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Keeping In Touch

Whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear
of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one
mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;
Philippians 1:27



Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. Revelation 3:12



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Dear Readers,

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We welcome you to another edition of Keeping In Touch! Each time we put this publication together, it is with the greatest desire that each of you might be encouraged and strengthened in your walk with the Lord. To facilitate this desire, we have included the second part of the word we published in the last bulletin by Brother Burt Asbill. We also have a word from Brother duCille titled, We Must Be ONE. There is a short word from Sister Terry Smith called House of Cards, that you will be blessed by and many of us on the staff have written articles on books we have read or things that the Lord has been speaking to us about. We would love to hear from you, so please send any submissions to us at the following addresses:

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What Manner of Love

(Part Two of The Impossible is Possible)

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We are so traditional in our thinking. We are so traditional in our thinking in that we think a certain way and it seems like it takes a great deal of God coming into our midst in order to break us out of that way of thinking, especially in the praise. I appreciate the people that can play music. I appreciate the people that can sing. You don't know how much I appreciate it. I wish that I had a voice so that I could really sing and be a blessing in that arena. I wish that I had that particular talent. I'm sure that coming into the Kingdom, God is going to change my ability in that arena; I trust that I will be able to minister to Him in that way. One of the problems in the ministry of music is that, when we get a song, we will take the song for granted; it's like it's just a song, and we sing it because we are familiar with it. It's not that we don't feel the presence of God, it's not that we are not aware of the presence of God, because we are, but we're not so much aware of God's intent, God's desire, God's moving and where He wants to move us from and to. Hallelujah.

I thought for a minute that Sister Myers was going to preach my sermon, and I wouldn't have to get up here. Now, I'm not just throwing this on the musicians, so musicians, don't get angry with me if I step on your toes. It's not just the musicians, it's the overall intent of God and being aware of that intent congregationally. Now, the musicians have a very important part in all of that, because they are up there in the front. They are leading, they have a responsibility to hear from God. One of the areas that we seem to need to work on is how to make the transition from one song to another, whether it is in the same key or not. It seems like whenever we want to change into another key that isn't anywhere near the key we're singing in, it is never a smooth transition. It's like being in a car and it's going on with stop and go action, actually quite jerky, either that or it just stops and the Spirit falls. It is something I have been praying and meditating about and I

haven't really said too much about it up until today. But there is something about all that that I believe if someone could find the flow, it would help improve our times of praise a great deal. There is a move that you can make, and I'm aware of it in the Spirit. I don't know how they do it in the natural, but I've heard it done. They make that transition; it just flows. It's like water coming off of a cliff and cascading down into a pond. It can go from something very effervescent, very, very energetic, to something very quiet and tranquil, but it flows. Very much in the same way that water moves down a stream. It's not this jerking like you are in a car and you're pushing the gas, pushing the brake, gas, brake, gas, brake. Have you ever ridden with somebody who was learning how to drive? That's the way it is, always in that mode of go and jerk, go and stop, go and stop, and consequently it's jerk, jerk, jerk, jerk and in the jerkiness, we lose the anointing.

There is an intent, there is a desire that God has in the midst of the praise service that is very essential. I noticed that as the Spirit began to lift, some of you got your Bibles and began to look into the scriptures. God will begin to speak to you in the midst of the praise. I am sure that if you were to ask different ones in the service, they would say, "Oh yes, the words of this song came into my mind," or, "This scripture came into my mind." What that means is you are opening up to God and God is beginning to move toward you. He begins to flow into you, and what begins to flow into you begins to prepare your heart, and in the midst of that preparation some of you begin to break forth in prophecy and some of you begin to see visions, some of you begin to move in the gifts and callings that God has placed in the Body for the edification of the Body. Hallelujah. We have missed that. It is not something that we are practiced in; it is not something that we are experienced in. We get up, sing this song, sing that song, and if no other song comes, we sit there and kind of twiddle our musical thumbs, if you can do that. But God already knows. We should have some idea. You know, I don't look at the ministry of music any differently than the ministration of the Word. I don't look at it any differently. I don't believe that it operates any differently, because it's the same God. There is an intent and a desire that God has in His mind. He's Alpha. He's Omega. He knows every one of your personal circumstances. He knows what you had to go through, what you wrestle with during the night, what you got up to this morning, plus, He knows what's out in front of you. And so, He's very cognizant of His position, His place of responsibility and He's very diligent with regard to that. He doesn't take it lightly, because He cares for you, He loves you, He wants you to be prepared and fortified and ready to go when you hit the road. When you hit the road, He wants your wheels turning, your motor revved up and gas in the tank. You can have all of those above, but if you don't have gas in your tank, it's going to be just a flash in the pan.

So, there is something in all of what I am saying and it's a lot of work, brethren. We have been sitting back on our heels and taking God for granted. I believe one of the maladies that the Body is suffering from, and there are many, is what I call the RKS. They have the RKS disease. It's the Rich Kid Syndrome, hallelujah. Because, you know, a man that has made his fortune in the world...I am speaking about a man that wasn't born with it. He knows how to appreciate what he has. Well, at least some of them do. They know how to appreciate what they have because they know what it cost them to get it. But the children that are brought up with wealth are not quite as fortunate. They didn't have to persevere, they didn't have to go hungry, they didn't have to go without clothes, they didn't have to go into the financial hole of despair when there wasn't enough money. All they know is they've always had a roof, they've always had clothes, they've always had health and vitality and when they didn't have it, they were taken to a doctor and they were given the best of care. So it is that they begin to take for granted the fact of where they are and what they are involved in as though by some miraculous way, it's their lot, it's their portion. I believe that is the way that we handle the Word of God and the business of God, or the things that God has planned with regard to His church.

You know, I think we have to come away from the thinking of being church, because church has a connotation that brings with it a certain environment, a mental environment, and we begin to think a certain way. We begin to think like church. Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday, Tuesday, Thursday, whatever it may be, those are the times that we "go to church," when God has created us to BE the church. Not only has He created us to BE the church, but He has created us to be Sons of God! Hallelujah. He has created us to be Sons of God, and all of what I am saying about the music end of it goes in line with what God is saying to you and I and the position and the responsibility that is being put upon our shoulders. He's the head!

But there's a shoulder ministry. What would your body be without shoulders? You know, you go to tote a load, some of you can carry it like this on your shoulder, and some of you can drag it, but if you want to tote it any distance you throw it up on your shoulders and you bear the brunt and the weight of the thing on your shoulders. Now, the whole body is supposed to be working together. Your brain is working, sending messages to different muscles in your body, trying to keep you in balance. I don't know how it all works, but it must work something like that. My car has this little electric air pump and every time one part of the car goes down, you hear this bzzzzz and the car goes up. It compensates and I'm always level. Not because the road is level, but because the pump is always going bzzzzz, bzzzzz, bzzzzz. Your body is like that. The load goes on the shoulder, it bears the contact, it bears the roughness and sometimes, you know, if you're carrying a lot of stuff, it

begins to cut into your shoulders and all of that, but the body is always working. They have something called equilibrium, right? It's like a fluid or something that's in your ear and anytime that fluid goes a certain direction, I believe that it sends a message to the brain. There's these sensors or something in there? Sensory devices? You know, we're being tapped? Hallelujah. With those little sensing devices, some little sensory detector says, "Uh oh, he's tilting to the right." It sends a message to the brain and the brain goes into action, and the muscles in this leg maybe tighten up or the muscles along the back begin to tighten up, and the shoulder comes up, the bone responds, hallelujah, or this hand comes up, or the other hand comes up to readjust the load. All of that we take for granted! We don't know of the mechanism, we don't know of the operation that is going on inside of us. Now, we can't walk around with a stethoscope and one of those lamps that look inside of you all the time. "Oh, wow! Look at this! Look at that!" Even if we had that, we wouldn't understand the electrical impulses that are going back and forth shooting millions of them a second, probably. Because my body is complex, it has many different parts and they are doing many different things. My little toe over here could be hurting while I'm walking, or there could be a little pain up here in my wrist somewhere that has nothing to do with what I am doing as far as the feet are concerned, and yet a message is coming, it's sending a message out and it's all going to my brain. My brain is not just sitting there, "What do I do now?" It doesn't sit there and wonder, "What do we do next? Oh, my goodness. Hey, I got a pain down here, what am I going to do? What am I going to do?" No, no, it moves, it functions because it has been programmed by the Creator. The Creator knows what needs to be done, so He programmed within our brain the action that needed to be initiated in order to compensate. It sends a message and that's the way it is. Now, when those messages get interrupted, you have such things as what I would call a spastic reflex. Just all of a sudden, the message is cut off and what we get is something that I would call spasmodic jerking, arms going this way and that with the legs and limbs going the opposite directions. It's just going out here flopping like this, and this one goes like this, like this over here, and oh, my heavens! My neck is going like that! Have you ever tried to carry on a conversation like this? "What's wrong with him?" Well, that's the way God sees us! We are a Body, and there are certain maladies in the Body and God confronts us in the natural arena.

Some people bear certain infirmities for the sake of the Body. Did you know that? People bear certain infirmities that there might be a confrontation, that there might be an awareness, that there might be an opportunity for revelation to come forth in the midst of the Body. Now, it's not that God wants those people to walk in that manner the entirety of their life, but some people do because the Body does not respond accordingly or because the

Body doesn't get the message!

I wonder what's the list of accountability that I may have with regard to what I have met in a natural arena and just said, "Well, that's 'karma.'" You know, that's what the Indians have, what they call "karma." Isn't that what they call it, George? What will be, will be. That's your fate. There's nothing you can do about it, you're resigned to that position, that place. "Well, I'm just glad I'm not walking in your shoes." Or we say it another way. We say it another way. It sounds a whole lot more spiritual, "Except for the grace of God, so go I." What does that do to alleviate? What is the revelation, what is the Word that is being spoken in the midst? We need to shed the religious garment of our theology and begin to put on the Spirit of Christ. The Spirit of God needs to come forth out of the midst of our being! Hallelujah. Hallelujah!

I want to go into Hebrews. This business of church is **work**. This business of church is work and this is what Hebrews 4 is addressing. I want to give you a scripture for what I have been saying to you about the Body and the place the Body is in and how the Body responds. We are a lot like those Hebrews 4 people. You know, God brought a revelation to me years ago over there in the Czech Republic. There was this home that we went to. My God, there were people with all sorts of nervous and muscular disabilities, trapped, as it were, within their own bodies. They were very cognizant, very intelligent people, some of them were very educated people, but because of the condition of their body, the state that their body was in, they were like prisoners; their consciousness, their intellect, their emotions, everything was being held captive within their bodies! My God! As it is in the natural, so it is in the realm of the spiritual. It is first the natural and then the spiritual. The problem that you and I have is that we have the ability to regulate, or put the spiritual out there somewhere in the great by and by. Hallelujah. Out there in that realm we call heaven. Oh, we used to sing that song, "What a day of rejoicing that will be, when we all get to heaven. We can sing and shout the victory!" Come on, come on! Oh yeah! Come on! That "song" mentality! That's what we think when we think church. Quite frankly, we're no different, no better, no further along for the fact of the revelation that we have, because we're still acting like a spasmodic and disconnected body where the messages that are trying to go to the brain and come from the brain are being interrupted and interfered with and this is the kind of reaction you get. Have you ever tried to walk and your feet won't move? The brain says, "Walk!" but the feet won't budge. That's what we're like. Come on! Come on! We're like that! We're like that! We're like that! We're stuck in the mud. I can even hear the schtuckk! Hallelujah! We're stuck in the mud. We're not listening; we're not involved with the business of God. GOD WANTS SONS! If you haven't figured it out yet, that's my message, by the

way. GOD WANTS SONS! I'm not changing themes from last night. GOD WANTS SONS!! God wants sons!

In Hebrews, the fourth chapter, verse 1, he says, *Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.* That means there is a very real possibility of you and me not measuring up, not making the grade, not making the position, the appointed place. Now, I am not bringing fatalism, I don't want you going out of here saying, "Oh, my goodness, I'm not going to make it. I am absolutely, absolutely no good." Well, something's wrong with your message center, there is some blockage, because that's not what I'm saying. What I'm saying to you is that God wants you to be there! And the only reason that you will not be there is because you refuse to cooperate with God! Is that an eklektos doctrine or not? Is that an eklektos doctrine? Is that an elitist attitude? Hallelujah. If I have the opportunity and I choose not to participate because I want to choose and participate in something else, does that make the individual that wants it a spiritual snob? Absolutely not! It just makes him smarter than me. They once made a movie called "Dumb and Dumber." Boy, I never saw the movie, but I can sure relate to the words, dumb and dumber. It's one thing to be dumb. What is it? "First time around, shame on me. Second time around, shame on you. Third time around, what? Forget it, you're toast. Forget it, you're out of here! Three strikes and you're out!" We don't believe in the spiritual reality of the existence, the place that we are in. The Bible says that you and I are supposed to be LABORING! Laboring. Have you ever really worked hard? I'm sure you have. Sweat pouring down, energy burning inside of your vessel, and you're moving, and your feet are burning, your hands are burning, and you're working, working, working, and the sweat is pouring out of you and your strength is draining out of you. That is what it means when it says, LABOR therefore to enter into that rest! (Hebrews 4:11) It's not, "Well, oh my. If God wants it. Who can resist the will of God? It'll just come by and by in a magical way, in a magical wand, abracadabra, Holy Ghost." Show me one place in the Bible, show me one place in the Bible where the men and the women of God did not have to persevere! Where they did not have to labor, did not have to work, did not have to sweat, did not have to expend themselves, their finances, losing a family and loved ones. How many are there in the Bible? Tell me one! One! Just give me one example! You can't, because there is none! Every one of the saints that we know about did not die of natural causes. I am talking about New Testament saints. They didn't die in bed with their grandchildren wrapped around them and the fire crackling in the furnace. Now, I'm not talking about Baptist, I'm not talking about Pentecostal, I'm talking about the end-time message where God says, "I want sons!" I'm talking about a message that says, "I want to be a SON." Halle-

lujah. Oh, hallelujah. Hallelujah.

