

*Malachi 3:3 - And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.*

## Info Center

Dear Readers,

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We welcome you to another edition of the bulletin! It is so wonderful to work on this God-given job and I pray that you are blessed. The cookbook progress is coming along very well. We greatly appreciate all of the contributions and cannot wait to get cooking! There are two words included in this bulletin, one by Brother Andrew Schaepe and the other by Brother Burt Asbill. They are sure to be food for thought and for your soul. There are book reports and prophecies and a letter from Brother Warnock. Our newest staffer, Wes, has also written and we are sure you do not want to miss that! It may take some time, but we encourage you to read the entire bulletin from cover to cover! May God bless, strengthen, encourage and enlighten you as you do.

Any contributions for the material in this bulletin are welcomed and enjoyed. Please do not hesitate to write about books you have read, videos you have seen, marvelous things that the Lord has done, etc. You may send submissions to us at the following addresses:

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Prophecy from Sister duCille,  
Florida Convention 2004

Cast thou thyself before the Lord thy God. Come thyself before the Almighty; that He might raise thee up, that He might anoint thee, that He might give unto thee that which thy soul desireth, that which will give thee life and health and strength and the blessings for that which thou must face, saith the Lord thy God. So rejoice not in the things that lie around thee that do not bring thee life, that does not lift thee up, but rejoice in that which the Lord thy God does place in the midst of thee to lift thee up, to point thee in the direction of the life and the light and the glory of His Kingdom, hallelujah. For unto this hath the Lord thy God called thee and assigned thee. Fear not, lest thou enter not into that which so many have missed, but that which the Lord has declared for a people that will come forth in His glory, to be His glory in the earth. So tarry not in the plain, lest thou be consumed, but lift up thyself before the Lord thy God and account within thy own self that which the Lord requires of thee in holiness and in righteousness that thou might do that which the Lord has commanded thee and that thou wilt bring forth in the earth that which is life, that which will arise and awake those who are dead from their slumber and their sleep for, yea, the time is short and even now will I say that the time is now, saith the Lord thy God.

A Prophetic Word from Sister Pavlina Davis  
02/02/2005, Wednesday Evening Meeting Mahomet, IL

There is much that I would desire to share with you, My people. There is much that I would desire to show unto you. There is much that I would desire to give unto you. There is much blessing, much presence of the Living God that I would desire to present unto you. But My people, you are dull of hearing. My people, I have not found your senses being exercised so that I would be able to come with strong meat. You are still like children walking throughout this earth, trying to find the blessing for yourself, but I say unto you, My people, turn unto Me. Turn unto Me and seek My face, and I will pour My very soul into you. I will pour My heart unto you, I will share My secrets with you, for that is My desire. I desire to come and pour My blood upon you, upon your life, into your circumstances and situations. But My people, I need you to seek My face. I have come, time and time and over and over again, and I don't have much time anymore, because My time is coming to an end. I just call upon you, My people, who are called by My name, come unto Me and seek My face, that you might receive that which I have ordained for you.

# Dudik's Report on Marriage Seminar



Dear Brethren,

Thank you very much for your prayers. The Lord has been moving among us... He gave us strength to do many things. We were tremendously blessed having 35 people with us. Half of them entered our prayer house for the first time. They have never been there before. Among them there was the second secretary of the Regional committee of the Communist Party. She is my colleague, who heard the Word of God for the first time in her life. I ask you to pray for her. The Lord gave us several ideas to fulfil at the seminar. He awoke me at night giving scriptures about parents, husband and wife, and children for wallpaper with family photoes. The next night I made it. When guests were arriving, I invited them to come to the wallpaper to read quotations from Scripture and to see some church and family photoes. The Lord was above everything. Sergei started holding Bible and reading. We reached the 25th anniversary due to Him. Both of us introduced all of our guests and thanked them for coming. Then we invited them to eat. After that, I spoke about relations between Solomon and his beloved Shulamite. I delivered two pieces of paper to each present spouses to read aloud the words of Solomon and Shalumite in front of people. It was incredible! The Lord touched their hearts. Then our family played music and sang songs "He is coming,my Beloved"(Jewish song), "Bride and Bridegroom," and "Church and Christ." The next two days we taught about husbands and wives, children and parents and relations between them. The seeds are in the soil. Now we are praying to the Lord to grow them. Our children and many other people have been helping us do many things. It is a victory! Praise the Lord! Irene is at the hospital now. She is in her 5th month of pregnancy and doctor insisted she stay at the hospital to reduce some pains in the womb and make it more quiet. Join us in prayers for Irene and the baby. Thank you. God bless you all! We love you and thank for making the seminar possible.

