satan in the last days.

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Satan attempts to break open this fleshly shell and to release the power dormant in man's soul in order to gain control over man. Many do not understand this strategy, being deceived into accepting it as of God.

In any religion there stands a common principle behind all their apparent differences. This common principle is to aim at overcoming the outward flesh so as to deliver the soul power from all kinds of bondage for freer expression...It is important to know this or else we will be deceived...Their elucidations may vary, nevertheless the underlying principle is the same, which is, the use of special means to release the power of the soul.

Examples: Taoism, Buddhism (the Buddhist is attempting to break all physical and material bonded so as to get his soul power released), church of Christ, Scientist, Unity, psychology, parapsychology, hypnotism, clairvoyance, telepathy.

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Why is it called "latent" power? Because in Adam's fall God had not withdrawn from him that "supernatural" power which he once possessed. Instead, this power fell with him and became

imprisoned in his body. The power was there; only it could not be expressed...the latent power of the soul may be released by the appropriate means.

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Telepathy – being communication between mind and mind otherwise than through the known channels of the senses – enables a person to use his own psychic force to ascertain another's thought without the need of being told.

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All these practices of breathing, ascetic exercise, hypnosis, prediction, responses, and communications are but the release and manifestation of the power within.

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We who have been taught of God know that this ability is the latent power of man's soul which is now bound in the flesh through Adam's fall. This power had fallen with man, so that according to God's will it should not be used any further. But it is Satan's desire to develop this latent ability so as to make man feel he is as rich as God in accordance with what Satan had promised. Thus will man worship himself, though indirectly it is a worship of Satan. Hence Satan is behind all these parapsychic researches. He is trying his best to use the latent energy of the soul to accomplish his goal. For this reason, all who develop their soul power cannot avoid being contacted and used by the evil spirit.

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An adept can consciously see the minds of others. He can act by his soul-force on external spirits...He can send his soul to a distance, and there not only read the thoughts of others, but speak to and touch those distant objects...he can exhibit to his distant friends his spiritual body in the exact likeness of that of the flesh.

These miraculous phenomena in religion and science are but the manifestation of man's latent power which in turn is used by the evil spirit. They all follow one common rule: to break through the bonds of the flesh and release the power of the soul. The difference between us (the Christians) and them lies in the fact that all our miracles are performed by God through the Holy Spirit. Satan makes use of man's soul force to manifest his strength. Man's soul power is Satan's working instrument, through which he works out his evil end.

God never works with man's soul power, for it is unusable to Him...God works by the Holy Spirit and our renewed spirit...Since the fall God has forbidden man to again use his original power of the soul. It is for this reason that the Lord Jesus often declares how we need to lose our soul life, that is, our soul power.

We cannot say that all the wonders performed in the world are false; we have to acknowledge that many of them are real. But all these phenomena are produced by the latent power of the soul after Adam's fall. As Christians we must be very careful in this last age not to stir up soul's latent energy either purposely or unwittingly.

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Soul power is rushing towards us like a torrent...Satan is causing this world to be filled with the power of darkness. Yet this is but Satan's last and final preparation for the manifestation of the Antichrist. Those who are truly spiritual sense all around them the acceleration of opposition from the evil spirits.

Satan will perform many astonishing feats by utilizing this soul power so as to deceive God's elect.

What is soul power? By going to the Scriptures and under the illumination of the Holy Spirit believers ought to realize that this power is so hellish as to spread over all nations on earth and to turn the whole world into chaos.

Satan is now engaging this soul power to serve as a substitute for God's gospel and its power. He tries to blind people's hearts, through the marvel of soul force, into accepting a bloodless religion...He aims at substituting Christ's salvation with psychic force.

The children of God can be protected only by knowing the difference between spirit and soul..."Soul-force" versus "Spirit-force" is the battleground today....the only safety for the child of God is an experimental knowledge of the life in union with Christ wherein he dwells with Christ in God, above the poisonous air in which the prince of the power of the air carries on his work.

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May God impress us with the fact that where soul force is, there also is the evil spirit...For the soul's power has, through Adam's sin, already fallen under the dominion of Satan and has become the latter's working instrument. We therefore need to exercise great caution against Satan's deception.

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The relation between this latent psychic power and a Christian. Unless we know its danger we will not know how to guard against it.

Four facts

1. There is in Adam an almost unlimited power, a near miraculous ability. This we call soul power. Modern psychic researchers have proved the existence of such ability within man.
2. Satan desires to control man's latent soul power...for his own purposes. The purpose of his tempting Adam and Eve in the garden was to gain control of their soul power...Satan knew there was such wonder-working strength in man, hence he tempted man to declare his independence from God...He aimed at gaining the soul of man. When man fell, his original ability and miraculous strength all fell into Satan's hand.
3. Today Satan desires to release and display the latent power of the soul.
4. Satan does this to confuse God's miracles and confound the work of the Holy Spirit by doing in man's soul many phenomena similar to the working of the Holy Spirit, causing man to experience false repentance, false salvation, false regeneration, false revival, false joy, and other counterfeits of the Holy Spirit experiences.
5. The last three years and a half of the tribulation will be a period of great wonders performed by man's soul under Satan's direction.

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How should we guard against deception? We need to discern what is God's operation and what is the enemy's operation, what work is done by the Holy Spirit and what work is done by the evil spirit. All the works of the Holy Spirit are done through man's spirit; the works of the enemy are all done through man's soul.

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If we pray we should pray to God and not towards man. I personally have experienced the ill-effect of such prayer. Several years ago I was sick for over a year. This was due to the prayers of five or six persons being piled upon me. The more they prayed, the weaker I became. Finally I discovered the cause. I began to resist such prayers, asking God to disengage me from what they had prayed for. And so I got well.

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Testimony: I have just come through a terrible onslaught of the enemy. Hemorrhage, heart affection, panting and exhaustion. My whole body is in a state of collapse. It suddenly burst upon me while at prayer to pray against all psychic power exercised upon me by (psychic) "prayer." By faith in the power of the Blood of Christ, I cut myself off from it, and the result was remarkable. Instantly my breathing became normal, the hemorrhage stopped, exhaustion vanished, all pain fled, and life came back into my body. I have been refreshed and invigorated ever since....my condition was the effect of a group of deceived souls, who are in opposition to me, "praying" about me!

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You must remember that there is no need for people to feel the power which comes from the Holy Spirit. Man's duty is to obey God. For the power of the Holy Spirit is not given for man to feel (sensing in the Spirit is another matter). My duty is to ask God to bind my soul force, that is, my own power. I am to obey God absolutely, the rest I leave to Him to do.

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Each time we see or hear of a wonder performed we must ask, is this God's doing or the enemy's? Is it done by the Holy Spirit of God or by the law of human psychology?

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## A POWERFUL INNER LIFE

(Quotes from *Towards A Powerful Inner Life* by Graham Cooke)

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God has a dream for our life. He has a plan and a goal for each of us that will be realized. God is doing something, and everything is going to be all right. It's a deep work; one that will hold us

steady during our darkest days, when everything and everyone is against us. Once we accept that God is constantly and consistently working in our life, we can be at peace.

The will is the prime vehicle for cooperating with the Holy Spirit.

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Whatever God is touching in you is what He wants to bring under His rule....God's touch can be a gentle caress if we will lay down our wills and agendas and let Him work.

Romans 6:11 The second part of the verse, "*but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord,*" takes that same change in behavior and attitude and allows God to perform it. Rather than kill ourselves, we can let God live in the area that needs God's touch.

What a choice! Our very happiness depends on how we respond to God's touch. Will we kill ourselves, or let God come alive? Our religious ability is so subtle in this...Without even realizing it, we have taken over the Holy Spirit's job of bringing ourselves under God's rule: *I'll do it, we say.* Our soul takes the issue, sticks it in the oven for a while, and waits until God is looking away to pull it back out again. Trying to die to it makes us preoccupied with what we are not. But living in Christ Jesus makes us pre-occupied with Him. We become alive to God, which automatically makes us dead to ourselves.

Allowing God to live in us and make the changes necessary for His dream for us to come true, can still be painful sometimes. The discomfort, however, is more than taken care of by God's grace and mercy for us.

As Christians, we must train our mind, emotions, and will to submit themselves to our spirit. Our spirit will have to say no to our soul from time to time, and the soul will have to grin and bear it. We must be disciplined to take our thoughts captive:

"No, I am not thinking that. I'm thinking about purity and love and God's grace."

"No, I am not thinking that, I'm thinking about how I can show that person the love of God."

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The same exercise must be done with our emotions, constantly bringing them back to the purity of God.

**The will is the vehicle whereby we check our feelings and perceptions with the Holy Spirit before acting on them.** If our thought life and emotions are more active than our will, the tendency is for us to break down into our carnality and not be released into our God-given spirituality.

The Holy Spirit always offers us an alternative to our current internal emotional predicament. He gives us comfort for grief; mercy instead of anger; grace rather than resentment; joy to overwhelm sadness; compassion to replace confusion; and acceptance in our loneliness.

There is always tomorrow, with fresh mercy.



There are many nights when I don't sleep at all. On those nights, I just smile and say, "I didn't sleep at all, but that's okay....I'll get another chance tonight."

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Life in the spirit is a little bit like that. God doesn't beat us up over missing it one day..."Every day is a new day, by My mercy."

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**If the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is life and peace. (Romans 8:6)**

We can – and must – enter His presence every day, with confidence, to see His dreams unfold in our lives. This is our call, and our privilege.

(14) Soul Versus Spirit

We are beings at war with ourselves. Inside each of us are two parts in conflict: a soul – otherwise known as the outer man (carnal) – and a spirit – also known as the inner man (spiritual). These two pieces of the whole strive for complete control of who you are. Each desperately wants to run the show, but only one can.

God has called us to be ruled by our spirit, to submit our outer man (our soul) to that inner man...Our soul must bow its knee to the reign of God.

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The soul is more in love with the *idea* of God than with God *Himself*. The soul drags its heels, trying desperately to avoid surrendering to the spirit. It manifests itself in willful displays, deluded thinking, and odd emotional behavior. Our soul refuses to surrender easily to our spirit because it wants to be number one. The spirit knows the power and satisfaction of God.

The soul tries its best to avoid entering the process of submitting to the spirit...yet soul power must be broken or we cannot serve God effectively...The soul will only find peace and fulfillment and full expression when it is a vehicle for our spirit to operate.

Left unconquered, the soul keeps us open and vulnerable to external pressures and attacks. Learning how to live in the spirit gives us the opportunity, because of our devotion and submission to God, to reverse all of the activity of the enemy and render his schemes useless. With the soul in control, the enemy is free to buffet us and leave us in the grip of the very pain we were called to put on him. If we can learn to submit our outer man to our inner man, nothing from the outside world will be able to shake who we are in Christ.

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There are times when we have to work and times when we have to rest; the book of Ecclesiastes makes that clear...Does the presence of God have primacy in our life?

When we live in our spirit, we don't need reassurance. We have a built-in testimony; the Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.

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Body and soul often conspire and work together against the spirit. In God's design, however, He intended for the Holy Spirit to dwell and mingle with our spirit. That spiritual man would then govern the soul, which is made up of our mind, emotions and will.

To live happily and successfully with God, we must become a vehicle of the spirit. Our body will be used as the outward expression of whatever is in command: our soul or our spirit. To be our fullest expression in Christ, our soul must understand that it cannot, and must not, act on its own volition. The spirit man, according to the relationship it has with the Holy Spirit, must give the soul instruction and authority. The soul has to be won, mastered, and ruled by the spirit if we want to know the higher ways of God. Our soul needs to be saved every day.

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Our spirit is only ever subject to, and in the presence of, God. It is the part of us which is eternal. It constantly communes with God Himself, only having dealings with Him. To interact with the physical world, it must operate through your soul and body. The spirit is the part of us that finds its refuge in God. When the writer of Psalm 91 sang, "*He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust,*" he was referring to his spirit finding safety within God's presence. It is a place inside of us that cannot be touched by anything out in the world because it lives in the presence of God.

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The Father has several, wonderfully visual images of what life in the spirit looks like. He is our refuge, fortress, high tower, and hiding place; we nestle under the shadow of His wings. One of the prime goals of our relationship with God must be to learn to access these safe places daily. We need to learn the business of stepping back into the internal provision of God in the spirit. Do we take refuge in Him when under pressure and attack? Do we wait patiently to discern His heart before committing ourselves to an action? This is the loving discipline of the spirit which takes the control away from our soul so that we can respond to God and not react to events.

When the enemy comes calling, we shouldn't rush out to meet him in battle. Instead, we should retreat into our spirit man first, entering the presence of God. When we're there, God can give us intelligence, resources, and strategy to destroy the enemy. If we allow our spirit to govern the way we act and lead, we will have God's empowerment to carry on.

(P. 26 *The Sword Of The Lord* by Kevin Basconi)

The rest of the Lord is simply having faith in God to keep you wholly, exclusively, and totally in safety. It means trusting Him to be your ever-present help and ultimate covering in times of trouble or dark storms (see Psalm 46:1). One of the most important and basic keys to entering into the rest of the Lord is developing your personal ability to hear the Spirit of God clearly.

**God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)**

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## TO BE ESTABLISHED

(P. 229 *The Sword Of The Lord* by Kevin Basconi)

This passage [2 Chronicles 20:20] says that we must ***“believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established.”*** This is a very high and holy calling: to be established in the Lord. What this literally means is to be protected and supported by someone more powerful than you, like a parent or powerful Father. To be established by the Lord means to be rendered or transformed in your nature to be firm or faithful. It means to be endued with a supernatural trust or faith in God Almighty. It can also be defined as to learn to rest in God’s power and to be permanently established, shielded, covered, or safeguarded. It can mean to be spiritually or morally true or certain in your place of safety and protection and to be granted the right or the grace to sit at the right hand of God.

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## THE SHEPHERD'S ROD

(From an email Joan sent to a friend)

Today when you took us up higher and asked us what we saw, I "saw" a shepherd's rod. I didn't see it with my spiritual eyes as a picture, but heard it and knew it. You said I saw it in my "mind's eye". Is that what "mind's eye" means? I knew it was there but no picture was there as it would be in a dream or vision. And what does a shepherd's rod mean? Would you look it up in that book of yours which explains terms like that?

I can see in the dream symbol book I have, that "rod" could mean rule, correction, guidance, governing anointing, fruit bearing. And, of course, Jesus is The Shepherd, and His rod and staff comforts us.

(Later)

In my Quiet Time I was conversing with the Lord about the meaning of the "shepherd's rod" I saw in my "mind's eye" on Sunday, and He was telling me more about what that meant. Basically He told me that He is the Shepherd and I am His rod that He uses here on earth. He uses that rod to guide, comfort, correct, rebuke, teach, and discipline. He speaks, and I speak it forth for Him, He uses His rod and I do it for Him....all this as I listen and obey Him.

Then He reminded me of a vision picture He gave me years ago in which He, Jesus, was walking through a valley, and I, as a little sheep, was walking on His right side. This picture has brought me great comfort through the years.

Then I opened up David Wilkerson's message today, and he taught on *The Lord My Shepherd*. God is surely coordinating David's messages to meet my heart's needs! I am amazed again by Him!

(From *Dictionary of Biblical Imagery* p. 733-4)

#### SHEPHERD'S ROD

Tools used by shepherds

Symbol of authority

Icon of the traveler

Symbolic of a transitory lifestyle

Vulnerability of living on the road

Used for discipline of person or nation

God's breaking the rebellious kings of the earth

Comfort, protection and security

Club-like weapon used for warding off predators

Can be like scepter of authority in hand of a leader

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THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

(From: DAVID WILKERSON TODAY [no-reply@lists.worldchallenge.org](mailto:no-reply@lists.worldchallenge.org))

We are all familiar with the 23rd Psalm. Its comforting message is well known even among non-believers. This renowned psalm was written by King David, and its most famous passage is contained in the opening verse: “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

The Hebrew word David uses for want in this verse indicates a meaning of lack. David is saying, in other words, “I shall not lack anything.” When we combine this meaning with the first part of the verse, David is saying, “The Lord leads, guides and nourishes me. And because of that, I have no lack.”

In this brief verse, David gives us yet another reflection of the Lord’s character and nature. The literal Hebrew translation of the first part of this verse is Jehovah Rohi (pronounced Je-HO-va-RO’-ee). It means “the Lord, my shepherd.”

Jehovah Rohi is not some benign, passive shepherd. He isn’t a hireling—someone who does little more than provide food and guidance. He doesn’t merely point us toward the grassy pasture and pools of water, and say, “There’s what you need. Go and get it.” Nor does he turn a blind eye to our needs. He doesn’t run the other way when he hears our cries for help and sees us in trouble. No, he knows every pain we endure, every tear we shed, every hurt we feel. He knows when we’re too weary to go another step. He knows just how much we can take. Most of all, he knows how to rescue us and bring us to a place of healing. Time after time, our shepherd comes after us, fetches us and takes us to a place of rest. He continually makes us lie down for a time of healing and restoration.

Jehovah Rohi—the Lord our shepherd—is compelling us to follow him into his rest, so that he might “shekinah” in our midst. The Lord says in Exodus 29:45, “I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.” The Hebrew word for dwell here is shekinah, meaning “to abide by, or to settle down beside.” This word signifies not just a passing presence, but a permanent one—a presence that never leaves. In short, the shekinah glory of God is not a vanishing imprint that disappears from our hearts like invisible ink. No, it’s something God imprints permanently on our soul. It’s his very near and eternal presence.

The picture here is glorious: Our shepherd offers to come to us in the midst of our pain and depressed condition, and to sit by our side. He promises to bind up our wounds and strengthen the parts of us that have become sick and diseased.

That’s the shekinah glory of God: the abiding, everlasting presence of the Lord. And we often experience it when we’re in the midst of trouble. Our great shepherd tells us, “I want to restore you. And I’m going to do it by being present with you, even in the valley and shadow of death. My presence will be with you through everything the devil throws at you. Even if you try to run from me, I’m going to chase after you. And when I catch you, I am going to take you in my arms and carry you back to my rest. Then I’ll bind up your wounds and heal all your sicknesses.”

## THE BATTLE OF OUR MINDS

(Quotes from book by Steve Foss *Satan's Dirty Little Secrets*, p. 97-117)

### Eyes to see

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

Man has two sets of eyes. He has his natural eyes with which he perceives visually the world around him. Man also has spiritual eyes. These are the eyes of his heart, his understanding. With his spiritual eyes man will see things that are beyond the natural realm. Man lives in two worlds. He lives in a natural world, but he also lives in a spirit world.

God want to flood the eyes of our heart with light, "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6).

It is at this point that a dimension of spiritual warfare takes place that breaks the hold of insecurity and inferiority off of our lives. The reason Eve was deceived into taking the fruit is because she lost *sight* - sight of the revelation of God, and thereby lost sight of who she was.

It is in this ability to see that all of our strength comes to defeat the enemy and close the door to insecurity and inferiority. The only reason that we are subject to insecurity and inferiority is because we fail to see as God sees. This prayer of the Apostle Paul goes to the root of all our battles:

[For I always pray to] The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that he may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him. By having the eyes of our heart flooded with light, **so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you.** (Ephesians 1:17-18, AMP)

Vision so that you can know and understand what is: the *hope* of your calling, the *hope* of your salvation, the *hope* of God's purpose for your life.

To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.** (Colossians 1:27)

This is the root cause and solution to the problem. When we fail to see ourselves and others as God sees us, we become vulnerable to the spirits of insecurity and inferiority.

The prayer of the Holy Spirit through Paul goes to the solution needed. We must have supernatural eyes to see Him for three distinctive purposes. This will give us the power to fulfill our God-given purposes individually and corporately.

### **Hope of your calling**

The first of these three areas is for you to **know and understand the hope of your calling**. This expresses itself in a couple of different ways.

If you ask most Christians what is their purpose here on the earth, they can't give you a very specific purpose. They may recite some scripture about witnessing or about showing forth the praises of God, but it is clear by their daily lives these are only words and not revelation.

You cannot truly understand your calling until you understand Jesus' calling.

Most Christians will tell you that the main purpose that Jesus came to the earth was to pay the price for our sins. I want to submit to you that He came for a much greater purpose, and that the work accomplished on the cross is much bigger than just forgiveness of sins.

Jesus in the Gospels and the Holy Spirit through the epistles make constant references to Christ's purpose:

**I have come that they may have life**, and that they may have it more abundantly.  
(John 12:10)

Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. (Matthew 20:28)

**And this is eternal life, that they may know You**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. **I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.** (John 17:3-4)

And the grand-slam purpose is found in 1 John:

**For this purpose** the Son of God was manifested, **that he might destroy the works of the devil.** (1 John 3:8, KJV)

Jesus didn't just come to forgive us our sins, but to fully restore to us all that was lost in the garden - to reconcile us back to our original purpose which can only be found in the revelation of God.

For God created man after His own image and in His own likeness. (See Genesis 1:27) When man sinned he not only was kicked out of the Garden of Eden, but he also lost the connection to the glory of God. For man's purpose was not to just be a created being or to walk with God. God created man so He could eternally dwell in and express Himself through man.

God wanted to share all that He has and all that He is with another. So He created man. When man sinned, it separated him from God and thwarted the plans of God. So God immediately put a plan into place to not just forgive man, but to restore man back to His original purpose - to have another with whom to share Himself.

This is why Christ came: to restore man back to the place that the Father had always meant for him to have.

He wanted to share His glory with us. This is why Christ came, to restore the glory:

**The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.** To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.** (Colossians 1:26-27)

For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form [giving complete expression of the divine nature]. **And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life [in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and reached full spiritual stature].** (Colossians 2:9-10, AMP)

We must come into a revelation of the purpose of Christ to restore us back to the original purpose of God for our existence. We have been given the highest position of all in the universe. We have been predestined by God to be conformed into His image - to be like God:

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son. (Romans 8:29)

God designed us to be joined with Him as one for eternity:

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, **and the two shall become one flesh.** This is a great mystery, **but I speak concerning Christ and the church.** (Ephesians 5:31-32)

God has placed an irrevocable value upon us. He has set us at the highest position possible. He has placed on us the highest value possible. This revelation, when truly gotten by the body of Christ, will shatter all inferiority.

Remember, inferiority is the feeling of being lower in position or stature. The revelation of the hope of your calling, to be one with Christ, destroys the lie of inferiority.

Another area that "the hope of your calling" affects you is in your daily life. When you begin to understand the purpose of Christ, then the daily purpose of your life will also begin to come into focus. As long as we don't understand what we are called to here on the earth, we will live unfruitful, ineffective lives for the kingdom.



The lack of clear purpose opens the door for the enemy:

Where there is no **vision**, the people **perish**: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.  
(Proverbs 29:18, KJV)

The New King James version states it this way:

Where there is no **revelation**, the people **cast off restraint**; But happy is he who keeps the law. (Proverbs 29:18 NKJ)

When people lack clear vision, revelation, and purpose, they cast off restraint. Clear vision empowers man to be morally disciplined. The Apostle John states it this way:

But we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.  
(1 John 3:2-3)

In the world today many motivational speakers will teach you that you must have a clearly stated purpose in order to accomplish anything great. They have tapped into a characteristic that God placed in man. It is the driving force that clear purpose provides, that empowers men to do beyond what others think possible.

This quality of human nature, surrendered to the revelation of Christ, will empower us to excel in everything we set our hands to. Through the power of Christ and His Word in us there shall be nothing impossible:

**If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.** (John 15:7)

Not only does God through the spirit of wisdom and revelation want us to know and understand the hope of our calling, but also how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints. (See Ephesians 1:18.)

In order to reverse the work of Satan in the garden and forever close the door to the enemy, God also wants us to know that all that He has, has been given to us. There is nothing that God has that He has not given to the church. He placed a value on us that could never be matched and gave us everything that He has.

### **Joint Heirs**

Jesus is the legal heir of all things:

Has in these last days spoken to us by **His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things**, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of

the Majesty on high, **having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.** (Hebrews 1:2-4)

And we are now joint heirs with Him:

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. (Romans 8:16-18)

God has not withheld anything from us:

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also **freely give us all things?** (Romans 8:32)

Whatever we ask in Jesus' name God has said He will give it to us:

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, **you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified,** that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. (John 15:7-8)

And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, **whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.** Until now you have asked nothing in My name. **Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.** (John 16:23-24)

Many Christians have quoted these verses over and over again for years, but the reality is that they still haven't truly seen them work. So they go on about their business quoting and praying and not really seeing. Step by step the enemy causes us to question, "Does the Word really work?" Once again he challenges the truthfulness of God.

Although many Christians wouldn't admit it, they don't really believe that whatever they ask for, in Jesus' name, God will do.

They waver in their hearts. The Bible states that those who doubt don't receive anything:

But let him ask in faith with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. **For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.** (James 1:6-8)

It's one of Satan's great tricks. We pray while wavering and doubting. As a result we receive nothing, which reinforces our doubt, which leads to further unanswered prayers and a vicious cycle of defeat.

The problem goes back to a lack of revelation. A failure to see with spiritual eyes that everything God has, He has already given to us. It is our legal inheritance. We are joint heirs with Him.

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

We can only truly do this as we have a deepening revelation of Jesus. When we see Him, we become like Him. We are changed into His image and nature. We take on His characteristics.

Then, and only then, can we truly pray in faith and see that whatever we ask shall be done for us, in Jesus' name.

When we begin to see and understand that God has given to us all things and that we truly are joint heirs with Christ, then we will begin down the path of true freedom.

These truths must become more than words. They must become alive on the inside of us.

### **Unlimited Power**

The third breakthrough that the spirit of wisdom and revelation gives to us is over all insecurity. It will give to us such confidence in Christ and His power that *nothing* will ever be able to shake us:

And [so that you can know and understand] what is **the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us** who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when **He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in heavenly [places]**. (Ephesians 1:19-20, AMP)

The same power that raised Christ from the dead, the unlimited supernatural power of God, is *in us* and is *for us*. The same power that said, "Let there be light," and there was light; the same power that upholds the universe; the same power that parted the Red Sea; the same power that sent fire down from heaven to consume Elijah's offering, delivered Daniel from the lion's den, and destroyed the armies facing Gideon - that same power is in us. (See Gen. 1:3, Col. 1:17, Exod. 14:21, 2 Kings 1:10, Dan. 6:22, Judges 7:15.)

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, **according to the power that works in us...** (Ephesians 3:20)

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. (2 Corinthians 4:7)

How often does the enemy, through our circumstances, make us feel powerless? We feel like there is nothing that we can do. We feel out of control.