I encourage you to get the tapes that we've been making with regard to the thirty, the sixty, and the hundredfold. There has been some very good revelation that God has been giving to us in that arena that is very pertinent to you and me and the place that we are in. Because I want to tell you something, in every level except the last level, which is the Holy of Holies, there is always thirty, sixty and one hundred percent, and it's only the one hundred percent that get to graduate! Hello? Come on! It's time for the church to wake up! It's time for the individual parts of the Body to begin to wake up!

If you don't think that God won't do something about the problem in the church, you're mistaken. We have in the natural what we call transplantation. That's when you take out the defective organ. But they don't have it as refined as God has it, because God can take an organ out of a body and put another one in there and the body does not understand or is not aware that there has been a change made! He puts the body on the Holy Ghost I.V. drip. The Blood of Jesus Christ begins to flow into that transplanted organ, and all of a sudden there's new life, new strength, new vitality that begins to come to the body because something that wasn't working is now working! Hallelujah! I don't know. If there was an instantaneous transplantation that went on right now, poof! How many of us would be here? It's a very real question. It's a very real fact. It's a very real reality. I'm telling you, God is moving and if we are living in the time frame that we say we are living in, and I believe that we are because I believe that God spoke to me individually, personally, that we are living in the last days, then time is running out. All of the stories in the Bible that refer to the last days say that there is going to be a major transplanting going on. God has always called a people out of a people. And if that people weren't enough, He went out there into the highways and the byways and picked those that could be used and that would do what God wanted them to do, and put them into the Body! Because the Body is not really centered on the individual as much as it is on the basis of the will of God and God's desire to bring it forth on the whole! Oh, hallelujah.

We have to labor. There has to be a lot of fasting and prayer. A lot of fasting and prayer, and I don't mean sending out these corporate letters saying, "Okay, brethren, it's another call." There's nothing wrong with that if that is motivated by the Holy Ghost. But I'm talking about the Holy Ghost as it moves in the midst of the congregation of people and the burden of the people's sin comes up before the consciousness of the individual, not of the ones that are around them, but the sin that is within them, and the inability to respond in a correct manner, and the burden comes upon them and they say, "Oh, I need to get into the presence of God." And they begin to push and they begin to fast and pray. They begin to work and labor at it. Sweat. He said,

Ye have not yet resisted as unto blood (Hebrews 12:4). Can you imagine the course, the action, the position, the responsibility that was upon our Lord when He was there in the garden? He was a perfect man up to that position, up to that point. Everything He did, He did not do it because He wanted to do it in His own way, in His own might, in His own will. He did it because the Father wanted Him to do it, and yet there was still a place of tribulation, there was still a place of pressing, there was still a place of resisting. I don't know if what went on in that garden area was what they depicted in the "The Passion," but what I do know is that there was some confrontation, there was some conflagration going on in His soul with regard to where He was, hallelujah. My God. Brother duCille says it was the fact that He wanted to smash the devil, and I can very well see, if the devil was there in actuality in the way that they depicted, how it would have been very easy for the man to rise up and bind him! But it wasn't the Father's way, it wasn't the Father's will, it wasn't the Father's work, because the Father was looking, not only at that moment, but down through time, to a Body of people that He was going to raise up to rule the earth!

You know, as long as I have a closet, I don't need a throne. You understand what I mean? As long as I have a closet to go into and shut the door, I don't need a throne, because I'm immediately at the feet of the Master. I'm immediately at the feet of the Creator of the Universe. I'm at the feet of Him who has the desire to bring forth righteousness. I'm immediately in His presence, I'm before Him! We spend so little time there! What do we have? Five minutes? Ten minutes, maybe? Fifteen minutes, that's stretching it. It's like these instant waffles. You pluck them out of the freezer, rip the pack open, stick them in the toaster and then, ping! We got a good waffle. Oh yeah, good. Have you ever read the ingredients on the box? Good. It's quick, it's fast, it fills our appetite, it takes the edge off our hunger! Hallelujah. But there's no lasting power, and all you get is something like a sugar spurt, a sugar high, and you get up and your motor is revving, revving, revving and you no more than get out the door when your feet and your heels are dragging again because there was no substance, there was no life, there was no ability of God to flow into your being, and you find yourself in a position of being knocked around, knocked down and down in the depths of depression. "Oh, woe is me!" "Oh, woe is me!" Of course, this probably isn't for you people at all. I'm just here, you guys really need to pray for me. You don't have this problem. Well, I'm glad it's on tape, we'll send it around to enough people until we find the right party, right? George, you be sure to send this out, now! You're going to all the trouble to tape this for somebody else.

The Bible says that we are to labor! Knee time is important, hear me? Knee time is important, but sometimes knee time isn't available. But

does that alleviate the burden? Does that alleviate the responsibility? What is it that your mind should be centered upon? Can your mind do two things at one time? I certainly hope so. I certainly hope so. It is created to do a million things at a time, did you know that? That's why God can be anywhere and everywhere at the same time, because there is something in the manner of His mind that gives Him the ability to be God and to be that way! And you know, we were created in the image of God and we're supposed to be coming forth in His likeness, but we're coming forth in the likeness of our father, and not God. We're coming forth in the likeness of our mother. Or we're coming forth in the likeness of our grandmother. I was listening to a tape by Brother duCille. He says that the church needs to rise up and be delivered of their grandfather. Isn't it amazing? Families always amaze me, are always such a revelation to me. You get into these family gatherings, of course, yours is probably always so sweet and harmonious, no trouble or difficulties, no personality conflicts, no differences, everybody is so lovey-dovey, so wonderful to each other and when you leave, you feel so good. You just talk so encouraging about this cousin and that one and that one over there, you're just so edifying and so full of God's love! Isn't that the way it is? No, it's not. Why, that's strange. I've seen families that can't stand each other, they just can't abide each other for five minutes. One thinks this because that one thinks this, and this one thinks that and because these two think this way, this one thinks an entirely different way, and if there's another one, he makes something up so he can be different from all of them! But they're family. Family. They talk bad about each other when they're not around, but they're FAMILY! It's an amazing thing to me, amazing thing! Let someone outside of the circle touch one of those siblings, just let somebody do that, and all of a sudden the John Paul Jones flag goes up. "Don't tread on me! That's my brother! That's my sister! How dare you say that kind of thing about them!" And all the time, it's true, it's true, what they're saying is true, "But you can't say it!" You never had that experience.

Or how about your children? Lovely little things, aren't they? So obedient all the time. Just absolutely, totally walking in the things of God. Manifesting the spirit of joy and love. Hallelujah. They're just so wonderful. Of course, when they speak to you there's a little disrespect, but we can overlook that. They're such lovely little things. And besides that, they're our own flesh and blood! What do you expect? "I have to be that way!" Poppy-cock! Let somebody touch one of those lovely little things, let somebody say something like, "Boy, that's kind of a rowdy little brat." Gasp! Gasp! Gasp! We have to call the paramedics! Or we have to call the fire department! Or we have to call the police department! We're going to have a fight! We're going to have a riot! Trouble! Trouble! Trouble! Of course, you probably don't have to deal with that.

I'm talking about the Body, I'm talking about a position, a relationship with Jesus Christ. I'm talking about a position, a place, not by virtue of what you want but by virtue of what God the Father wants, and all of these things in the natural are working contrary to that premise. Now, I'm not telling you you're not supposed to take care of your family. (Boy, these tapes, we'll just put them in the archives.) The word will go around, "Burt says we should destroy our families! Not to feed them, not to worry about putting clothes on their back, to kick them out into the street!" I'm telling you, you wait, you wait. Hallelujah. There is an attitude that we have that is not spiritual, it's not in line with the theme and the desire of God. You all have desktop computers, you have this little screen and you put a theme on it, right? Some of it's just blue, some of it's Windows XP, but some of you have those nice little pictures of families and events and things going on all over it. Okay? If you don't have that computer, how about your refrigerators? Plastered. Plastered! I can go into any home, I can guarantee you the refrigerator is plastered with pictures. Baby pictures. Growing up pictures. Party pictures. The first swimming lesson picture. All those little pictures. Honeymoon pictures. Whatever! Pictures! Pictures! Pictures! Pictures! Pictures! They're of little or no value, do you hear me? Sentimental? Oh my, they have a lot of sentimental value. But how eternal is that? If you put a match to it, what is going to happen to the substance of the thing that is on the refrigerator? What is it that you have done with regard to those entities or personalities that will ensure for them a position, a place that Jesus said, "Where I am, you might be also (John 14:3)?" Hallelujah.

It's a lot of work! It takes a lot of effort. It is not a part-time job. What was the term, brother? Moonlighting. Brother duCille brought us a word here a while back and he said, "We are all moonlighters." Well, I never did like the word moonlighter, because I always had the connotation of the man that goes out and gets him a nighttime job in the Seven-Eleven or in the bar. Hallelujah. It has nothing to do with the position, the place, the reality of where God has called you and I to. Not as a church, but as Sons! Romans 8 says that the creation was subjected to vanity, not willingly; it wasn't subjected because it wanted to be subjected. It was subjected by Him. Who's Him? God. You know that God knew from the very beginning what was going to happen to Adam before day one, before He looked down into the abyss and He saw darkness and chaos and hell itself moving about in that arena that He had created for His habitation? He knew what man was going to do, but it was part of the plan, it was part of the purpose. That is why He established man in the position that He established him in the beginning and it makes no difference that he fell from it. The plan, the purpose of God was to bring man back again through the process of Christ into that position, not as a servant, not as a subject, but as a son! Hallelujah. He had to allow the

time frame, He could not birth out of Himself in some fashion in some form, I don't know why He couldn't, but He just chose not to do it. He chose to do it the way that He did it. Moreover, man, when He created him, was not bone of His bone or flesh of His flesh, do you hear me? There had to come a process, there had to come that instigation of God in the midst of humanity where God could come forth out of humanity and displace the humanity that was in humanity. He wanted Sons! He did not just want Christians. He didn't want members of church. You know, if that were the truth, then God could have created the best, the biggest organized church in the world, and the whole world would have been His congregation. He did not desire to have what they call, and what we think of as church! God desired a son and He set all of the mechanics in place and He put man in a surrogate form, in the womb of the earth. Do you hear what I'm saying? Hallelujah. He knew that in the process of time, out of that seed that He planted in the earth, and in the realm of the garden, out of that seed would come an issue that was Him. He would come to a point where He could overshadow humanity, and in the midst of humanity create life, hallelujah, in the way that He had determined it from the very beginning. You know, when He made Adam, He saw Mary. When He made Mary, hallelujah, He saw us. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Let's turn over into I John, because that's really where I'm preaching to you out of. I John, the third chapter, verse 1, ***Behold***, this is one of the thoughts that Sister Myers was saying, ***Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us***. My goodness, we can't even fathom, we don't even know, we don't even appreciate, we mumble, we grumble, we're in tribulation, we wonder when it will ever end, we can't see the daylight, we certainly don't see the sun, and all of the time, it's the SON process, all the time it's the incubator in which God has placed us. We mumble, grumble, we fumble and stumble around as in darkness. You know the scripture in Matthew where Jesus says, ***The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that was in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!***(Matthew 6:22-23). You know what He's talking about? Our misunderstanding or not understanding or not coming to grips or comprehending the fullness of the light that is within us. It is our ignorance, our position of decadence to God and humanity. How do you think God looks at you and I in light of Christ?

There is an interesting scripture, and I would encourage you to go to it and read it, write it down and look at it. There was a question that He posed to His disciples, and it was, "What think ye of Christ?" (Matthew 22:42). I believe that it is a pertinent question for the end-time and for the sons of God. "What think ye of Christ, whose Son is He?" It's pertinent to you and my situation; it's pertinent to the Word that we are hearing. What

are you going to do with so great a salvation? There's some place in the midst of our circumstance, brothers and sisters, that we have to begin to stir ourselves. Paul's admonition to Timothy was to stir up the gift that was within him that came by the laying on of hands (II Timothy 1:6) and if you haven't had anybody lay hands upon you, there have been spiritual hands that have reached out in the Spirit. It says the Holy Ghost is inside of you, walking about the inward parts of your being, and He is examining what your infirmities are (Romans 8:26-27).