Sergei and Tanya Dudik



# BOOK NOOK

by Tim Culver

on

## LIGHT FROM HEAVEN

by Christmas Carol Kauffman

How much effort do I put into guarding my heart, keeping my eastern gate (my mind) protected by the love of God? Am I laboring to enter into God's rest? Do I turn back the lies that have the power to affect my soul? Or do I allow my mind to dwell upon the negativities of life? Do I see the weakness in my own soul as a handicap or as a diving board into absolute dependence, unto that new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness? Am I speaking forth the positive, or am I enshrouding the positive with a negative?

The Bible says that we are to be living epistles, seen and read of all men. Mark 4:21-24, *And he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?* <sup>22</sup> *For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad.* <sup>23</sup> *If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.* <sup>24</sup> *And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.*

This book is about the testimony of Joseph Armstrong, and the life that he walked before God and his father. The book stirred me to search my heart before God. Am I walking before God with a perfectly clean heart? Am I guarding my heart, keeping it only for my God and the work that He plants me in? Joseph's childhood was filled with rejection and abuse. He had wounded emotions, most of which no one around him ever knew about. To them they saw a young man full of life and the joy of living whose utmost desire was to please God. But there in the hidden circumstances, God was using numerous trials to sow within him a heart of compassion for others through these seasons of life. Joseph's father was a businessman and nothing else. When Bennet Armstrong (Joseph's father) saw children, he saw bills and unnecessary expenses. Annie (Joseph's mother) would whisper to him (in her loneliness) as a little baby, reaffirming that he was born into a home that wanted him. But Bennet's only aim in life was to be wealthy, very wealthy. His family was of no concern to him but to feed. He did not see it as his responsibility to clothe, support, or share fatherly love with them. The place he

chose to occupy in the home was his desk, pouring over figures, looking for new investments and future wealth.

This book, Light from Heaven by Christmas Carol Kauffman is one of the most soul stirring biographies that I've ever read. I found myself weeping, cheering and laughing with Joseph Armstrong from childhood into manhood. I found myself wanting to jump right into the book myself to walk along-side of him as a friend, encouraging him not to yield to hard-heartedness and bitterness. Though raised in an abusive home where his father led with an iron hand and a locked heart, his mother, Annie, was always there to encourage him to press on in unconditional love.

Joseph was not living upon the visible responses of his father, but seeking for that opening to his father's heart where they could connect as father and son, that place where acceptance, love and fatherly instruction might freely flow in their home. Time after time, Joseph would wrestle through to his inner altar of laying down his life for another, patiently waiting for the fruit of a life laid down.

Joseph did not give up as he longed for acceptance and approval from his father, Bennet, only to find rejection and misunderstanding. But he was not alone in these trying seasons. No, not in the least: as a child, God used the example of the Godly character of his mother to lead him and her prayers to sustain him while he was in those "deep, dark pits that he couldn't pull himself out of." They were friends, close friends, depending upon each other for unconditional love, understanding, and strength. It was in these seasons, with these experiences, that God began to call him and establish a deep foundation upon the rock of Christ. The voice of God would come to him, calling his name while he would be out doing his chores in the barn. It was at the age of seven he began to work full days, rising at 8 and working until dinnertime, often with no breaks for water. But Joseph found time to empty out his soul at the well of living water, whether it was in the barn, behind the woodpile or on his knees before bed. Once in excitement at the dinner table, believing his father, as a devoted church goer, would be proud, he told him that he believed that God was calling him into service and that he would like to continue his schooling to do this. Father answered, "Why, that would be a straight ticket to hell." Joseph learned to pray through in these "deep, dark pits that he couldn't pull himself out of," pouring out his soul before God, receiving assurance in prayer and through Genesis 49:22-24, ***Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall: <sup>23</sup>The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him: <sup>24</sup>But his bow abode in strength, and***