This is the very purpose of terrorism - to make people feel so powerless over the violence that they simply surrender. The feeling of powerlessness is so unsettling that people will do just about anything to get a sense of power and security back, even if that means surrender.

Why, during World War II, did whole countries surrender to Germany? They were afraid that they didn't have the power to defeat them. They were afraid that if they tried, they would suffer greater loss than to simply surrender.

So many countries, after being attacked, simply surrendered control to the Germans. This is what happened to many Jews. At first they moved the Jews into the slums. The Jews, as a whole, went along with this. Even though it was a level of bondage, they figured it was better than dying.

They saw the strength of the German army and felt that they could not defeat them in battle. Therefore they had only two choices: die or surrender.

So the majority surrendered. Step by step the German control deepened, and the freedoms of the Jews were stripped away layer by layer.

Each step they faced the two choices: fight and possibly die or surrender. Most continued down the path of surrender.

We have seen this repeated time and again throughout history with many nations and peoples.

The oppression continued. The Germans took the Jews from the slums and started to place them in "labor camps," better known as concentration camps.

The bondage deepened, the suffering increased, and the death they tried to avoid through surrender crept up upon them.

The same is happening in the spirit realm today. The enemy has been attacking the Christians. He has been threatening them through insecurity and inferiority. He has convinced many, including preachers, that as long as we are here on this earth the flesh can never be conquered.

We hear time and again that as long as we are in the flesh, we will sin. We have already begun down the path of surrender. Step by step the enemy will deepen his control and increase our suffering.

We have believed the lie that the power of the cross is not sufficient. We have believed that the power of sin is too great, and the best we can hope for is to avoid some sins.

We are so convinced that we can't win, that we easily give up. We just accept certain "struggles" in our lives as part of who we are. In an attempt to spiritualize it, we even say that this is "my thorn in the flesh." (See 2 Corinthians 12:7)

Step by step the enemy gains deeper control through fear and intimidation, leading us to the spiritual gas chambers of a defeated life. We willingly follow his commands, because in our heart we don't believe we have the power to defeat the enemy.

The devil is a liar! Jesus said:

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.** (Luke 10:19)

Assuredly, I say to you, **whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.** Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them. (Matthew 18:18-19)

We have been given power and authority - the right to exercise the miracle working power of God.

Not only does the enemy keep us in the bondage of sin because we lack a revelation of the power that is in and for us who believe, but he also keeps us from bringing to the world the resurrection power of Christ. We say things like, "I don't have the gift of healing or the power to work miracles. God has given that to a select few like Morris Cerullo or Benny Hinn."

The devil is a liar. Jesus said:

And these signs will [**not maybe, but will**] follow those who believe: In My name they **will cast out demons**; they **will speak with new tongues**; they **will take up serpents**; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; **they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.** (Mark 16:17-18)

The spirit of wisdom and revelation will give you access to the power to defeat the enemy and to show the world that Jesus is who He claims to be.

Praise be to God! The fullness of Christ and His power has been given to us. He is in us. There is no power in hell or on earth that can overpower what is in us. We are totally secure because of Him who lives in us:

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because **He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.** (1 John 4:4)

**"No weapon formed against you shall prosper,** and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord. And their righteousness is from Me," says the Lord. (Isaiah 54:17)

God wants to give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation so you will know the hope of your calling, your inheritance, and the power that is in and for you. As the revelation of Christ continues to work in you, it will eradicate every open door the enemy has to root insecurity and inferiority.

Without those two roots all the other demon spirits have nothing to hold on to, and their power is easily broken.

This is the battle of our lives, the battle of our minds. Whose words will dominate and control the way we think? Whoever controls the mind of a man controls that man.

If the thought of insecurity and inferiority rule even part of your thinking, then the enemy has a stronghold upon which he will launch further assaults. If the thoughts of Christ rule your mind, then you will be truly free in every area.

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## GOD'S MYSTERIOUS VOICE

(Kathie Walters: #1 God's Mysterious Voice: God Will Provide a Red Cord For You)

### **God Will Provide a Red Cord For You**

#### **Your Red Cord**

God promised to always make a way of escape. Jesus is our Savior, Healer, Redeemer, and He is also the Rescuer. Everyone of us needs rescuing sometime or other. From situations beyond our control, from situations brought about by other people, even other people's selfishness or carelessness, or even dishonesty.

Sometimes we need rescuing from our own mistakes or our own lack of wisdom or discernment. But Jesus is also the Rescuer. Part of the word meaning of Redeemer is "rescuer."

When Joshua sent two spies to Jericho, Rahab allowed the two men to stay at her place. But the king of Jericho found out that they were there. He sent his men to Rahab's house to capture the spies. The people of Jericho were very afraid of the Israelites. They had heard stories of the great victories won by them.

Rahab hid them on her roof and let them down over the city wall with the aid of a red cord. Leaving the red cord in the window, when the spies returned, they were able to locate her house and rescued her and her family.

**Did you know that God always has a red cord?**

The key is that we LISTEN and do what He tells us to do. In Rahab's case, it wouldn't have worked if she decided to put a parrot or a cat in the window instead of a red cord. It was very important that she followed instructions.

God knows how to rescue you – but you have to listen. You can't do the will of God your way – you have to do it His way.

A lady wrote me a few months ago. She had made a mistake in some business decisions and, consequently, dug a huge financial pit. Unfortunately, she was convinced that she was going to reap the consequences of her mistake and resigned herself to some kind of devastation.

While that's true, there are consequences – it is also true that Jesus can redeem you and rescue you.

If God gives you an "order" or a word to do something, guess what? He can also give you instructions as to HOW. He can give you a red cord.

### **We Had the Word - Now We Needed the "How"**

When we lived in the Orlando area years ago, the Lord gave us a very clear word to move on from there.

I was driving to pray with a friend, when God spoke very unexpectedly to me: "It's time for you to leave this city and wash off the dust from your feet."

The car swerved a bit. I didn't tell anyone except my husband, David. We had been in Orlando since we had emigrated to America 12 years previously, so it was a big thing for us to leave.

By the way – wiping the dust from your feet does not mean you stomp off in a bad mood, it means that when you leave somewhere (an area or church) that you don't have any bad feelings or unforgiveness toward anyone. If you do that, it will cling to you and you will take that "dust" with you to the next place.

David said, "Well, I think we need to believe for a word from outside to confirm this." I said to the Lord then, "You know Lord, I don't want to start thinking this was just a thought in my head if it doesn't go smoothly, so we need a word from outside."

I went on, "I want You to get someone to call me, someone I know that hears from You, and he has to say the exact same words to me." An evangelist I knew from England came to mind: "I want You to get Harry to call me." Did you know that you could believe for a word from Heaven and it will be released? I had a thought that maybe in a few weeks Harry would call.

The next day, I was sitting waiting on the Lord when the phone rang. I casually answered and almost fell off the chair when I heard Harry's voice. "Harry, where are you?" I asked. "I am not sure, I am at some restaurant in Arizona. The Lord told me to call you – what's up?" Of course I didn't want to put anything into his mind, so I just said, "Well, we're doing great, having some house meetings. We may move on sometime down the road." Harry paused and then said, "It's time for you to leave that city and wipe off the dust from your feet." Then he prayed for some doors to open and hung up.

We had the word – now we needed the "how."

## **Really? Buy Flowers?**

For a start, we needed to know HOW to proceed and how to sell our property. I don't believe that we need to do "trial and error" and waste a lot of time, because the Holy Spirit can tell us HOW.

So, I asked the Lord, "How do we sell the house? It's a very overbuilt area." I waited in faith. You know we hear by faith, right? God spoke to me: "Take \$200 and go to Home Depot, buy \$200 worth of brightly colored flowers and put them in the front yard. Then put out a 'For Sale by Owner' sign." Well, I did exactly that, and then waited.

About two weeks later, as I was praying in the morning, the Lord spoke to me, "The man who is going to buy the house is coming today to look at it."

Sure enough, around 11 AM I had a phone call – a lady was on the phone: "Can we come by and see the house?" Well, I wasn't sure who "we" were, but it turned out to be a nice lady and man who was a bodyguard for some important people that came to the USA.

When they came and looked around, the lady said to me, "We weren't really looking in this area – but every time we rode by, we noticed all the bright flowers." So, the flowers the Holy Spirit told me to buy were just an eye catcher to get their attention on the house.

Have you noticed how awesome God is at doing several things at the same time? The man treated us very respectfully – almost like he was a bit afraid of us, and we couldn't figure it out.

### **Obedience to His Voice Not Only Helps You - It Will Often Help Others**

Well, he finally told us that when he was a young man he had a three-year-old daughter who had leukemia and was in the hospital dying. He said that he had knelt beside her bed and told God, "If you heal my little girl, I will serve You." Three days later, she left the hospital, but he never did serve the Lord. When he was confronted with us as Christians, I truly believe God was giving him another opportunity to keep his vow.

God then told us when and where to move – He even showed us the four young men who come from Gainesville, Florida, with a moving van.

We have many stories like this.

### **What Happens If You Can't Hear the "How"?**

I remember one time when we just didn't seem to hear from God about HOW. Which door to go through? It was very frustrating; we just kept trying different things and pushing on different doors. Then I had a vision. I am sure that many of you can relate to it. In the vision, I was sitting on the floor in a very dark room. I couldn't see a thing. I kept getting up and pushing my hands against the walls, trying to feel where the door was.

The Lord spoke to me and said, "Sit down." I sat down and waited. Suddenly, a light shone on the door. I got up and walked right over to it. Many times we don't wait – we keep trying this and trying that, then it's hard to hear.

God always provides a red cord – we have to look for it and ask for it and not assume things.



Sometime there is a change for you, but you can miss it if you are too busy doing what you always do.

Blessings!

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## DECEPTION

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*Beyond the Billfold*, by Vincent M. Newfield, p. 23

“If we are deceptive and withhold truth, we will reap deception and open ourselves up to being deceived. Actually, the Lord impressed on me that to the same degree I sought to deceive others, I myself would be deceived.”

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## DESTRUCTIVE HABITS AND THOUGHT PATTERNS

(*Exposing Bitter Root Strongholds* book, *Breaking Free: Uprooting Destructive Habits and Thought Patterns* CD series, by Jack Frost, Shiloh Place Ministries)

#### Four basic emotional needs

- Unconditional expressed love
- Love that makes us feel safe and secure
- Praise, to feel valued or honored
- Purpose, destiny, a reason for being

You're going to get those needs met in a legal way or illegal way

If those needs don't get met, it leaves a wound

#### The Pattern that comes from a wound--a cycle of pain

- Negative thought patterns, mental strongholds, ungodly beliefs
- Sin or disobedience, strongholds
- Darkness comes from that, self-deception (fallen angels are here)
- Demonic influences
- Increases wounding of others

Anywhere in your mind, will, and emotions not at home with love will fill itself with fear...fear of love, fear of receiving it, fear of giving it, fear of failure, fear of rejection.

You can forgive and never be healed.

We become what we judge in others. Judge not that you be not judged. What we sow we reap.

#### Ask yourself

- Where did that behavior come from?
- Who treated me that way?
- Who hurt me like that?
- Whom have I judged, thus releasing the curse back into my life?

We must turn from dark to light or else those dark areas become Satan's playground. Any hidden sin or un-dealt-with areas are darkness and they make us want to hide. If we prefer darkness, we will remain in darkness. We must humble ourselves to deal with it and choose light over darkness. (p. 35, *Exposing Bitter Root Strongholds*, Jack Frost)

"Forgiveness is agreeing to live with the consequences of another's sin. Forgiveness is costly. You pay the price of the evil you forgive. You're going to live with those consequences whether you want to or not; your only choice is whether you will do so in the bitterness of unforgiveness or the freedom of forgiveness." (Dr. Neil Anderson, *Released From Bondage*) (quote in Jack Frost book)

Forgiveness releases us from getting our identity from our hurts and from those who have hurt us. It releases God's healing to flow through us. Then the Spirit is released to impart the Father's personality, character, and feelings in us! ...Healing doesn't do away with your memories but it changes what you do with those memories. It transforms death experiences to life experiences! (p. 39-40, *Exposing Bitter Root Strongholds*, Jack Frost)

How do we apply the cross to this and overcome?  
If you've got the fruit, you've got the root.  
God took a stronghold of fear and replaced it with a stronghold of faith.

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## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

(From the book INTERCESSORY PRAYER By Dutch Sheets)

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We don't wait well.

It was not just a strong hope I had at this point but a great faith. I had turned to God many times throughout the course of that year asking Him if He had really sent me to the little girl. Each time I received His assurance: "I sent you. Don't quit."

### The Power of Persistence

Stubbornness can be channeled into a righteous force called persistence or endurance. Gal. 6:9 "Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary."

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I've learned that no one is born a prayer hero. They are shaped and refined on the practice field of life.

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I've discovered that understanding the why of doing something can be a great motivating force. The opposite is also true.

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When God says, "Pray," I want to know it will matter.

The real question is: Does a sovereign, all-powerful God need our involvement or not. Is prayer really necessary? If so, why?

I believe it is necessary. Our prayers *can* bring revival. They *can* bring healing. We *can* change a nation. Strongholds *can* come down when and because we pray.

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The answer to why prayer is necessary lies in God's original plan when He created Adam...What God intended for Adam, He intended for the entire human race.

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Adam was God's manager here, God's steward or governor, God's mediator, go-between, or representative.

God didn't give away ownership of the earth, but He did assign the responsibility of governing it to humanity.

Psalm 115:16 "The heaven...the Eternal holds himself, the earth He has *assigned* to men."

Genesis 2:15 says, "Then the Lord God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it." The word "keep" is a translation of the Hebrew word *shamar* which means "to guard or protect." It is the primary word used for a watchman in the Scriptures. Adam literally was God's watchman or guardian on the earth.

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A representative is one who re-presents the will of another.

Psalm 8:5 actually says human beings were made just "a little lower than God." God even gave us the ability to create eternal spirits, something He had entrusted to no other creature!

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God wanted a family—sons and daughters who could personally relate to Him, and vice versa.

Humans were forever to be God's link to authority and activity on the earth.

Here we have, I believe, the reason for the necessity of prayer: God chose, from the time of the Creation, to work on the earth *through* humans, not independent of them.

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Why, then, am I supposed to ask Him for something He already wants to do if it's not that my asking somehow releases Him to do it?

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God has chosen to work through people. Even when it is the Lord Himself initiating something, earnestly desiring to do it, He still needs us to ask. Andrew Murray succinctly speaks of our need to ask: "God's giving is inseparably connected with our asking...Only by intercession can that power be brought down from heaven which will enable the Church to conquer the world."

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Our prayers do more than just petition the Father. I've become convinced that in some situations they actually release cumulative amounts of God's power until enough has been released to accomplish His will.

Daniel discovered it was time...Somehow he [Daniel] must have known that God needed his involvement because he said, "So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek Him by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes" (Dan. 9:3).

God made the decision in heaven. A man was called upon to enforce that decision on earth through intercession and faith.

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(Ezek. 22:30-31) the implications of these verses are staggering. God's holiness, integrity and uncompromising truth prevent Him from simply excusing sin. It must be judged. On the other hand, not only is He holy, but He is also love and His love always desires to redeem, to restore and to show mercy.

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He [God] needs and is waiting on something from us to bring about change. Peter Wagner said: "Human inaction can make the atonement ineffective for lost people."

A responsibility [to pray] can also be a privilege; a responsibility can be enjoyable. If allowed, this revelation can elevate us in our hearts to new positions of dignity alongside our heavenly Father and Lord Jesus. Jack Hayford said, "Prayer is essentially a partnership of the redeemed child of God working hand in hand with God toward the realization of His redemptive purposes on earth."

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Before we define intercession – so we can define intercessory prayer – we're not only going to do so literally, but also in the context of (1) God's plan for humankind at the time of the Creation, (2) the disruption of that plan for the Fall and (3) God's solution... this will accomplish these things:

1. It will help you understand the concept of intercession so you can understand intercessory prayer.
2. It will enable you to see Christ's role as THE intercessor. (Our intercessory prayer will always and only be an extension of His intercessory work.)

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Intercession can be summarized as mediating, going between, pleading for another, representing one party to another for, but not limited to, legal situations. It involves delegation. It involves authority. It boils down to representation.

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Adam was God's intercessor or mediator on the earth... Jesus came to re-present God on the earth. He became the intercessor or mediator going between and re-presenting God to humanity.

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Not only did He [Christ] represent God to man, but He also represented man to God.

Christ's intercession, in keeping with its literal meaning, was not a *prayer*. He prayed, but a *work of mediation* He did.

I don't believe the intercession attributed to Him now in heaven on our behalf is prayer either. I'm certain it refers to His work of mediation (see 1 Tim. 2:5), to His being our Advocate with the Father (see 1 John 2:1). He is now functioning as our representative, guaranteeing our access to the Father and to our benefits of redemption.

In fact, He tells us in John 16:26 that He is not doing our asking or petitioning of the Father for us: "In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will request the Father on your behalf." So what is He doing as He makes intercession for us? He is mediating or going

between, not to clear us of charges against us as He did to redeem us from sin, but to present each of us to the Father as righteous and one of His own.

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When I approach the throne, He is always there saying something such as: “Father, Dutch is here to speak with You. He isn’t coming on his own merits or righteousness, he is here based on Mine. He is here *in My name*. I am sure You remember that I’ve *gone between* You and Dutch and provided him with access to You. He has a few things to ask You.”

Jesus isn’t *praying* for us; He is *interceding* for us so we can pray. This is what is meant by asking “in His name.”

As the intercessor-mediator, He went between God and humanity, reconciling us to the Father; and between Satan and humanity, breaking Satan’s hold. This was the redemptive *work* of intercession and it is complete.

This revelation is critical. It means our *prayers* of intercession are always and only an extension of His *work* of intercession.

Why is this so important? Because God won’t honor any intercession except Christ’s, and also because this understanding will make our *prayers* of intercession infinitely more powerful.

I am asking the Father to extend mercy and bring salvation to \_\_\_\_\_. He could reply, “How can I do this? They are sinners. They worship false gods, which is really worshiping Satan. And besides, they don’t even want Me to do this. They themselves have never asked.”

I answer, “Because Jesus *interceded or mediated* for them, Father. I am asking based on what He did. And He needs a human on earth to ask for Him because He is in heaven now. So, as He taught me, I’m asking for Your Kingdom to come and your will to be done in \_\_\_\_\_. I’m asking for some laborers to be sent there. I’m asking these things for Christ and through Christ. And I am asking You to do it based entirely on the redemptive work He has already done.”

The Father replies, “RIGHT ANSWER! You heard the man, Gabriel. What are you waiting for?”

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When I say our *prayers* of intercession are an extension of His *work* of intercession, the difference is in distributing versus producing. We don’t have to produce anything—reconciliation, deliverance, victory, etc.—but rather we distribute, as the disciples did with the loaves and fishes. *Our calling and function is not to replace God, but to release Him*. It liberates us from intimidation and emboldens us to know that:

- The Producer simply wants to distribute through us.
- The Intercessor wants to intercede through us.
- The Mediator wants to mediate through us.
- The representative wants to represent through us.
- The Go-between wants to go between through us.
- The Victor wants His victory enforced through us.
- The Minister of reconciliation has given to us the ministry of reconciliation. We now represent Him in His representation ministry. *God continues to incarnate His redemptive purposes in human lives*.

We don’t deliver anyone, we don’t reconcile anyone to God, we don’t defeat the enemy. The work is already done. Reconciliation is complete. Deliverance and victory are complete.

Salvation is complete. Intercession is complete! Finished! Done! WOW! What a relief. And yet....

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We must ask for the release and application of these things. So, let me offer the following as a biblical definition of intercessory prayer:

*Intercessory prayer is an extension of the ministry of Jesus through His Body, the Church, whereby we mediate between God and humanity for the purpose of reconciling the world to Him, or between Satan and humanity for the purpose of enforcing the victory of Calvary.*

Christ needs a human on the earth to represent Himself through just as the Father did. The Father's human was Jesus; Jesus' humans are us, the Church. He said, "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Sent ones have authority, as long as they represent the sender. And the importance or emphasis is not on the sent one but the sender. The setting of conditions and the ability to carry out or enforce them is all the responsibility of the sender, not the sent one.

Jesus was a sent one. That is why He had authority. He received it from the Father who sent Him....The result of this arrangement was that, in essence, He wasn't doing the works, but the Father who sent Him.

The same is true with us. Our authority comes from being sent ones, representing Jesus. As long as we function in that capacity, we function in Christ's authority. And, in essence, we're not really doing the works. He is.

In the same way that Jesus represented the Father—speaking His words and doing His works—I was to represent Jesus. And if I really believed I was functioning as an ambassador or a sent one, then I could believe it wasn't my authority or ability that was an issue but Christ's—I was simply representing Him *and what He had already done*.

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So the partnership goes on—God and humans. But the correct pattern is critical: My *prayers* of intercession release Christ's finished *work* of intercession.

His work empowers my prayers—my prayers release His work.

Mine extends His—His effectuates mine.

Mine activates His—His validates mine.

In Kingdom Enterprises we're not in the production department. We're in distribution...BIG difference. He's the generator. We're the distributors.

Plan A is for supernatural, but ordinary people like you and me to: (1) wholeheartedly believe in the victory of Calvary—to be convinced that it was complete and final and (2) to rise up in our role as sent ones, ambassadors, authorized representatives of the Victor. Our challenge is not so much to liberate as to believe in the Liberator; to heal as to believe in the Healer.

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Hebrew word for intercession, *paga*, means “to meet.” Intercession is not primarily a prayer a person prays, but something a person does that can be done through prayer.

Intercession creates a *meeting*. Intercessors *meet* with God; they also *meet* the powers of darkness.

Similar to Christ’s, often our *meeting* with God is to effect another *meeting*—a reconciliation. We *meet* with Him asking Him to *meet* with someone else. We become the *go-between*.....All of our praying intercession will involve one or both of these facets: reconciliation (with God) or breaking (with Satan), uniting or disuniting.

### **Notes from reading the book again later**

Quotes from *Intercessory Prayer* by Dutch Sheets:

(pg. 41) Jesus isn’t *praying* for us; He is *interceding* for us so that we can pray. This is what is meant by asking “in His name.”

(pg. 126-7) We don’t birth anything spiritually; the Holy Spirit does. He is the birthing agent of the Godhead (see Like 1:34-35; John 3:3-8). He is the power source of the Godhead (see Acts 1:8; 10:38; Luke 4:14, 18). He is the power behind Creation, which is likened to a birthing (see Gen. 1). He is the one who supplies power to God’s will, giving it life and substance. He gives birth to the will of God. He is the one who breathes God’s life into people, bringing physical and spiritual life (see Gen. 2:7; Ezek. 37:9-10, 14; Acts 2:1-4). Concerning salvation, we call this the new birth or the new creation. Therefore, anything we might accomplish in intercession that results in a birthing would have to be something that causes or released the Holy Spirit to do it.

(pg. 139) Most of my prayer was in the Spirit. I would simply say, “Father, I bring so and so before You now, asking that as I pray the Holy Spirit would be released to go hover around so and so, bringing forth Christ.” Then I would usually just begin to pray in the Spirit. I saw immediate results. Maturity came quickly. Almost overnight bondages began to fall off. Victories occurred in their lives. It was remarkable.

(pg. 159) The Lord shocked me with these words: *Why are you begging Me to do this? You know My will in this situation. And the problem is being caused by a spirit of anger and violence. Bind it! Declare My Word and will into the situation.*

(pg. 163-4) *Power never was and never will be the issue between God and Satan.* Authority was the issue – the authority Satan had obtained through Adam. Jesus did not come to get back any power, nor to remove Satan’s power. He came to regain the authority Adam lost to the serpent and break his headship over the earth.....What he lost was the right (authority) to use his power on those who make Jesus Lord. However Satan is a thief and a lawbreaker and will use his power or ability on us anyway if we don’t understand that through Christ we now have authority over him and his power. *Authority is the issue.* Power does the work, but authority controls the power.



## THE BLOOD

(From the book POWER OF THE BLOOD By Bob Sorge)

In the Introduction Bob's words were: "may your heart thrill at the magnificent privilege the blood of Christ has provided us—the exhilaration of burning in holiness at the throne of God."

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As He [Jesus] hangs there with arms spread wide, He says to me, "I give you My mind. I give you My soul. I give you My heart. I give you My body. I give you My strength. I give you My all. I give you My last breath. I give you My last drop of blood." I declare to you that my God withholds *nothing* from me! He has given me His best.

(p. 16)

Nor will Jesus forget your loyalty to Him. When you give Him your love and serve Him regardless of the pain, regardless of the adversity, regardless of the warfare, regardless of the perplexity, He takes it personally. He calls it loyalty, and He never forgets.

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The blood that was drawn by the whips in Jesus' scourging is the basis for our healing in the New Covenant. Peter confirmed that when he wrote, "by whose stripes you were healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Peter used the past tense because our healing was accomplished that day during His scourging.

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I'm healed now. The blood of Jesus heals me. It is through faith in the blood of His scourging that we pray for the sick and they recover.

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When fighting that battle with our own accusing thoughts, all we need do is simply pray, "Jesus, cleanse me with Your blood," and the accusations of our conscience are immediately silenced. The blood cleanses the conscience! Wow! It's here that we *really* see the power of the blood.

This is where the sprinkling of blood demonstrates its power. When we ask Jesus to sprinkle us with His blood, we are immediately cleansed from anything that might stand between us.

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In sprinkling, I receive His blood *upon* myself; in Communion, I take His blood *into* myself.

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When we ask Jesus to sprinkle us with His blood, we are asking for a fresh application of the blood of Christ to our hearts so that we might draw near to God with a clean conscience. How do we get our hearts sprinkled with blood? By simply praying along these lines, "Lord Jesus, sprinkle me now

with Your blood.” How do we wash our bodies with pure water? Water points to the word of God (see Eph. 5:26), so we wash our bodies in the water of the word by taking time to meditate and pray in a portion of Scripture....a “spiritual shower.”

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How? By asking Jesus to sprinkle you with His blood, and then by washing yourself in the pure water of God’s word (Scripture reading and meditation). The blood cleanses your heart, and the word cleanses your body. After you’ve been sprinkled with blood and washed in the word, now you’re *really* ready to tackle your day!

Sprinkling with blood is God’s gracious way to cover us when we fall short of perfection. We pursue obedience with fervent resolve, and then get sprinkled with blood to cover our deficiencies.

(p. 31)

So what is sprinkling of blood? It is a fresh application of Christ’s blood to the believer’s heart that cleanses from all defilement or guilt of sin, purifies the conscience, and thus empowers him or her to draw near to God with confidence. And it can be invoked as frequently as desired.