There is an operation of God going on. It says He makes intercession for you before the Father (Romans 8:27,34). You know, many times when we are in our personal, private place of worship or prayer or intercession and we begin to speak in tongues and we begin to labor before the Lord, we're really, most of the time, not praying for the world at large as much as we're praying for the things that are inside of us that God knows need to be changed. You know, I think, a lot of us, if we prayed in the understanding as well as in the Spirit, would be shocked at what we're praying. What if, all of a sudden we heard, "Forgive the liar, forgive the cheat, deliver him, oh Father, from lust! Deliver him, oh GOD, from murder!" We would probably jump up and say, "Devil, get behind me! I rebuke you, devil!" Yet, all of the time, there are things that the Holy Ghost is saying and praying before God that are just as critical and just as bad as something of that magnitude. Believe you me, brethren, there is a last resort of defense that God has and that is when He comes to you from outside of your personal, private environment and begins to confront you with your sin and you have to make a decision.

You know, there are three levels on which God confronts you and me as individuals. Did you know that? There's the personal, private time of confrontation. God comes into your mind, He comes into your soul, He comes and begins to talk to you about your problem. God talked to me many years ago. I was drinking coffee like you would drink water. He talked to me, and He talked to me. He talked to me and I would say, "Well, God, yes, yes, yes. I know, but it can't really be that serious. I will take care of it someday, sometime, Lord, I'll really take care of it. I'll really take care of it." This went on for a couple of years, you understand, because God is longsuffering. But one day, I was sitting in the midst of a congregation. The meeting had not yet begun, I can tell you where I was sitting and what I was doing at the time, I was just sitting there kind of meditating, enjoying the presence of the Lord, and all of a sudden, I felt the presence of God come up and sit down right behind me. He didn't sit beside me, He didn't approach and say, "Well, hello, son!" He just came and sat down behind me, and it was kind of ominous. All of a sudden He reached up, and He said, "I'm not going to tell you again!" OOOOHHHH! I stopped drinking coffee. I mean, I stopped drinking coffee. I stopped drinking coffee, and I haven't had a drop

since that day! I'm telling you, there are three levels that God will deal with you on individually. He'll work with you, work with you, work with you until He can't work with you anymore. Hello? We reach a point in hardness of heart, we reach a point of stiffness of soul, we reach a point of mind resistance, emotional resistance, where we are no longer touchable in that arena. But God doesn't forsake us, He doesn't leave us because He loves us. He loves us!

He has people in the Body that love us, too, and so He will go to those people and He will lay that individual upon the heart of some intercessor, and that intercessor will begin to plead and move into a place of labor before the Lord, beginning to cry out for the individual's deliverance and for the redemption, and the thing that is going on. Somewhere in the Body, God is moving because of the intercession that is going forth. I'm telling you, I have been around the world, and I have met people with whom God has dropped names into their hearts of people that I know! And they don't know them! As that intercessor gets down before the Lord, hallelujah, there must be something in the natural body that is comparable. He gets down before the Lord, and he begins to intercede, God's Spirit begins to emanate out of that place of worship and travail and laboring before the Lord, and it goes out and it begins to touch the extremities of the Body in the position or the place that the transgressing person is in. Maybe if there isn't anyone, God will go outside of that arena of fellowship and use the natural arena. That's what the Bible says. It says that God uses law and order to bring correction, to bring the establishment of authority. That's what the Bible says. That's why we have the mandate to pray for the people that are in authority. The Bible says they are to what? Execute the judgment of God in the land (Jeremiah 33:15). Doesn't it say something like that? Look it up. If I'm wrong, correct me. But I believe that it is in that context and God will work it out, but I'm talking about a Body situation. God will touch this one with a burden and all of a sudden, one time he'll wake up, "Boy, (I hope I'm picking a name that nobody has here) I really have Harry on my mind this morning." I could have called some other names. "I really have Harry on my mind this morning. I really feel like God is wanting something, there's something going on." So as His burden gets on that individual and he begins to get down into prayer, God begins to reveal the problem. Or, you know what? The Holy Ghost might bring the problem to Harry, because the problem has a problem with Harry, hallelujah. And the problem is of no consequence because there is a responsibility in the individual to hear God, because he has the Holy Ghost. Hello? But you know, we have worked on God to bind Him up and to stuff Him into a place. It's like stuffing rags into His mouth. We can't hear and our personality flares up and rises up and it eliminates our ability to perceive and understand. Have you ever put your hands over your

ears and begun to sing a song? Or stuck your fingers in your ears and just went, “Da, da, da, da, da, da.” I would be talking to you the whole time you’re doing that because I want to see how much of what I am saying you understood. How much of what I say in the midst of that type of environment do you hear? Somehow, that is the way it is. That is the second level. God will bring you into confrontation with those that love you and want to see you redeemed. You have a responsibility! Do you know the funny part about it? You could be right, but your attitude and the environment of your soul is wrong and you still have a responsibility to hear God. Balaam had a responsibility. Do you know that God could slay him on the basis of his position of knowledge and relationship with God? Do you know that? He had a relationship; he knew God. Did he not advise the king on how to defeat the people? Why? Because he knew God, and he used his knowledge contrary to righteousness, and God had the right, had the obligation to smite him. Yet the mercy of God was extended to a dumb ass. I heard a saying one time, “He gave the dumb ass the mind of the Son so that he could speak to the son that had the mind of an ass.” Hallelujah. How much more could the wrongness of our position be corrected and demonstrated to us if God used the very thing that we were in opposition to, to bring correction to us? Yet, He does it all the time and we do not recognize it to be of God.

The third level is that God exposes it. Exposes it on the congregational level. Then the congregation has a responsibility to discern the movement of God in the exposition of the thing. They have to move in reconciliation and redemption; they have that responsibility. But it says, if he will not hear the church, what? Cut off, cast out so that he might be dealt with as a sinner. No longer is he dealt with as a son but he’s dealt with as a heathen. That’s what it says. I think it uses the word heathen (Matthew 18:17).

It’s like Paul. We’re coming into that same place, did you know that, brethren? We’re coming into, oh boy, I can see you guys flexing your muscles. Oh boy, power. We’re coming into that place where the church is going to have that authority to deal with issues, but they’re going to have to deal with them in righteousness, because what you judge and what you execute may definitely come back in the same form, only more so, if your attitude or your position is being misused. Hallelujah.

Behold what manner of love, how do we treat it? Secondary, third place, fourth place, fifth place, sixth place, seventh place, eleventh place, twelfth place, somewhere, sometime down there in the midst of everything else, I might have the time to do the business of God. What was the song we sang? “I was born to be His dwelling place?” Do you know what the sons of God are supposed to do? Do you know what your ultimate objective is as a son? Go back over into Genesis chapter one. He said He gave power unto them to become sons. Genesis 1: 26, ***And God said, Let us make man in our***

image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion. Do you know what dominion means? It is an absolute position of absolute authority. You and I are supposed to be ruling the world. How much world ruling are you doing? How much individual dominion are you taking in your personal set of circumstances? How much dominion do you have over the onslaught of hell as it rises up in the midst of your home? How much individual dominion are you taking in the midst of your soul? As hell rises up, how much dominion do you have over that anger?! How much dominion do you have over that depression? How much dominion do you have over that lust? How much dominion do you have over your own body? We're supposed to rule the world! Rule the world! Do you know what that means? That means that whatever is happening in Jamaica is accredited and afforded to our position of responsibility. Do you know that? What doesn't go right, put down on the minus side. What goes right, put down on the plus side. Whatever happens over there in Iraq, do you know what? It's our responsibility. Did you know that? It's our responsibility! "Oh well, I'm not in Iraq. I'll never get to Iraq. I'll never get over there. I'll never be involved." You never thought you'd be in Jamaica, did you? Did you ever think you would be in Africa? Absolutely not. Do you ever think you'll go back? Probably not. But I'm telling you something, you're going back, hallelujah. Come on. We're supposed to be ruling the world and we can't even rule our own souls! We can't even rule our own body! Why? We don't take the time. We don't take the energy. It's too hard. It's too tough. We're too frustrated. We're too worn out. We're too aggravated, irritated. We're too much us. I'm too much me! We have other things to do that are more important than working at the things of the Kingdom. We have to go out and do this and do that. And we have to take care of this business over here and that business over there and all of a sudden something happens and an atomic bomb goes off somewhere and lives are shattered, the government over here falls and this government over there falls. Why is it falling? Because hell is still in control and you should have been in a position, you should have been in a place where you could have been wrestling along with the Spirit of God!

You know, God has a time schedule and I don't understand the mechanics of it, but I want to tell you, there is something very important about it and we have something to do with it! We have a responsibility. Do you say it's just because God said, and that is what it's going to be and it's going to work out that way, and that is the way it's going to be? That is not the way it is. God has people and He puts them in certain places. God showed me thrones of dominion that were set up all over the world that have never, ever been challenged! And any resistance, any position or place that made it look like the enemy's position was being usurped, he squashed unmercifully. He killed and slaughtered hundreds of thousands of people that he might main-

tain that position of supremacy and work the fear of him into the hearts of the people. No wonder creation is groaning and travailing for the manifestation of the sons of God (Romans 8:22)! “When are you going to manifest?” We’re too busy squabbling. We’re too busy with our eyes focused on the wall. Too much of the reality of the molecules in this natural realm are stronger than the molecules inside of you. Hallelujah. And there’s nothing I can do about the molecules in here that will give me the power to overcome the molecules that are in there. Are you understanding what I’m saying? We are thinking on a natural level, a natural plane; we do not have spiritual position of insight. Oh, we get little glimpses. We get Divine intervention. We got to get so worked over, or worn out that we just fall into an exhausted heap and God says, “Finally.” You ever had one of those kids that just wouldn’t go to sleep? You put him down, put him down, put him down. His mouth is moving a mile a minute. “Oh, you know what, Grandpa?” “What?” “Blah, blah, blah.” “Go to sleep.” “Okay. You know what, Grandpa? Blah, blah, blah.” “Okay, go to sleep.” “You know what, Grandpa?” “What? What? What? Shut up! Go to sleep!” We’re like that with God. “Oh, God. I got so much trouble. I got so much trouble.” And He says, “Go to sleep. Get into My rest.” “You know what, God? I have this problem.” He says, “Go to sleep. Lay down. Go into rest. Work at getting into rest. Don’t work at waking up. Don’t work at ‘you know what.’” And finally He says, “Just shut up!” I had God tell me, “Just shut up! Just be quiet! Just don’t say another word!” I wish God would talk to you like He talks to me sometimes. He said, (back to Genesis 1:26) ***Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion***...It’s a plural thing, it’s a harmonious working of entities and personalities merging. Isn’t that a lovely term?

I like that, merge. They have merge mail, merge this, merge that, you just press a button and everything just comes together. Boy, I wish we had a button in the Body! I got this thought and idea that is on this paper over here, and I’ve got this list of names over here, and I want this thought and this idea just to merge with these names and all of it become one. All I have to do is BOOP! And all of a sudden these names are running for the Word and the Word is running for the names, and they just mingle and collide and wrap all up and every names got a Word! And I just press another button on my computer and it just starts spitting them out, pttt, pttt, pttt, pttt, pttt, pttt, pttt, pttt. Envelope comes out, the only thing they haven’t invented is the way to get the note into the envelope. Boy, wouldn’t that be something! That would be a revelation! Deliverance is coming to the Body! You know, you have the computer because of a spiritual principle. The computer runs and operates on a spiritual principle and it runs on the aspect of how your body or your mind works. Do you know that? It’s a spiritual thing. You don’t live in an isolated, segmented environment that is an entity unto itself.

You live in an entity that is here because of the spiritual reality of the eternal realm around it. It's just been reduced in the frequency, brought down, brought down, brought down, brought down, brought down to the lowest point at which it could be brought down to. And it wasn't the intent of God that we would begin to build tabernacles in that dimension when God all the time intended for what He created down here to be up there. ***Behold what manner of love the Lord has bestowed upon us***, it says, ***that we should be called***... We're not spiritually cognizant of our environment. Hallelujah.