*the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob.* Childhood is the foundational season of life and Joseph overcame a low self-esteem by the living testimony of his mother and the power of God through prayer. He found that same abiding secret of strength that his mother found as his love, friendship, and admiration for her steadily grew through the years, watching her endure through prayer for strength to live with a hard man. This was a man who lavishly spent his money on fine suits to keep an appearance of being a godly man in church, while Annie wore the same dress to church for 8 trying years. Annie and Joseph began to sell baked items and eggs in town for the extra money that they needed for clothing and basic medicine. And yet it was out of these trying situations that God continued to lead Joseph Armstrong. The loving voice of God continued to call him by name when his spirit seemed crushed and vulnerable in “those deep dark pits.” But God refused to let Joseph go his own way. The Holy Spirit always found an open heart to the more excellent way in Christ of unconditional love.

Eventually, his father moved Joseph out of the house to tend a vineyard which he had leased back in the family’s original hometown area. There, as he began to attend the family’s old church, he met a very godly young lady, named Delores Bays. She stood out to him in virtue, womanhood and abundant love unto Christ. Bennet worked the best he could to wreck and stop the courtship, declaring that he always got what he wanted, and stating that his son was not going to marry into a poor family. But this friendship blossomed into a wonderful marriage of unconditional love and abundant joy, as he gave to his wife and their children what he lacked as a child, earnestly praying to God that if he could not do better than his father had, not to allow him to have children.

Yes, eventually he became a preacher of righteousness, answering the call of God after years of foundational training, declaring the true source of strength to those who were hurting and dying in sin, lost without God and without hope! People who were without God in their trials! He became known coast to coast as a breath of fresh air, someone who understood, someone who had been there, too. If you need a book to inspire, bless, and challenge the condition of your heart in the midst of a stormy season, consider Light from Heaven by Christmas Carol Kauffman.



# The Virtuous Woman

*...as women, striving  
together for the mark  
of the high calling  
in Christ...*

## *The Joys and Responsibilities of Being a Grandmother and Mother*

*by Sister Nancy Asbill*

*This article on relationships between mothers and grown  
daughters was written at the request of a young lady in  
the Body.*

What a privilege it is to be a mother with a mandate from the Lord to train up our children in the ways of God. As a grandmother, I believe I have a double privilege, not only to encourage my daughters, but also to minister righteousness to my grandchildren.

As you read in the scriptures, when it speaks of when a king would begin to reign, it mentions whether or not this

king did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, and the mother's name would be mentioned as well. This tells me that the mother had a very important role in her son's future as well as the kingdom's future. Have you ever thought that as you are training your children in every aspect of God: manners, obedience, faith, kindness, love and so forth, that you are shaping not only your child's future but other's as well? We need to think on this for a moment.

As a grandmother, I have realized this was a special opportunity and that I had to be a blessing. For example, what if, when I was raising my children, I made the mistake of not teaching my children how to honor those in authority or how to have good manners and such. As a grandmother, do I want to make the same mistake? I think not, so I have a responsibility when I see some of these attitudes in my grandchildren to give them an understanding of why it is very important to honor Daddy and Mommy so that it might be well with them, but most importantly, so they can learn to honor Jehovah Adonai.

Maybe as a grandmother we sometimes want to spoil them; oh, you know, not to upset them. Let them do what they want; after all, they are so cute. Yes, they are precious. But why did Paul refer to Timothy's grandmother (2 Timothy 1:3) and mother as he calls to remembrance the unfeigned, really sincere faith that was in Timothy, which dwelt first in his grandmother and his mother? This speaks volumes to me that, as I love these grandchildren, how do I really love them? Is it a love to please me or them, or is it a love for the ways of the Lord that gives me the wisdom I need to bless my daughters and their children in the ways of God.