My basis for drawing near to God, therefore, has nothing to do with my performance as a Christian. Good day or bad day, breakthrough or failure, joy or sorrow, exhilarated or depressed, full of the Spirit or running on empty—none of that determines my acceptability to God. I don’t draw near on the basis of my personal victories, nor am I excluded because of personal defeats. I can *always* draw near to God, but only on the basis of one thing: the sprinkled blood of Christ applied to my heart.

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I’m able to stand before Him with confidence, not because my past 24 hours were spiritually spectacular, but because I am covered with the precious blood of the Lamb. His blood gives me the right to step into the command center of the universe. Now I sit with Christ in heavenly places, in His place of advantage, seeing with His perspective, sharing in His authority, and wrapped in the embrace of His eternally fiery affections.

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No one has closer access to the throne than those living creatures—no one, that is, except the one who is sprinkled with blood. Through the blood of Christ, we are not merely brought *to* the throne, or *around* the throne, or even *in* the throne; we are brought into the very *bosom* of the One on the throne (John 1:18).

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And it’s here, cradled in the arms of our beloved, that we are transformed “from glory to glory” (2 Cor. 3:18). The presence of God is the place of change. Getting into God’s presence is our only hope for change...thus drawing near to God becomes our highest priority in life.

## THE REARGUARD PRAYER

(From the book PRAYERS THAT OUTWIT THE ENEMY by Chuck Pierce and Rebecca Wagner Sytsema)

### REARGUARD PRAYER

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In order to secure our victory and outwit the devil in his attempts at backlash, we need to allow God's standard to rise behind us in rearguard prayer. Once we see breakthrough in a particular area, it is important for us to understand that the enemy may very well pursue us into our new place with a strategy of backlash against us. In order to secure our victory and outwit the devil in his attempts at backlash, we need to allow God's standard to rise behind us in rearguard prayer. This is a tremendous prayer strategy that I believe the Lord is teaching His people at this time.

**Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the Glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. (Isaiah 58:8)**

**The Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rearguard. (Isaiah 52:12)**

The rearguard is a detachment of troops detailed to guard the rear of a moving column. The rearguard is generally used for security during a forward movement, but it is also a detachment concerned with delaying the pursuit of a main military body in retreat. "Ground that is of great advantage to either side is contentious ground...On contentious ground, hurry up your rearguard." We live in contentious times and the ground that the Body of Christ has taken is very important.

God promises not only to look out for us as we go into battle, but also to be our rearguard after the battle. Nevertheless, we need to bear in mind that when God has worked mightily, when God has used us significantly, when there has been great spiritual breakthrough, we cannot allow ourselves to be spiritually careless. After a successful battle, we must give ourselves that all-important order: "Shields up!"

## TRUTH AND LOVE

(Rick Joyner in a special bulletin 11-26-04 at MorningStarMinistries.org)

Truth without love will result in a legalism that kills. Love without truth will result in a license that will likewise result in sin that kills. We need to keep both and keep them in their proper balance.

Even so, God does not forgive excuses—He forgives sin, if we repent of it. Therefore, to have a true ministry of restoration we must have an unyielding devotion to the biblical standards of morality and integrity. However, to have that devotion without a ministry of restoration usually leads to destructive legalism. To seek to have a ministry of restoration without upholding the standards of God’s righteousness usually results in people feeling better about their problems, but not being delivered from them. We need both a devotion to God’s standards of righteousness, and a true open hand and heart to any who have fallen short of it. Truth, openness, and transparency, which is the confessing of our sins to one another, are necessary for a true restoration, but we do not want to embarrass anyone—we want to restore them.

I have prayed for many years to have more of the true and holy fear of the Lord, and to hate sin and love righteousness as the Lord did. I don’t think any single event in my life has caused me to grow so much and so fast in both the fear of the Lord and the hatred of my own sin. Though I may not be guilty of the sins that disqualify one from ministry, it can be **“the little foxes that spoil the vine” (Song of Solomon 2:15 NIV)**. Many little things in my life that I knew in my heart were wrong have been greatly magnified in importance and revulsion. I think the deeper concept that I have of both His kindness and His severity have brought a much deeper level of cleansing in my own life.

We are about to know the depth, height, and width of His kindness toward all who repent. We are also about to know His severity for those who do not. Through all of this my love for God has grown a great deal, but so has my fear of His wrath. These are both good.

I try to resolve more each day to do the Lord’s will, whatever that is, and to see Him receive the reward of His sacrifice—a bride that is prepared for Him without spot or wrinkle, passionately in love with Him, revealing to the world the glory and power of His salvation.

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## SHUTTING THE GATES OF HELL

(Rick Joyner, special bulletin #4, 2005 at [MorningStarMinistries.org](http://MorningStarMinistries.org))

There is a process which almost everyone goes through after they sin. We even saw this process with former President Clinton. It was demonstrated after the first sin with Adam and Eve and most people since. Just as Adam and Eve first tried to hide, cover themselves, deny, and then blame-shift, most people seem to go through these same stages in regard to sin. Therefore, evidence that we have truly repented (which is more than just admitting to the sin) is open honesty about the sin,

abandoning all attempts to cover it up, and no longer blaming others for what we did. God does not forgive excuses—He forgives confessed sin. Ownership of the sin and transparency are signs that there has been true repentance.

As stated, repentance is just the first step in the restoration process. The length and difficulty of this process usually depends on the one who sinned. I do not believe any sin that requires a restoration process is easy, or is meant to be. This is not because the restoration process is punishment for the sin. It is never intended to be punishment, which was paid for on the cross, but rather it is for the purpose of finding and shutting the gates of hell or the devil's access points into a person's life, through which he was brought into the sin. This is not to blame the devil for what we did, but because he saw an opening and used it means that there was a weakness in our lives that needs to be recognized and changed.

It will take much longer to find these gates of hell if the person continues to have the tendency to cover himself or blame others for his problems. Sometimes even after the initial burst of honesty and repentance about the sin it still takes time and hard work to become transparent enough about the problems to even find the gates of hell, much less close them. Light casts out darkness, therefore transparency is essential in a true restoration process.

I believe any restoration can be made easier and faster by honesty, true remorse for the sin, and genuine desire for freedom from the sin, if coupled with the constitution of being a fighter. One with a weak constitution will usually be prone to making excuses for failures. There is a saying that one who is good at making excuses is seldom good at anything else. I have found blame-shifting and self-pity to be the main strongholds that keep people in the bondage of sin.

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## FOCUS OF THE CREATIVE GIFT

(Notes On CD#1 Of *The Creative Spirit* By John Paul Jackson)

If you're not careful you can get so caught up in doing the things of God, you don't allow time for Him to touch you.

The life in God is a delicate balance in letting Him touch you in your gift, and having a life in Him.

The ministry is no substitute for Him.

Exodus 24:9 Come up from the base of the mountain, on up higher. They saw the God of Israel. God laid His hand on them.

Prophetic people fit into a niche...along with others similar—artists, dancing, banners, etc. We come from the same creative interface of God. **We take that which does not exist in this dimension and bring it into a form that does exist.** Includes jewelry making. We all have similar problems, temperaments, irritations, tests, trials. We encounter that which is proportionate to our gifts. Less than .2 of 1% of the population are creative. It's a function. When we do that function, the Kingdom goes better.

God gives us experiences and lets us see things that are rather unique.

God tells Moses to take the artisans that they may work for Him.

Exodus 31:1 The Lord said he called by name (the artisans) and filled them with wisdom and appointed them that they may make all He commanded Moses. Then they made the golden calf. They tapped into an arena of the soul: Draw, prophecy, play instruments, etc through the soul. You are more desensitized to the Spirit.

Ex 35:30 See, the Lord has called by name (later artisan) and God has filled him with wisdom, etc. to do artistic things and skill and teaching. God still has a plan and He will bring it about if you go away from Him.

We come to a place when we must make a shift back to the focus of the gift: in time, finances, attitudes. In the arena of the spirit your fruit will last.

They (creative gifted people) think in ways normal people don't think. You're not supposed to. It's our differences that make the kingdom strong. We are needed to keep things fresh.

Psalms 66:1 Say to God, how awesome are your works. God is the only one who is awesome. It implies "He who is doing something beyond our imaginations." God brought us out to rich fulfillment. He does this by putting us in churches that are oppressive to hone us. We don't understand the big picture.

God allows the afflictions so you can become great, to rid you of your carnal nature, so your richest fulfillment can come. If you don't, you will make golden calves.

When you spend time with the Lord, your need to be called something disappears.

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## THE TRUE TEST OF CREATIVITY

(Notes From CD # 2 The Creative Spirit By John Paul Jackson)

All of creativity starts in God. There is no creativity outside of Him. There is counterfeit. An invention is a restructuring of something that is already created.

He radiates light. From light comes all the colors that exist.

There are facets of creation we don't know about.

Why did David dance? Why did God choose the medium of dance when He comes upon me? Because the angels are doing it around His throne. He's bringing the things of heaven down here.

Church should be a prototype of heaven.

- Highest form of dance is the immolation of the dance of the angels of God here upon earth.
- Why banners? About the closest thing we can do to represent the balls of fire around the throne room.
- It is noisy before the throne room. Holy is what the angels say when they see God do something toward men.
- There is protocol. There is freedom, power, love, and conviction. People judged themselves and threw themselves in the pit. God did not put them there.
- Creativity that emanates from heaven.
- All shapes and sizes of balls of light coming out from God

We are to be major recipients of God's creativity.

1 Cor 2:10-14 "through His Spirit"

All creativity is revelation. How does it happen? It comes from Holy Spirit.

Tree of knowledge of good and evil is the soul. It's temporal.

3 parts of spirit: wisdom, communion (understanding, revelation), conscience (knowledge)

3 parts of soul: mind, will, emotion

3 parts of body: flesh, bone, blood

7 organs that relate to the 7 spirits of God

Creativity is born in the spirit.

The clothing you wear is an artistic statement about who you are.

Art changes mankind. It's a healing agent.

Musical: there are musical keys of the spirit, musical keys of the soul, musical keys of the body

Prov 3:19-20 wisdom, understanding, knowledge

Exodus 31:1 “look for the artisans” filled with the spirit of God

Full moving in the spirit requires wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

Study your gift and understand it. Cooperate with God’s creative laws. God is only justified in acting on your behalf if you are submitted to Him.

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## PRODUCTIVITY, CREATIVITY, AND SPIRITUALITY

(Notes From CD #3: “*The Creative Spirit*” By John Paul Jackson)

There are three distinct issues that influence how/what you write. The way you write will tell you what people you will influence.

If you want your writing to influence a broad swath of people, you will need a broad swath of people to critique it. And that means our egos are gonna get beat to a pulp. You do not need your friends to read your manuscript; you need honest people to read your manuscript.

We have to let go of our identity and lay hold of what God wants us to do.

A key to that has been writing daily pages. Daily pages. Daily pages get you in touch with an arena that uncovers you. Needing to be perfect covers the real you.

You are body, soul, and spirit. You can write from each of those arenas.

1 Thess 5:23 --sanctified spirit, soul and body.

Hebrews says dividing between soul and spirit. It’s hard but it can be done.

You are conceived, then in womb of earth, then born into heaven

At salvation we are re-conceived of the seed of the Father...in the seed of light.

Three parts of the spirit: wisdom, communion (knowledge), conscience (understanding)

Three parts of soul: mind, will, emotions

Three parts of the body: flesh, bone, blood



At salvation the *sperma* (seed) of God comes. It ignites your spirit and releases it.

Your soul breaks and your spirit starts to grow beyond you. The Spirit of God flows through you.

Whatever you fear you empower. Whatever you focus on you make room for.

Our greatest writing will come from a touch of the Spirit. We want to find out how to write from the spirit. There is where the greatest impact will be.

**Productivity:** parallel with the physical aspect of your body, about doing, about accomplishing, about quantity, volume, numbers of pages...this will turn writing into a job. And then time is a big issue.

As I write daily I'm instantly able to write.

**Creativity:** imagination, holy imagination. The soul at work, about passion, desire, ideas, circumstances and plots. Lacking because we think we have to think something up. Spirit and soul are in conflict. It's about perfectionism. Mind, will, and emotions.

**Spiritual:** only a Christian can write spiritually. There is a level of writing that is transforming. It is transformational. It makes eternal change in the reader's life. The only way eternal change can take place is spirit to spirit. The Spirit says: "listen and I'll take you there."

This writing requires that you listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying. Believe that what you write is what the Spirit wants. We listen and write what He says. The still small voice is telling us where to go.

Learning how to listen to the Spirit with a blank page. We capture what God has for us to write. Our job is to capture the essence of what the Spirit is saying...and writing it down...the life-giving properties.

He is also preparing the readers.

We have to write from the vantage point of what will be...write from the point of what will be tomorrow. The Holy Spirit wants to give us concepts.

Takes creative writing one step further, helps reader to change, transforms prior resistance.

Spirit infuses life to all who read it...it's life giving, life changing.

1 Cor 2:9-16 Eye has not seen nor ear heard what God has prepared for those who love Him...that we might know the things given us by God...in words the Holy Spirit teaches. God's Spirit talking to our spirit.

This has to do with anything that is a work of the Spirit...music, art, writing

It portrays how God views things. The Holy Spirit is waiting for us to listen to what He wants to say. It gives us understanding beyond our own capability. It achieves what you are incapable of achieving.

The reader's life is better for reading it.

You have to write ugly before you can write pretty.

Inherent in writing in the spirit includes having love.

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## CREATIVITY FROM A DIFFERENT POINT OF VIEW

(Notes From CD #4: "*The Creative Spirit*" By John Paul Jackson)

Spirituality and creativity

Skill—is acquired.

Too many Christians think the church has to like what they create. You have to get better than where you start at. Get out of the soulish nature which pouts when people don't like what we create.

The Spirit of God helps you reach a greater skill level than you would have been able to. He calls this spiritual creativity.

1 Cor. 2:4-11

There is a wisdom that is different than the current embraced wisdom. It comes as a download from the throne. It's a mystery. It is everything Christ is.

We settle for the world's understanding of what wisdom is, spirituality is, good art is.

Spiritual creativity: Taking from the Creator and placing it in some form on earth: music, writing, painting, poetry, etc.

We have to work our way into the Spirit, work our way in the Spirit life.

Spirit = wisdom (understanding, discretion, application, revelation), communion (relationship, dialogue, insight, knowledge), conscience (moral energy, internal compass, discernment)

Innermost man = spirit

Spirit causes you to see things differently. Have to move into "Spirit rule". It comes with Spirit to spirit dialogue... 1 Cor. 2:12. Words which the Holy Spirit teaches. Spirit to spirit communication.

You cannot live in soul and do anything in Spirit. The soul will overwhelm the spirit.

1 Cor. 2:14: the Spirit of God knows all things. We draw from Him who knows all things. We need to tap into Him. Spirit informs our mind. A trans-rational dialogue. Doesn't depend on what we've been taught.

Observing something changes it. However I view you, you tend to become that in my presence. What I expect comes into being.

True spirituality creates something from the inside of me, to the outside.

As we become more spiritual we have awareness beyond our surroundings...revealed to us by the Spirit. We limit this by our understanding, faith. You'll become more secure because nothing will catch you by surprise.

Seeing sees from the intent of the heart.

Spirit pre-knows what people need to hear or see.

"Be renewed in the spirit of your mind." Mind controlled by your spirit. Causes peace. Peace is the potting soil for revelation and creativity. You are creating something that did not exist. Taking that which is not as though it were. Cannot come without revelation...in dialogue with your spirit.

We should be the most enlightened people on the earth.

Peace allows us to focus. Locked in on what we're doing. Not distracted. What you focus on you make room for. In creativity we want to focus on the things of God.

Spirituality is Him living in us. Peace allows for the full flow of the Spirit.

Lean on the Spirit to do it. His Spirit brought chaos into order. That happens in us. The truest creativity comes by Spirit to spirit touch. We create what the Creator gave us the impetus to create.

Captures "what is." We go from strength to strength, higher.

Submit our body and soul to the spirit. Our soul will find thousands to things to be done before we write or create. The kingdom grows within us. The seed of it lies within us.

The conquest of our spirit over the beasts of our soul.

We have to speak to ourselves, meditate to ourselves (i.e. “you will stop thinking like that!” when it’s soul.)

Power of the tongue: how you speak to water changes its structure. Listening to Mozart to water changes it.

Philippians: Paul says to think on whatsoever is good, true, holy, lovely. Why? Because your water will change. If you want to become spiritual, start telling yourself what God thinks of you. Spirit creates order, beauty, symmetry.

So what do you do? Think these things:

- I am a channel for God’s creativity, and His work in me is always good.
- My dreams come from God and He has the power to accomplish them through me.
- To the degree I create and listen, I will be led by the Spirit of God. He who has, more will be given to him.
- My creativity heals myself and others because it is Spirit, and Spirit created all that exists.
- There is a divine plan of goodness that is prepared for me. Jer 29
- As I touch creativity within, I am led to God who created me.
- I am willing to allow God to mature my perception of what He wants me to become, so I can create something closer to His purpose.
- Jesus said we will be regenerated, renewed, transformed.

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## BASICS OF DREAMS, VISIONS, AND STRANGE EVENTS

(Notes From Listening To John Paul Jacksons CD’s On  
*Basics Of Dreams, Visions, And Strange Events*)

When people get the interpretation of a dream that doesn’t relieve the pressure of that dream on them.

Whenever God gives a dream the soul cannot interpret that dream because that dream is of the spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:10-14 Natural man cannot understand the things of the Spirit

Spiritual guidelines God uses to interpret dreams. They are constant. Same for parables.

## **How do you know who the dream is about?**

There are colors of the spirit, colors of the soul, and colors of the flesh

Acts 2:16

Different ways of viewing the result of an outpouring of the Spirit.

1. Prophecy
2. Visions
3. Dreams

1 Corinthians 14:31 All can prophecy. From moment we receive Jesus we can prophecy.  
(Testimony of Jesus)

Ephesians 4:11 Some are given to be prophets.

Acts 2:18

“Your” sons, etc. (within your church)

“My” servants: Prophets of God

### **Steps to understanding dreams and visions...tips of understanding:**

#### **What is the difference between a dream and vision?**

Visions can be night or day. Difference is dreams are symbolic. Visions are more literal...they happen as seen.

He does it in a mystery. Dreams bypass your arguer.

Greater the clarity of the dream, the greater the cost.

Visions are harder to accomplish, so you need that clarity

Numbers 12:6-8

#### **What's the difference between God speaking, and God making Himself known?**

Dreams: parables Proverbs 25:2 to make you search from the meaning. You learn more in the search than in the dream. Find the 3 main things God is speaking about, then use details to fill in. Parable-dark saying, enigma, like a dream. If you make parables too complicated it becomes confusing.

*God: Puts instructions inside you like an envelope, and carries it out, so you don't get in pride. Job 33:14-15*

Visions: you are there; He makes Himself known

## **How do I know who the dream is about?**

Ask yourself where are you in the dream?

Am I the focus? It's about you

Am I participating? You and someone else are doing something together: something other than you although you may be involved in it. If you are removed the dream still continues

Am I observing? A foot or more above -- looking into something

### **How many different kinds of dreams are there?**

Healing: emotional, physical

Flushing: need to be flushed away (my dream of darts in back, etc.)

Calling: to tell you the call of God upon your life, where God wants you to be

Warning: warns you of something

False: given from own soul, you cause it to be dreamed

Body: disease, medicine. Pregnant dreams: 5<sup>th</sup> month you dream your dream and your baby's

Chemical: RX, chemical reactions in your body

(If prophetic you start dreaming from the moment you close your eyes.)

Self conditioned: tells you where you stand with God in your maturation process. He will tell you what needs to change to reach the maturation He has for you

Courage: gives you the courage to do what God has called you to do

Correction: I want you to correct this

Direction: this is what I want you to do

Intercession: to cause you to pray about something. Pray about how to say it. What do we do with it  
(Can invoke God's will into dream)

Prophetic: Shows what will happen

Dark: Midnight type of settings. Reveal the plan of the enemy

Spiritual warfare: black and white, deal with what the enemy is doing to stop you

Fear: about something you fear, what you fear you empower, what you focus on you make room for, you make for fulfillment of that dream, shows you that you must stop that fear

Invention: give you understanding of things, insights, understanding, word of knowledge, solutions

Deliverance: deal with demonization issues, demons are lifted from you

Soul: enemy does to intimidate you so you don't dare come against you, black and white  
God wants you to do the opposite.

Here's how dreams from God work—

Three part: spirit, soul, body. Soul becomes the ruling entity in our lives.

Spirit—like an egg, not enlivened. God's sperm hits it. It starts coming alive.

Brokenness--allows our soul to be crushed by our spirit

(Principle: life began at conception in Hebrew understanding. You must be re-conceived again – Jesus was saying this to Nicodemus)

Spirit—reaches out to those beyond us. Peter's shadow. 1 Cor. 6:17. God gives you slivers of who He is. Your spirit and His spirit reach out and touch people. "For the spiritual man knows all things." (because the Spirit is in you)

Only Spirit to spirit can understand your dreams

There are levels above where we are in the spiritual realm

There are heavenly lights in this room. Hundreds of them. Lights. God is the Father of lights. I call these lights heavenly hosts. Acts story where boy falls out window. And it was midnight and there were many lights (luminaries) in the room. When there are lights that are present there is power that is present.

Quarks: made of light, 3 to a proton. Everything is made of light.

Dark light—colors of the soul

White light—colors of the spirit

**Job 33:14-15 Opens their mind and seals their instructions**

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## 201 CLASS ON DREAMS AND VISIONS #1

(Notes From CD #1 Of 201 Class On Dreams And Visions By John Paul Jackson)

Numbers 12:6 God wants us to know Him. Visions are His picture language.

Old men had dreams. Need more mature people to interpret them.

Visions stick in your mind. Dreams evaporate.

Visions can be seen internal or external. Visions are literal. Dreams are symbolic.

Ways visions come:

- Open heavens (portals, stairway)
- Coexisting spiritual realms
- Realm of the future
- In dream vision (within a dream) Daniel 4:9, 7:1, Isaiah 29:7

History of dreams: never been a time there hasn't been dreams influencing men

Dreams: God's night parables

Job 33:14-15 God seals their instructions in dreams

Tornado: warning

Stacks of paper: overload

Paperweight: buying the property and all the paper involved (weight = wait)

Farmhouse in paperweight: land they were looking at buying

Why dream? Bypasses the resistance of the mind. Change our opinion. Different than our theology.

There is a clarity cost: less clear = less cost, more clear = more cost

Principles of dream interpretation: need to come up with same interpretation as God

Dreams are going to become more and more relevant as we come to the last of these last days.

Visions: to contemplate another dimension

Basic types and symbols, patterns, shadows, figures, metaphors

- Types: shape, style, or resemblance of that which is to come
- Symbols: represents someone or something else
- Patterns: exact way something should be done or made
- Shadows: prefigure that which is to come
- Figures: same meaning as types
- Sign: signal or omen or evidence of that which is coming, earthly oriented
- Wonder: conspicuous miracle which validates that which is coming, heavenly oriented
- Parable: fictitious narrative that illustrates a parallel truth
- Metaphor: same as a parable
- Allegory:

Symbols can be interpreted 4 ways:

- Literal
- Allegorical: this is that spoken of (Joel 2)
- Philosophical: your and my
- Hidden: what happens when the moon is turned to blood, etc.

Interpretation principles: most important is asking God.

God uses word plays in dreams all the time.

Dual applications: can be about present and future, about me and my church, etc.



(Notes From CD #2 Of 201 Class On Dreams And Visions By John Paul Jackson)

Dreams are subjective: Pictures, symbols, type and shadows

Without violating the Bible

Don't break your dreams down into too many details

Look in different realms:

1. Bible
2. Idioms, word plays, things that are from your personal life
3. Sociological elements

We are body, soul, and spirit

We learned to use our soul to get what we wanted.

The soul got thick and dense. The longer we stayed the thicker it got. The Spirit was trapped. When we gave our life to Jesus, this changed

The Bible calls the earth a *she*. It is a womb. The time we spend on earth is like the gestation period. The way we spend our time on earth determines the health of us when we get birthed into heaven.

God pierces the soul and multiplication and life begin. It fully crushes our soul.

Take up your cross (*suke*, soul) and follow Me. Give up your life (*suke*, soul)

The life of God radiated from Moses.

Once your soul becomes permeable, the spirit can shine through.

Make your soul controlled by your spirit

Learn to extend yourself to touch others by looking at them, with your spirit controlling you. They will feel your spirit touching them.

Sensitize yourself to the spiritual interaction you constantly have with others.

Right side of the brain gives you metaphorical understanding.

Not to spend time with God to feel His touch is to deprive myself of feeling better. He takes the chaos the enemy gives me and puts it in order.

Strange events: dreams are strange events, supernatural events when they come from the tree of life

Even the dreams the enemy sends the Lord can use them

## Use of prophetic things in the local church

Trances: you might have one while you are praying and you'll think it's a daydream. Pray about that issue. You may not remember the time that went by...they transcend time. You feel a relief in praying. That's how you know you've prayed enough. Our spirit is overshadowed by God. Sometimes the person falls. There's revelation involved.

Visitation: heavenly being from 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven visit you. (being from 2<sup>nd</sup> heaven can visit you also). Angels can visit you. Heavenly watchers (Daniel 4:17). Heavenly beasts. Heavenly lights (power being or about to be manifest)

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## 201 CLASS ON DREAMS AND VISIONS #3

(Notes From CD #3 Of 201 Class On Dreams And Visions By John Paul Jackson)

My faith limits God's touch in my life. For me not to spend time with God is to keep me from feeling better. Being in His presence, He takes things in my life and puts them into order.

- Dreams are strange/supernatural events. Some come from own soul. You can use dreams the enemy sends to learn something.
- Strange events: trances. Trances can immobilize you. Sometimes you'll have a trance while you are praying and it will seem like a daydream. It might be something God has spoken to pray about this issue. You may not remember the time that went by. Once you pray about that issue, you feel relief. That's how you know you've prayed enough...due to relief. God brings relief with order. It is when our spirit is overshadowed by God to pave the way for a revelation from God. It can be a picture, knowing, or feeling—a revelation. You can possibly fall during the trance.
- Visitations: where heavenly beings from the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven come to visit you. Occasionally beings from the 2<sup>nd</sup> heaven come. Theophany: Angel of the Lord. Preincarnate Christ. Peter's angel: they sat there because it was common for this to happen. Visitations can come from angels also.
- Heavenly watchers: Daniel 4:17. Once in awhile they manifest.
- Heavenly beasts: Ezekiel 1:4-28
- Heavenly lights: Acts 20 (Paul at midnight in room with lights) Lights: power being or about to be released. Luminaries, glow-ers, radiations, flashes, snowflakes, cylinders, seeing in side

vision, rainbows, rings, long bar, flames. Our spirit sees it, then our mind takes over and it disappears.