The Bible says first the natural, then the spiritual (I Corinthians 15:46). I'm just going to touch this little thing a little bit here. Hallelujah. There is a principle in the Bible that is stated in Proverbs when it talks about the woman. I've been looking for something of the nature and what it speaks about as it would apply to the universal Body, but it seems to apply to one segment. It says that a wise woman, what's it say? It talks about a foolish woman has the ability to pluck down her house. Do you know where it's at? Do any of you women know where it's at? Hallelujah. It says, ***Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hand*** (Proverbs 14: 1). I don't know if you understand the position of authority that you women have and how sometimes the devil will use that authority in a very destructive manner to bring desolation to your home and oftentimes when that happens there is no revelation that comes to the individuals, their participation in it and the thing that they have perpetrated and the destruction that they have wrought. Now, I believe that God put it in there, first of all, on the natural level, because there is something of a spiritual reality to it because when God looks at the church, He does not look at the church as a "him," He looks at the church as a "her." You have the bride of Christ, you have the handmaiden position, the place of relationship when you first come into the knowledge and the saving grace of Jesus Christ and as it is in the natural where the devil will come into a home situation and begin to minister in a negative manner and a negative fashion to the wife, hallelujah, and the wife begins to respond in a spiritual way, but not a good spiritual way, because there does not seem to be the discernment that she needs in that position and that place of trouble that is being created. Now, what is the remedy for that situation? It says, every wise woman buildeth her house, so there seems to be something of an avenue of wisdom that God has made available to the wives. If the woman has that potential and the power of destruction, then there has to be something that is greater than that position and that place of destruction, something that will give her the ability to deliver herself of that propensity. Now, we're talking about women per se, and wives in actuality. I don't know if you understand the position of authority that you have and the ability of the devil to use that position to wreak havoc in your home. As it is in the home, so it is also in the church. Men can be as

guilty of that position of rebellion and subversion as women can, or wives can be guilty on the church level, but God is saying that the remedy to the problem for the entity that is involved is to have wisdom. Proverbs, in the beginning, says, “In all of your getting, get wisdom and understanding” (Proverbs 4:5,7). Hallelujah. Isn’t that what it says? Hallelujah. My beloved brethren, there is a lot of destruction going on in the church that is being worked by the woman nature that is the church. Now, don’t go out of here and tell people that I said that the woman was the problem with the church. Don’t go out of here and say that I have a score to settle with women. What I’m telling you is that there is a spiritual malady that is manifesting in the church, because it is manifesting in the home. There is the need of the individuals in the home, the women, as well as the men, but especially the women, to have discernment with regard to their position of authority. Now, that doesn’t mean you have to be telling your husband what to do. I want you to go into Proverbs where it talks about the virtuous woman; that is not only talking about a woman in the natural arena, but it’s talking about the church as it collectively comes together and begins to walk in that position, in that place of responsibility. There is responsibility that is being delegated to us as husbands and wives in the church and we are to be working at our home in order that it might be an ensample and an example for the church. Hallelujah. It’s all part of being a son. Hello? Boy, I didn’t get very many amens on that one, Brother Wade. It’s all part of being in the church, it’s all part of being in the sons of God company.

I want to go back over into I John. Let’s go to the last part of the first verse. It says, (I John 3 :1) ***Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.*** Turn with me over into the Gospel of John. It is John the seventeenth chapter. You want to measure where you are as to the plans and the purposes of God? You want to measure where you are in relationship to the Sons of God in the environment that you are in? Just read John chapter 17. It says, verse 5, ***And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world.*** He lived it. He breathed it. He slept it. He ate it. Everywhere He went, it says, “I have demonstrated, I have demonstrated, I have demonstrated.” What demonstration do you and I have with the kingdom Word? I’m not talking about the do’s and don’ts. I’m talking about walking and working in the realm of the heavenlies with God, bringing forth the will of God, not only in your life for an end-time objective but for an objective for the here and now and in the environment in which God has planted you. He says (John 17: 6), ***I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy (My) word.*** Oh boy, that was a statement of faith. ⁷

*Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. ⁸For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me... Do you know there was an expectation that He had as to how they would live and what they would do from this point on? **And they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. ⁹I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. ¹⁰And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.***

Well, we know the end of the story because we can read Acts, we can read Romans, we can read John, we can read Jude, we can read Revelation, and we know what they demonstrated and what they were about with regard to the Word that they heard. There is a responsibility that we have, because we are destined, we are designed to be sons. Brethren, I don't know how it is that we can be so easily satisfied with lollipops when God has got a dinner, a table full of delicacies that are absolutely delicious and beyond our imagination. We settle, as it were, for a lollipop. Romans the eighth chapter, I want to read that verse. You need to go back and to read the eighth chapter, read it, and read it again, and read it again, and read it again, and ask God to imprint the message, the revelation of the Spirit of God that is in it upon your soul. Because it talks to you and me about the position of destiny and the path by which we might walk in order to come there. Hallelujah. And so he says down here in the nineteenth verse, *For the earnest expectation...* Look up those words in the Greek, *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.* You know what? I hear the cry of vengeance that comes up out of the land, out of the sand of Iraq. I can hear it, "Oh, God, how long will it be before Thou avenge our blood?" We act as though it is none of our business and all of the time, it is the business in which we are to be involved. Come on. Turn with me over into Matthew 20. I want to go to the twentieth verse. *Then came to him the mother of Zebedee's children...* It's the spirit that's in the church, do you hear me? It's the spirit of the mother that's in the church! I don't know why it is that a woman doesn't want to be a mother, or considered to be a mother, in Israel? There is a spirit of intercession in the church that wants the Son to come forth. Loose! There's a spirit that's in the church and this woman was coming to Jesus on a natural plane with the burden of her sons upon her heart. And she says, "Oh God, I would that You would grant me my petition. I would that You would grant me my petition." He said, "What is it that you want?" Talk about extending the scepter. "What is it? Whatsoever thou desirest even unto half of my kingdom!" How important are all of the daily things that we get so bogged down in and begin to cloud our hearing, cloud our vision, cloud our thinking and begin to eradicate the position of responsibility that we have for God? There is a cry that is coming up out of the

earth that says, “Oh God, how long?” You don’t think there wasn’t innocent blood shed over there? You don’t think that there wasn’t innocent blood shed in Africa? South America? You don’t think there hasn’t been innocent blood shed across this land? I don’t know what it is, thirty-seven million babies slaughtered? By the will of man! All because someone didn’t want the inconvenience? They poured blood out upon the ground that was innocent! It’s all talking about you and me, that’s our responsibility! There is a position of accountability that we have with the things that pertain to God. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. You know, we should have been in fasting and prayer. When I woke up this morning, God convicted me. He said, “You should have been in fasting and prayer for what’s going on over there in Iraq.” But, you see, it’s over there. I don’t have any plans of going over there. Me, go to Iraq? You got to be kidding. A guy could get killed over there. Of course, you never thought that way right?

You know, we have a responsibility. We’re sons of God. Okay, let me read this. She came unto Him and she said, *Then came to him the mother of Zebedee’s children with her sons*. Presenting them at the altar. Hallelujah. She’s like Hannah, who brought Samuel up to the altar. *Worshipping him*. She wasn’t out of order. Do you hear me? She wasn’t out of order. Jesus did not rebuke her. And don’t you think that He knew already what was in her heart? How many times have you read, “and perceiving what was in their heart?” He said, Hallelujah, *worshipping him, desiring a certain thing of him*. You know, that desire that is in you that says, “Oh God. I want to be a son.” It’s the spirit of the mother. It’s the birthing and the desire of the nature of the woman that wants to be fulfilled and bringing forth a son! It’s the spirit of travail that is upon the church. Paul said it, “Oh God, I travail in the spirit again for you little children. Would that Christ, Christ, Christ be formed in your inward parts.” Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. You know, I can only by spiritual substitution possibly imagine what a mother must think as she begins to bring forth and as she’s carrying that child, and that child being a part of her being and her thoughts of goodness toward that child, and the desire that begins to well up into her heart and begins to be created. Oh, my God, I can only imagine, but there is something in the nature of that that is in the Spirit of God, that was upon Paul as he penned those words to that church that he had birthed out of hell. Hallelujah. This mother of Israel, this mother of the sons of Zebedee, she desired a thing. I think it was probably the utmost desire that she had. She was walking, she talked, she ministered to Jesus and His disciples. She must have been there listening, and she said, “I want my sons to be along side of You. I want them to be a part of You. I want You to be a part of them. There’s something that You have that I want for them. There’s a position there’s a place.” She was approaching Him on a natural plane but I don’t think her thoughts were natural. I think she had the perception and the ability to discern that this

Man was not of this world! And there was something of the other world, the otherness of God, the otherness of man that she wanted for her sons, so she said, "I have a thing that I would require of You." You know, you read on, He did not rebuke her. He did not rebuke her. No. He said, "It is not mine to give." That means it's available! But He said there's a process, there's a means, there's a walk, there's a place, there's an avenue that has to be treaded out. He said, "Can you drink of My cup?" Oh, my goodness. Thank God for rashness, Holy Ghost rashness. "Oh, yes Lord. Yes, Lord! Yes, Lord!" You know, James and John didn't have any idea, did they? He didn't know that his brother was going to be killed. He didn't know that his friends, the ones that he slept with, ate with, ministered with, were going to end up in prison, and in death and in torture. He didn't know. He didn't know that down the road Patmos was before him. He didn't know but yet there was something in him that said, "Yes, we can drink!" He didn't know, but you want to know something? Had you come to Paul, John, at the end of the day, when it was all said and done, and said, "Was it worth it?" What do you think he would have testified? Oh my, God! "If I had it to do all over again, if I had just to walk it out one more time, give me the opportunity that I might be even more, more so, more committed, more determined, more into the things of God, let me not wait one moment, let me not hold back one strength, one bit, one part of my flesh!" Paul said it, "I count all things but loss, that I (what?) might win, might achieve, might be able to gain the excellency, the excellency (Philippians 3:8)." What excellency? He's talking about being a son! He's talking about taking your place in the rank and file of the heavenly host! Next to that company of people that are called sons of God, in the midst of it, walking as part of it, demonstrating the reality of it. Come on church, what think ye of Christ? Whose Son is He? Whose Son is He? And what part of that Son do you want? What place, what position? Hallelujah. What point, or place of excellency is before your eyes and before your soul? What is it that your emotions are attached unto? What are your desires? Hallelujah. Oh, glory to God. Hallelujah.

I want to see if this is another verse that I need to read. Yes. The scripture I just quoted it is Matthew 22, hallelujah, let's go to verse 35 first. ***Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, ³⁶Master, which is the great commandment in the law? ³⁷Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love... You know, the Lord has been hammering on this a lot. *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸This is the first and great commandment. But He wasn't finished, He took a deep breath. ³⁹And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. ⁴¹While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them...**** Now, why do you think, together in this natural situation, while there was this prevailing reli-

gious attitude, that religious environment of religious people gathered together in front of Him, He interjects this spiritual thought? ⁴²***What think ye of Christ?*** Well, it is because it's the thought that God would interject into the religious environment of our soul. We have been church oriented people. We have not been sons of God desiring people. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. You know, when you get enough of something you can stop doing it. But when you get so sick of something you can get deliverance from it. Do you know that there was no force in hell or in the earth that could have cancelled out or kept you from accepting Jesus Christ as your personal savior? Do you know that? Do you know the spiritual energy that was exerted on your behalf just for you to say, "Yes, I'm a sinner. Yes, He died for my sins! Yes, I want His blood." It was spiritual intervention. Oh, my goodness. ⁴²***Saying, What think ye of Christ? Whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David.*** ⁴³***He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,*** ⁴⁴***The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?***

What is your objective? Why do you come to church? Why do you want to listen to this message? Is it not that there is a desire that is being put into your hand, and into your soul, that you might be a company of people that are called sons of God? If it is not, then you need to find the reality of what it is that you really are seeking. God bless you. God bless you.

Learning the Hard Way

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Here I am again at the notebook, readying myself to write another article for the K.I.T. I often write about my own personal experiences and as I lay out my life on paper, I hope that others will be encouraged as they read. This particular circumstance is quite fresh in my mind as it has been playing out for the last month.

One month ago, I made a decision to go ice skating. I felt uncomfortable with my plans for various reasons, but I brushed



away those qualms as common fears, not the voice of the Holy Ghost. We had a nice time ice skating, that is, until the very end. About five minutes before we finished, I had an accident and fell rather heavily on my wrist. Feelings of foolishness pervaded my soul. My wrist felt awful. I barely used my hand in taking off our skates and leaving the ice arena. All I could think about was the pain from fingertips to elbow.

Over the course of the next ten days, I did everything that I could to protect that arm, make it more comfortable, ease the pain. Life did have to go on, I just did it one-handed! When the injury didn't seem to be healing as quickly as I thought it should, I became nervous. Some people were concerned that it had been broken and that I was going to cause more damage by not going to the doctor to take care of it. As the situation played out, I was able to go get my arm x-rayed. The news was not positive. They said I had broken a bone in my hand and needed to go to the orthopedics department to have it taken care of.

This was not exactly what I was ready to hear. I believed that the care I had taken was sufficient even if I had broken something. However, within a few short minutes, I was receiving a call from the orthopedics department desiring an appointment. Not thinking it was terribly serious, I explained that I had kept it in a brace and questioned if that would be sufficient. She didn't seem to think so and insisted that this kind of injury needed to be under the observation of a hand



doctor. I still held back and requested that they look at my x-rays first and then call me if they really needed to see me. She consented to do this and would call me the following day when she had looked at them. This left me to go peacefully about my business for a time!

Within a few hours, someone told me I could look for information about this bone on the internet. So, out of total curiosity, I began to “surf the net.” I found what I was searching for and also got a whole lot more than that! The internet articles were very clear that casts would not help this injury, but surgery would! They also spoke of the permanent damage that could be done by prolonging immediate care for the injury. What a blow to my confidence!