As a grandmother, I can encourage my daughters in their every day tasks to not get weary in the well doing of nurturing their children. When the grandchildren are with me, we do not just play but we speak of God, we have Bible time, we talk about what we are doing for the Lord and sometimes I have to correct them so they know when their atti-



tudes are wrong. I am a grandmother with lots of grandchildren and each one I love very much, but I ask God that this love does not hinder the purposes of God in their lives. What I mean is that I try to not allow my love and their cuteness to hinder me from seeing ways I can encourage their faith in God. Let's say one of the children is prone to whining or fussing and I know this. This child is visiting me and we are making cookies for dessert after supper. I knew if the child eats too many cookies they will not eat their supper. Therefore, I say, "Only one cookie now before supper." The child begins to whine and cry - what should be my response? Do I give in to this fit of unrighteousness or do I, in love, maintain in faith and not in giving the child its way? I minister the Word to the child and help this child learn how to be patient, for example, or how to control one's appetite. In Proverbs 14:29, the first part of the verse says, **he that is soon angry dealeth foolishly**. I can help my grandchild understand that fussing and whining, throwing a fit, deals foolishly and only ends up in unhappiness (Hebrews 12:11). Remember, as a grandmother, we have a privilege to help our little ones to hearken unto God so, as they keep His ways, they can be blessed (Proverbs 8:32). As I am helping my grandchildren, I am also helping their parents, which is a way of blessing them. If I give into my grandchildren's bad behavior, how does that help them or the parents?

Proverbs 14:1, **Every wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands**. This tells me that I have the choice whether or not to choose the path of righteousness. As I choose righteousness, I can build a good foundation in my home and help to build this foundation in my grandchildren.

In Titus 2:3, **The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; <sup>4</sup>That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup>To be dis-**

**creet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.** This is where a good relationship needs to be established, where the daughters have a respect for their godly mothers and desire to learn from them. Also, where the older mothers are able to respect their daughters that have their own homes now and need to be able to build their own homes. Sometimes, as young women, we do not see the importance of the mature mothers in the Lord, advice or, should I say, wisdom.

I have had to learn many things through the years that at times can be a benefit to my daughters, but they have to want to receive this from me. In return, I must be sensitive to their thoughts and desires for their homes. God has set in the Body an order that really works, if we are willing to work under its jurisdiction. That is why I believe so strongly in beginning with the children at a young age to respect and honor the Lord. However, to facilitate this attitude, children must be taught to respect their fathers and mothers respectively.

I thought it interesting that in 2 Timothy, Paul mentions the grandmother of Timothy by name. Not only did she make an impression, but she made a difference in Timothy. He had a genuine faith, not because he was a great man of God, but because this faith was first in his grandmother, Lois, and his mother, Eunice. What type of faith are we giving to our children? A faith that believes all things are possible with God; a faith that has a deep respect for God; or are we letting the days go by not building and applying our faith in God or our children? Let us be the women of God that build our homes on God's foundation and not on the principles of man's doctrines, on the principles of God that teach our children to love, honor and respect the Lord our God with all our hearts.

I would also encourage you young ladies and mothers to glean from the wise counsel of your godly mothers. To

the older women, I would encourage you to give your daughters an inheritance in God that will not return void but will produce one hundred fold. Proverbs 22:6, **Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.** 2 Timothy 3:14, **But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; <sup>15</sup>And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**

God bless you and give you grace to press on to the high calling you have in Christ, as a woman, a wife, a mother as well as a grandmother.

## *The Joys and Responsibilities of Being a Grandmother and Mother*

*by Sister Nancy Asbill*

*Part 2*

In my last letter I spoke of some ways to encourage our children and grandchildren in having a desire to follow after God. I have been meditating on this thought a lot lately. It is one thing to teach our children the differences between right and wrong, but it is another thing to impart or give them a desire for righteousness. We can not force anyone to love God, but I do believe we can live in such a way before our families and friends that speaks life to them.

I heard a testimony once from a minister that his God-fearing mother made a strong impression on him as he would see her kneeling and praying, reading the Word and living her daily life for God.

Have you ever watched a little one, let's say a two-year old child, and how they do things they see, like try to

sweep the floor like Mommy? They will try and push a heavy broom or brush their hair like a parent or make sounds they hear. The list goes on of good or bad habits or ways little children follow that they see in those that have authority over them. Does this mean that my everyday life is influencing my children or grandchildren? I believe so.