- Heavenly hosts: ?

These things still happen.

Whenever I start seeing these, my anointing increases, my power increases, and I am increasingly aware that God exists.

New age would call it an aura—the light around Moses.

Everything in its smallest form is composed of light.

When God, who is light, dwells in a person, who is light, there is an increase in light. He is multi-lighted. Seven colors of light and 3 spectrums. If the light that is in you is dark... there is light that has dark as the basis, and light that has white as the basis. There is dark light that can radiate from people as well as white light.

Visitations can occur in dreams, visions, trances, or real life. Where a heavenly being (preferably from 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven) comes to visit us in the first heaven.

Angels' gifts and callings are also irrevocable, even the fallen ones.

- Transportations: leave one place and go to another on earth. Still happens today. Paul-Macedonia. Ezekiel- taken to River, apostles- transported to other side of lake. Elijah- came and went by God.
- Lifted up experience: Ezekiel 8 taken up to middle in room.
- Disappearances: John 8:59 Jesus hid Himself in middle of crowd that wanted to stone Him.
- Translations: earthly beings go to heaven. Enoch, Elijah, Zechariah 3:8, Ezekiel 43:4-6, Paul, John Rev. 4, 19 and 22:9. Acts 19 and 22. No time limit to be there.
- Verbal strange things: audible, not audible, dark speech
  - Audible: Jesus, Moses, transfiguration, Saul
  - Non audible: no one else hears it. Speaks to the heart of individual. May sound as if actually spoken. Spirit to spirit communication
  - Dark speech: numbers 12 God said to Miriam. Parables. Divine riddles. Woman at well. Amos and plumb line.
  - Divine impressions: guidance we are not quite sure of. Not through intellect. Follow our spirit.

Spheres of dreams:

- Intrinsic: about you, heart issues, opinions, emotions, may be predictive (Joseph's brothers bowing)
- Extrinsic: about people other than ourselves. 1-5% of dreams. Greater intimacy with God have more extrinsic dreams. Most given to cause us to pray.
- If dreamed more than once: set

Intuitive dream recording:

- Line on line = linear, usual way
- Operate outside current time, space, shape, etc.
- If it's outside the norm, record it outside the norm
- May lose the dream by using linear writing
- Forget sentence structure and paragraph
- group things according to time, space, emotions
- record in square, spiral, meander over page
- different scenes on different pages
- make map
- doodle like figures
- danger of being blinded by obvious
- get out of linear mindset
- form your own style but switch occasionally
- re-record the dream in different style if can't interpret it
- often symptom or just a word
- verbally, visually, and bodily the dream enters us
- every dream has its own atmosphere
- may be the only way to retrieve it is to change way of recording it
- cluster method: name of dream, date, focus, sub-focus, details, sub details. It un-sticks linear thought patterns
- story diagram method: main focus on line, sub-focus under, like outline sentences
- spiral recording: removes left brain thinking paralysis.

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## KEYS TO HEARING GOD'S VOICE

(Quotes from *Hearing God's Voice* by Mark Burlinson, CD 1)

4 keys to hearing God's voice

1. **Quiet** myself. "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10) An emotional/spiritual stillness. Quiet music helps.

2. **Focus** on my Heavenly Father or my brother, Jesus. (John 5:19-20)
3. **Tune in** to a spontaneous bubbling up within (flow of thoughts). (John 7:37-39) It bubbles up like the beginning of a spring. Hebrew word for prophecy...*naba*. It means to bubble up. A fleeting thought that spontaneously comes.
4. (Habakkuk 2) **Write it down**. That gives my mind something to do.

Safeguard:

1. Is it scriptural?
2. Submit (Eph. 5:21) it to someone else who knows God and ask "Does this sound like God?"

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## AIDS TO HEARING GOD'S VOICE

(Quotes from *Hearing God's Voice* by Mark Burlinson, CD 2)

### Hearing aids

Three hindrances:

1. Rationalism: reality is perceived through the mind from stored knowledge. Logos comes through the mind. *Rhema* comes through the spirit.
2. Balance logos and *rhema* and combine them. *Rhema* is the speaking out of something specific. (Matthew 4:4) Man lives by every *rhema* that proceeds from the mouth of God. *Rhema* gives us effective ministry (John 3:34), life (John 6:63), provision (Matthew 4:4), authority (John 14:10), relationship (John 8:47), fullness of desire (John 15:7), faith (Romans 10:17), and eternal life.
3. Wrong focus. Anything more in our focus than Jesus is an idol (Ezekiel 14:4) If I'm focused on something else and ask about it, I may get the answer I want to hear. So I don't want to focus on the issues, but on my Father. I am to lay down my issues and my answers. Then I can receive what He really wants. I need to be careful that a wrong focus can get in the way. Jesus needs to be much bigger than the issue.

Five things that will help us to hear:

1. Filter out noise. Especially inner noise. Thoughts of things to do: write them down. If sins arise, confess them. Cloth yourself with the robes of righteousness. Get in touch with your heart. Worship helps this. Times you can use: showering, exercising, vacuuming, driving, etc.
2. Begin to use imagination, pictures, and music (hearing Him, seeing Him, feeling Him) Left brain = (writing, reading, number skills, reasoning, right side of body, spoken language). Right brain = (intuition, knowing, music awareness, art awareness, 3 dimensional forms, seeing the

whole picture, imagination, left side of body). Tune in to the right side of brain to hear from God. Music helps this. We receive with the right and check it with the left.

3. Trust God, accept what comes to your heart and test it later (Acts 17:1-15). How do I reconcile this with what I already know about God? Accept from it what is from God and not the rest. Receive it first and then test it.
4. Journal and submit your journaling to two friends--especially before I take any action on it.
5. Let prayer and Bible study come from relationship

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## REVELATION

(John Paul Jackson *Course 101 The Art of Hearing God* CD)

Revelation and the gift, revelation and the church, and revelation and the man (character)

Stress removes revelation. Peace brings revelation.

Practicing receiving revelation:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to give me clues as to what the speaker at church next Sunday will speak on.
- Tell me what one of the worship songs will be Sunday.
- Tune my ears to Him. Record this and see pattern.
- When I start thinking of someone more than twice, they are going to call or you'll see them.
- See a pattern of days He speaks to me each month/year. (i.e. Dec. 31)
- When you see a person record what is the first thing you felt when you saw that person? What made you feel that?
- Watching a ballgame, ask Him what is going to happen next, etc.

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## THREE PHASES OF MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

(Notes From *The Art Of Hearing God* By John Paul Jackson)

### THREE PHASES OF MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

**The called phase:** the calling happens quickly in a moment of time. In this stage the gifts God has given us are identified and begin to grow.

**The training phase:** we begin the process of learning how to operate in the gifts. The process is initiated and sustained by humbling ourselves. It is the most difficult stage and encompasses a lifetime. During this stage He addresses our character deficiencies.

**The commissioned phase:** an angel of the Lord, or Jesus Himself, comes into our physical realm in all His grandeur and splendor for a personal visitation, but it only lasts a moment. Others will recognize the commission and respond due to it.

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## SPIRITUAL SENSES

(Notes From "Activating Your Spiritual Senses" CD By Todd Bentley)

Hebrews 5:14 those who by reason of use (habit) exercise their spiritual senses

We are heaven and earth together. We need to use our spiritual senses as we do our natural senses.

The kingdom of God is an invisible realm around you. We receive it by seeing, hearing, touching, tasting, and smelling...same as natural senses.

Most receive by the flowing thoughts receive. How to use your spiritual eyes is happening now.

The eye of my heart is the imagination.

How do you know it is from God...by the impact on my soul.

Discover your spiritual eye

Free flow of the word of the Lord.

Open heavens is not the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven. Heaven has doors and windows. We access the spirit realm through those. The most common revelation is the word of the Lord.

Ezek 1:1 "the heavens were opened"

Rev. 19:11 "saw heaven open and behold..."

Acts 10: "heaven opened for Peter"

Genesis 28:10-11 A realm of the spirit - how to make heaven available - hear the testimony of someone that's already been there - then you can have that same realm opened to you.

**Nine keys on developing a habit to help you see.**

Gen. 12:1, 4 Abraham going out from Haran when had encounter with God

Gen. 28:10-13 Jacob went towards Haran - the place Abram left. "What was the place?" A certain place - then he dreamed. Sometimes heaven opens in a certain place.

It wasn't Jacob's own righteousness and faithfulness that brought it about. It was "the place" where Abraham had his encounter.

How the whole thing gets released. Gen. 28:16 The encounter becomes the house of God. This is the gate of heaven. Encountering the Lord is the house of God, the gate of heaven. It happens when God inhabits the praise of His people.

**1. Open up the door Rev. 3:20** (John was in the spirit on the Lord's day - Rev. 1:10) "open up the door" is an invitation in experiencing Jesus. Eph 1:17 "in the knowledge of him" It's the voice of God that opens up the door. We need to hear His voice and open up the door of our heart. We need to learn how to open up the door. His door is always open; we need to learn how to open our door. 2 Cor 3:16 "intimacy is the key to the door". It is to be for a revelation of Him.

**2. Overcoming the fear** (done with trust). We have to trust God's ability to keep us is better than the devil's ability to deceive us. John 5:20 "Father shows us all things because He loves the Son" Sons/daughters get to see what the Father is doing.

**3. Need to create a faith grid.** The moment I became ok with the gift of the encounters, they accelerated.

**4. Where is the kingdom; what is the kingdom.** Matt 6:9 "when you pray, pray your kingdom come." I want you to welcome My world. It breaks in as God inhabits the praises of His people. What do you expect to see when literally in heaven? What would be normal in heaven can come here. God's will is that it would be on earth right now as it is in heaven.

**5. We need to learn to exercise the imagination.** It's ok to dream, imagine. Ps 4:4 "meditate in your heart and be still" "He awakens my ear morning by morning." Jesus said He shows me all things that He does. How much do you expect? Todd expects to see every day.

**6. Col. 3:1 "seek those things which are from above."** Includes having encounters in the spirit, visions, etc. Seek heavenly places. Set your mind (imagination) on things above not on things of the earth. Imagine what it's like in heaven. 2 Cor. 4:16-18 inward man is being renewed day by day. We look at the things that are not seen. God has to open your eyes. Look at what other prophets have had in the Bible, and allow yourself to look at those and imagine them. From glory to glory. Psalm 1:19 doesn't matter how old they are. Testimonies can bring same experience again.

**7. Waiting. 1 Sam. 3:1-7 learn how to listen voice of God.**

**8. 2 Peter 1:19, Rom 8:11 Heed a prophetic word as a light that shines in a dark place until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your heart.** The Word of the Lord becomes



revelation. Meditation brings revelation. Manifestation comes through revelation. Only revelation brings manifestation. "the Spirit who dwells in you will bring life to your mortal flesh."

**9. Acts 10 "Sowing" -- windows of heaven are open through tithing. Where the heart is the treasure is also. If there is an anointing I want, I sow...I honor that gift. I want to receive the grace that's on that gift.**

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## BREAKING GENERATIONAL CURSES

(From BREAKING GENERATIONAL CURSES Disc 1 material by Todd Bentley)

An example (of breaking generational curses) given over a child:

Father God, I thank you for this new life that You have created. I bless You for the gift of life. I bless You for this child that you have delivered. And in Jesus' name I take authority over the generational curses and the sins of the fathers over this child, and in Jesus' name I cut him off from his mother and from his mother's line. And in Jesus' name I take authority over the sins of the father, and of the father's line. And in Jesus' name I cut this child off from everything to do with his forefathers. And I proclaim Your protection and Your blessing and Your covering over him, that this child will become the child that You predestined before the foundation of the world.

And that is how easy it is to minister to the children of God.

- Genesis 3 Curses that were laid down in the garden.
- Sin is the doorway to sickness and poverty.
- Sin is a predator. For every predator there is a victim.
- Consequences vs 14-19: to women: increase pain in childbearing, husband rule over you. For men: ground cursed because of him, painful toil to produce, thorns and thistles, by sweat of brow. Women have more pain and suffering. Men work and work.
- Death is spiritual curse. Adam and Eve are spiritual beings at this time. Earth suits were given them as skin. As Spirit beings we fell in garden. Our spirits are trapped within us.
- Salvation is prophesied in garden. Romans 8:2 Christ sets us free from curse of death.
- Set women free from pain, men free from work also

Characteristics of the law of death and diseases (Ps 103:3)

- He heals all our sin and all our diseases
- Physical death and disease
- Not all sickness comes through sin, some through generations
- (James 5:14) if we pray we get healed
- Mindset from world: I have to be sick to die, or accident

- I don't have to be sick to die: Jesus gave up His life; they did not kill him
- I can only give what God has given to me

5 areas of the curse:

- sin
- sickness
- disease
- death
- poverty

Affect us in body, soul (mind, will, heart, emotions), spirit

3 John 2 --enjoy good health even as your soul prospers

Damaged emotions take place

A curse has to find a landing place or it has no power

A curse defined:

- a word spoken with a particular form of spiritual power and authority either for good (blessing) or evil (curse). So with the tongue we have the power to bless and to curse.
- A curse sets in motion (like a law) something that will go on for generations until it is broken.
- We see, we hear, written on the tablets of our hearts, out of the heart the mouth speaks. Cycle.
- Tear down those strongholds we speak into being.
- That we might be aligned with our true source (God).
- Derek Prince (1) a verbal pronouncement wished on you (most often audible) sown to the wind, but can be written. (2) continues on and on in time (can be seen in a family line). (3) normally family oriented, not just individually based (generational focus).
- **I wish, I can't, I won't -- these are decrees we speak**
- What's sown will produce a harvest after it's kind
- A curse has to find a landing place; it goes through the earth seeking a place to land if deflected and not broken. Need adequate prayer cover
- The devil is a legalist and has to have a right to the space or else the curse can't take hold
- Through repentance and renunciation we can take back that land and seal it with the blood, take up residency there so devil has no right to that place.
- A curse is at the base of nearly every repetitive sin in your life
- You cannot be too heavenly minded; the more heavenly minded we are the more earthly good we are

Can Christians battle curses?

- Do not let sin reign in your life. Don't let the enemy take up residency where it reigns
- Holiness--intimacy with God
- Repentance isn't enough; you must renounce the emotional pleasure you got from the sins in order to be free
- Under a curse there is no free will. It will produce fruit. When you break the curse, you restore free will

- Put the Kingdom above everything
- Romans 6:12-16
- Biggest temptation is called "compromise"
- James 1:13-15 God doesn't tempt us; He tied his hand to our free will.
- There is a move around the world to have no religion as the religion of the world.
- Tithe belongs to God, you can't ask for increase
- What else you sow can be increased: time, works, offerings
- To see money grow - give it away. You sow it and then you can get an increase.

Cleaning the ground the curses land on can set you free  
Renunciation of the pleasures sin gives is necessary to see change.

How curses work in our lives:

Three laws at work:

- Law of sowing and reaping (Gal 6:7) includes thoughts and words
- Law of multiplication (parable of sower) (Matt. 13)
- Law of blessings and curses (Deut. 28) works simultaneously with law of multiplication

Sow out goodness and we get blessings back

Lamentations 5:7

Generational case study: each generation it manifests to the 3-4 generation for each person who manifests the sin. Every new generation where it manifests is generation 1 again and goes to the 3-4 generations. The curse for sexual sin is to the 10<sup>th</sup> generation.

Shock and trauma need to be broken off. It causes wounds.

Hidden pain from early years. We project it onto our children, etc.

We are responsible for our own lives that it doesn't bring a harvest in our children and grandchildren.

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## HOW GENERATIONAL CURSES COME

(From BREAKING GENERATIONAL CURSES Disc 2 material by Todd Bentley)

Can I pray for unsaved adult children not Christians? Yes, if they are your children. In breaking the generational curses you are giving them back their free will.

If I don't forgive I step out of grace and back into law. If I forgive I come back into grace.

If I break the curse off my children, I restore to them free will in that area. If they sin in that area, it is their sin and not generational.

The biggest battleground is me forgiving me.

Can I do this for orphans? Yes. Take the role of the parent; step into your priestly role. Break off the orphan spirit off the child. Also a spirit of shame, and abandonment. Release the Father's love to the child. God has compassion for the widows and orphans.

#### How the curses come

Proverbs 26:2 it has to have a cause/purpose, a place to light

- Words people speak
- We carry the seeds that were sown; they produce their own fruit
- Ungodly beliefs
- Humor sows some seeds of curses, especially sarcasm
- Guard your tongue, the tongue of the wise promotes health

#### A defense against negative words

- You condemn what is said, not the person
- Ask God what is Biblical view of that situation--that's the truth
- Objects: ungodly, idolatrous and superstitious (witches place curses on things, clothes, etc.)
- Father, I cleanse this \_\_\_\_\_. Anything that is on it I ask to fall to the ground and die.
- Don't worship the created--angels
- Disobedience to God--removes Divine protection
- The majority of the headaches I see are demonic oppression. "Father, I break the power of this oppression and heaviness that's come on my head, and I command it to lift off in Jesus' name right now."
- Witchcraft curses: roads cursed in order to get access to the bodies during an accident.
- We accept and take into our home things that are not of the kingdom of heaven: cars, careers, homes, wealth.
- Generational curses: idolatry opens the way to generational curses. Ex 34:6-7; Numbers 14:18
- False religions and idol images, masks for drama, ying yang, routines, religious spirits based on law, freemasonry, emails giving demonic curses, superstitious tokens, lucky charms, lucky clothing, cursed objects, alternative medicine can be good or bad, some are safe, some not, some have demonic backgrounds. Acupuncture out. Some oils and treatments, body massage. We submit to the person who is treating us. Christian Chiropractor, etc. America: do not accept other gods of people who take up residency in this country. They will compromise you and convert you to their gods. University sororities and fraternities - they take an oath to a lower power than the Source of Life. Freemasonry; need prayers of renunciation level by level. Severe migraines -- almost certain there is freemasonry in background. Hits mind so hits prophets. Native Americans--raven is their ancestor.
- Rebellion and dishonoring of parents: continue to honor them after they have died. Genesis 27:19-27, 37. Jacob sowed deception and reaped it.

- Causing another to stumble
- Sexual sin
- Forgetting the poor
- Dishonesty --that means in business as well as government tax forms, paying bills on time
- Religion and dead works - religious spirits, dead works, not a walk of law but relationship

### Blessings and Curses

- When I bless others, I am blessed.
- In you, the bless-er, are all the families of the earth blessed. Abraham's promise. Blessed are those who bless Israel, cursed are those who curse Israel. God's covenant with them is still valid
- Material blessing-- Job 2:13 "that which I feared has come upon me" The later years will be greater than the former ones. Abundant restitution is coming to the children of God. The angels have the buckets tipped
- Blessing of victory - Genesis 14:20
- Generational and transmitted blessings - Genesis 12:3 blessings to a thousand generations
- New Testament blessings in Christ - it's time now to destroy the work of the garden of Eden.

### Specific curses

- Adopted: break off from parents and grandparents, and adopted parents, shame, abandonment
- Curses placed on grounds because of war and conflict
- Territorial spirits, ones over America, states, counties, towns, can be over your street.

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## SPECIFIC CURSES

(From BREAKING GENERATIONAL CURSES Disc 3 material by Todd Bentley)

### Specific curses:

- Mental and emotional breakdown: madness, depression, oppression, mental darkness, schizophrenia, multiple personalities, DID where a child splits from pain caused in early years, fear and insecurity, ADD, dyslexia, loopy (screw loose)
- Depression
- Oppression
- DID where a child splits from pain caused in early years
- Fear
- Insecurity
- Obsessive/compulsive
- Critical spirit

- Rejection
- Hopelessness
- Withdrawal from people
- Shame
- Doubt and unbelief
  
- Repeated chronic sickness: cancers, tumors, leukemia, chronic fatigue, post viral fatigue, post traumatic stress, diabetes, hemophilia, cystic fibrosis, baldness, early death
- Cancer
- Tumors
- Fibromyalgia
- Diabetes: itching skin, frequent urination, blood sugar drops, feet nerves
- Thinning hair
- Infirmity, weakness, lack of strength
- Heart problems
- Back problems
- Pain in hips
- Foot problems
- Arthritis
- Hearing problems
- Seeing problems
- Sleep apnea
  
- Barrenness: miscarriages, all reproductive sicknesses, illness and disease, includes all pain with monthly cycles, and even childbirth
- Reproductive sickness, illness and disease
- Menopause problems (hot, insomnia)
  
- Breakdown of family and marriage: orphans, the abused becomes the abuser, singleness may be a curse or may be because there aren't Godly men to marry, multiple marriages
- Marriage breakup
  
- Financial lack: poverty spirit, fear of poverty, lost wealth down generational line, tithing or lack thereof
- Financial lack
- Poverty spirit
- Fear of poverty
  
- Accident prone: consistent cyclic banging and bruising, falls, tumbles, dropping something, clumsiness, car crashes, restless spirit, layoffs and redundancies
  
- Suicide and unnatural or untimely deaths: self-cursing words, spirits of death, people with a death wish, abortion, generational shame, generational witchcraft/blood sacrifices, slavery, murder
- Self-cursing words
- Death wish

- Generational shame

Prayer of renunciation:

1. I confess the sin of my ancestors, my parents, and my own sin of \_\_\_\_ (go through your list). I choose to forgive and release them for the sin and the consequences in my life of \_\_\_\_\_. I ask you to forgive me, Lord, for this sin, for yielding to it, and the resulting consequences. I receive healing.
2. On the basis of your forgiveness, Lord, I choose to forgive myself for my involvement in this sin. I renounce the sin and the curses of \_\_\_\_\_. I break this power from my life and the lives of my descendants through the redemptive work of Christ on the cross. I receive God's freedom from this sin and from the resulting curses. I receive life in all of its fullness for me and my descendants.

And Father, I step up into the role of High Priest and, Father, what we have confessed on earth we proclaim Your Word that You forgive us of our sins and of our transgressions. And in Jesus' name I set your people free from these generational curses in Jesus' name. I release them, Father, from these sins of their fathers, and the resulting curses; and in Jesus' name I speak life to their bodies, life to their spirits, life to their souls, to their minds, to their wills, to their emotions.

Father, we release their free will again. Where they've been held captive, Father, we break the power of bondage and slavery to sin over this congregation today. We loose Your people. And just as Moses went to Pharaoh, we say "Let My people go!"

We proclaim freedom to the captives, recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those that are oppressed, and to declare generations of the Lord's favor, in Jesus' name. And every spirit that sought to attack the people, who sought to control, sought to manipulate them, in Jesus' name I rebuke you and command you to loose them, and to set them free, in Jesus' name. You shall no longer have dominion over them in Jesus' name. And I take authority, Father, and I loose them right now. I break the power of trauma and shock and pain and suffering over this people, Father. In Jesus' name, Father, I loose them. I set them free. Come, Holy Spirit. (said 3 X) Let the wounds go. (said 3 X) Come, Lord. Come, Father. We end this assignment against Your people in these areas right now in Jesus' name. And where there's been death, and pain, and loss of life, Lord, we move to establish kingdom living. We move to establish the kingdom of life in place of the kingdom of death.

And where there's been stuff held back from them, Father, because of these sins, I loose the angels, I release the angels, Father, to pour out the blessing. We take back, in Jesus' name, everything the enemy has stolen from Your people. We take it back. We command Satan, let it go. Let it go, in Jesus' name. Freedom, Lord. Freedom, Father.

You created clean hands, Father, pure hearts in this place. Right motives anymore. Loose her, Lord, loose your children, in Jesus' name. I call forth in the name of Jesus lost sons and daughters who've

been lost to the enemy through the sins and resulting curses, in Jesus' name. Father, we touch You on covenant in this meeting right now. We touch You on covenant releasing thousands of years of blessing to those that love You, and down family lines of those who profess your name, Father. I release generations of blessing, generations. Father, I call in the lost sons and daughters. Lost sons and daughters, I call you back in, I call you back in, in Jesus' name. Come in. Come home. Come home. Let the prodigals return in Jesus' name. Let every adult who's been bound by decisions in their lives return to the throne of Almighty God in Jesus' name.

I take authority over generational shame. I take authority over that and I break the principality of shame off this people right now in Jesus' name.

Righteousness. Set them free, Father, to produce holiness.

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## DEVELOPING YOUR SEER GIFT

(Notes From Developing Your Seer Gift, CD #1, By Todd Bentley)

### Spiritual Gates, Doors, and Portals

In Israel there can be flash flood in 5 minutes - rivers in the wilderness. In 2005 the Lord said He would act for the one who waits for Him. God will act for the one that waits for Him. Gen 13:3. Key theme for 2005. "in the place where his tent had been at the beginning" We are to turn to the place where we were at the beginning...a place of holy visitation (for me 1985). Why? Because He is about to visit me again.

We're looking for gates, doors, portals. A spiritual gate/door (Gen 28:10) Jacob went out and came to a "certain place". What was the place? Then he dreamed. The encounter is linked to a geographic place - where a portal was already there. The same place where God spoke to Abraham and Isaac.

Gen 12:1-7 the Lord appeared to Abraham. Gen 28:10 Jacob went over the same highway as Abraham. Moravian Falls is a portal.

Key verse 2 Kings 6:17 "Open his eyes that he may see"

1. Understand the different prophetic functions
2. Remove the veils that blind our spiritual eyes
3. Learn how to cultivate a seer lifestyle out of intimacy with Jesus

Where is your spiritual eye? (Eph. 1:18) eyes of understanding: mind, will, intellect, imagination. What kind of an impact is this having on my spirit? It's just being in tune with the mind of Christ.



**A. The seer prophet:** 1 Samuel 9:6-11 "the seer" That he might show us the way that we should go...the purpose of the seer. To have an experience, to gaze, to look upon, to see.

1 Samuel 3:20 difference is how you receive the revelation which you give. Prophets usually prophecy by flowing thoughts. A seer prophet functions by what he sees. It is the will of God that all flesh prophecy. The spirit of prophecy can come on anyone (like Saul). It is to speak the heart and mind of God.

Timing is not often clear with seer. Tends to be way out there.