During the rest of the evening, I grew increasingly vexed over the situation. I had to explain to people that I wouldn't be able to take care of my responsibilities while I was going to the doctor and line up all of the natural scheduling issues – for indeed, I had changed my mind about the need to see a doctor! Thoughts of surgery loomed in my head, frightening me to no end. I prayed for mercy, crying out in fear to my Lord. The next morning, I called the orthopedic office and explained that I had been foolish and decided I would make the appointment. They wholeheartedly agreed. The time was set for mid-afternoon and now all I had to do was wait!

I spent the day trying to avoid dwelling on the fretful thoughts I was thinking. No call came from the clinic with the assessment of my x-ray, so I went to the appointment. After being seen, there was some sort of confusion on the Physician's Assistant's face. He said the x-ray technician did not think there was a fracture! He went to check it out himself. Some time passed before he came back, but when he did, he also did not believe it was broken! However, he wanted to be sure, so he took the x-rays out to the orthopedic doctor to read them himself. His opinion was of the same conclusion as the other two – no break! What a relief. I was free from the dark cloud that had overshadowed the day.



Once the situation had passed and I had time to meditate upon it, I realized some spiritual principles that I needed to have

applied. God had my attention from the moment I fell, but now it was time to learn the lesson. Ephesians 6 says, ¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ¹³Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; ¹⁵And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: ¹⁸Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;. I became aware that I was not wearing the helmet of salvation throughout that experience. The helmet provides a spiritual protection to our minds as we strive to obtain the mind of Christ. Philippians 2:5, Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: I suddenly became aware that I had no covering on my mind for this and had been very vulnerable to the devil's attack. The light and life of God was drained and sucked out of me as I meditated on the fearful things that were fed into my mind. I allowed the draining and it was clearly evident by the exhaustion I was experiencing, the dark circles under my eyes and the pale skin of my face. I had become nervous and tired. I didn't even have the strength to rejoice properly and give thanks to God for the good news He brought forth and the mercy He showed towards me! In fact, I went home and took a nap! When I spoke to my sister, she mentioned that I didn't sound very enthused by the good news, and it was the truth! I was very relieved and glad to hear it was not broken, but I didn't have the power of the life of God to give expression to it. I had been robbed by all the time I spent dwelling on the reports from the internet and allowing what was going on in my mind to sorely affect my emotions. I had lost the peace of God that I should have

had!

Yes, I had to repent. I had to repent for ignoring the voice of the Holy Ghost in the beginning. I had to repent for lacking in the spiritual armor of God upon my mind. My mind was open to the attack of the devil and the gates of my mind should have been closed. When the gates of the mind are left open in that manner, there is a direct avenue into the rest of the soul that is accessible. My emotions were the next thing to be hit. They moved into overdrive with the new knowledge I found on the internet. I can not believe how easy it was for the attack to be successful and how quickly the enemy gained ground in my soul. The lesson was a good one. It is one that I hope that I have learned and do not have to repeat.

Our minds must be protected. The materials that I read were not what caused the damage. The damage came in listening to the lies and the fears that the devil packaged up and presented to me. I had visions of losing the use of my primary hand, thoughts of learning to write with my other hand alongside my kindergartner in his handwriting class! I allowed the situation to overtake me in every hour of that timeframe. It should not have had dominion over me, yet I allowed its domination! I should have taken the issue to the Lord in prayer to see what His thoughts were on the matter. I should have cast my burdens on the Lord, for He careth for me. I should have believed the report of the Lord, not the ravaging lies of the enemy. I should have trusted my good, gracious and merciful heavenly Father. In this way, my mind would have been protected and the life of God in me would have increased, not decreased.

I share my heart and personal circumstances with you because I believe that I am not the only one who must wear the helmet of salvation and put on the mind of Christ. I know that as we all strive for perfection together, we must have the mind of Christ and become unable to be phased by that which “comes across our gray matter.” The application of all of this is still developing in me. It seems that God wants me to be able to apply this same principle in all arenas of my life. Whichever direction that the devil comes to me, I should be girded up and prepared with my mind protected with the helmet of salvation. May God bless us all as we endeavor



WE MUST BE ONE

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First John 3:1-3, *Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. ²Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. ³And every man (and every woman and every child) that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he (Christ) is pure.*

He went further and began to show you the details of this love. Verse 4, *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. ⁵And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.* Watch the logical development of the thoughts of God. This is God's thinking that we are talking about now. God is saying, "NOW we are the sons of God." Amen. He is saying that we are not yet what we will be. So, don't expect yourself to be all glorious with wings and everything NOW, because you are not yet what you will be. But what we do know, we know it for sure, that when He appears, we will be like Him. Whatever He is, that's how we will be. How simple it is. He is developing. Then he goes on to say further, that anyone who sins is under the law, for sin is the transgression of law. If I ask you if you sin, you are going to be baffled, and some will say, "Well, maybe..." and so and so. But the answer is, "No." You do not sin. If you are born of God, you do not sin. If you are not born of God, you sin. That looks hard and it's very silent. But let us go on.

Verse 5, *And ye know that he (Jesus Christ) was manifested to take away (your) sins.* Therefore, if you have Jesus Christ, He has taken away your sin. Let's go on, because somebody doesn't understand. Verse 6, *Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not* (does not sin). Whoever abides in Christ does not sin. I'll explain that to you. Whosoever sinneth... You know the word "sinneth" is the present continuous, like sinning. It's the way that the Greek is written, in the present continuous tense, that means continues on to sin. Whosoever continues as a sinner then, verse 6, *hath*

not seen him (Jesus), hath not seen Yeshua, hath not seen God. *Neither known him* (he does not know him).

All right. Now, some of you feel that I'm condemning you right here with the scripture. But the scripture is right, and we are wrong. So, this is what we decide right now, that the scripture is right. Verse 7, *Little children*, and you notice what he says, *little children*, "teknion." He is not talking about big sons now, he's talking about little children. The reason he said little children is because we are struggling with sin. *Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth...* You notice "doeth." "Doeth" is another present continuous, he that continues to do sin, eh? *He that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he* (God) *is righteous*. And he that continues to do sin is unrighteous, amen. That's what it says. Now, let's go on.

⁸*He that committeth* (again, continuous present, to commit) *sin is of the devil*. You notice how gradually he comes to it. He doesn't just come right out and say, "You are of the devil if you sin." But here he gives you the whole logical sequence coming down and bringing the thought down, and this is God's thinking, you know. *He that committeth sin* (continues to commit sin) *is of the devil; for the devil sinneth* (continues to sin) *from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil* (that is, sin). ⁹*Who-soever is born of God doth* (does) *not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.* ¹⁰*In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil* (world) (that's where the difference comes in).

We are talking about "committeth." Now, the word "committeth," in the Greek, is speaking of... The reason why I have to say "in the Greek" is because we are dealing with two languages here. We are dealing with the thing written in Greek, but actually, this brother did not speak Greek, neither did he speak English. Brother John's native tongue was Hebrew. So, you have to see that somebody translated what he said into Greek, and then translated it again into English. So, we have to go back because God used the two languages that were the most powerful languages to express God. The Latin could not express God. So, you see, if you translated the Bible again in Latin, it would not express God very well. It is from the Greek, then, that the word "committeth" is what we call an active verb. Do you know what we mean by an active verb? A little English here may help. Active verb: I go. That means I must do some action to go. I go. I hit. I talk. I leap. It's an active verb. When it says an active verb, it means you must actually, deliberately commit sin. Now, those who are born of God don't actively, deliberately commit sin. They fall, help me, INTO sin.

They make mistakes. They stumble. That's why he said, "Little children." You know, little children, they go on, they stumble, they fall, and they get up again. Little children. So then, God is saying, "My little children." It is good for you to know that those who go around committing sin are of the devil. It is good for you to know that the Sons of God do not go to deliberately commit sin. Amen. Now, I didn't say they don't sin. I didn't say they don't sin, because they fall into sin. They didn't want to do it, but they did it anyhow. They didn't want to say it, but they said it anyhow. It means that they are careless. But as they grow up and get stronger, they stop stumbling, and stop falling. But then, I notice when they get old, they start stumbling and falling again, breaking hips and things like that. So, you must never get old. Don't get old. I mean, in God! You won't get old, anyhow, according to my doctrine. Praise God.

So, we're talking about love, the love of God. God began to speak to me about the love of God and the love we have one for another. You know me, and I want you to know me very well, because when I speak to you like this, I am speaking from the gift of the Spirit. Now, not because I am especially holy, not because I am good or anything like that, although I've had a long time to try to be good, right? Amen? Seventy-eight years, this year will be 79, next year it will be 80! I will be an octogenarian! Amen! But then, I've been at it such a long time, I'm supposed to achieve more than you achieved. But when I look at you all here, I remember something. I remember that you are all better than what I used to be. Does that sound good to you? You are all better people, believe you me. I don't want you to get your heads swollen, but you are the best set of people that I know. Amen. Every one of you. And I love you because God loves me and I remember when I was like you and I was not good. I used to smoke, I used to drink, and I used to carouse. One thing I couldn't get away from was fighting. I just couldn't help myself. If anybody said anything to me, I felt a twitch in my head, and I got as mad as the devil. I would be very quietly mad and I would try to destroy him. After I was finished, I would be sorry and I'd be sorry for it a whole two weeks. I'd be in a depression, sorry. Sorry for how I did it. I wanted to change, but I never knew how to change. I almost killed my brother. There were seven of us, and we fought every day. Every day we had to have a fight. It was like we couldn't live a day without having a fight, because it was part of our nature, our very souls, amen? I don't know; you know, I'm sorry for some of those people I see in the prisons and all like that. We could have been in the prisons or somewhere long ago, amen. But God must have had some extra mercy upon us.

I remember the day when the devil decided to take me. I was

sitting on my porch, and remember, I'm talking about the love of God, and I want you to know, that without the love of God you wouldn't have me here moving in the Spirit of the Lord. I was sitting on my porch in my white shirt on a Sunday afternoon, reading (I love to read) and I was at peace when a boy ran through my gate, and he screamed, "They are killing your brother outside!" I lost it. I just lost it. I knew that whoever was attacking my brother would be totally dead in a short time. I looked around for a weapon. I couldn't find anything but a piece of iron pipe. The devil had the pipe there, set down waiting for me, because it had a bend like a handle, where you could really hold it and get some power out of it. I rushed through the gate, and when I rushed through the gate the man was coming, and I backed off, you know. I knew he was a dead man because the devil began to tell me exactly how to deal with him. I was going to fake with the pipe like this, and he would do that. Remember, I saw all of this in a vision beforehand, you know. He was going to do like, and then I would get him across his temple. This is exactly what happened, except God did something. When I did like this, and he tried to cover up, he fell to the ground. I took both hands to give him the "coup de gras" - finish him off. As I was coming down with the blow I said, "God, if You are God, only You can help at this time, because I have no more power but to kill this man." There was a madness; I had no more power but to kill the man, and I knew it. There was a madness in me that when I got mad in a crowd, ten men couldn't hold me. This was a devil that was on me, a familiar spirit. My family was like that, you see? Think of the Africans over there fighting one another. When I look at them I say, "Oh, my God." That's where we (duCilles) come from, French and African. My grandfather was a French man and the rest of them were Africans. They mixed together, and it was murder, murder, murder. God Almighty came behind me. (Stand up here, brother.) God came behind me, (turn your back to me) and He lifted me up like this. (You can sit down now, brother, I won't lift you.) He lifted me like this, and I felt a woozy feeling. Woo! And when I came to myself, I was standing way down the street! I was translated out of a fight by the Spirit of God. The man was still on the ground. When the blow didn't take him, he started looking around, and he didn't know where I was. People started running and crying for murder. I mean, Kingston is a city, and at that time, it was the most densely populated area in the whole West Indies. The people ran, a big crowd formed, and nobody noticed that I wasn't there. I don't understand what they saw, you understand? What I saw was that I was down the street looking at this crowd, looking at the man, and they were searching around for me, and nobody saw me. I entered into the yard of a friend who lived down the

street and I stayed there until the excitement was over. But I learned a lesson that day. I learned that God loved me more than I could ever have conceived. Amen? For He saved me; it was not the man's life He saved, it was my life. Yes. He saved me from killing that man that day, and the peculiar thing was that I lost the temper. Generally, when I got in a temper it would last me for weeks. I lost the temper, and the spirit left. The demon spirit, YES! And let me tell you, I'll go a little further with that story. Once, two years before that, my brother provoked me. I took a sharp machete and went to take off his head and when I slammed the machete at him, he ducked like that, and the machete went into the wood of the porch, and I couldn't get it out. You can imagine how powerful the blow was. The machete fastened into the wood, and I could not get it out. It left this big gash on the wood, and every time I stepped through the door, I saw this gash on the wood, and I said, "God, I will not let a demon use my body anymore." Believe you me, when I made that decision... I was a sinner, you know. I mean, I was a sinner, as far as I knew. As a little boy about twelve years of age, I did go to the altar and pray to God, because I felt the Spirit of God. There was a preacher from England, and I felt touched, but you know, it was a Baptist church and they don't believe in salvation and all like that, so I went wild after that. Brethren, I made a decision, I was not going to let any devil take my body. And time went on. My brother came again, "Fight man, fight!" and he began to punch me and I stood up, and I wouldn't move, and I stood on that spot, and my whole clothes were wet from head to foot. Black suit, white shirt, wet! I didn't move and the demon left me. So, this is the second time the demon left me. He left me that time, and for two years I never fought. Considering a person who fights every day and for two years he didn't have a fight, didn't have any more desire to fight, you must know it was God. And then, what broke the two years, was that evening sitting down at peace on my porch, and this criminal got another criminal to attack Frank, my brother, but Frank was good on his feet, and he got away. I rushed through the door to meet them, and that was the occasion. Brethren, "The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell." Hallelujah. When I see how God loves me, I am ashamed of myself, how I love you. Because when we realize what God does for us, we must understand that He wants us to do that for His children. I know that God, Jesus Christ, shed His Blood for you, and that His intention is to make us one. If we're not one, we have lost, remember? Believe me. If we don't become one, we have lost.