One day I was baby-sitting five of my grandchildren and I had made supper for them. Now, the children were full of energy and I knew that I needed to help them to see the importance of eating their supper, enjoying it and having a pleasant time talking together and not all at once. I sat them down at the table and began to speak of good manners and how they relate to God. Like, saying please is polite, or, waiting your turn to speak is a virtue. Not getting up and down from the table without asking, "May I please be excused?" Does not Paul speak in I Corinthians 14:30, **If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.** Verse 33, **For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.** Now, I am spending the meal speaking different thoughts from the Bible to help the children have an understanding. One of my grandsons looks at me and says, "Grandma, you know all the Bible memory verses." They have memory verses they are to learn each week. Now, I must say that I do not know them all, but because he heard some word, he thought I did. So what is this saying? It says to me that our children hear and see more than we think sometimes and this young boy understood I was speaking to him from the Bible.

If I begin when the children are young, it makes a lasting impression. What if we start having time with the Lord everyday and our children see this or talk about how exciting it is to be a child of God? What if we start practicing singing a joyful song through the day or if there is a problem, we stop first to pray? I believe we would make a difference. Some of you ladies are doing a wonderful job at this and you can see the fruit in your children.

I was also thinking of a virtuous woman and how we can instill this desire in our young ladies. I believe it is very important to start at a young age encouraging our little girls that being a little lady is very good, always emphasizing the good of being a lady, speaking of how to act and look like a little lady. I tell my granddaughters how much fun it is to be a lady. We work on not acting like a boy, climbing up and over things, but gracefully walking around or sitting like a lady and not all over the chair. Now, this might sound silly, but you see, it's the little foxes that spoil the vine (Song of Solomon 2:15). Is it not the little things that grow and get bigger? With our little girls, it's important to train them in how to function as a lady, doing lady-like activities as time goes on: sewing, cooking, etc., all with the thought of how this little lady can be a lady for Jesus.

It is the same with our boys. They need to learn how great it is to be a little boy, polite and courteous, full of energy that is used constructively. I might point out here that it is important to instill in our boys and girls modesty as brothers and sisters, respecting that God has created girls to be girls and boys to be boys. The word "modesty" in the dictionary means, *properly restrained by a sense of propriety, hence not forward or bold, presumptuous or arrogant, not boastful, not loose or lude*. "Chaste" or "chastity" in the dictionary means, *purity of body, purity in words and phrases*. I found an interesting thought as I was looking up some scriptures about modesty. My husband looked up the Greek meaning of the word "modesty" as in I Timothy 2:9. The word is *kosmios, kosmiou* from *kosmos* meaning *order, arrangement, orderly, decent*. Now, *cosmos*, or *kozmos* in English means, *the universe, the world, the system of order and harmony in creation*. Isn't that marvelous? To me, this says the virtue of the *kosmios* is not only the propriety or proper act of dress and demeanor, but of one's inner (universe) life, uttering and expressing itself outwardly, an attitude I can instill in my children and grandchildren's

lives. As I show them the importance of virtues in the natural, it will work to teach them, most importantly, virtues in their souls. In the meaning of *kosmious*, the thought presents someone who is *kosmious* as the citizen who quietly fulfills the duties which are incumbent on him and is not disorderly. He associates such a person, even as Paul does with the *sophron*, sensible, self-controlled, one who voluntarily places limitations on his own freedom.

*Kosmios*; gen. *kosmiou*, masculine, feminine, neut. *kosmion*, adj. from *kosmos* (G2889), order, arrangement. Orderly, decent (I Timothy 2:9; I Timothy 3:2). Contrasted with *semnos* (G4586), venerable, this latter person has a grace and dignity not obtained from earth only. While a *kosmios* person behaves himself well in his earthly citizenship and is an asset, the person who is *semnos* owes his quality to a higher citizenship. *Semnos* inspires not only respect but reverence and worship. Synonyms: *hieroprepes* (G2412), one who acts in a way befitting holiness; *euschemon* (G2158), decorous, honorable; *eulabes* (G2126), circumspect. Antonyms: *aschemon* (G809), shapeless, not elegant, uncomely: *atopos* (G824), out of place, improper.

The thought the word seems to imply is inner world beauty. What this is saying, wouldn't you think, is that, in the analogy of the natural, spiritual, and fullness, *kosmios* is the natural platform from which one can obtain *semnos* (not only respect, but reverence).