**B. The "now" prophet** tends to hear God and repeats it, then it becomes activated in the earth immediately.

**C. Prophet of signs and wonders.** Isaiah. Bobby Connor takes those signs with him. Elijah.

**D. Prophet of government...**John the Baptist.

**E. The intercessory prophet.** Their life is an act of intercession. Lou Engels, Reese Howells

**F. Prophets that are gifted in exposing sin.**

The office of prophet: has public influence and platform. Others may hear God just the same, but not the platform.

4. Uncapping the seer gift (prophetic wells). Isaiah 29:9 "blind yourselves" sometimes we choose what we want to see. "he's covered your head" (with a hood) so they can't see. Why? 1. Isaiah 30:9 rebellious people, not hear the law of the Lord.

#### Reasons for the purpose of revelation

1. To know Him (Eph 1:17-19)
2. To know the call of God
3. To know your inheritance
4. To know the exceeding greatness of His power
5. To declare the manifold wisdom of God (Eph 3:8-10)
6. To be strengthened with might (Eph 3:16)
7. The revelation of the love of Christ
8. To be filled of all the fullness of God
9. To have a revelation of Christ in you (Col. 1:27)

#### Reasons that hinder our ability to hear and see:

1. (Mark 8:16) **not yet perceive and understand, do not remember** (to see and have faith in God's provision). Need to focus on who He is, not what He did. Jesus links this to have eyes to see and understand - he linked to their remembering. Missing where sign leads - to Jesus. Don't look at the sign--look at who Jesus is and what He is like.
2. (Mark 4:19) **the cares of this world, too focused on the things**
3. (Hebrews 3:7) **do not harden your hearts** as in the rebellion. Make your heart callused. Continually resisting God's Spirit.
4. (Heb 3:10) because they have not known God's ways. **Not enough Intimacy.**
5. Sin (Heb. 3:12) **unbelief, continual compromise and sin.** If you can't see you lose the understanding
6. (Heb. 5:11) **Dull of hearing, not deaf yet.** Practice/habit of listening prayer morning by morning.

#### Keys to developing seeing:

John 3:1 Unless born again cannot "see" the kingdom of God. Enter the kingdom now. I am now spirit. (11) this is about hearing heavenly things now here on earth. "in heaven on earth"

John 5:17 How to be in heaven on earth.

Matt 6:10 the kingdom of God will come on earth as His will is being done on earth.

God can only entrust to you His kingdom to the extent that you can be obedient to what you can see and hear.

Matt 5:17 As My Father works I work. (19) what he "sees" the Father do. How did Jesus see? In heaven on earth. (30) it takes an obedient surrender to the Father's will. Not seek own will.

John 5:19 what He sees the Father do. Sons see. How much can you see? Why can I expect to see--for the Father loves the Son. The Father shows him all things.

If you miss one detail the glory can't fall.

Hebrews 4:12-13

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## REASONS WHY MIRACLES DON'T HAPPEN

(This material is taken from *Healings, Miracles, Signs and Wonders Today 101* by Todd Bentley)

#### Reasons why miracles don't happen:

- Little faith (Matt 8:26; 14:31; 16:8)

- Unbelief (Mark 6:1,5,6; Matt 17:19-20)
- Unforgiveness (Matt 6:14-15; 5:23-25; 18:34-35; Job 42:10-13)
- Lack of intimacy (John 15:5-7)
- Sin (James 5:16; John 5:14)
- Lack of prayer and fasting (Matt 17:21; Ps 35:13-14; Is 58:6, 8)
- Pride (2 Kings 5:10-11)
- Religious spirit and attitudes (Matt 11:16-17; 16:1; Lk 11:54; 2 Tim 3:5)
- Limiting God (Ps 78:41)
- Fear (Job 3:25)
- Unscriptural doctrines (Matt 22:29)
- Demons causing sickness
- Infirmary (Luke 13:10-11)
- Epilepsy (Matt 17:14-15)
- Depression (Is 61:3)
- Deaf and dumb (Mark 9:25)
- Mute (Matt 9:32-33)
- Blindness (Matt 12:22)
- All sickness-a devil's work (Acts 10:38)
- Excuses (John 5:7)
- Motive (John 6:26; James 4:3; 1 John 5:14-15)
- Complaining and murmuring (Num 21:4-5; Ps 78:18-20, 32-33)
- Disobedience (John 2:5; 1 Kings 17:11-16)
- Prayerlessness (2 Kings 20:1-6; Luke 11:5-8; Luke 18:1-8)
- Ungodly attitudes towards leaders (Num 16:1-3, 31-33; 12:1-2, 9, 10)
- Ignorance (Hosea 4:6)
- Natural means (2 Kings 20:7)
- Our confession (words) (Proverbs 12:14, 18; 15:4; 18:20-21)
- Broken spirit (Prov 17:22; 18:14)
- Anxiety, fear and worry (Prov 4:23; Matt 6:25-34, Php 4:6)
- Hardened heart (Ezek 12:1-2; Mk 8:15-18; Ps 78:8-11; Heb 3:8-13)
- Negative influence (Mark 5:35; 2 Kings 4:23; Luke 18:39)
- Greed (2 Kings 5:20-27; Acts 8:18-20)
- Curse (Deut 28:46)
- Forgetting the poor (Prov 21:13; Acts 10:1-4; Is 58:7-8)
- Offended at the vessel (Mark 6:3)
- No expectation (Acts 3:5; 12:14-16)
- Lack of marital harmony (1 Peter 3:7)
- Not know the goodness of God (James 1:17; 3 John 1:2)

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# SOAKING

(Notes On Cassette Teaching By Todd Bentley On Soaking)

While he is soaking he experiences what he calls “the glory liquid honey cloud of His Presence” coming like heaviness, like waves

Being quiet before the Lord is the highest form of prayer – silence

**But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. (Hebrews 5:14)**

**Be still, and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10)**

**Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel...So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” And the Lord said to Samuel... (1 Samuel 3)**

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

Soaking is receiving.

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# THE FATHER'S HOUSE

(Notes On A Cassette Teaching By Todd Bentley On The Father's House)

Todd taught about nine rooms—places we go to in prayer. He gave scripture in regard to these rooms:

**Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (John 14:1-3)**

**How priceless is your unfailing love! Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights. (Psalm 36:7-8)**

**Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple. (Psalm 65:4)**

1. **Living room:** prayer is about us, our needs, blessings, petitions, requests
2. **Kitchen:** room of ministry, serving, working, doing, like Martha
3. **Dining:** banqueting table, honey, manna cakes, meat, joint heir with Jesus so sit with him here, room of experience and tasting Him
4. **Storage:** room: Spirit of counsel, wisdom, etc. light, treasure chest, room of revelation, able to get in the download of revelation with no effort
5. **Study:** library, room to meditate in His Word day and night
6. **Recreation room:** fun, celebration, dancing, worship, banners, flags, joy
7. **Bathroom:** get cleaned up, repentance, forgiveness
8. **Basement:** hidden room of intercession, labor for someone else
9. **Bedroom:** white, flowers, with Jesus in intimacy, S of Solomon, romance

Other rooms he saw at later times: yard, forest, river, ballroom (dancing with Lord). Another speaker mentioned he saw an award room. Last door in long hall of rooms: throne room from behind the throne

Ask: "Holy Spirit, bring me into a place in Your presence I've never been before."

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## FROM GOOD TO GREAT

(Quotes from *Good to Great in God's Eyes* by Chip Ingram)

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I learned to pray; and I learned that the most accurate barometer of my humility and sense of dependency is not what I think about myself or what other people think about me. It's the reality of the actual praying I do.

When we ask God to intervene in our lives or in someone else's life, we're actually admitting our own weakness. We come to God because we know we can't handle whatever situation we're in. We need help with our marriage, our kids, our future, our job, our decisions, or whatever else we seek his help for. On the other hand, when we don't pray very much, we're really saying that even though the Lord created the universe, we think we can handle our problems and guide ourselves through life. It means that we are putting a lot of stock in our own intelligence and resources, quietly claiming our own sufficiency. Genuine prayer acknowledges who God is and our need for him. That's a sign of humility.

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The dream will cost us our life and appear to others as the height of folly just before God accomplishes the impossible through us. There will be a time in the process of God fulfilling his dream placed in your heart when he will take you all the way to the edge, and you must die.

Every dream passes through the cross. Every dream takes you to where you let go of everything and everyone, every agenda and expectation, and then it is only as the Lord resurrects you and your dream that you can go on.

We spend much of our time and energy trying to avoid that place. We want just enough of Jesus to make us happy, just enough to give us peace, and just enough to make things go our way to fulfill our dreams and our agenda. Meanwhile, he wants to take us to the cross, where our own selfish dreams, egos, and plans for "great accomplishments" have to die. The cross brings you to a place of total and absolute surrender of all you have and all you are. You submit everything in obedience to the vision or dream God has given you for your life...The goal is that God be glorified in your life by doing something impossible through someone improbable like you.

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The process - getting started on dreaming great dreams:

- Write it down
- Read them over regularly
- Pray over them
- Watch for God's intervention

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**Faith** is being certain of an invisible reality and acting on it.

**Hope** is fixing our eyes on a promise that's guaranteed to be fulfilled and living in the present in light of that future certainty.

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True greatness is serving others for the glory of God. In a nutshell, that's the way to higher standing in God's kingdom. We take our eyes off of ourselves and turn them to God and others. We become great in God's eyes by helping others become greater than ourselves.

Greatness comes through building others up, by aiming for their greatness more than we aim for our own...In God's economy, someone else's gain is our gain, and someone else's loss is our loss. The best way to greatness in an economy like that is to pursue greatness - for someone else.

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Good Christians live the Christian life. They love God, walk in integrity, demonstrate faithfulness to their mates, spend time in the Bible because they want to hear from God, make the effort to discover their spiritual gifts, use those gifts in their local church, give their tithes and offerings, go on mission trips, and help their kids grow up to be godly men and women. They do what God calls them to do, and they serve him well.

Great Christians, on the other hand, do all that and then pass it on. You can be a good Christian by obeying God and loving people, but if you haven't poured your life into others, your life ends with a period. Great Christians end with a comma. They live the life of faith in a way that takes God's grace to them and imparts it into the lives of others. They multiply themselves again and again and again. Good Christians "live the life;" great Christians "leave a legacy."

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Help many, train a few. You have to invest wisely...You can contribute to the lives of many, but you can't invest deeply in everyone. You have to choose....The first step is to pray..."Lord, I want to focus and invest my life in a few people, so I need to be discerning. Please guide me in this. And God, who is more interested in your becoming a great Christian than even you are, has promised to answer. (James 1:5)

Look under your own roof. Empowering great people starts with those for whom you are morally responsible....begin with those who live with you.

After praying and looking under your own roof, look for F.A.T. people: **F**aithful, **A**vailable, and **T**eachable...*Faithful* people are the ones who complete an assignment, who actually take care of a problem when they say they'll take care of it, and who call you later because they promised they would....He [God] looks at the heart. Those who are faithful have put themselves in a position to grow in maturity. Instead of listening to what people say, watch what they do with their responsibilities. When you see faithfulness, you see potential.

To invest your life wisely, you'll want to choose people who are *available* in addition to being faithful.

Look also for people who are *teachable*. A person who thinks he or she has already mastered certain aspects of life is not going to be open to instruction or even subtle suggestions. There's no point in investing in someone who isn't aware that the investment is beneficial. People who are teachable are in position to grow and bear fruit.

You discover whether people are teachable by how they respond when confronted with hard things to hear. Do they hear constructive criticism with humility? Do they respond with character and demonstrate surrender and perseverance?...God chooses the lowly things of this world in order to shame our worldly standards (1 Cor. 1:27-29)...I encourage you to look beyond people's history and look at their heart....if they are faithful, available, and teachable, they can become who God really wants them to be.

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We had a "draft day" when each staff member and elder picked several leadership candidates and invited each one into a process. We would get them in a Bible study for eight weeks, learn about their lives, and convey to them the vision of the church. But we had one rule: every group had to start before 6:30 in the morning. Why? For one thing, I knew no one would have a scheduling conflict then. But more significantly, there's no better way to find out if someone is faithful, available, and teachable than by asking him or her to commit to an important but inconvenient endeavor. Humility, surrender, and consistency...show up in such situations.

Most people want to be challenged, not just on their gifts, reputation, or financial capacity, but on their commitment to the cause. They want to grow and learn. Those who *really* want to, not just with good intentions but by putting feet to their faith, will rise to the challenge and grow to the next level of discipleship. Those are the people you want to invest in because they will take the investment and multiply it in the next generation. They will leave a legacy for God's glory.

Jesus had a fourfold process of empowering great people that stands out clearly in the Gospels. He *brought them in, built them up, trained them for action, and sent them out.*

Jesus affirmed their strengths, inspired their dreams, and confronted their flaws.

"You know that pastors of large churches aren't any better than pastors of small churches, right?"

"Yes, I know."

"It's just a difference in gifts, and there's a certain gift mix needed in a larger church. It's hard to find that mix....Pray about your motives, but if God has put that on your heart, you ought to be open to it."

All I needed was someone to tell me that it was okay to dream a dream. In the same way, most of the people we mentor feel like they need permission to think outside the box. Part of empowering great people is inspiring their dreams. Yet you also need to be able to confront their flaws. (Proverbs 27:5-6) "Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses." In other words, "I love you enough to say some things that will really hurt."

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Why do so few leave a legacy? Prof. Hendricks offers three reasons: lack of discipline, lack of vision, and lack of focus.

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The Bible is clear that discipline is a godly means of grace. Spiritual growth and spiritual greatness come to us through our recurring practices. Habits create a framework that God fills with his grace. They become the highway on which grace is delivered.

Godliness is profitable for eternity, Scripture says, and it comes in large part through discipline. In other words, when we approach our spiritual life like an athlete in training and develop the habits of godliness in the same manner that a weight lifter increases his strength, the consequences last forever.

Pray

- From a deeply personal relationship with God
- Out of a sense of brokenness
- Taking God and His Word absolutely seriously
- Be willing to be the instrument through which God works
- On the basis of Jesus' work and favor with God
- Persistently ask, seek, and knock
- For God's agenda

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## ALLOWING OTHERS TO HELP YOU

(Quotes from the book *Heaven Is Real* by Don Piper)

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People talk to me and say things such as, "I seem to have crossed some kind of threshold in life. There's no turning back. My old life is gone. But I don't know what to do now. People tell me I have to move on, find a new direction, and I realize that, but I'm still mourning my old life, and right now, I just don't know what else to do."

I often respond with something like this: "Every transition begins with an ending. We have to let go of the old before we start the new. But it's not as easy as hitting a switch. It's a process, and we have to go through the darkness before we emerge on the other side. The key is to use the time well, shifting our focus so instead of looking inward, bemoaning what we've lost and trying to figure out how we can deal with it, we begin to look outward, to someone who can heal us, guide us, and give us strength for our journey. Instead of asking, 'How am I going to live without my old life?' we begin to ask, 'How am I going to live with my new life?' and in doing so, we will discover the path God is laying before us, the purpose He has for our lives."

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I say to people in pain and with disabilities, "If you can laugh at something, you can defeat it. If you can laugh, it doesn't conquer you but you have conquered it."

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That strength - that desire to help - was also my weakness. I liked being a helper; I didn't like being helped. If anyone in need called or asked for me, I was there. Again I think that's typical of most of us in the helping profession....

When I protested that I didn't want them to do anything, that's when he really let me have it. "It's not your call...It's the only thing they have to offer you, and you're taking that gift away from them." I finally learned: I *allowed* others to help...I realize that if I withhold from them, I cheat them out of the opportunity to minister to me. I deprive them of the ability to prove their love by their actions.

There's a second way I grasped this truth of being open to others wanting to help....The people who met me at the gate (of heaven) were people who had influenced my life and had died. Because of them, I had lived as a Christian...I allowed those people to influence me. That means they helped me. They were all joy filled at the gate because they had impacted my life in some way.

As I have slowly learned to accept my responsibility to receive help, I'm in a stronger position to say it both ways to people. Be helpers of those in need, be recipients of their help when you're in need.

**Paul said in Phil 4:17 "Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once. I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness."**

(p. 165-6)

If we want to help, we'll find ways. And to those who, like me, didn't want people to help them, my advice comes in two words: *Let them*. Let them help you because they want to or they wouldn't have asked. Just smile and thank them and let them.

A final word here: Pride may be the problem of refusing help. Most people - including Don Piper - like to think of themselves as able to take care of their own needs and not to depend on someone else. To receive help humbles us and some of us don't like that.

**Philippians 2:4 "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."**

If I refuse to let someone help me, I'm disobeying the command of God right here: I refuse to allow them to look out for me or to help me.

I've come to the conclusion that humility is a quality God loves. The more we're aware of our needs, the more we depend on God and God uses people to minister to our needs. Life is about giving and sharing of ourselves.

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## GOD'S GRACE

(Quotes from book *Knowing God* by J. I. Packer)

### **Grace as the motive of the plan of salvation.**

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Pardon is the heart of the gospel, but it is not the whole doctrine of grace. For the New Testament sets God's gift of pardon in the context of a plan of salvation which began with election before the world was and will be completed only when the church is perfect in glory.

Paul refers briefly to this plan in several places (see, for instance, Romans 8:29-30; 2 Thess. 2:12-13). But his fullest account of it is in the massive paragraph - for, despite subdivisions, the flow of thought constitutes essentially one paragraph - running from Ephesians 1:3 to 2:10. As often Paul starts with a summary statement and spends the rest of the paragraph analyzing and explaining it.

**The statement** is, "God...has blessed us in the heavenly realms [the realm of spiritual realities] with every spiritual blessing in Christ" (v.3).

**The analysis** begins with eternal election and predestination to sonship in Christ (vv.4-5), proceeds to redemption and remission of sins in Christ (v. 7), and moves on to the hope of glorification in Christ (vv.11-12) and the gift of the Spirit in Christ to seal us as God's possession forever (vv.13-14).

From there, Paul concentrates attention on the **act of power** whereby God regenerates sinners in Christ (1:10; 2:7), bringing them to faith in the process (2:8). Paul depicts all these items as elements in a single great **saving purpose** (1:5, 9, 11), and tells us that **grace** (mercy, love, kindness: 2:4,7) **is its motivating force** (see 2:4-8); that "the riches of God's grace" appear throughout its administration (1:7; 2:7); and that the praise of grace is **its ultimate goal** (1:6, compare 1:12, 14; 2:7).

So we believers may rejoice to know that our conversion was no accident, but an **act of God** which had its place in an **eternal plan** to bless us with the free gift of salvation from sin (2:8-10); God promises and purposes to carry his plan through to completion, and since it is executed by sovereign power (1:19-20), **nothing can thwart it**.

### **Grace as the guarantee of the preservation of the saints.**

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If the plan of salvation is certain of accomplishment, then the Christian's future is assured. I am, and will be, "kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation" (1 Peter 1:5 KJV). I need not torment myself with the fear that my faith may fail; as grace led me to faith in the first place, so grace will keep me believing to the end. Faith, both in its origin and continuance, is a gift of grace (see Phil 1:29).

### **Characteristics of the Judge**

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In the Bible world, the king was always the supreme judge, because his was the supreme ruling authority. It is on that basis, according to the Bible, that God is judge of his world. As our Maker, he owns us, and as our Owner, he has a right to dispose of us. He has, therefore, a right to make laws for us and to reward us according to whether or not we keep them.

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The truth is that part of God's moral perfection is his perfection in judgment. Would a God who did not care about the difference between right and wrong be a good and admirable Being? Would a God who put no distinction between the beasts of history, the Hitlers and Stalins, and his own saints, be morally praiseworthy and perfect? Moral indifference would be an imperfection in God, not a perfection. But not to judge the world would be to show moral indifference.

The final proof that God is a perfect moral Being, not indifferent to questions of right and wrong, is the fact that he has committed himself to judge the world.

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## THE FULLNESS OF TIME

(MorningStar Prophetic Bulletin #73 by Rick Joyner - Prophetic Bulletins - 9-12-12)

The world is now in the Valley of Decision. The consequences of every decision will be magnified and a little turn can lead to strikingly different destinations. This kind of repercussion for our choices has not been seen since the Garden. This is because the world is getting very close to becoming the Garden again—the kingdom of God is at hand.

Because of this, it will be the time of the greatest darkness for those who do not love the truth, but the time of the greatest glory for those who do. The response to this by those who do not have true faith will be to think negatively about the Valley of Decision, becoming fearful and timid. For those who have faith, the reverse is true. This is the greatest opportunity of all, when our positive choices will do far greater good. Even a small decision to do what is right in the sight of the Lord could spark a great revival. A subtle turning in the direction toward the Lord by a nation can begin a Great Awakening.

We have examples of this in history. When a humble, black housemaid named Rosa Parks stood on her convictions and refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man, it sparked the Civil Rights Movement that changed a nation. Who could have foreseen such consequences from this one little action? Such is the result of it being “the fullness of time” for civil rights in America to include all of its citizens. As we see in even the Old Testament prophets, the Lord deals with nations concerning righteousness and justice. The wood had become so dry for the Civil Rights Movement in America that even a tiny spark could set it ablaze.

One of the great factors making this time so opportune is that it is so dry spiritually. Just a little spark and a little breeze from the Holy Spirit and great fires of revival will begin blazing. Those who complain about the dryness of the times do not have vision. We have come to the time when even a seemingly insignificant prophetic word from an unknown prophet can set worldwide events in motion. The fullness of time means the times are full of potential. We should be rejoicing that it has become so dry!

The harvest that Jesus said would be the end of this age is “the fullness of time,” for many such sparks will ignite many revivals. Once ignited, these fires will spread even faster because of the dryness. Some will ignite before the end of this year, and next year there will be many more.

There also will be magnified consequences to evil choices. The harvest is when all of the seeds, both the wheat and the tares, come to full maturity. This is why we see in Isaiah 60 that when darkness is covering the earth and deep darkness the people, the glory of the Lord will be revealed in His people. We are entering the ultimate battle between light and darkness, between good and evil. After this conflict, all will be able to see clearly what both good and evil are. Now we are in a time when many are calling good evil and evil good, honoring the dishonorable and dishonoring the honorable, but that will change. This is only exposing the wheat from the tares. As we see in the Gospels, the tares are the first to be plucked out of the earth, and that time is coming.

In Isaiah 60:3, we see that the result of this clash between light and darkness will be that the whole world will come to the light. Ultimately, the light is going to win every confrontation with evil. Even a small light can be seen much farther in great darkness. Light is going to prevail, regardless of what it may look like for a time. Now is the time to choose the light and resolve that we will only walk in the way of the light. Now is the time to let our light shine boldly.

Now is the time to establish in our hearts that evil is what God says it is, not man, and good is what God says it is, not man. Those who do not speak according to the Word of God do not have the light, and they are not of the light but are in darkness.

Now is the time when all are in the Valley of Decision, determining who they will follow.

### **Seize the Day**

Great people are rarely recognized on earth in their own times, but only after they have passed and are no longer a threat. Then the living will lament, having not appreciated them more or listened to them better. The same is often true of great times and great opportunities. Only a few have the vision to see them early. The source of the greatness of the great ones is that they see and understand their times, and they seize the opportunity. Now is the greatest time there has ever been to walk with God, to stand for His truth, and to preach His gospel. Now the consequences, the fruit, will be magnified.

Great spiritual movements are often referred to as waves of the Holy Spirit because they move like waves of the ocean. To ride a wave requires balance and skill, but those would not matter if one did not also have the ability to discern where the wave is going to break and get into position at the right place and time. Even then, the wave rider cannot be idle but must be moving in the right direction when the wave comes.

One reason so many Christians have been repositioned in recent times is because the Holy Spirit is helping them get into position to catch the spiritual waves they are called to ride. There is a great wave of the Holy Spirit that is about to move across the entire earth, but it is still crucial for every individual to be in the place that they have been called.

The Holy Spirit is omnipresent, so we may think that it does not make a difference if we are in a specific location, but it can make all the difference in the world for us. The Lord Jesus appeared to more than five hundred people after His resurrection, and He instructed them to go and wait for the promise of the Father in Jerusalem. Three hundred and eighty did not wait long enough and missed the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Hopefully those who were of the three hundred eighty received this promise later through the church, but we do not know for sure. Certainly the Lord is gracious, but as the Apostle Paul warned, we must behold both His kindness and His severity. God resists the proud, and it is the pride that caused the fall in the first place, which has us thinking we do not need to obey the Lord, but rather we can attain by our own means.

We are told in Hebrews 6:12 to be imitators of those who through **“faith and patience inherit the promises.”** Waiting forty days in Jerusalem did require patience, and it sifted out those who did not have it. Impatience is not a fruit of the Spirit and those who are led by their impatience will not be led by the Spirit. Three hundred and eighty did not fully obey the Lord, and they missed Him on the Day of Pentecost. Being in the right place is one of the telltale signs that we live our lives in obedience to the Lord. He told us not to call Him “Lord” if we do not do what He says. Only those who follow Him, obeying Him as Lord, will be in the right place at the right time to receive what is promised.

Impatience is a main reason why some never receive their promises. Another reason why opportunities, great movements, and visitations of the Lord are missed by

so many is that their vision is clouded by the affairs of everyday life. Few are able to pull themselves away from the clamor of their lives to climb up to a place of vision where they can see with His eyes. This is why the Lord rebuked those who could perceive the signs of impending weather better than the signs of the times. The weather affected their everyday lives, and this is what they had most of their attention on. To discern the purposes of the Lord, they have to be our main focus. We must truly “seek first the kingdom” in order to see its coming.

### **The “Sons of Issachar”**

When the strength of King David’s forces was recorded in I Chronicles 12:32, we have a unique and remarkable group listed: **“And of the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do.”** For many years, I prayed for the Lord to raise up those with these gifts for our times. I felt that this inability to know the timing of what we were seeing was one of the greatest weaknesses in the prophetic ministries today. I also knew that in the times to come, this ability would be crucial. Seven years ago, I was shown that such last-day “sons of Issachar” would be raised up, and they would receive this anointing the way that the sons of Issachar did, which is recorded in Genesis 49:14-15:

**“Issachar is a strong donkey, lying down between the sheepfolds. When he saw that a resting place was good and that the land was pleasant, he bowed his shoulder to bear *burdens*, and became a slave at forced labor.”**

In prophetic symbolism, the shoulder represents authority because **“the government will rest upon His shoulders.”** I was given an invitation to pursue this anointing and shown how to do it. I would have to lay aside growing in authority and influence with people, and instead become a slave and do what others did not want to do. I would have to go through a second seven-year period when I would be given very little prophetic revelation, but instead I would be given hard labor to do. I would have to leave the high place I had in the mountains and go back into the valley to the city to embrace hard labor. I think it was the hardest thing I have ever done, and I had the choice, but I also had the promise that it would be worth it.