Do you know what God is doing with us to make us one? Remember I was talking to you last night about walking in the Lord? It is step by step by step. That's how God designed it. When we start out

there, we're just creeping. I'd say, "Brother Shepherd, How are you?" He'd say, "I'm just crawling." I'd say, "Brother, keep crawling! Don't stop crawling!" But the story is that God gave the Blood of Jesus Christ, which is His Blood, in order that it become a nexus, a joining between us. Then He goes and He gives us families. I mean, I was as wild as they come. You know, I had no intention of marrying, settling down, having a wife. First of all, I didn't believe anybody loved me. Anybody here like that? Well, praise God, you all know somebody loves you. Yes. But, I didn't believe anybody loved me, and when God gave me a wife, especially a woman that loves God so much, so gentle, able to bear with some of my rough ways, and my misbehavior sometimes, I feel honored. Honored beyond measure. You know, when the marriage vow says to love and to cherish, you know, do you have something that you cherish? To love, and to cherish, to honor. When a person turns to their wife or their husband and says a rough word, something out of order, that honor is being breached. You don't have the honor that you should have for her. God is saying to us, "It is time now! It is a late hour. It is time now for us to grow up! For if you cannot be one with your wife, you will not be one with this Body!" That is what is affecting the Body of Christ here. There is no alternative. God is not giving us an alternative as to whether we want to or not. God has given you a wife, God has given you children, and He is making you. He is actually making you! You have got to be made into what God wants you to be, for He says, "When He shall appear you will be like Him." When is that? Well, turn your Bibles to I Corinthians. I don't remember, did we preach from I Corinthians chapter 13 at anyone's wedding here that we did? Well, you know, the Lord has been dealing with me all night about love. He's been showing me some of you here. He's been saying to me, "Let us get back to our first love." Let us get back to our first love. It is sometimes very easy to get used to the person, and you get used to the people and you forget that the first step in love, is to love one another. Love one another, as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us. Come, we take the 13th chapter, verse 1, ***Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity (love), I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.*** Empty! Some of us believe that coming to church, singing, playing, prophesying, everything, that that is godliness. God is saying that you can come to church and speak with the tongues of angels and speak with the tongues of men, and not have the love of God in your heart, and He says ALL your manifestation is vain! I began to learn love... Strange enough, I have the love of God, He gave me His love, He gave me salvation, but it was a new dimension of learning when I got married. Oh yes. You have to learn that here you are, strong and very active and full of life, and you are dealing with a delicate person

who might not be feeling too well this morning. Amen. “What about my breakfast!” Huh? “What about my breakfast? What is going on this morning?” You never inquired and found out that she wasn’t feeling well. You should have gone out and made the breakfast for her. Amen. Yes. You have children and sometimes the children are not really feeling right. You have to have bowels of compassion for them. The scriptures speak of God being El Shaddai. El Shaddai. You know what that means? El Shaddai means the big breasted father God, who has milk to feed all His children with, and to supply them, and that’s the only way that our language can express a certain part of God, El Shaddai. Oh, God. Do you know that God put El Shaddai in the Body, among you? That God put His El Shaddai compassion spirit upon you and some of us only have compassion for our own children! We don’t consider the suffering of others out there that need us. Hallelujah. Yes. God put mothers in your midst, mothers whom you are supposed to listen to, fathers whom you are supposed to listen to, those who must have compassion on you in the Spirit. You know, there’s a scripture which, of course, you know, the theologians really stumble over. I don’t stumble over it. He said, *Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him* (Psalm 103:13). The theologians say, “Oh no, no, no. It is wrong. It should have said, ‘As a mother.’” Hmm? The word used there is El Shaddai, and it means a strong, powerful, Father love. Amen? Yes. A strong, powerful, Father love. Love between husband and wife is the basis of the love and the ministry in the church. God said a man should not be an elder unless he had a wife and he brought up children, huh? So it is your wife that is making you an elder. Now, if you don’t treat that wife properly, then you cannot be an elder. Because God is teaching you, but remember, we go step by step. So, if you haven’t taken the first step, how are you going to take the second? How are you going to have compassion on the people of God, how are you going to love the people of God, how are you going to pour out life upon them if you can’t do it to your wife? Yes! Sometimes God sits by and allows the wife to provoke you. She provokes you, and then the devil comes upon you, and you get mad. God says, “Now that you are mad, what are you going to do about it? Huh? Are you going to get rid of that madness, because it is the thing that is destroying your ministry, your life! As a Son of God, you are losing out!” That’s why, in one place, he said, “Little children.” He said, “My little children,” because you haven’t grown up to the point yet where he could call you, “My sons.” NOW are we the Sons of God, but it really does not yet appear what we shall be (I John 3:2). You notice he did not talk about daughters of God. He doesn’t have any daughters. Hmm? Thank you. You said, “Amen.” Amen. When a person reaches a certain level with God, God

says, "My son." Because you know, really, you know why you are women, don't you? Do you know why you are women? It's not just for the procreation of the species. It is also because the woman is the other half of the man and there's no strength in a church unless the man and the woman come together. That's where our strength is. Therefore, the very glue that holds the church together is love. Amen.

I Corinthians 13:1, ***Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity*** (love), I am nothing. I cannot conceive why they translated this word "charity" because it really is love, "agape." ***2And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.*** In other words, God is saying to us that He is going to give us the gifts of the Spirit, amen? But then we have to grow in maturity, and the growth in maturity is love. Do you understand? When you are able to love your wife when she is not pretty, you know, because all of us love very pretty things. We look at her and we say, "Boy, you are beautiful," but that's your eyes. But then, sometimes, she gets broken down like any human being, gets tired, and gets fussy. That's the time you must love her. When she is hitting you, that's the time you must love her. Yes. I know something that changed a man's whole life for the worse. He was with his wife and children, and they had a little quarrel about something and the woman turned around and pulled back her fist and slammed him right in his mouth. He lost control. If he had overcome that one, the rest of his life would be victory, but he didn't overcome it. He slapped her down. They got a divorce. What I am trying to say to you today is that God is love, and ***every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love*** (I John 4:7-8).

So, love, then, is something that overcomes the evil that is in us. In other words, the temper that is in you is no good. It is of the devil. It comes from your ancestors, and they want to minister death to you, and the moment you resist that temper, and don't say anything... When somebody slaps you, and you do not repeat it, you don't say anything and you just burn, you have hit the devil! Hit the devil, and he will flee from you! He will come back again, but he is weaker, and every time you hit him and he comes back, he is weaker. Let me tell you something. When it comes to temper, God has given you the power over the temper! You have to use the force of your own will, because God has given you the power. It's not like the sinner who has no power. You have power to overcome the devil, and the devil is coming from your ancestors, and whatever is happening to you, happened to your ancestors.

Go with me on a different level, a higher level now. Let's look at

heaven now. Let's read it. It's Hebrews 12 the first verse. *Wherefore seeing we also are compassed (round) about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, (and let us lay aside) and the sin which doth so easily beset us, (our ancestral sins), and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.* Let me explain to you what he is saying. In this room, here is Jesus standing on one side, and He has a class with Him, spirits that He is teaching because the spirits that are in heaven must receive from us the manifold wisdom of God. Do you know why? Why is it that heaven has to learn from us? Because we are in the battle. We are the weak ones. We are the ones who are susceptible and subject to satanic attack. They are not. Amen? So, teaching them wouldn't help. The only way we are going to overcome is to actually go into the thing and come out victorious. All right. So here is Jesus standing, let's say, in your bedroom, and He has with Him some spirits of the brothers who have gone on before because He sees a devil who is provoking, tempting your wife and tempting you, and they start a little fire between you both and you start to quarrel. Then the devil comes and whispers in your ears, "Are you going to let her do you that way and get away with it?" Huh? And your antennae's go up. The spirit of God says, "The Lord is with you, peace, be quiet." And the devil comes and says to you, "Get on with it, man. You can't let her get away with that. She'll just continue walking over you all the while." And the Lord comes and says so and so to you. A scripture comes before you, and the battle goes back and forth. Jesus is standing there with some of the saints who were in the same condition in their life. Remember now, they can't be in that condition anymore, but they are seeing the exact thing that was happening to them. The only difference is now they are seeing the devils that are doing it, and you are not! While this temptation goes on, the Spirit of God comes to you and says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4). And the wife starts telling you so and so and so and so... And you resist; you don't say a word. The devils flee from you, and the angels of God shout, "Hallelujah!" You are not hearing anything, you are not seeing anything, you feel like a dog! Don't you understand? You feel as low as a dog, like you have been crushed and so and so, and she feels all upset, and she is gone crying. You had a victory, but you didn't even know it. Hallelujah. Next thing that happens is you have the strength to go put your hands around her. "Oh, take your hands off of me!" "Oh, come on..." You follow her up, and finally she begins to, you know, complain to you and weep and you just kiss her and so on, and the love of God overcomes! But what about the time the love of God didn't overcome? Huh? The little devil jumps and just rejoices, "I've got him! I've got him! I'll come back again!" You see what I mean? The next time he comes back to you he has more power.

Then he says, "Divorce!" Yes. He says, "Divorce." And you say, "Oh, God. Did God tell us to marry?" Then somebody begins to say, "Well, we didn't hear from God. We married before we heard from God." And this and that and the other. Let me tell you something. Everyone of you who marries, whether you were married before you heard from God or not, God has sanctified your marriage and He said your bed is sanctified, and your marriage is sanctified of God, both of you together (Hebrews 13:4). Don't you EVER think you can walk out of the Body of Christ and go and divorce and live. You're a goner! You are a dead man! Hallelujah! You are a dead man! Anyone who ill treats the sons of God, the daughters of Jesus Christ, my children in the Lord, those I pray for, they will NEVER prosper, they are finished! Let that soak in a little, because this is what God showed me. All right? I am not speaking of my own manly feelings. Somebody will say, "Well, Brother Cec..." Brother Cec is working under the power of the Spirit. I have not prepared a message to give you. I am hearing what I am saying. Flashes come in to me, and I'm passing them on to you. I just need to say that so you will understand that there is something greater than what you are used to. This is not church! This is not the old time church where you can go and do this and do that and get away with it. You are not going to get away. You are finished! Yes. I've seen some finished. And I know they're done. You see, they're running on compression, but they are shot already. Amen. Hallelujah. I'm saying, brethren, that God is binding us together. There is nothing greater in the heart of God. Now, when I say God, do you know who I'm talking about? I mean Yahweh! Jehovah! You call him Jehovah, I'm meaning Yahweh! The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, the One who made everything that you see around you as well as what you can't see! We are in His presence! Let us be afraid! Let us fear Him! My God! You take a child of God, and you murder her, spiritually. What do you think you're doing? You're killing yourself! God is going to slay you! You cannot live! You cannot be happy, ever! You're finished! Brethren, I'm saying that God gave you somebody to love. I'm talking now to you children, you young ones who are not married. God has given you some people to love. You must love this people, this Body, your brethren, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all of your mind, and you must love the Lord God. He says, "Love the Lord thy God," help me, "with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might, AND thy neighbor as thyself" (Matthew 22:37-39). Jesus, have mercy upon us! We are short, yes! We are short. We sin against one another. Sometimes we say things against one another. But we need to repent. We need to repent, because God is creating a Body in the earth! This is what God is doing! God doesn't want any mighty preacher to go around healing and delivering everybody. Ev-

everybody has to wait until Brother So-And-So comes to lay his hand on them. That's over with! That's over with! God is creating a Body. Jesus is calling His bride. Yes! The word comes to me, "That they may be one." Somebody read that for me. John 17:20-22, *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; ²¹That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. ²²And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.* So, if anybody comes to you, and says he is preaching, and says he is doing miracles, and he is doing anything at all in the name of the Lord, and he is not creating a oneness among the people of God, he is not doing the will of God. For the perfect will of God is that we all may be one! You hear them talk about black church, some talk about white church, some talk about all the different kinds of ethnic and whatever else religious organization churches, all those are outside of Christ. He said, "In Christ, there is neither male nor female" (Galatians 3:28). IN Christ! So you have a wife that IN Christ, you must realize that in the Spirit she is neither male nor female. It's just God lying down beside you, in your bed at night. And you have to be careful with her, tender, forgiving one another for Christ's sake. As Jesus Christ forgives us, let us forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32). Let us love one another, as God loves us!