This brings us back to the thought of how important it is to teach our children and grandchildren the importance of listening and obeying. As they learn to submit to the godly authorities in their lives, they will become more and more aware of the voice of God in their lives and in the inner man. Samuel's mother only had Samuel for a short time, possibly five years, but in that time she must have spoken to Samuel of how she prayed and how God answered her prayers and how God was a faithful God. She must have spoken to him about his calling and how God would use him

as he obeyed. Here is this little boy, at a young age, leaving his home to live with someone he did not know, but he was not afraid. His parents loved God and encouraged Samuel in the things of God. Read I Samuel 1:27-28 and I Samuel 2:1-11. This is a child that had been taught and even though there were Eli's sons moving unrighteously, this young boy had been taught and had a praying mother. I Samuel 2:26, **And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the Lord, and also with men.**

We, as women that desire righteousness, can also be as Hannah: praying, teaching, believing and training our children to desire God. Amen.

# Faith Boosters

BY KATE TROTTER



It was already night and darkness covered the earth when we left my parents' home in the country to make the ten minute drive to our house. A few miles later, as I watched an oncoming vehicle approach, I was surprised by a deer jumping out in front of my car. I slammed on the brakes and barely missed the deer. The oncoming car did not fare as well. They hit the deer and skidded to a halt well behind me. I scanned the road for the deer and found it laying next to my car. I could have opened the door and touched the creature. The other vehicle had experienced damage; I could see pieces of it laying in the road. Our car, however, was untouched. God was so merciful to us. Psalm 103:8, **The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.** The other car or the deer could have collided with us, but absolutely nothing touched us on the narrow country road! My children were overjoyed also that, after a few minutes, the unconscious deer roused itself, then slowly got up and ran away!

# Being Instant



*Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.*

2 Timothy 4:2

Andy Schaepe

March, 2003

Dubuque, Iowa

Hallelujah. Praise God. John 8:32, and I'll start up in verse 30. *As he spake these words, many believed on him. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed: And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free* (John 8:30-32).

I think now, more than ever, we need to be a people of truth. I've been very blessed in the last year or so. I'm not always the quickest one to get through a book, but I've been reading Charles Finney's book called Lectures For Revival. I'm still not done with it, but as I've been reading through it and meditating and chewing upon it, it's really been a blessing to me. It's amazing how he begins the book. It began to deal with our personal condition before God. It talks about... How do they put it? ...breaking up your fallow ground. It continues to progress, and recently I began to read about how he was instructing the listeners to deal with the unconverted and how not to deal with them. The one aspect that really sunk into me was how he explained how we can actually give a false representation of the Word of God to people because we may feel that, well, the Word may cut just a little too sharply or we're afraid to bring an offense.

It's interesting what God allows to transpire in the world at particular seasons and times and in particular with this war in Iraq. On this particular day, I found myself at work and there was an individual that came up to me and began to express his concerns over going to war. He felt like he was a loner because he didn't like the fact that we were going into this conflict and he was in fear for his children and his household. He just didn't understand exactly why, and you could tell he was being tormented by the fear. But, hallelujah, I just thank God. God gives us opportunities, and I thank God for each and every one of them. I don't know how it is with you, but it seems like there are long periods of time



between one particular opportunity that I may have and another, so I'm learning to take full advantage of every single one. Don't you desire that? When we're walking in our workplaces, in our homes, there are opportunities that God is wanting us to utilize and take advantage of that we might grow in grace. Because, I'm telling you, I have had enough of mamby-pamby-ism, of luke-warmness, of wanting to water down the Word to such an extent to think that it makes it more palatable to the hearer. Hallelujah. In Finney's book he began to talk about some of the ways that we can hinder the Word of God. If you are talking with an individual and they are beginning to come under the conviction of the Spirit of God because of the Word of God and you begin to feel the pressure as you are talking to them... Sometimes you can be talking with an individual and you sense the power of the Spirit of God bringing conviction on them, and it's making them uncomfortable. It says in Job that the sons of God gathered themselves together and Satan, also, came (Job 1:6). Do you think Satan is just sitting idly by when we are having discourse with an individual that needs salvation and that needs to come into the Kingdom? I don't think so. I think in some ways, Finney brought to light how the spirits of darkness are working, that when we are in discourse with an individual, we begin to think, "Well, they're uncomfortable. We have to make it a little more comfortable for them, or they're going to run from us," hallelujah. He said that is exactly what you do not want to do. You do not tell them things like, "Well, it'll be okay. Just wait upon God." You know what I'm saying? "Wait upon God. God will take care of you in His time. In His time and in His way, He'll do what needs to be done." Brethren, it was hitting home to me, because I know of times where I have dealt with people and the Spirit started to move us into a place where I didn't want to hit them too hard with the Word of God. But, brethren, people are in dire need. If my child runs out of this building and is making a beeline for the street, I'm not going to say, "Ethan, stop." We have to get a vision that people are going to hell. They are running for a precipice that is eternal. If they fall over that precipice, there's no coming back. We have one opportunity sometimes, one opportunity in an individual's life to make a difference. Hallelujah.