One of my assignments was to begin restoring the Heritage USA property. This property had brought reproach upon the entire body of Christ, and we would have to bear this reproach to be associated with it. At that time, this property had been vacant for seven years and looked like it had deteriorated beyond where it could be restored. However, I was shown that one day this property would be a worldwide testimony of God’s power of redemption. It has not fully become this yet, but we have made progress, and it will become a marvel to the world in due time.

The work has been hard, and the reproach we’ve had to take on at times has been hard, but it has been worth it. Now it is the most wonderful home we could have ever dreamed of having for our ministry. The best part was being joined by so many noble souls who had the vision for this and were willing to work or contribute to it.

I am not claiming that the sacrifice I made to come down out of the mountains was that great. It has been hard at times, but there has also been too much joy for me to think of it as a sacrifice. In truth, there is no greater freedom than we can ever

know than to be Christ's slave. Even the "hard labor" in Christ leads to rest and refreshing when we take His yoke. It is always better to choose the highest purpose. So I am not claiming to have done anything that hard or great, but rather the results have been greater for me.

Then I was instructed to help restore people that no one else wanted to restore. To do this we would also have to bear reproach and attacks just like Nehemiah did when he sought to rebuild the walls around Jerusalem. However, people are more important than buildings, and even though this would hurt my reputation, to receive the authority with God requires that we, like Him, are willing to "become of no reputation." Even so, there is possibly no greater way to gain the favor of God than to help His people whom no one else wants to help. The favor of God is far better than our reputation with men.

### **The Dream of Favor**

In 1989, I was given a dream in which one of my children had fallen into a sewage ditch and could not get up. A large crowd gathered around my child just to ridicule and scorn as he struggled in that terrible filth. As a father, my grief was unbearable, but in the dream I could do nothing. Then a man pushed through the crowd, reached down and helped my child up, got him clean, and on his way again. My appreciation for this man was unlimited. If I could have given him all that I owned, it would not have been enough. Then I heard the voice of the Lord in my dream saying, "Jim Bakker is My child. Will you help him?"

At that time, Jim Bakker was possibly the most scorned and ridiculed person on the planet. I knew the Father felt just like I did watching my child struggle while people scorned and ridiculed him. Even though I was dreaming, I think this was the worst feeling I have ever had. When I woke up, I knew that to relieve the Father of what He was feeling for Jim Bakker was worth any price I had to pay. I also had it implanted in my spirit that there is no greater way to gain the favor of God than to help His children who no one else wants to help.

Since then, I have considered it a mandate to help Jim in any way that I can. I also think it is one of the great opportunities to help any of His children that I can who have fallen. Still, I can't help them all, but only the ones He shows me. I count this as one of the most important things I can do.

I do not mean to imply that this is something I am very good at. I often think I may be the worst one at this, and that the Lord's people deserve someone who can do it much better, but I do think it is the greatest honor I can have and do try my best. If I was to leave this life today, I would consider that I have already been rewarded many times over what I deserved for the little I did give. I am sharing this now for your sake. If you want to gain the Father's favor, help His people. If you want to receive the greatest favor, help those no one else is willing to help. The more unpopular it is to help them, or the harder it is, the more of His favor you will receive. As Tommy Tenney once said to us, "One moment of the favor of God is worth a lifetime of effort." This is true.

It may be the greatest wisdom to help God's people who are struggling, but even if we were to receive nothing, the Father deserves this. When the world rebelled

against Him, He did not condemn us, but sent His own Son to redeem and restore us, even when we were still in our sin. Those who have His heart, who are truly spiritual, are like Him, always looking to restore (see Galatians 6:1), not condemn. When He walked the earth, consider how much patience He had with sinners and how little patience He had with the self-righteous.

Restoring was the main labor I was called to do to receive the “sons of Issachar” anointing. I am sure others have been called to pursue this too because there will be a great company with this gift in the coming times. Their call to hard labor may have been different than mine, but I do know that most had to bear great hardship and reproach, going through a long period of being humbled and made “of no reputation.” That will be a hallmark of the true leaders who are to come.

As the Apostle Paul spoke of how the apostles were considered to be the “dregs of the earth,” this is a hallmark for the true apostolic ministry God is about to release. They may not be very well-known on earth, but they will be very well-known in heaven. Many who are considered the dregs of the earth are kings and princes in heaven. When the kingdom comes, those who have been lifted up here will be humbled, and those who have embraced humility here will be lifted up.

Many people write to tell me how sorry they are for all of the attacks that I receive. I appreciate their concern, but this is actually a part of my reward. We get more “martyr points” when we receive reproach for doing the will of God. After the apostles had been beaten and threatened for doing what they were called to do, they went out rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for the sake of the Lord. They understood the true riches of the kingdom. This is why it was said of Moses:

**"By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin; considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward (Hebrews 11:24-26)."**

Consider how Moses chose affliction rather than pleasure and considered the reproach of Christ greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt. Moses could see, and as we are told in the next verse, **“he endured, as seeing Him who is unseen” (Hebrews 11:27)**. Do we see? Can we see what others cannot see? Those who see, like Elisha, can have an entire army coming after them and sit in perfect peace because they can see that those who are with us are much greater than those who are against us. This vision is available to us now.

Those who see the true treasures of the kingdom know that all of the treasures in this world are not worth as much as a single grain of sand in the kingdom. When we see, we will feel like the Apostle Paul—that all of the things we may have given up here are but rubbish. The favor of the Lord that we have experienced has already been much more than I could have ever dreamed, and much more of His favor is coming. His generosity knows no bounds, and He rewards many times over what we ever deserve.

## **A Clear Trumpet Sound**



I do not mean to boast, but even if I am, I am doing it for a purpose. From 1980 to 1987, I went through a seven-year period where I received almost no prophetic revelation, but at the end of this, I received a two-and-a-half-day prophetic experience that was the greatest revelation I had ever received. It became a trumpet call heard throughout the world when a brief of it was circulated as, "A Vision of the Harvest." When I completed the book on this revelation, ***The Harvest***, it became a #1 bestseller in many nations and remains one of our top distributors twenty-five years later. It has proven true.

Most of what I was shown in that vision has now come to pass, but the biggest and most important event in that vision is still to come—the harvest that is the end of the age. I was shown two waves that composed this harvest, both of which would be the biggest the world had ever seen, but the second was far more so than the first. The first wave began just a couple of years after I had the vision and lasted for more than a dozen years. It was estimated that more people came to Christ during that move than had come to Him from the original Day of Pentecost until that time. Whole nations were transformed, and at its peak, it was estimated that as many as 475,000 people a day were coming to the Lord around the world. However, it virtually missed North America and Western Europe. Now our time has come.

I was shown a time of relative spiritual quiet between this first wave and a much bigger one that was coming after it. This quiet time would last a few years, and we needed to use it to prepare the laborers for the coming much greater ingathering that would mark the end of this age. Last year I began to receive warnings that this great wave would soon be upon us, and that we were not ready. We had not used this time wisely to get ready for the next wave.

I was shown that this next wave would come like a tsunami. When a tsunami approaches, the ocean waters recede. I was shown that it would look like Christianity was in retreat around the world just before the greatest move of all time broke upon the earth. I was told that when we see this happening, we must not chase after the sea, the people, but we must get to the high ground. That "high ground" is to be seated with Christ in the heavenly places, not just doctrinally, but in reality united with Him and His authority. I will have more to say about this momentarily.

After the first seven-year period ended and I received the vision of the harvest, it seemed to open a floodgate of prophetic revelation for me that just kept getting better. Then I was given the promise of the "sons of Issachar" anointing and began another seven-year period of almost no prophetic revelation. I am now within weeks of the end of this second seven-year period. In July, I was given a foretaste of what is coming in a series of dreams. In some ways, these were the most exciting dreams I have ever had. I was also told that after the first seven-year prophetic wilderness I went through, I was given a vision of the harvest, but after this one, I would see the harvest itself—the fulfillment of the vision.

I was also given some insight into the kind of authority that would be released to those who had made it to the high ground, to be seated with Christ in the heavenly places. This high ground was also the top of the mountain that I had been shown before and wrote about in my book, ***The Final Quest***. Unprecedented authority is about to be given to those who have been faithful and obedient. The following are just a few things we can expect just from the prophetic ministry:

- Prophets will be raised up who will have a permanent place in the presence of the Lord and access to all of His plans and secrets.
- Prophets will be raised up to do exploits that eclipse anything done under the Old Testament prophets, including Moses and Elijah.
- This was to demonstrate that the New Covenant really is “a better covenant.”
- Some will tell literal mountains to be plucked up and cast into the sea, and this will be done to prove that the Lord’s Word is true.
- Some will be used to unravel a thousand years of the enemy’s strategy and dominance over a nation, which they will do with a single prophetic word, setting multitudes free in a day.
- Some will have authority over all natural laws such as gravity, time, space, and mass, demonstrating the authority of the kingdom of heaven over all earthly authority.
- This would even make the Jews jealous so that they would pursue the Lord like they had not done since they were in Egypt.
- There will be companies of prophets that no enemy can hide their plans or their secrets from, and these will constantly thwart the attacks of the enemy and those who serve him.
- There will not be a major event that happens on the earth that God’s prophets do not foresee.
- There will be companies of “sons of Issachar” who know the timing of coming events and have words of wisdom about what God’s people are to do to be prepared for them.
- The counsel of these “sons of Issachar” will be sought by the most influential of this world, but it will be more important for them to serve the least of God’s people than the mighty of this world. They will help leaders of this present age, but their main devotion will be to the future leaders of the coming kingdom.
- Some of God’s people will be given authority over every disease and affliction of man.
- Food and other resources being multiplied will become a common occurrence.
- Counsels between God’s people and angels will be common and expected.
- Every great thing in Scripture was but the seed of what we will now see as a harvest. Even the first century church was but a seed of what the church will become.
- The Lord Himself will be so close to His people that He will be loved far above any gift or power by His people.

I have witnessed many great things in the Lord, but what I saw in these dreams was greater than what I had ever imagined that we would see on the earth. The “greater works” that the Lord said would be done in His name are much greater than I had ever considered. I should have known—the Lord always exceeds what we can ask or think. We are heading into the most exciting times there has ever been to walk with God.

### **Hear the Call of the Trumpet**

The Lord has saved His best wine for last. The greatest move of God that has ever come upon the earth is very close. For those who have given up much to pursue the purposes of the Lord, now their reward is near.

Others have been distracted during the dry times. Like the remnant who returned to rebuild the temple of the Lord, after the foundation was laid, they got discouraged and went off to build their own houses. Like Haggai and Zechariah, prophets will arise to call them back to the work, and the work on the house of the Lord will be finished. Even many who have fallen away from the faith will come back.

In James 3:2 we are told that, “**we all stumble in many ways.**” There has only been One who has not fallen to sin. In Galatians 6:7 we are told, “**Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap.**” If we want to receive mercy, we need to sow mercy every chance we get. If we want to receive grace, we need to sow it every chance we get.

Proverbs 24:16 says, “**A righteous man falls seven times, and rises again.**” Our falls do not displease Him as much as our getting back up and pressing on pleases Him. This is not to imply that our falling pleases Him—it does not. However, He knows that the faith it takes to get back up and continue on after a fall can be the greatest faith, and faith pleases Him.

Many have fallen in the same way that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob fell. When it got dry, they left the land they had been promised and turned to Egypt for their sustenance. It ultimately led to the bondage of their whole family. God let this happen so that they could taste the pain of their bondage, and be willing to pay the price to pursue His promises. When they cried to Him, He delivered them. Regardless of what you have gotten yourself into, He will deliver you if you will call upon Him.

Israel’s deliverance was not easy because it took much longer to get the Egypt out of them than it did to get them out of Egypt. Even so, He brought them into their Promised Land, and He will bring us into ours. If you are alive today, you were called to serve the Lord in the greatest move of God that has ever been upon the earth. Get free and get in your place.

The last few years have been exceedingly dry prophetically for many of God’s people. Because He has not said as much to us does not mean that He has not been close to us. Even so, this spiritual dryness caused many to turn away from their purpose and become occupied with other things to seek fulfillment. For those who remained faithful, doing the work they were called to, the reward will soon come, and it will be great. For those who drifted, have the wisdom of the prodigal. For those who did not drift, but remained faithful, let us not become like the older brother, but rejoice at the return of the prodigals for the sake of the joy our Father has in this.

**We are entering the fullness of times. The kingdom of God is at hand.**

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## DEALING WITH CURSES

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Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a [tree]." He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit. Galatians 3:13

At the beginning of the Jewish New Year (5772) the Lord spoke to me of the need for the Body of Christ to come into a fresh revelation of the work of atonement that Christ accomplished on the Cross. This study is not intended to be an in-depth exposition of the atonement; rather, it is an opportunity for us to appropriate by faith what the Blood sacrifice of Christ accomplished, specifically in the area of Believers being set free from curses.

### Atonement

Atonement was the complex sacrificial Old Testament rituals through which God forgave the sins of His people by the atoning blood once a year, offered by Aaron the High Priest.

Old Testament references: Leviticus 16, Leviticus 17:10-12; Numbers 29:7-11

Jesus Christ made a one-time, atoning sacrifice for the Church (see Hebrews 9:11-15).

### The Protection of the Blood of Jesus

"Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story..." (Psalm 107:2)

There is power in what we speak, and when we declare Scripture over our lives, the Holy Spirit works in perfect unity with the will of the Father and the finished work of the Son to bring us into healing and wholeness. Before speaking about curses, it is important to lay a foundation that focuses on Jesus. I encourage all Believers to declare the following words before we enter into this teaching:

Through the Blood of Jesus I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. Through the Blood of Jesus all my sins are forgiven.

In Him we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. Ephesians 1:7

The Blood of Christ, God's Son, is cleansing me now and continually from all sin.

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the Blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

Through the Blood of Jesus I am justified, made righteous, just as though I had never sinned.

Since we have now been justified by His Blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him. Romans 5:9

Through the Blood of Jesus I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God.

And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through His own Blood. Hebrews 13:12

My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. I am redeemed, cleansed, sanctified by the Blood of Jesus, therefore the devil has no more place in me and no more power over me.

Do you not know that your bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price, therefore honour God with your bodies. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

They triumphed over him by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Revelation 12:11

### How Do We Recognize a Curse?

Often we can recognize a curse by cycles and/or patterns repeating in our lives

These "symptoms" are not always related to a curse as their cause or source. Trauma can also open the door to the same symptoms; also, circumstances happen in life that may not be the will of God but are not necessarily evidence of a curse.

Some examples of cycles/repeating patterns:

- Repeated illness in an individual or in their family life
- Addictions; e.g. alcoholism, promiscuity, gambling
- Work performance hampered
- Continual opposition
- Continual lack of prosperity, business failures
- Premature death
- Chronic strife, arguments, torment
- Hereditary issues
- Barrenness (physical or spiritual)

### Root Causes of Curses (See Deuteronomy 28)

- Disobedience/rebellion/sin to God/His Word
- Involvement in idolatry, pagan religions, worship of false gods
- All occult activity
- Witchcraft, manipulation, control of others

- Sexual perversion and sexual sin of all kinds
- Murder
- Dishonoring of one's parents/dishonoring of authority figures
- Ancestral sins, including demonic blood covenants, dedication
- Word curse – self-inflicted or through others
- Compromise, especially on doctrine and truth
- Cursing God
- Coveting
- Anti-Semitism

### Dealing With Curses

Jesus became a curse so that we could be set free and be blessed by the Holy Spirit (Galatians 3:13). The Bible promises us, "No longer will there be any curse" (Revelation 22:3).

You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of righteous made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled Blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. Hebrews 12:23b-25

The Bible tells us that the Blood of Jesus speaks a "better word" than that of Abel. What does this mean to us today? Let's consider Abel for a moment. The Bible states, "By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead" (Hebrews 11:4).

So we see that Abel is considered by God as a righteous man who offered the best of what he had as sacrifice to the Lord. As we turn to the narrative in Genesis 4, we see the unfolding of a tale of the two brothers, Cain and Abel, before the altar (a place we will define as a meeting point between God and man, where sacrifice or gift is offered, where God responds in covenant blessing to the pure and upright heart).

Cain worked the soil and, in the course of time, he brought some of the fruits of the harvest as an offering to the Lord. Abel, on the other hand, kept flocks, and he brought fat portions of some of the firstborn of his flock for the Lord. God looked with favour on Abel, but not so with Cain. One brother gave the best, but the other compromised on what he offered to the Lord. Are we guilty of Cain's sin of omission? Do we bring the best of who and what we are as love offerings to God, or do we scrimp and have an ungenerous heart toward God?

As a result of the Lord's rebuke, Cain became sullen and angry. The Lord spoke with Cain and instructed him to do what was right and to bring an appropriate sacrifice, but God also warned Cain that if he did not do what was right, that sin was crouching at his door and threatened to engulf him: "it desires to have you, but you must rule over it" (Genesis 4:6b).

Cain had an opportunity to change his life, but instead he was overcome by sinful thoughts and he lured his brother into the field where, tragically, he attacked and murdered Abel. None of this was hidden from God's sight, and indeed Abel's innocent blood "spoke" and cried out from earth to Heaven, and in response Heaven spoke to earth:

"What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground." (Genesis 4:10).

The blood of Abel had reached to our Heavenly Father and He could not ignore that innocent blood had been shed. The blood of Abel testified of his innocence and spoke of his acquittal of guilt before God; the blood of Abel was a witness to his righteousness and simultaneously was a witness of Cain's unrighteous action and sin.

God said to Cain, "Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth" (verses 11-12).

Cain was driven from God's presence as a result of his sin; he was to become a homeless wanderer, whose life would be barren and fruitless. The curse resulted in spiritual death in Cain's life.

Returning our thoughts to the verse in Hebrews, we reflect again that the Blood of Jesus speaks a "better word" than the blood of Abel. In this we understand that we have come to Christ, the Mediator of the new covenant of grace, and that His Blood speaks in Heaven to testify against sin, yet simultaneously, Messiah as the perfect sacrifice testifies for all humankind, and His imputed righteousness acquits the guilty and cleanses us from all sin. The Blood of Messiah also annuls every curse!

### How Do We Break Free From a "Curse"?

In my travels around the world, particularly in Africa, I often meet people who need to embrace the reality of this truth. Let me state, however, that it is not only in Africa that Believers need to receive freedom from curses. Some folks have curses that have been operating in their lives either as a result of their own sin or as a result of their ancestor's sin. I have walked with these dear ones, to bring them into healing before the throne of Grace. It is essential that we understand the power of the Blood of Christ Jesus to speak on our behalf, to annul every demonic curse, and position us in freedom.

For dominion [all power and authority] belongs to the Lord... Psalm 22:28

The first important aspect of being set free from a curse is to establish the protection and cleansing power of Jesus Christ. Thereafter, it is important to recognize that there is a problem that requires the power of Jesus' Blood to bring breakthrough.

- Recognize (usually by revelation, but also by knowledge, understanding, wisdom)
- Confess the sin of a specific spirit in the name of Jesus
- Repent for the sin (personally, or on behalf of a family member)
- Forgive others who may have hurt you or a family member
- Renounce the specific sin(s) in Jesus' name
- Call on the name of the Lord Jesus to enable you to resist the devil (James 4:7) and commit your life to holiness and obedience to the Lord.
- Use the Word of God to make apostolic declarations of blessing over your life/your family

Declare this prayer over your life and experience the freedom Jesus has purchased for each one of us by His precious Blood:

- I revoke and destroy every generational curse speaking against my life in Jesus' name.

- I revoke every blood curse or vow speaking against my life in Jesus' name.  
I disavow every demonically inspired covenant which has bound me and I sever every satanically induced soul tie to me in the name of Jesus.
- I silence every altar speaking against me in Jesus' name.
- I renounce, revoke, and destroy every satanically inspired dedication over my life in the name of Jesus.
- I sever any spiritual connection with any other spirit than the Holy Spirit in Jesus' name.
- I shut down every demonic access point, gate, or door in Jesus' name.
- I break the power of every witchcraft spell, hex, or sorcery operating against my life in Jesus' name.
- I exercise faith in the atoning Blood of Jesus Christ.  
I call upon the name of the Lord Jesus and invoke His authority and power to bind and break the power of every demonic or satanic invocation speaking against my life.
- I loose the Holy Spirit in every area of my life.
- I re-dedicate my life in its entirety (body, spirit, and soul) to Jesus Christ.
- I receive the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- I choose to walk in obedience to the will of God.
- I release a blessing of healing, redemption, righteousness, peace, and joy over my life and speak restoration in Jesus' name to myself and my family.
- I seal this prayer in the name of Jesus and in His Blood. Amen.

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## FEELING FORSAKEN?

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### **Feeling Forsaken? Reach Out to God**

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"—Matthew 27:46

My God, My God, why have Thou forsaken Me? These gripping words were uttered by our Savior from the Cross over 2,000 years ago, yet many are feeling the same way today. For many, 2010 wasn't the year they hoped it would be. The eleventh hour has come and gone and the situation has remained the same, leaving the struggling soul feeling forsaken by God. Perhaps that's you today, and you can't see a promise in your

current suffering. Perhaps it's gotten so bad that you can't even talk yourself into trusting once again. If so, please read on.

I have experienced feeling forsaken by the Lord first-hand. I don't know about you, but for me, the feelings of guilt that accompanied my grief made me feel worse because I thought I was a double-minded Christian. After all, how could I be feeling forsaken if I truly believed the promise that the Lord will never leave or forsake me? Have you ever felt this way, too?

### Feeling Forsaken is Not the Same as Being Forsaken

Let's consider this cry from the Cross, beginning with a familiar Scripture: "In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word** was with God, and the **Word** was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made... And the **Word** became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" (John 1:1-3 & 14).

I highlighted the term "Word" in these passages because they are all the same Greek word *logos* (*Strong's #3056*) to describe the "Word" of God that was made flesh in the man Jesus Christ. But here's the thing, beloved: Jesus Christ isn't just the Word of God made flesh, He is the Promise(s) of God incarnate. **Yet even still, in His humanity, the very Promise of God experienced the feelings of being forsaken by Him.**

Please don't skim over that statement. Think about it: as the Word/Promise(s) of God made flesh, Jesus certainly knew better than anybody that God would not leave and/or forsake Him. Nevertheless, with His bloody back scraping against the wooden Cross, He cried out in His distress, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

It is difficult to understand in what sense Jesus was actually feeling forsaken by God. Some suppose that Jesus cried out because He was encountering the sin of humanity. While that certainly may be true, I believe that this utterance was a part of His humanity, thus it is a part of ours, too. Here's the thing that is very important for us to remember in these moments of desperation: **feeling forsaken is not the same thing as being forsaken.** God promised that He would not forsake us, not that we wouldn't have feelings of being forsaken. That subtle difference is paramount to me.

The Hebrew word which is most often translated as "forsaken" is '*azab* (pronounced *ah-zav*; *Strong's #5800*). The basic meaning of '*azab* is to leave, abandon, depart from, to let loose (in the idea of being loose/not firmly attached), to let go, and to

leave behind. In other words, God promises/says that He will not depart from you. He will not abandon you. You will not slip from His hands; He will not let you go. Beloved, you are firmly attached to the Lord Jesus, nothing can take you from His hands.

I can hear the Lord speaking now in the Spirit saying, "I know what you are feeling. I know you hurt, I know you're confused, scared, and even disheartened, but I am still with you. I have not forsaken you. Come unto Me, all you who are heavy laden and I WILL GIVE YOU REST."

Let's pause for a moment and come into the Lord's presence and allow Him to calm our fears and restore our hope through His Word made flesh, through His Promise(s). "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:6).

Selah...

### **Beware of the Tactics of the Enemy**

The devil has one primary goal: to kill, rob, and destroy us. One of the primary tactics that he uses is our emotions when we are hard pressed on every side. He wants us to doubt the goodness of God and the power of His promises and be swallowed up by our fear of being forsaken. **Beware of this, beloved, because if we believe that God has forsaken us while we are in the thicket of trials and tribulations, we become easy prey for the enemy.**

I am reminded of Job and his wife. Scripture reveals that while they were going through their suffering, she said to him, "Curse God and die!" (Job 2:9). Remember, she was suffering too; it wasn't just Job that lost everything...she did too. In her distress she might have felt forsaken and lost hope, because in that moment she encouraged her husband to do the unthinkable; she encouraged him to give up on God, to curse Him and just die.

Although most of us would probably say we would never curse God, there is a lesson we all can glean from here. Even if you don't outright curse God, perhaps it's possible to give up on Him, to give up on the promise, to succumb to the suffering and just want to die. Can you identify?

Perhaps you have lost everything and now your soul is screaming and you just don't know what to do. When you lose your job, your house, your health, or God forbid, your loved one, He is there. In such immense pain and suffering you may feel forsaken, you may even want to curse God, but that is just what the devil wants you to do. Instead, reach out to God.

### **The Lord Has Promised He Will Never Leave Nor Forsake Us**

I would like us to ponder Hebrews 13:5b and burn into our mind some of the truths found there so we can battle the devil the same way Jesus did: with the Word of God. It is written, "...be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'" (Hebrews 13:5b) In Greek, the phrase "be content" means so much more than to be quietly satisfied and happy. It means to **possess unfailing strength, to be strong**, as well as to suffice, and to be satisfied. I believe this is a supernatural strength that gives us supernatural contentment as we reach out to Him and He holds onto us. "For He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"

Looking at this passage in the Greek text, we discover that it is a very emphatic phrase. What I mean by that is the negative expressions of *no*, *not*, *never* are doubled, they are repeated twice. By repeating the phrase, the author adds emphasis and intensity to what he is trying to communicate to his readers. Although a literal translation is very difficult due to the strange structure of the sentence, one Greek scholar translated it like this: "**No**, I will **not** leave thee; **no**, **neither** will I utterly forsake thee" (emphasis mine). I can hear passion in the Lord's voice as He tries to convince us of this truth.

O' Hallelujah! "God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change His mind. Does He speak and then not act? Does He promise and not fulfill?" (Numbers 23:19, NIV)

So while we have troubles in this world, He has overcome the world. Don't pull away in your pain but reach out to Him. In sickness and health, through richer and poorer, through trials and tribulations, and even in life and death, the Lord God Himself has promised He would never leave nor forsake us. We will not be left behind. We will not slip from His grasp. This promise was sealed in the Blood of Christ. Amen and Amen.