It is like a final word being given. You know why? We are at the end of the business. If we fail, God will turn away from us and choose another people. God chooses a group, He chooses one over there, He chooses one over there, and every one that fails, He puts them aside. If they turn church, He finds another group. Don't you understand? God is trying to melt people into one. You cannot bring anybody in to be with you and be one with God unless you are one with each other. In other words, the nucleus must be right, and everybody else that comes will be coming to the one-ness. We must be one in Christ Jesus. We must have no dissimulations, no divisions that will divide us. We must have repentance. Amen. Repentance. For right now we are not what we ought to be. *But we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him* (I John 3:2). So, the more of Jesus you have, the more you will be one with the brethren who are one with God. Amen? Hallelujah. For that reason, God has set certain things in our midst. God has put in our midst different arrangements. The brethren asked Paul, "How do we relate, one to another in the church?" He said, "The older women should be mothers." He said, "Then you have fathers, then you have brothers, and then you have sisters" (I Timothy 5:1-2). So we should look at each other as brothers and sisters. Why? It's not reality to you? Let me tell you how real it is.

It's more real than your natural brother because the Blood of Jesus Christ which you have in you is in him, and in her, and in this one and in that one. The same Blood that flows through you, flows through them.

We have a song which we sing, "Flow Through Me." That means the glory of God is flowing in this building, and it's flowing one through another. You'd be surprised to know what's going on. You sit down there, and you think certain things in your heart. And it starts flowing through him, and he thinks certain things and it flows through, and it flows, and it flows, and it flows, and it flows. So, the love of God flows through and through us, one another. Now, there's something more that flows through one another, too. If we have wrong thoughts, it flows through each other. If we have wrong thoughts, the wrong thoughts also flow. You follow me? So, we need to flow one through another, we need to flow one through another IN Christ. Now, I understand that in the heavenlies, this thing is going to be on a bigger scale. I heard one man saying, "Boy, heaven wouldn't be right if I didn't have my wife in heaven." You know what I mean. He's talking about having a wife up in heaven. Many of you must have thought of what's going to happen, wondering if we will have a wife and husband in heaven. No. You know why? Because the level on which we are in heaven is so much higher than the wife or husband level down here. God only gave us a wife or husband in order to keep us together and let us learn how to love one another. But up there it's different. There is a flowing through and through. When you flow into the brother's or the sister's heart or mind you see a whole vast area of magnificent glory. God calls it His mansion. You walk into God's mansion, and you see all the glory that God has put into one soul. And you know what? God has put His glory into every one of you here and you need to begin to flow it out! Amen! Praise God.

I look in your midst and I see mothers. There is so much blessing in here, so much glory of God in this place and you don't know it! So much blessing. Begin to recognize one another. Begin to recognize the things, the way God is dealing with one another in love. I remember when we were back down there in Jamaica, and we first started, you know, it was just all fire and glory. I don't think we will ever see that again in our lives. There was one humble brother that didn't preach, he didn't do much, but when it came to counsel, we would always ask Banker. We would call him and ask, "What do you see? What is the Lord saying?" And he could give you a proper counsel as to what God was saying. We have to realize that each person has a special manifestation in the Lord. We used to talk of Sister Hermin, and how she would come. I would be preaching in the middle of the message, and she would come, "Ha! Ha! Ha!" She would hold her side. "What's the story?" It was a manifestation

of the Spirit. Nothing was wrong with her side, but it would be paining her. And she would say, "Somebody here has a problem in their side." And the person would stand up and as we would pray for the person, Sister Hermin would be set free. I mean, sometimes you have to laugh at the manifestations we saw there.

But praise be to God, everyone of you, there is something God is doing, and it's got to be done now. We have to stop fooling around. Time is short. I believe we have three and a half years. Whether you believe it or not, let's go! You hear me? It's got to be! It's got to be! God must bring to pass what He has ordained to be done here and now. He must bring it to pass! Oh, God Almighty, help us! Whatsoever ye desire, ask, and it shall be done. You all believe that, brethren? Now, let me tell you something about prayer. Don't you ever pray, "Oh God, poor Brother So-And-So. Have mercy upon him, oh God." In other words, you are telling God to have mercy as if God is not a merciful God, so you have to tell Him to have mercy. Huh? NO! NO! "God, this man is blood of my blood, flesh of my flesh. He's in trouble, he has a problem. Save him from that spirit in that house now. Heal him, deliver the household. Thank you, Jesus." That's what we are going to pray from now onwards. No more will we allow the devil to have pre-eminence in our midst. He must stop. Must STOP right now! No more "poor me"! God has given us power! All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth! No devil must be able to divide this people. Let Jesus reign in your hearts! Thank you, thank you, brethren. Thank you, God bless you, brethren. Next session let us come in the Spirit and get more of what God is doing! Oh, glory to God. Thank you, Jesus. Hallelujah!

The Full Version of Margaret McDonald's End Time Revelation

A few bulletins back we printed what we thought was the whole vision had by Margaret McDonald. Soon after that, we received this version over the internet...it is quite a bit longer and more detailed. We print it here for your edification and we apologize for printing an incomplete version before.

It was first the awful state of the land that was pressed upon me. I saw the blindness and infatuation of the people to be very great. I felt the cry of Liberty just to be the hiss of the serpent, to drown them in perdition. It was just 'no God.' I repeated the words, "Now there is distress of nations, with perplexity, the seas and the waves roaring, men's hearts failing them for fear. Now look out for the sign of the Son of Man." Here I was made to stop and cry out, "O, it is not known what the sign of the Son of Man is; the people of God think they are waiting, but they know not what it is." I felt this needed to be revealed, and that there was great darkness and error about it; but suddenly what it was burst upon me with a glorious light. I saw it was just the Lord Himself descending from Heaven with a shout, just the glorified man, even Jesus; but that all must, as Stephen was, be filled with the Holy Ghost, that they might look up, and see the brightness of the Father's glory. I saw the error to be that men think that it will be something seen by the natural eye; but 'tis spiritual discernment that is needed, the eye of God in his people. Many passages were revealed, in a light in which I had not before seen them. I repeated, "Now is the Kingdom of Heaven like unto ten virgins, who went forth to meet the Bride-

groom, five wise and five foolish; they that were foolish took their lamps, but took no oil with them; but they that were wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps." "But be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is; and be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." This was the oil the wise virgins took in their vessels - this is the light to be kept burning - the light of God - that we may discern that which cometh not with observation to the natural eye. Only those who have the light of God within them will see the sign of His appearance. No need to follow them who say, "See here, or see there," for His day shall be as the lightning to those in whom the living Christ is. 'Tis Christ in us that will lift us up - He is the light - 'tis only those that are alive in Him that will be caught up to meet Him in the air. I saw that we must be in the Spirit, that we might see spiritual things. John was in the Spirit, when he saw a throne set in Heaven. But I saw that the glory of the ministration of the Spirit had not been known.

I repeated frequently, "But the spiritual temple must and shall be reared, and the fullness of Christ be poured into His Body, and then shall we be caught up to meet Him. Oh, none will be counted worthy of this calling but His Body, which is the church, and which must be a candlestick all of gold." I often said, "Oh, the glorious inbreaking of God which is now about to burst on this earth; Oh, the glorious temple which is now about to be reared, the bride adorned for her husband; and Oh, what a holy, holy bride she must be, to be prepared for such a glorious bridegroom." I said, "Now shall the people of God have to do with realities - now shall the glorious mystery of God in our nature be known - now shall it be known what it is for man to be glorified." I felt that the revelation of Jesus Christ had yet to be opened up - it is not knowledge about God that it contains, but it is an entering into God - I saw that there was a glorious breaking in of God to be. I felt as Elijah, surrounded with chariots of fire. I saw, as it were, the spiritual temple reared, and

the Head Stone brought forth with shoutings of grace, grace, unto it. It was a glorious light above the brightness of the sun that shone round about me. I felt that those who were filled with the Spirit could see spiritual things, and feel walking in the midst of them, while those who had not the Spirit could see nothing - so that two shall be in one bed, the one taken and the other left, because the one has the light of God within while the other cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven. I saw the people of God in an awfully dangerous situation, surrounded by nets and entanglements, about to be tried, and many about to be deceived and fall. Now will THE WICKED be revealed, with all power and signs and lying wonders, so that if it were possible the very elect will be deceived - This is the fiery trial which is to try us. It will be for the purging and purifying of the real members of the Body of Jesus; but oh, it will be a fiery trial. Every soul will be shaken to the very center. The enemy will try to shake in every thing we have believed - but the trial of real faith will be found to honor and praise and glory. Nothing but what is of God will stand. The stony-ground hearers will be made manifest - the love of many will wax cold.

I frequently said that night, and often since, "Now shall the awful sight of a false Christ be seen on this earth, and nothing but the living Christ in us can detect this awful attempt of the enemy to deceive - for it is with all deceivableness of unrighteousness he will work - he will have a counterpart for every part of God's truth, and an imitation for every work of the Spirit. The Spirit must and will be poured out on the church, that she may be purified and filled with God - and just in proportion as the Spirit of God works, so will he - when our Lord anoints men with power, so will he." This is particularly the nature of the trial, through which those are to pass who will be counted worthy to stand before the Son of man. There will be outward trial too, but 'tis principally temptation. It is brought on by the outpouring of the Spirit, and will just increase in propor-

tion as the Spirit is poured out. The trial of the Church is from Antichrist. It is by being filled with the Spirit that we shall be kept. I frequently said, "Oh, be filled with the Spirit - have the light of God in you, that you may detect Satan - be full of eyes within - be clay in the hands of the Potter - submit to be filled, filled with God." This will build the temple. It is not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord. This will fit us to enter into the marriage supper of the Lamb. I saw it to be the will of God that all should be filled. But what hindered the real life of God from being received by his people was their turning from Jesus, who is the way to the Father. They were not entering in by the door. For he is faithful who hath said, by me if any man enters in he shall find pasture. They were bypassing the cross, through which every drop of the Spirit of God flows to us. All power that comes not through the blood of Christ is not of God.

When I say, "They are looking from the cross," I feel that there is much in it - they turn from the blood of the Lamb, by which we overcome, and in which our robes are washed and made white. There are low views of God's holiness, and a ceasing to condemn sin in the flesh, and a looking from Him who humbled himself, and made Himself of no reputation. Oh! it is needed, much needed at present, a leading back to the cross. I saw that night, and often since, that there will be an outpouring of the Spirit on the Body, such as has not been, a baptism of fire, that all the dross may be put away. Oh, there must and will be such an indwelling of the living God as has not been - the servants of God sealed in their foreheads - great conformity to Jesus - His holy, holy image seen in His people - just the bride made comely by His comeliness put upon her. This is what we are at present made to pray much for, that speedily we may all be made ready to meet our Lord in the air - and it will be. Jesus wants His bride. His desire is toward us. He that shall come, will come, and will not tarry.

Amen and Amen. Even so come Lord Jesus.



Czech Conference 2005

The Prague fellowship is pleased to announce to the Body of Christ worldwide that based on the Lord's leading, this year's conference will be held at a new place and a new time.

Lord willing, the conference will take place from September 24 to October 1, 2005, at a beautiful mountainous area, 70 miles north of Prague, in Hotel Murano. You can examine and acquire information about Hotel Murano by going to (www.hotelmurano.cz).

Weekly Prices:

- Adults 16 years of age and up \$130
- Children 5-15 years of age \$100
- Children up to 5 years of age free

(Prices include accommodation and three meals a day. This may change if the exchange rate fluctuates).

Accommodation is offered in newly rebuilt 2 to 6-bed rooms with a bathroom and a balcony. Meetings will be held in a conference hall that can seat up to 150 people. Transport from Prague to Murano will be ensured for you by the Prague Fellowship. Registration for the convention will be provided in upcoming KIT Bulletins.

All of you are warmly invited to participate with us in the move of the Lord in this hour.

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HOUSE OF



By Terry Smith - February 23, 2005

Have you ever made a house of cards? Have you ever seen a house of cards? Here are a few pictures of what one might look like in case you have not ever seen a house of cards.

The amazing thing about a house of cards is that **SOME CARDS CAN BE REMOVED AND IT WILL STILL REMAIN STANDING** – UNTIL a major support card is removed – then the whole thing falls down.

Well, I have had an amazingly large house of cards. It has had several cards removed, and had not fallen down yet. The last few days the Lord had been enabling me to remove some of the major support cards from this house. It has not fallen down in the natural, I know that it has received some very major, **major** blows in the spiritual realm. By the Spirit of the Lord, I know that it is soon to be removed, and that it may be already removed in the spiritual realm.



You may wonder what on earth am I referring to?