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## POSITIONING FOR SPIRITUAL BREAKTHROUGH

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One thing we received from each of these meetings is the clear evidence of a remnant company of people who have positioned themselves for spiritual breakthrough and a season of fruitfulness. There is a tremendous stirring that is taking place among various leadership who have been prepared for this season and also a remnant company of God's people who will begin to restore "desolate heritages." According to Haggai 1:14:

**The Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God.**

This Scripture is a prophetic portrait of a season of supernatural restoration and the fulfillment of profound promises following Israel's Babylonian captivity. Although the invitation was given to the masses, only a core remnant responded with faithfulness and determination. Daniel's willingness to contend for the fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy unleashed a spiritual visitation that provided a spiritual stirring that provoked the hearts of Zerubbabel, Joshua and the remnant of God's people.

The word used for stirring in this context is "ur" meaning to awaken, arouse or provoke to excitement; to be stirred up. In contrast to sleep the idea is the opening of the eyes. This is a picture of what the Lord is doing today. Ezra confirmed this reality in his prophecies saying:

**Then the heads of fathers' households of Judah and Benjamin and the priests and the Levites arose, even everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up and rebuild the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem. –Ezra 1:5**

On this past Day of Atonement, the Holy Spirit began to talk to us about promises we have held in our hearts for a number of years. These promises dealt with us personally and corporately as a generation. On that very day, Bob Jones phoned to share with us revelation he received on Atonement. Part of that dealt with the delay that we have experienced over the course of the last several years. In his revelations he was told that the 2008 Shepherds Rod that we jointly prepared will have much application in the season ahead. In fact, he said there has been a two-year delay in the initiation of these promises because of spiritual, political and economic circumstances we have endured.

Even so, I believe there is a remnant company prepared to move forward with a measure of stewardship of spiritual promises that will begin to provoke our generation to its place in destiny.

We are seeing tokens of that in Mobile, Alabama and other regions experiencing spiritual awakening.

These are indeed the most profound days in Church History. The Lord will display His victory and He will have His harvest. Our cry should be that of Abraham in Genesis 18:3 saying, **My Lord, if now I have found favor in Your sight, please do not pass Your servant by**

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## A CROSSROAD

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Much of the preparatory work that has been taking place within many of God's people will be brought to a place of fullness or completion over this next season in preparation for "crossing over" into the land of fulfilled promises. Nevertheless, although a grooming mode will continue, these days will also be marked with divine visitation and personal impartation.

The Holy Spirit's refining work will continue until the Lord's return. However, there are crossroads in human history marked by divine visitation and spiritual outpouring that generate a harvest of souls and greater measures of truth and understanding in God's Word. This is accomplished through individuals who have yielded themselves to God and become trustworthy stewards of His revelation and power.

We have come to such a crossroad that presently stands before us. We must take every opportunity to allow the Holy Spirit to sift from our soul every potential hindrance and encumbrance. Like David we cry:

**Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting — Psalms 139:23-24**

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## BREAKTHROUGH WITH THE YOUNG

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The initial revelations given for this year's Day of Atonement strategy started with a vision of young adults. Clearly, everything that God is doing today involves the entirety of His Church. Every age group, ethnic community, and demographic is called to their post of duty in this, perhaps the most crucial hour in Church history. Nevertheless, the revelatory insights once again emphasized God's heart to mobilize an army of young people with radical faith and passion.

This is also evidenced by the emphasis given to this age group by our adversary in his attempt to divert and corrupt this young generation. There is presently a battle raging for our children. We must be mobilized to meet this challenge and call for the truest form of Christianity that is filled with both Spirit and power. That is the only answer we can offer to win this generation. As the prophet Joel predicted:

**Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God and there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame. And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions — Joel 2:27-28**

Again, the Lord's desire to emphasize the struggle for the young stresses its importance. The Lord intends to impart within us a form of faith that is saturated with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

**1 Peter 1:7-8 declares:**

**That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.**

Throughout Church history there have been crossroads where children and young adults were used to introduce an entire generation to the manifestation of God's Spirit. One of the most well-known in our generation is the outpouring that took place under the leadership of H. A. Baker as recorded in his book, "Visions Beyond the Veil."

This fascinating story highlights a group of young people visited by the Lord's Spirit who experienced visions and revelations of the Lord that radically transformed them and their community. There have been other examples of this reality but this one seems to capture our attention and imagination as a prophetic model of God's intent to pour His Spirit out upon all flesh.

Part of the introduction of "Vision Beyond the Veil" states:

"Visions?...In the 20th century? You might dismiss the visions of other people with a shrug. But somehow, when it's a child, it makes you stop and think. Only in this case, it was not just one child--- but many.

Children, who had been street beggars before they arrived at the Adullam Rescue Mission, asked God to reveal Himself to them. This book records the result of the faithful expectation of these young orphans. Unlearned and unschooled, they experienced revelations and visions of Heaven

surprisingly accurate to the biblical account. A truly remarkable book about the truly remarkable God!"

### The Visitation

The morning prayer meeting was lasting longer than usual. The older children left the room one by one to begin their studies in the school-room, while a few of the smaller boys remained on their knees, deep in prayer. The Lord was near; we all felt the presence of the Holy Spirit among us. Some who had gone out came back into the room.

Tears began to stream down the faces of all those present as they came under a strong conviction of sin – something we had been praying for a long time – and, with their arms in the air, they cried to the Lord for forgiveness. One person after another fell down under the mighty power of the Holy Spirit until more than twenty were lying flat on the floor. When I saw that the Lord was doing a really unusual thing among us, I slipped over to the school-room and told the boys that if they felt led to come and pray they might be excused from their school work.

In a short while the Chinese teacher was left sitting alone by the table. All his pupils had returned to the prayer room, and were now enthusiastically praying and praising the Lord. When the teacher realized there was nothing for him to do, he decided to go home. I had not invited him to come in with the children for, although he had been with us a long time, he did not seem at all interested in spiritual things. He went a short distance from the house but then turned back. When he entered the prayer room no one noticed him; everyone was too busy having their own dealings with the Lord. He went to a far corner of the room, and, for the first time in his life, knelt down and tried to pray.

The meeting went on hour after hour with the children showing no desire to leave. I had nothing to do or say; the Lord seemed in complete control; I just tried to keep out of His way

As the children saw, in their visions, the awfulness of hell, the despair of those who were lost, and the indescribable evil of the devil and his angels, their agonized crying was beyond anything I had ever experienced before. It was all incredibly real to them. In their visions many saw themselves in chains being dragged to the very edge of hell, which became an awful and terrible reality. As they realized they were sinners in the grip of the devil, who ought to be punished, they were terrified. But the grace of the Lord Jesus to bring freedom was just as real. The joy, laughter and peace they received and the knowledge of what they had been saved from was an experience which I am sure will never leave them...

In the first few days no one paid much attention to eating or sleeping. Whenever the young people began to pray the power of God would come, causing many to fall to the floor. It was impossible to have meals at regular hours without interfering with the work of the Holy Spirit. As the power of God lifted from them, various ones would go out for a time to rest or eat something, and then they would return to the prayer room soon to be under the power of the Holy Spirit again.

One thing is certain. All that was demanded of us missionaries during this move of the Holy Spirit was that we keep out of the way and did not interfere with His wonderful work. Our part was to open up our own hearts so that we too might have a deeper experience of the heavenly blessings that were being showered upon us.

From the very beginning our experience of the Holy Spirit at this time – the manifestations, the visions and revelations – was so beyond our own experience and knowledge that my wife and I said to one another that the only resource we had was to believe that God was bigger than the devil. We trusted in God's promise:



**Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him! (Matthew 11:11-13)**

There is an all out assault by the army of darkness against the young of this generation. Much of this war is fought in the realm of contemporary media. Nevertheless, where evil is abundant, grace will much more abound. (Romans 5:20) Light will always overcome darkness! Our present call as a body of believers is to become the light of this world and illuminated with present revelation. Daniel foresaw this generation and prophesied:

**Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. ---Daniel 12:3**

In Bob's vision of this reality, the young people were very joyous as they were having personal encounters with the Lord. In the experience the youth were shouting, "joy unspeakable and full of glory," emphasizing this Scripture and God's intent to manifest this aspect of His plan during this next spiritual season.

In its truest form, joy is a sense of well-being despite circumstances. Those that maintain this position in their hearts, and recognize God's sovereignty, will begin to experience measures of glory in the coming season.

College Campuses will continue to be visited by God's Spirit to awaken this young generation to the reality of the true Christian life. Many of tomorrow's champions will be identified in this environment and prepared to be used by the Holy Spirit, even in their youth. This will be part of the restoration of our inheritance that has become desolate. Isaiah prophesied:

**In a favorable time I have answered you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you; and I will keep you and give you for a covenant of the people, to restore the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritages; Saying to those who are bound, 'Go forth,' to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' Along the roads they will feed, and their pasture will be on all bare heights — Isaiah 49:8-9**

Many of America's universities were initially formed as institutions to prepare people to carry the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations of the earth. This mandate will be recaptured with modern-day missionaries being commissioned and empowered with end-time anointing. These individuals will not merely carry good theological understanding but an experiential encounter that has transformed them.

The youth of this generation are going to discover exuberance and joy in God for which the spirit of this world has no substitute. They will discover that the greatest journey of all is to walk with the Lord Jesus and know Him intimately. Drugs, alcohol and other addictions will then lose their captivation among this group.

## PANEL OF SEVEN JUDGES

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The next vision highlighted a panel of seven God ordained “judges” commissioned to begin judging prophecies to determine which are from the Lord and which are not. He saw six men and one-woman serving in this capacity. Presently, there is a flood of prophetic insight being distributed to the Church. Many of the things prophesied are from the Holy Spirit while others are born in the mind and imagination of people, while yet others may be a mixture of both.

During biblical times, the sounding of a trumpet was crucial. Their lives depended upon the clarity of the sound so that the people would know how to prepare themselves. There was a trumpet sound for war and another trumpet sound for a holy convocation. Our present call is for our trumpet to be clear, concise and accurate. This will begin to eliminate much of the confusion that now exists.

Our generation is desperate for a more sure word of prophecy. We must improve in this area. Thankfully, through these revelations, the Lord is emphasizing His desire to provide the spiritual insight we need to meet this challenge. In essence, the Lord desires to remove the leaven from our prophetic insight so that we see more clearly the path ahead and the necessary preparation to cooperate with Him.

During the prophetic ministry of Ezekiel there were many people prophesying false visions and utterances. The river had been polluted by the agendas of men. Even so, the Lord promised a time of restoration when gallant men and women would stand before God and say only what He is saying. Ezekiel recorded:

**Son of man, what is this proverb you people have concerning the land of Israel, saying, "The days are long and every vision fails"? Therefore say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD, "I will make this proverb cease so that they will no longer use it as a proverb in Israel." But tell them, "The days draw near as well as the fulfillment of every vision.**

**For there will no longer be any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel. "For I the LORD will speak, and whatever word I speak will be performed. It will no longer be delayed, for in your days, O rebellious house, I will speak the word and perform it," declares the Lord GOD." — Ezekiel 12:22-25**

The number seven is a number of completion and fullness. Seeing the seven “judges” does not necessarily imply that there will literally be seven people charged with this responsibility, although that is a possibility. Rather, we believe it is a commission being given to the Church and a complete release of grace to achieve it.

The entire body of Christ worldwide will experience this measure of wisdom and understanding to discern His voice and be separated from others. The Lord promised:

**My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand — John 10:27-28**

The Spirit of revelation is fundamentally essential for the eradication of spiritual stupor that blinds our eyes and stops our ears from hearing clearly. Without God's illumination, we are doomed to repeating past mistakes and failures. Moses' generation missed their door of opportunity because they did not possess eyes to see, ears to hear and a heart to understand God's purpose. (Deuteronomy 29:4)

### The Living Word

Separating the clean from the unclean and the precious from the profane can only be achieved by the manifestation of the Living Word. Hebrews 4:12 states:

**For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. — Hebrews 4:12**

These days will see the Lord returning as the Living Word to separate spirit from soul and judge the thoughts and intentions of men's hearts. Many of our prophetic utterances are determined by the sincerity of our hearts. We simply cannot allow selfish ambition or personal agendas to dictate the flow of prophetic insight.

The prophet Micaiah is a wonderful spiritual type of this ministry emerging today. This man of God lived during the days of Ahab and Jezebel. On one occasion Ahab invited righteous King Jehoshaphat to partner with him in war against Israel's enemies. Interestingly, Ahab's desire was to retake Ramoth-Gilead, a territory that rightfully belonged Israel. However, this fulfillment would not take place under his unrighteous leadership but at an appointed time.

Jehoshaphat purposed to inquire of the Lord to determine God's will in this endeavor. Hence, Ahab paraded 400 of his prophets before the Kings. Everyone prophesied the wishes of Ahab. Something in the heart of Jehoshaphat was not content with this perspective. He asked if there was yet one more who could contact Heaven and declare God's heart. Ahab said:

**There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD, but I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. He is Micaiah son of Imlah. — I Kings 22:8**

There was one prophet willing to say just what God was saying and his name was Micaiah. This courageous prophet withstood overwhelming pressure from the other prophetic camp in order to stand before Israel and Judah as a righteous prophetic voice.

**I Kings 22:13-14** records that:

**Then the messenger who went to summon Micaiah spoke to him saying, "Behold now, the words of the prophets are uniformly favorable to the king. Please let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak favorably. But Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, what the LORD says to me, that I shall speak."**

Micaiah related to Ahab and Jehoshaphat his vision of seeing a deceiving spirit being commissioned from God's Throne to rest upon Ahab's prophets. It is important to understand that these voices were Hebrew prophets that were supposed to be trained and equipped to stand before Israel as God's spokesmen. But because of wrong motivations, God allowed a spirit of deception to prevail leading to Ahab's demise.

Micaiah went on to prophesy the failure of this mission and the ultimate downfall and death of Ahab. Clearly, this infuriated the king who vowed to reward Micaiah with incarceration saying:

**Put this man in prison and feed him sparingly with bread and water until I return safely. "Micaiah said, "If you indeed return safely the LORD has not spoken by me." — I Kings 22:27-28**

The strength and fortitude of Micaiah is a prophetic model for the panel of "judges" that will bring separation in the coming days. All prophetic voices have the opportunity to allow this sifting and separation to take place within us so that our own voices would be pure and unadulterated.

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## THE NUMBER SEVEN

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Seven seems to be the number with primary prophetic significance for this year. Seven is taken from a root word signifying completion or fullness. It is first used in Genesis 2:2 when God rested after the completion of His labors.

God rested on the seventh day because His work was entirely perfect and complete. Therefore, we can interpret this application to signify this year as a time of measurable completion of God's preparatory dealings within our lives before the next installment of His plan.

God's provision in and through the Lord Jesus is complete and perfect. The life that He demonstrated on earth and the power ministry that He conveyed is one that we can aspire to, but only through submission to the Holy Spirit. Seven is also a symbolic representation of the sevenfold Spirit of God that will rest upon the "sons of the Kingdom." (Matthew 13:38)

**In Zechariah 4:6 the prophet declared:**

**Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts. What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" ...The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands will finish it. Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. For who has despised the day of small things? But these seven will be glad when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel-- these are the eyes of the LORD which range to and fro throughout the earth."**

The Seven Spirits of God will rejoice when they see a righteous "plumbline" being demonstrated among God's people. That is the function of the seven judges who will begin to separate truth from the precepts of men. This work will begin to prepare the bride of Christ without spot or wrinkle so that she can become one with the Bridegroom. This season of the Spirit will initiate this process in greater measure.

When a time of completion has arrived, then a day of new beginnings will be birthed. The Lord has "fullness of time" junctures in human history when His Spirit flourishes with fresh understanding of His nature and character. The results will always be a harvest of souls and greater influence in Heavenly places. This time of completion will launch us into such a time as that.

Someone once said that time was created so that everything would not happen at once. Clearly, Church history validates that we have been in a progressive recovery of lost heritage and the maturation of a body of people to walk as "sons of the Kingdom." We also have a biblical promise outlining God's ability to redeem lost time and do quickly what we perceive would take a long time.

After 40 years, Israel's wandering came to a completion and a new beginning surfaced. Likewise, our generation saw in 1967 the long foretold restoration of Jerusalem into the hands of the Jewish people. That has also run a complete cycle marking another day of new beginnings both for Israel and the Church.

This reality also has significant implications with the political environment and our involvement in the war on terrorism. The Lord has made it emphatically clear that if His people will pray for our President and our armies that He will do something miraculous that will allow us as a nation to withdraw from Iraq in victory and honor, not in defeat and shame.

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### A Harvest of Prophets

In the next series of revelations, Bob saw a harvest of individuals coming from the black community, especially the young, who will immediately be thrust into an accelerated training and equipping mode to function as prophets to the nations. God has ordained for significant leadership to emerge from our black brothers and sisters with an emphasis on the revelatory gifting and prophetic worship.

Our counsel is to recognize this spiritual emphasis and co-operate with the Holy Spirit in its fulfillment. I have repeatedly heard the Lord say this season will generate a harvest of harvesters. There is a grace to win souls into the Kingdom during this new beginning with an equal accentuation on training and equipping.

During March, 2007 while doing a conference in England, I received a wonderful confirmation of this truth through Surprise Sithole. Surprise is a black man from South Africa and works with Rolland and Heidi Baker and Iris Ministries. I wrote about this revelation in my book Angels That Gather. The following is an excerpt:

### Harvesters Arise

One final confirmation concerning this generation's promised harvest arrived only days before this book was scheduled to go to print. While in Dudley, England, to speak at a prophetic conference, I met Surprise Sithole, African director of Partners in Harvest. He helps oversee, with Rolland and Heidi Baker, over six thousand Churches birthed through Iris Ministries in Mozambique, Africa. Notable miracles the Lord performed through this man of God are on record. On my behalf the Lord used Surprise to offer the final affirmation that this is the season for a harvest of harvesters.

In my session, I began to speak about the revelation of the present mandate to entreat the Lord of the Harvest to gather laborers into the barn to be trained and mentored through a season of accelerated equipping for the great harvest. When I shared this revelation, Surprise grew very excited and mentioned that this was the first time a revelation given to him three years before had been confirmed.

He related to the group how in 2004 he had been in a service and found himself troubled by some of what had transpired. He immediately went to his hotel room and knelt on the floor to pray. When he did, he felt a sensation of ascending, similar to what one would experience in a very fast elevator.

When he opened his eyes, he realized he was having a Heavenly experience. There before him stood the Ancient of Days with millions of people prostrate before Him in adoration and worship. The transition from the natural to the spiritual realm had shifted so suddenly he was uncertain what had transpired. The Ancient of Days assured him he was experiencing a divine revelation with a strategic purpose.

Surprise then found himself holding Heavenly fruit. With this realization, he also saw Enoch and Elijah standing at a distance. His first inclination was to share this fruit with them. However, the Ancient of Days informed him that the fruit was not for them but for the people of the earth.

The Ancient of Days counseled, "Take this fruit and share it with your brethren in the earth, and tell the harvesters to arise." Surprise was overwhelmed by that statement's magnitude. "How?" he asked. The Lord answered, "The gifts are coming." Finally, Surprise asked one more question: "When?" With that final question the millions who had been prostrate before the Lord stood to their feet and simultaneously shouted, "NOW!"

I was thrilled beyond description to hear Surprise share this testimony of his Heavenly experience. He heard directly from the Lord's lips the directive for the "harvesters to arise." This gave me the final confirmation of our entry into a season that will exhibit both the fruit of the Spirit and the power of God. The purpose of this impartation will be to gather a wave of harvest consisting primarily of harvesters to be used in the great harvest.

#### Embracing our Opportunity

We have reached a "fullness of time" juncture in Church history. God's end-time plan is being catapulted in motion with a "breakthrough" anointing. Naturally, this is not all He is doing but certainly it is a vital part.

**The LORD has opened His armory and has brought forth the weapons of His indignation; For it is a work of the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans ---Jeremiah 50:25**

End Excerpt from Angels That Gather...

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## THE WHITE STONE

From an article by Rick Joyner called "The White Stone Promise" ([www.morningstarministries.org](http://www.morningstarministries.org))

**He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. "To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it." (Revelation 1:17)**

The hidden manna and stone with their name on it that no one knows speaks of a secret provision and relationship with the Lord. All Christians that refused to bow their knee to the new institution of the church [referring to Pope, etc] had to remain hidden because they were hunted and persecuted by the increasingly corrupted church. We can only imagine how confusing this was, but God took care of the faithful. There has always been a remnant that kept itself from the corruption of the world.

In Roman trials, the accused would be given a black stone if found guilty and a white stone if found innocent. By the Lord promising those who overcome in this period a white stone, He was saying to the overcomers that He found them innocent and has given them a new name, even if it could not be revealed yet. To be given a new name is one of the greatest honors from the Lord, such as when He gave Jacob the name Israel, and He also gave different names to some of His disciples. The names given by God are a reflection of how He sees us, who we really are. It is far better to be known by God than by all men.

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## THE SEEDS OF HEAVEN BECOMING THE SONS OF GOD

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I would like to both prophesy something to the Body of Christ and also teach the Body of Christ into the fulfillment of the prophecy. I recently spent the day with Bob Jones (the prophet) and one of the clearest things he told me is that there is an awesome anointing being released at this time to write and impart to people through prophetic writing and teaching.

The Lord has been speaking very clearly to me lately about His desire for His people to GROW UP! The verse he gave me is **Galatians 4:1**,

*"Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all."*

God is saying that it is time for the seeds that have been planted from heaven to grow and mature and produce fruit. Who are these seeds of heaven? The seeds are you and me! At the time of your salvation experience you were born again of the Spirit and the seed of heaven was conceived within you. I recently wrote an article on ["Birthing Manifestations of the Realm of Heaven on Earth"](#) where I spoke about Jesus being conceived within us at the moment of salvation and our calling to "bring forth" the Son of God just as Mary brought forth the Son into this world. Right after completing this word the Lord gave me another encounter and released the word you are reading now. Let me tell you what happened:

I entered the realm of the spirit and found myself in a forest covered with a gray substance, like ash. It seemed as if the entire land was dead. When I looked at myself, all I saw was a nasty gray color. In the distance, I saw one single ball of brilliant light floating in the air. I walked towards the light. As I got closer,



the light began to move away from me as if it was beckoning me to follow. The ball of light approached a wall and passed right through it. I examined the wall where the light passed through and discovered a door. However, this door was like no other door I've ever seen. This door was very narrow and only about waist high. I got down on my knees to open the door and I passed through to the other side. The next thing I saw was a portal-like opening in the wall. I passed through it and entered back into, the land of gray. I looked totally different than I had before. I was covered in the most brilliant, shimmering, golden light from head to toe. The light emanating from my being lit up the entire forest. I watched as people raised their heads to look upon the light and began to walk towards me. The encounter was over.

The Lord immediately began to reveal to me the prophetic symbolism and meaning of the vision. The dead land is this natural realm and the gray ash is the spirit of this world trying to cover up and suffocate the life of the people. The ball of light was a seed from heaven coming as the voice of God and beckoning me to come into *His* realm. The short and narrow door was a prophetic picture of the posture that is required to enter the realm of the Kingdom and dwell in the Lord's presence. Entering the door on my knees was symbolic of entering the Lord's presence with humility and reverence. By spending time "on the other side", in the realm of the Kingdom, the seed of heaven grew until the deposit of heaven within me became the atmosphere I carried around me. I then "became" the portal, or door, between the two worlds and walking back into this fallen world, as a person full of light, attracted the unbelievers still living in darkness.

This vision was a message from the Lord's heart inviting us as believers to experience everything that is offered to us. The Body of Christ is being called to grow up and begin to live in and function in our inheritance. What is our inheritance? To experience the Lord the way Adam and Eve experienced Him in the Garden of Eden. God wants His people to be restored to that place of intimate friendship once again. It is those who have an intimate friendship with God who will be used as instruments for God's glory!

How do we come to this place of divine exchange with the Lord? Well, first we must realize that we are already complete in Him.

### **WE ARE COMPLETE IN HIM**

**Colossians 1:27** speaks of the mystery of Christ in us the Hope of Glory:

*"To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."*

**Colossians 2:9-10** says:

*"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power."*

At the moment of our salvation we received within our spirits the most complete and perfect impartation from heaven ever given to man: Jesus Himself. Everything God is ever going to do for us was already done and completed when he imparted Himself within us. How could we ever receive anything better or more complete than God Himself? All the power, anointing, revelation and glory of heaven now reside within you and me. Even more than that, we are now a direct link, or gateway, for heaven to touch earth. Because not only is Christ seated within us but He is also seated at the right hand of the Father in Heavenly places and we are seated there with Him (Eph. 2). The portal from heaven to earth is God's people.

So if we are complete in Him then why are we not seeing the manifestations of heaven on earth in our everyday lives? Because the seed of heaven within us must grow and consume every soulish and fleshly area of our lives until we are totally yielded to the Holy Spirit in every way. The natural process for bringing life into the world is first for conception to take place, then the growth of the baby, and then birth. Jesus was conceived in the womb of Mary but growth still had to take place before birth.

### **MOVING FROM SPIRITUAL BABES TO MATURE HEIRS**

When you are born again, no matter what age you are physically, you are a spiritual baby. You are most definitely a son of God and you are most definitely a co-heir, but still a baby.

### **Galatians 4:1**

*"Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all."*

Let me put this in words that directly relate to our lives at this time. We, as believers, are sons of God and co-heirs with Christ. We are "masters of all", just as the scripture states above, but if we are still children then it is as if we are slaves. In a kingdom you can be the son of a King and everyone knows that everything in that kingdom belongs to you but you don't begin to operate as a ruler in that kingdom until you come of age and mature to be a man. Once you grow up and mature then you begin to operate in your inheritance and rule in the kingdom.

It is exactly the same in God's Kingdom. The reason we don't have more of His glory and power manifesting through our lives is because many of the Body of Christ are still babes in the spirit. Look at these scriptures with me:

### **Hebrews 5:12-14**

*"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."*

### **1 Corinthians 3:1-3**

*"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you are not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?"*

If we want our inheritance then we have to *grow up*. What is our inheritance? Our inheritance is to eat of the solid food of heaven; divine and secret mysteries, great power and anointing from the Holy Spirit, and the very glory of God as our own atmosphere!

### **WE ARE GOD'S FIELD, GOD'S BUILDING AND GOD'S BODY**

The analogy given to us in scripture is that the kingdom of heaven is planted within us as a seed and it is intended to grow and expand within us and on the earth. In 1 Corinthians 3:9 it says that *"you are God's field, you are God's building."* Just up from this verse it talks about how men of God planted and watered but God gives the increase to our lives. Just after this verse it talks about believers being the temple of the Holy Spirit.

God has given us the five-fold ministry so that the body of Christ might grow into a mature man with the fullness of Christ and no longer be children.

### **Ephesians 4:11-14a:**

*"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children."*

Over the last several decades the Lord has worked diligently to restore the five-fold ministry within the church. Now it's time for the body to be equipped, mature into a man, operating in the fullness of Christ, and no longer be children!

Another great example from scripture about seeds and growth is Isaiah 55. There is an invitation to come to the waters and drink freely. This chapter talks about not wasting our money (time, energy, attention, etc) on things that do not satisfy but rather we should come and drink of the waters by listening to the Lord and hearing His words. If we will be a people that listen to Him then we will be leaders and commanders, and nations we do not know will run to us because of the Lord's glory upon us. The passage then goes on to talk about something very interesting.

### **Isaiah 55:8-11**

*"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down from heaven, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."*

This passage tells us that God's words that come from His mouth are actually seeds that are planted and sent with a purpose to accomplish on the earth.

### **John 6:63** says:

*"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."*

The very words from the mouth of God are impartations of life to us! And what is the purpose of hearing God as a friend?

### **Isaiah 55:12-13**

*"For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."*

We are to be unto the Lord for a name. When we experience intimacy with the Lord and hear the intimate words of His mouth, conception takes place, and fruit comes forth! Instead of thorns and briars coming up in our life we will have the cypress (strength) and the myrtle tree (victory).

## **THE NATURE OF THE KINGDOM IS TO EXPAND AND HAVE DOMINION ON THE EARTH**

The Bible says that the Kingdom of Heaven is within you. We know from scripture that the nature of the Kingdom is to grow and dominate. Look at **Mark 4:30-32**;

*"To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots out large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."*

Likewise, the kingdom is sown within us at salvation and it must grow into a fruitful tree!

Look at **Daniel 2:35b, 44**:

*"And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. Vs. 44: And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."*

The Kingdom of God is meant to expand and have dominion over all other kingdoms. The Garden of Eden was a prophetic symbol, or picture, of God's Kingdom and government. God's original intention for the garden was for it to be tended by Adam and Eve, its borders to be expanded and its government to cover the earth!

We are now God's garden, God's field, God's building, and God's body and we are called to bring the Kingdom of heaven to earth with mighty demonstrations of dominion and authority! But first that garden within us must grow and take dominion over every lesser kingdom that remains in our lives.

### **GROWING IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MAN**

Did you know that Jesus, Himself, actually grew in favor with His Father? God's love is not partial because He loves everyone the same, no matter what our accomplishments are. However, God is partial with His favor upon man. An example of this is the fact that there are some who are manifesting more of the Kingdom of God in their lives than others around them. In going back to the analogy of the heir as a child within his father's kingdom, we will realize that the Father loves his son just as much when he's a child as when he is an adult. However, the father will give him more favor when the child becomes a man and the King promotes him to a place of rulership in the Kingdom. Look at the second chapter of **Luke:**

*"And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him (vs.40)."*

*"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men (vs.52)."*

Jesus grew strong in spirit and therefore became someone capable of receiving solid food from heaven. We are created from two different realms. **Genesis 2:7**, says that we are created from the combination of the dust of the ground (natural realm) and the breath of life (spiritual realm) and we became a living being or soul. It's possible for us to be quite old physically and still be a baby spiritually. We as believers need to exercise our spiritual senses, become more familiar with the spiritual realm through intimacy with God, and become mature spiritual people full of His fullness!

Peter came to a place of such fullness that he carried a healing atmosphere all around him in **Acts 5:15:**

*"so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a great multitude gathered from around the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed."*

### **THE LORD'S HEART FOR THIS HOUR!**

Let's not limit how much of God we can have and express. It's time for the Body of Christ to GROW UP and move from babes to mature sons of God and the spotless bride of Christ!

I sincerely believe that the Lord is issuing a clear notice to the Body of Christ that it is time to mature and begin to operate in nothing less than our full inheritance. Part of our inheritance is to carry the realm of heaven within us, upon us, and around us. Let's get serious with God and go after Him like never before. Let's begin to allow that seed of incredible potential within us to be released and display the Glory of God to the world!

***"Father, I pray for every person reading this that you would speak to them so clearly about their own***

*lives. Stir up the Body of Christ to maturity. Overshadow us with your Spirit and cause Your Kingdom within us to grow and expand and have dominion over every area of our lives. I pray that mighty demonstrations of Your character, Your Glory, and Your power would begin to spring forth from Your people! In Jesus Name."*

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## SEARCH OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR EYES OF FIRE

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### **SPIRITUAL MISCARRIAGE**

I recently had an incredible prophetic experience with God where I believe He clearly spoke to me about one characteristic of the times we are living in. He was telling me that His eyes are roaming to and fro throughout the whole earth looking to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are completely loyal to Him (2 Chron. 16:9). Immediately after hearing this, a hand came from the heavenlies, pulled me upward and sat me down right before the throne of God. I looked in astonishment at Father God sitting upon His throne totally engulfed in the most brilliant flame. Hebrews 12:29 was immediately quickened to me, "*For our God is a consuming fire.*"

The Father reached His hand out from the fire and began to caress my face. He began to speak to me about holiness and setting our lives apart unto Him. For those who will set their lives apart unto Him in intimacy, He will experientially open up the heavens over their lives and manifest His glory upon them and through them. In this atmosphere of God's fire the heavens truly did open and the whole atmosphere changed. I wept for over an hour as waves of His glory came rolling through the RV I was traveling in. As I left the RV I told the worship leader there was an open heaven in there and if she would just step in she would immediately enter into a visitation with God, and it happened!

We are in a time where God is looking for those who will lay their lives on the altar and let themselves be consumed by His fire. Only God can truly set us apart unto Him and make us holy. As we completely set ourselves apart unto Him then He will open up the heavens over us and show Himself strong upon this generation through awesome miracles, signs and wonders.

God is speaking clearly in these times to His people. God is looking for a remnant of people who are totally in love with and consecrated to Him that He might place His glory upon them and see Heaven brought to earth.

Earlier this year I released a word about how to "Birth Manifestations of the Realm of Heaven on Earth" and since that time God has brought more clarity to me on this subject. In that word I spoke about how Mary was chosen to bring forth the Son of God into the world in human flesh. The Holy Spirit overshadowed her and Jesus Christ was conceived within her womb. Jesus Christ was a living, breathing, move of God. Every place he went heaven was brought forth on the earth. The Kingdom of Heaven was truly "at hand" when Jesus was on the scene. A young virgin girl was chosen to bring this move of God forth. In the same way Jesus Christ was conceived within Mary, He was also conceived within every born again believer at the moment of salvation and we now have a move of God living within us.

The task and challenge of the hour is for the people of God to come into a place of such union and intimacy with the Lord that "Christ within" is released and the Glory of God is spread on the earth. One day while brushing my teeth, of all things, I began to ask the Lord, "If we truly carry Jesus Christ, 'the greatest move of God' within us, then why is He not being brought forth through the lives of His people?" Holy Spirit immediately answered me and left me standing at the sink motionless with my toothbrush still in my mouth. I stood there for quite some time as the Lord began to download revelation into my spirit.

The Lord responded with this: "It's a miscarriage! My people are suffering a spiritual miscarriage."

"But why, Lord?" I said.

### **CHROMOSOMES OF HEAVEN**

He responded by telling me about chromosomes. It takes 23 chromosomes from a man and 23 chromosomes from a woman to produce a baby. A miscarriage is where something in the chromosomes is off or maybe there is not a perfect number of chromosomes, and therefore the baby is not born successfully. In Mary's situation she had her 23 chromosomes within her womb but Jesus had no earthly father, so where did Jesus' Father's chromosomes come from? THE VERY DNA OF HEAVEN! The DNA of Father God, Heaven's 23 chromosomes, was implanted within Mary when the Holy Spirit overshadowed her and the Christ Child was conceived!

So, if God's people are having a spiritual miscarriage then somehow, spiritually speaking, there is a bad mixture within the chromosomes. I remember Bobby Conner saying one time that the Lord spoke to Him audibly once and said,

*"I will pour out My Spirit without measure when I have a people without mixture."*

This is one of the biggest problems facing God's people in this day. God was using the analogy of chromosomes to speak to me about the mixture within the Body of Christ. I've already stated that Christ was also conceived within our spirit at salvation in a spiritual sense and He now lives within us. In a spiritual way, the very DNA of heaven has also



been implanted within us and our mission is now to bring forth the Son of God on the earth and reveal His glory. This is Authentic Christianity: to live in intimate union with the Lord and out of that relationship destroy the works of the devil and manifest the realm of Heaven on earth daily.

I would liken heaven's DNA, or chromosomes, to "Grace and Power" from on high. All grace and power has already been made available to us and in fact already lives within us. I would liken our chromosomes to "Consecration and Yielded ness." The only difference between Jesus Christ in His earthly life and us is that He was completely yielded and consecrated to the Holy Spirit. When you have a perfect mixture of "grace and power" from on high and our "consecration and yielded ness" then you have a worldwide move of God! But instead, the church today is consumed with a mixture of the world and its systems in the midst of our relationship with God. If we can get the mixture of the world out and have clean hands and a pure heart then we will see the Lord and reflect His glory!

## **THE PRIESTHOOD**

Many of us want to rule and reign as "overcoming kings" but first we must learn to be "consecrated priests." The King is the one who administrates and wields the power and authority of the Kingdom. This would be the anointing for miracles, signs and wonders and powerful decrees that shift and change things in the heavenlies and the natural realm. However, before we operate in the anointing of kings we must first learn to function as priests of the Lord.

The Bible says that we are both priests and kings.

### **1 Peter 2:9-10**

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

### **Revelation 1:6**

*And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

I want to focus on the life of a priest for a moment because I believe this is where the mixture is coming in. The priests in the Old Testament were from the Tribe of Levi. The whole Tribe of Levi was called out and set apart by the Lord to serve Him as priests. The life of the priest was to look totally different from the lives of other people in Israel. When an Israelite came across a priest they knew right away because their lives were so totally different. We are now the royal priesthood of God and our lives, in a spiritual sense, should line up with those of the Old Testament. I'm not saying we are to follow all the forms and rituals that Old Testament priests followed but I do believe we are to have the

same heart as the OT priests. The heart I'm speaking of is one of total abandon to the Lord, with no mixture of the world.

### **NO MIXTURE OF THE WORLD**

The priests were to have nothing of the world in them. Their lives were to stand for "Holiness Unto The Lord." Do you know what holiness means? It means set apart. We also are to have nothing of the world in our hearts. Now, obviously we live in this world everyday so it's impossible not to be a part of it but what I'm saying is that nothing of the world should have a place within our hearts and our relationship with God. Look at this scripture:

#### **1 John 2:15-17**

*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

Notice this verse mentions three major sins: The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. I believe you can fit every sin of the world in one of these three categories. In the scripture above, John lists these three categories of sin as being totally of the world.

### **MIXTURE CAME IN THE BEGINNING**

Before the fall, Adam and Eve were enjoying 24 hour God-consciousness in the Garden of Eden. They were living in the place of face-to-face relationship with the Lord. How awesome is that? What did the devil do to come and ruin it all? He tempted them with mixture. Adam and Eve were totally satisfied with the Lord and His presence and then Satan came in the form of the serpent and offered them some of the fruit of the world. He tricked them into taking part in the 3 sins of the world mentioned in the scripture above in 1 John.

Let's read it in **Gen 3:6**;

*When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.*

Eve saw that the tree was "good for food" which is the lust of the flesh. She saw that it was a "delight to the eyes" which is the lust of the eyes. Finally, she saw that the tree was "desirable to make one wise" which is the pride of life.

As soon as they took of the fruit and ate, the mixture of the world came in, and they lost their close fellowship with God. This is what is happening in the Body of Christ today. We want to rule and reign as overcoming kings with the power of God but we haven't learned



to live a life of intimacy, consecration, and yieldedness as consecrated priests. We have too much mixture.

The priests were called to serve God with their **entire life**. They were not to wrap God around their lifestyles. God was to be their lifestyle!

## **TENDING THE FLAME**

The priests were called to do many things in the daily duties of the temple and serving the people, however, I only want to focus on one of those things right now. The priests were called to "tend the flame":

### **Exodus 27:20-21**

*"And you shall charge the sons of Israel, that they bring you clear oil of beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually. "In the tent of meeting, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the LORD; it shall be a perpetual statute throughout their generations for the sons of Israel.*

### **Leviticus 6:12-13**

*'And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it. It shall not go out, but the priest shall burn wood on it every morning; and he shall lay out the burnt offering on it, and offer up in smoke the fat portions of the peace offerings on it. 'Fire shall be kept burning continually on the altar; it is not to go out.*

Tending the flame is significant to us as the priests today because I believe that prophetically it symbolizes tending the flame of our relationship with God daily. The two scriptures above speak of tending the lamp and tending the fire on the altar. Every morning the priests were to put fresh wood on that altar to ensure that the flame didn't weaken in any way but continued to burn bright. They were to keep the lamp burning continually and never let it go out.

This is part of our problem in the church today. Many Christians only tend their lamp and stoke their fire on Sundays when they go to church. But we're supposed to be tending our lamp and stoking our fire every morning and all throughout the day. This is the difference between wrapping God around our lifestyle and God BEING our lifestyle!

## **ELI VS SAMUEL**

God is raising up a people who will be totally consecrated and yielded to Him with their entire lives. The people of the world are yearning and looking for something real and supernatural in their life. The problem is that the people of the world are not coming to the church to experience it. They are throwing their money away to psychics and fortune-tellers just to fill that desire to hear and feel something from the supernatural realm. Every

person on the earth was born with what I call a big "God-shaped hole" in their heart and people will search their entire lives to find something to fill that void. We were born with a desire to see the impossible in our lives be made possible.

We as the Body of Christ on this earth must take hold of our inheritance and share it with the world. Our inheritance is none other than God Himself (Ezek. 44:28) and when we rise up and begin to live as true priests, with God at the center of everything, then we will begin to rule as kings and become carriers of God's glory!

The church today reminds me of the days of Eli and Samuel in **1 Samuel 3:1-4**:

*Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD before Eli. And word from the LORD was rare in those days, visions were infrequent. And it happened at that time as Eli was lying down in his place (now his eyesight had begun to grow dim and he could not see well), and the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was, that the LORD called Samuel; and he said, "Here I am."*

In the days of Eli the word of the Lord was rare and there was no widespread revelation. In other words, the priests were not hearing from God and therefore neither were the people of Israel. Why were the priests not hearing from God? Because the mixture of the world had crept into the lives of the priesthood. Let me be blunt for a moment: Eli's sons were sleeping with the women of Israel right outside God's temple and Eli did nothing about it (1 Sam. 2:22).

All throughout the Old Testament we see God saying to Israel; "You have played the harlot with many lovers; Yet return to Me," says the Lord (Jer. 3:1b). We are to have only one Lover in our life and that is to be Jesus Christ! Yet today we still have the same problem as Israel did in the days of Jeremiah. God's people are settling for "lesser lovers" rather than fully embracing the One Supreme Lover of our souls!

This issue of mixture in the church is causing a famine of the word of the Lord in the Body of Christ. However, just as in the days of Eli, God is raising up the Samuel's of today. There is a remnant of people who are not letting their lamp grow dim nor their fire go out. They are fully embracing the King of Glory as their one Supreme Lover and stoking that fiery love in their hearts everyday! In 1 Samuel 3:3 it says that the lamp of God was just about to go out and that is the reason why Eli was no longer hearing God. He had become desensitized to his relationship with God as a priest, called to keep the fire of love burning. Samuel was just a young boy but his life symbolized consecration. His mother, Hannah, made a vow before Samuel was ever conceived in her womb, that if God would give her a son she would offer him to the Lord to serve in the temple all of his life. God granted that request and raised up for Himself a man who would be totally consecrated as a priest and therefore, throughout Samuel's life, God let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground (1 Sam. 3:19).

God is again, today, looking for that remnant that will fully consecrate their lives to Him, in

love. This remnant of over comers will come into such a place of union with the Lord that when they speak and declare a thing, it will be established and God will let none of their words fall to the ground because they are speaking His words. This is where God is taking us!

## ZADOK PRIESTHOOD

I believe there is a clear "distinction" that God is bringing to what I call, the "institutional church." My definition of the institutional church would include every denominational and non-denominational church anywhere in the world that claims to worship Jesus Christ as the Son of God. I believe that within the institutional church there is a remnant of people that are truly born-again and serving the Lord. Many others have either never heard the gospel because it's never actually preached in their church services or they are just nominal people that believe they are going to heaven simply because they go to church on Sundays, or even just on Christmas and Easter, or maybe just because their Grandma went to church!

There is a challenge being issued from the Throne of God in this hour much like Elijah's challenge on Mount Carmel. The challenge is: "Choose this day whom you will serve!" The darkness and evil in the world is getting darker so therefore the glory of the Lord and the light of Heaven on the earth is going to get brighter! God is pouring out His glory and power on that remnant of faithful over comers who press through the spirit of the world and truly touch God in supernatural ways.

We see this illustrated in **Ezekiel 44:10, 13:**

*"But the Levites who went far from Me, when Israel went astray, who went astray from Me after their idols, shall bear the punishment for their iniquity. "And they shall not come near to Me to serve as a priest to Me, nor come near to any of My holy things, to the things that are most holy; but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed.*

In the scripture above we see a group of Levites, which were the priests, who had left the Lord's side. Actually, the truth is, these priests probably never truly served the Lord with their whole heart because as soon as tribulation came they went astray. And God says of these priests that they will not come near Him or near His holy things, nor into the Most Holy Place. Why? Because their hearts were far from Him. Those who are not truly serving and living for the Lord in their hearts, but rather just living a life of lip service will never actually touch the holy things of heaven. What are the holy things of heaven? Face-to-face encounters with the Lord, heavenly experiences, the presence of God, wisdom, secrets and mysteries of heaven made clear, the peace of God, and the power and glory of God resting on our lives and much more...

However, during this time in Ezekiel's life there was a remnant of priests, or Christians, that did not stray from the Lord but continued to press in and tend the lamp of God in their lives. These priests were called the priests of Zadok:

### **Ezekiel 44:15:**

*"But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the sons of Israel went astray from Me, shall come near to Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer Me the fat and the blood," declares the Lord GOD.*

God says that these priests will be the ones who come near to Him, minister to Him and partake of the divine nature and the holy things of heaven. This is the distinction that God is bringing to His "Body" on the earth. In these times, it will become more and more evident who the true followers of Jesus are because their hearts will be awakened and a renewed passion will come upon them to seek God's face and touch Him afresh.

Look at what's available to these faithful priests:

### **Ezekiel 44:16,24:**

*"They shall enter My sanctuary; they shall come near to My table to minister to Me and keep My charge. "And in a dispute they shall take their stand to judge; they shall judge it according to My ordinances. They shall also keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed feasts, and sanctify My Sabbaths.*

### **Zechariah 3:7**

*"Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will perform My service, then you will also govern My house and also have charge of My courts, and I will grant you free access among these who are standing here.*

These priests are granted free access into the courts of the Lord. Where are the Courts of the Lord? God's courts are in heavenly places before His throne. For those who will overcome the spirit of the world everyday and press into God, He will grant that they come into the courts of the Lord. Revelation 4:1 is a now word for these times as God is telling us to "Come up here" and meet with Him.

When we spend time standing in the council of God, in heavenly realms, we can then bring that atmosphere of heaven back with us and impact the people of the world with God's glory.

## **PRIESTS MINISTER PRECIOUS THINGS OF HEAVEN**

Why does God grant free access to His throne to the priests who truly serve Him with all their hearts? For no other reason than to experience intimacy with Him! However, out of this heavenly lifestyle of intimacy with God we get to carry the atmosphere of heaven to others that they might experience Him.

### **Ezekiel 44:23**

*"Moreover, they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.*

The presence of God that He wants to pour out on His people will convict others of their sin and draw them to Him. Only those who truly encounter God can teach others how to encounter Him.

### **THE FLOW OF HEAVEN MUST NOT BE HINDERED**

God says that we, as His priests, are to teach others the difference between the holy and the profane but he gives a condition with those instructions.

#### **Ezekiel 44:21**

*"Nor shall any of the priests drink wine when they enter the inner court.*

#### **Leviticus 10:8-11:**

*The LORD then spoke to Aaron, saying, "Do not drink wine or strong drink, neither you nor your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting, so that you may not die — it is a perpetual statute throughout your generations — and so as to make a distinction between the holy and the profane, and between the unclean and the clean, and so as to teach the sons of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has spoken to them through Moses."*

Prophetically speaking, I believe the wine symbolizes the numbing effect of the world. I am not talking about the natural drinking of wine or whether I believe that's acceptable for Christians or not. I'm not even sharing my opinion on it but rather pulling out what I believe is the prophetic meaning. I believe "wine" here speaks of anything of the world that would numb us to the presence and voice of God.

God says not to drink wine, or in other words, have no mixture of the world in your relationship with Me because it will numb you to My presence and My voice and therefore hinder heaven's flow in your life.

### **THE FIRE OF GOD**

I am prophesying that in this next year and in these end-times God is going to send a mass baptism of fire upon His people. We will come to understand God's fire in a whole new way. We need the fire of God! In Hebrews 12:29 our God is called a God of consuming fire. God in His very nature is a consuming fire. When we touch God or are touched by God we are also touched by His fire.

God's fire comes in two forms: the fire of purging and the fire of love. You cannot have one aspect of His fire without also getting the other. Believers have a really hard time

understanding the God of the Old Covenant as opposed to the God of the New. In the Old Covenant we see this God of judgment and anger but then we are supposed to see this God of love and grace in the New Covenant. We have to understand that, in the Old Testament, God never intended to bring anger and judgment upon his people but rather upon every "lesser lover" that hindered our love with Him. God sees us as His wife and when we choose the lesser lovers of the world His judgment will come. If my wife were sleeping around with all the other men of our town then I would want to bring judgment upon all those other men that distracted my wife from my love. This was always God's heart in the Old Testament.

We need God to touch us with His fire so that all our lesser lovers, secret sins, and idols would be consumed and all that would remain is a burning passion for Him!

### **FIRE OF PURGING**

When God's fire comes it comes to purge out everything that hinders love.

#### **Malachi 3:1-3:**

*"Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts. "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. "And He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the LORD offerings in righteousness.*

We say we want God to touch us but "who can endure the day of His coming?" Our God is truly a refiner's fire and He's coming to purify the sons of Levi. Who are the sons of Levi? You and Me!

But, OH, how awesome it is when God's purging fire touches our lives. Look at the benefits:

#### **Isaiah 4:2-6:**

*In that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth will be the pride and the adornment of the survivors of Israel. And it will come about that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy — everyone who is recorded for life in Jerusalem. When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning, then the LORD will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy. And there will be a shelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain.*

When we allow God's purging fire to touch us He will place a covering of glory over our lives to protect us from the spirit of the world. There is a protection when we "live" in God's purging fire!

## **FIRE OF LOVE**

The best part about God's fire is His fire of love. When we are touched by His fire He not only purges the dross out of our lives but He also consumes us with the fire of holy passion!

### **Song of Solomon 8:6:**

*"Put me like a seal over your heart, Like a seal on your arm. For love is as strong as death, Jealousy is as severe as Sheol; Its flashes are flashes of fire, The very flame of the LORD.*

This verse tells us that the fire of love is actually the very flame of YAH! Oh, how I cry out from the very depths of my heart to be enflamed with the very flame of YAH! I tell you, there is NO LIMIT to how much of God we can have and experience if we will just let Him consume our lives with His fire. God is looking to pour out His glory on the people that are consumed with one desire:

### **Psalms 27:4:**

*One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to meditate in His temple.*

### **Song of Solomon 1:15:**

*"How beautiful you are, my darling, How beautiful you are! Your eyes are like doves."*

Do you know why the King in the verse above praises the shulamite? She is praised because she has Dove's eyes. Do you know what is so special about dove's eyes? A dove has no peripheral vision. A dove cannot see anything but what is right in front of them. Jesus was praising the shulamite because she had nothing in her vision or heart but Him and Him alone!

The people that let God touch them with His fire will be a people of ONE THING. This army of over comers will press through the blockades of the enemy and take hold of their inheritance and manifest the power and glory of God on the earth!

## **EYES OF FIRE**



In Revelation 1:14 Jesus is described as having eyes like flames of fire. I believe the Lord's eyes of fire are scanning the body of Christ right now. He is looking for those whose hearts are open and turned toward Him. We are in a time of **2 Chronicles 16:9**;

*"For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.*

It's the little foxes that spoil the vine (Song 2:15) and God is looking upon those who will offer their lives afresh on the altar as a pleasing sacrifice to Him. He wants to come and burn up all the things in His people that hinder love. You might not be involved in what people like to call "major" sins but you might have some idols in your life that steal your time and fellowship with God. It might just be an issue of your time, schedule, or priorities. Maybe you could just start giving God a tithe of your morning or a tithe of your evening. Maybe there's some stubborn secret sin in your life that you have not been able to defeat for years.

I believe we're in a fresh season of God's fire and there is a grace of God that is available if we will embrace His fire and begin to live on the Highway of Holiness. Place your heart before God now and let His eyes of fire begin to search your heart and your life. Offer up to Him everything that He reveals to you. Offer up to Him everything in your life that hinders love.

You don't become holy by obeying a set of rules. You become holy, or set apart, by drawing close to our God who is a holy, consuming fire! By His grace, He will burn up all the junk and all the filth of the world and set you on the Highway of Holiness. He will put you in a place where you can lift up your head without shame so that the King of Glory can come in. The King of Glory comes in on the Highway of Holiness!

Do you want to receive and minister the precious things of heaven? Do you want to rule and reign as a king, carrying the power and anointing of the Kingdom of God? Then you must first become a faithful and consecrated priest! Don't allow the move of God within you to be miscarried. Set yourself on God's altar today and allow yourself to be consumed by His fire of Purging and His fire of Love!

***Father, we place our lives before you now. Search our hearts with your eyes of fire and reveal to us everything that hinders total consecration and love in our lives. Reveal the areas where the mixture of the world has crept in. Come by your fire and burn out all the little foxes that spoil our vine. Burn out all the secret sins and burn out all the lesser lovers. Ignite us afresh with the very flame of YAH! May we burn for You. Set us on fire that we might run with the glory!***