Well for one thing, it is **not** on earth – and it is **not** natural. It is in the Spirit realm. I am thinking of all the things that are not of God, that are in my soul – how they all make up a sort of House of Cards. All the deception and lies of the enemy are a type of House of Cards in my soul. Each item needs to have a certain amount of revelation from the Holy Ghost. With each revelation comes one of the following that I have been aware of in my walk with the Lord:

1. **Repentance**, which results in cleansing, and thanksgiving
2. More **ground gained for Christ** and lost to the enemy
3. More **stability and steadfastness in Truth** (this adds to our sure



foundation in our building of the Temple of the Lord within us-**another Word sealed**)

4. Enlightenment by the Holy Ghost – or clarity

5. The Law of Life and Liberty in Christ applied over the Law of Sin and Death

6. Refreshing and restoration yet again, from our long-suffering, merciful God

There are a few scriptures that go along with this. One is the idea of us being a house or temple for the Lord. That is found in -

I Corinthians 3:16, ***Know ye not that YE ARE THE TEMPLE of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?***

II Corinthians 6:16, ***And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for YE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.***

Another verse that we are all familiar with, which refers to our spiritual growth or spiritual building within us, is found in -

Isaiah 28:10, ***For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:***

As the spiritual Jerusalem, our building is referred to by Daniel:

Daniel 9:25, ***Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.***

How did I receive this revelation for my soul by the Holy Ghost? It was not an instant gift from the Lord. Part of the revelation came from listening to and reading the Bible; part of it came from listening to messages from some of our brethren. While listening to a conference message yesterday, a few parts came to light as I thought about them. Then this morning, my faith was boosted while singing to the Lord. I just got strengthened and revitalized. When I was driving to work I listened to a piece from the Jamaica Conference. When I heard Brother Burt Asbill discussing the relationship between the body, soul, and spirit of man and woman, all the other events leading up to this just clicked and I knew immediately that finally something had been broken BIG in my soul.

Perhaps you have not had things that have needed BIG breakings in your soul. I hope not. But I did have to listen to that part of the message 3 or 4 times to totally hear what the Lord was speaking qui-

ety to me. First, it was a lie that I knew had been taken away. As I thought about it and praised the Lord and thanked our Father for setting me free from that lie (or fear, or deception, or doubt), here came a second thing and I realized that there was another deception attached to the first, and that God had removed that hindrance out of my mind also. Then I really started getting excited and as I praised and glorified the Lord and thought about what the Lord was removing, then I was quickened that there was also a third that had been uncovered in the process. **They all were tied together subtly**, and they were, I believe, a main root. Also, other cleansings prior to today were helping pave the way.

I know I'm not done yet. I know I'm still under construction until the Christ rises within His Body, but it really blesses me to know that I'm a bit closer than I was yesterday, and that as **we** continue to press on into the Kingdom of God, **we shall** continue getting closer until –

Ephesians 4:13, ***Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:***

I really don't like the way deception comes in and clouds our vision of the Lord and His truths. I pray that you don't have such problems in your walk with the Lord. We do have this promise to comfort us, though:

IF WE WILL SEEK HIM, HE PROMISES THAT HE WILL LET US FIND HIM.

These scriptures also speak that if we work on meeting the requirement we have for the promise, that God **shall** fulfill His response on our behalf:

Matthew 6:33, ***But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.***

Proverbs 8:17, ***I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.***

Jeremiah 29:13, ***And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.***

One more encouraging thought before I end –

Each time darkness is caused to leave us and truth and light take it's place, a little more of the **cloud of our flesh** leaves us also, causing us to be that much brighter for the world to see the light of the Lord Yeshua within us.

May the Lord Yeshua richly bless you & may our Master Builder continue building a firm foundation in each of us for His Glory & Honor & Praise!



Dual Compatibility

by Nathaniel Chatic

The thought of possessing a double-minded mentality has been pressing on me recently. I bore witness with a message delivered a month or two ago concerning dual compatibility. In other words, living a dual lifestyle, attempting to serve both the world and God. After hearing that particular message, what came to me was the word “compromise.” I went to look it up in the dictionary (Funk and Wagnalls), and a couple of definitions stood out to me. One definition stated, “An agreement or arrangement of conflicting views, systems, etc., by mutual concessions often involving a partial surrender of purposes or principle.” Looking further on, “The habit or spirit of concession; anything as a course in life, business, or politics that is the result of concessions; a medium between two conflicting courses.”

What jumped out to me from reading the definition for compromise were the words “mutual concessions.” After seeing those words linked together with compromise, I went to look the word “concession” up, and the definition again opened my eyes. “The act of granting or yielding; anything granted or yielded admitted in response to a demand, petitions or claim, or permitted under pressure.” The word “concede” stems from concession, which is “to yield in consequence of demand; allow as a right; surrender (as, the liberty claimed was conceded.)”

I began to think about how these mutual concessions work in our lives, and how they affect our spiritual walk with God. It is interesting how conceding can become habitual in our life. I believe the enemy is constantly working against God’s people to draw that reaction from them, to concede to his authority, most of the time because it seems easier that way. The Bible says that the road to God is strait and narrow, but few actually find it (Matthew 7:14). There is a reason for that, and I believe that possessing this double-minded mentality is a part of that. We see compromise working all too often in many sets of circumstances and situations.

The spirit of independence seems all-encompassing in the world today. Self-service is what is motivating many people to do certain things, and in the church, people are clamoring to doctrines derived

not from God, but from man, because it is easier to follow or walk in. It gives us “more options,” or allows us a little more “leeway” than the doctrine of God. And that is where the concessions begin to work and manifest. All the enemy needs is a seam, and once he finds something that he can exploit, he will use it to his advantage, to the fullest extent. Let us take a look in Matthew where it talks about the double-minded man.

Matthew 6:24 says, *No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.* It is absolutely impossible to have it both ways, if you and I are looking to receive the entirety of what the Lord desires to give to us. There is no middle ground, and anyone that believes that there is some form of middle ground, or possesses an attitude of, “Well, I’ll meet God halfway,” on this or that is sorely mistaken, and will miss out on the fullness of God’s intent. And truthfully, many wouldn’t even meet God.

God is giving us a message. The time for preparation, getting our house in order is now. He is telling us to move onto higher ground, a higher level in the Spirit that we have not experienced yet, or may have received a taste of it, but have not made it a permanent abode as it were. The only thing that will stop us is our unwillingness to submit what we feel we have to hold onto. Our humanity all too often gets in the way and overrides the divinity of God. It’s the spirit of concessions that is ever working in the Body at this time. Compromise is working to bring God’s people to turn away from their first love, and spend their time and energy doing their own thing. And honestly, it’s not something that you or I probably thought about when we accepted the Christ as our personal Savior. “Just what have I gotten myself into?” That thought probably never crossed our minds until after the fact. Believe me, I am not saying that you made a mistake having accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior, far from it!

I liked what Mr. duCille wrote in the Book of Revelation, the second volume. In chapter 11, under the heading “The Outer Court is Gone,” there is a place where it says when you accept Christ, you become a “fresh sinner (p. 3).” That statement carries a good point. It’s not that when you or I became saved, we were made perfect right then and there. It’s not that the Blood of Christ cannot purify us through and through, and wash away our carnality, because it defi-

nately can. But there's an awareness of the sin **nature** that is revealed unto us when we accepted Christ, and that awareness did not come with automatic perfection. God's intention was to have us aware of where we were (in the world), and where He desired for us to be in the beginning, and from that day forward, we were not our own. That is the point that we have to receive in this timeframe. We are not our own.

When compromise takes effect, when we allow or tolerate certain aspects of our humanity to linger, certain aspects of our humanity to continue to cleave onto our souls, the enemy is given an avenue to enter in and cause destruction. Conceding to our humanity shifts our focus away from God. It puts Him on hiatus, and instead of listening to His voice, or subject to His leading, we begin to listen and are led by something else. A couple of verses up in Matthew 6, we are encouraged to have our focus upon the Lord. Verse 22, ***The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy body shall be full of light.*** It's talking about a correct vision, keeping our eyes fixed on God. I have heard much of Peter stepping out of the boat and walking on the water to Jesus. Talk about honing your vision! The man had to have had a revelation, a faith working in him that was above and beyond his humanity, his natural mental process, to step out in the midst of the sea and begin to WALK on water. At that moment, his faith was being exercised totally, and was rewarded because his focus was correct.

It illustrates the difference in applying the Word on a natural and spiritual level. What we are seeing is a lot of people applying the Word on a natural level. I was tremendously encouraged by the recent week of meetings we had, and the revelation that was brought to us could not have come at a better time. I have been thinking about looking at my situation in a temporal light. I have, and still do, find myself guilty of taking the Word and applying it on a lower level, because that is what is most comfortable and familiar for my humanity. It's doing what I feel needs to be done so I can get by in God. But by doing so, my humanity begins to compromise the intent of God to work fully in my life. It's as we've heard before, like putting God in a box, and taking Him out whenever we feel is the most opportune time. It can become formulaic, as if God were a part of an equation that we can take out and use anytime at our discretion.

When the seed of compromise is planted, then reading the Bible

everyday may turn into reading the Bible every other day, until we think we have little or no time to read at all. The same can go for prayer, fasting, tithes, etc. The enemy begins to chip away, getting you to wane in the things of God, with the intent to draw you completely away from God, His people, and His work. And you know, it's the little foxes. It's those subtle shifts in your spiritual walk that are constantly working to get us and keep us sidetracked from our main objective.

A double-minded mentality will ultimately leave us in the dark, and compromising our faith will cause us to miss out on the blessings that God intended for us to receive. ***But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!*** (Matthew 6:23). This verse indicates the direction that the enemy desires to take us if we allow it. Light and darkness cannot coexist together. One will cancel out the other. If you enter a dark room, and you are searching for something and need to see in order to find it, what do you do? You turn the light on. We need to be on continuously in the Spirit. Our vision needs to be channeled to the Spirit of God, and maintained in that place. When the enemy comes to distract us, to deter us, to discourage us, we have the power to resist him. That is what the Word says, ***Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you*** (James 4:7). You will notice that submission to God is required in order for us to resist our enemy. If we don't submit to God, and choose to hold onto that which is pleasing to our humanity, we lose the power that God has given us. Instead of resisting the enemy, we start to become the enemy. We must continually keep our focus on God in order to resist the devil.

Satan lost his place in Heaven because he placed his will before God's will. He allowed compromise to work in him, to such an extent that he resisted God, and we know the result of his resistance. Now is not the time for us to make the same mistake. There is an intent, a destiny that God has for each one of His people. If our focus, our mindset is in the correct place, we can go places in God that we could not imagine going in of our own strength. Would it really be worth compromising the things God has for us with what we would rather do in order to fulfill the desires of our flesh? Let us be sensitive to the Spirit of God, and handle the Word that He has given us with diligence and faithfulness.

Book Nook

By Kate Trotter

On

Prison to Praise

By Merlin Carothers



In the course of a recent conversation, someone recommended this excellent book to read. The following day, I found the very book in a pile that I had just borrowed from my parents. I began to read and found that this short book was indeed very encouraging!

Prison to Praise begins with Merlin Carothers' testimony of the life he was living and how God revealed Himself to Merlin and saved his soul. He has a wonderful testimony, and God's sovereign power in the affairs of men is quite evident throughout. That alone could raise your spirit on any cloudy day!

Mr. Carothers continues the book with the revelations that God took him through as he sought after God, desiring more of Him. He is baptized in the Holy Spirit, which changes his life tremendously, and brings him a whole new perspective of God and a different attitude towards Him. Then, God begins to teach Mr. Carothers to praise the Lord and thank Him for everything and every circumstance of life. This is strange to him, but as so much of the scripture directs him to behave this way, he obeys. After a time of obedience, God directs him to share his revelation with others and amazing things begin to happen! You will have to read the book for yourself to find out how God moves!

This story truly encouraged me to assess my position and attitude for my daily life and circumstances! There have been periods of time that God has given me honest praise in my heart for the life situation I have experienced, but I have not walked in that attitude of praise 100% of the time. I believe that God really does want us to rejoice in the Lord always and experience that strength that comes from the joy of the Lord!

The next spare moment you have would be well spent reading this book, Prison to Praise. God bless you as you read!



BOOK REPORT

By Isaac Trotter

On

The Secret Church

By Louise Vernon

Mr. Culver gave us a book. It is called The Secret Church. The lady who wrote the story is named Louise A. Vernon. Mama read it to us as a nighttime story. This book is a story about the persecution of the Anabaptists. The people in the story are not real people, but it is like what it would have been.

The children that the story is about are named Trudi, Richard, and Otto. Trudi's family are neighbors of Richard's family. Richard's family is related to Otto's family. All of them lived in Germany.

Richard's family was hiding Otto's family because they were Anabaptists, but the law said you could not feed Anabaptists or let them stay in your house. Richard's father was excommunicated because he became an Anabaptist and he hid Anabaptists. Then all of them had to run away. Even Trudi ran away. Then they tried to go to Friesland, but got captured, and the court said that they needed to be banished. Banished means you cannot come to the town you were at ever again. Then they were able to leave and go to Friesland. All of the families, even Trudi, became Anabaptists.

The story makes me think of how it would be for me to be persecuted. I liked that they were very brave. I did not like the story because Mr. Schwartz, which was Trudi's father, lied. Mr. Schwartz did not go with Trudi and the other families because he did not like Anabaptists. The story scared me because Mr. Schwartz burnt Richard's house, and that bothered me very much.

I think this is a good book to read, and I would like you to read it because it is a reminder for the people who are being persecuted now.