This book has been convicting me. I believe that God is giving me strength to stop comforting my sinner friends, as it were. They don't need comfort. They need the truth and they need the reality of God.

Brethren, eternity is right before us, for many of these people are going to be blown into oblivion. We don't know the darkness that is coming. We could go to work tomorrow and we could find one of the closest people we work with to be gone. Where does that place us? Were we faithful with every opportunity that God gave us to minister Christ to them? I'm not saying that it's always with words, because a lot of times it is not. Hallelujah. Many times it's just not going with the flow of the world. It's standing against wickedness and unrighteousness. God will bring the opportunity to speak with the lips. It says, let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath (James 1:19).

On this particular day, as I began this discourse with this individual, it just blessed my soul. It says here, I'll read it again, John 8:32, ***If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed: and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*** There was a setting free of my soul as I began to speak the truth. Hallelujah. Brethren, when I adulterate the Word of God to an individual, because I think it has to be a little softer, a little nicer, and I feel like I have to water it down, I've never felt that setting free. I've felt more of heaviness and a dissatisfaction within my soul that I somehow didn't minister the thing that they really needed. God wants us to speak the truth. Sometimes the truth hurts very badly. However, we don't speak the truth in a manner that is meant to bring offense to an individual, but if they do get offended, praise be to God, it's in God's hands. The Word says that we are to speak the truth in what? In love (Ephesians 4:15). That is how we speak the truth. Love is definitely not always mushy-gushy type, huggy-wuggy stuff. It's like I said with my child. If he's running towards the street, I'm not going to comfort him back in here with lovey-dovey words. When we're dealing with sinners, we're dealing with people that are going headlong into hell. We better wake up and face the fact that we are responsible for those that we are involved with. Hallelujah. We better begin to speak the truth, and I'm speaking this to me, because this is what God has been speaking to me. We better start speaking the truth, because we are accountable. We're accountable before God. Who cares if they fire me? I don't care. I work for a different Master. I work for a different boss. We need to get beyond the fear of losing our jobs because our security isn't there. Our security is in obeying the Holy Ghost and obeying our Father. Like we said before, it's the Lord that gives and it's the Lord that takes, blessed be the name of the Lord.

I began to share with this individual about God being sovereign, God being over the situation, that God is in control and that God is allowing things because of the time that we are in. I just began to share with him. I said, "The reason God allows it is because men," now, I'm paraphrasing because I don't know the exact words, "are heading for hell. Because of the wickedness in the land, God has to bring judgment." I made reference to Noah and his generation, Sodom and Gomorrah, and that it's time that we get rid of our denominationalism. I began to speak to him and I said, "It doesn't matter if you're a Lutheran, it doesn't matter if you're a Methodist, if you're not submitting to the very Word of God. If the thing that you are doing is not in obedience to the Word God, if what you are doing as far as God is concerned is according to the dictates of your denomination or your church and it does not go in line with the Word of God, it doesn't do you any good at all." I said, "Men need to turn." You see, you can't always say they need to repent, because people don't always understand it. When I was young in the Lord, I had this perception of repentance that was, "Oh, God! I'm so sorry!" That is the farthest thing from the truth. But, you know, God is faithful when we hunger and thirst for Him with all of our heart. I continued in that frame of mind (I didn't understand repentance, that's what I thought repentance was) but I knew there were things in my life that I had said I was sorry for, but yet I was still in bondage to it. It wasn't until I heard the teaching that Brother duCille brought on repentance, because the cry of my heart was, "God, I want to be free from this!" It was years, I'm telling you, but God saw. I believe God saw me all through that time. His grace was covering me because He saw the desire of my heart, even though I wasn't attaining to that place, God knew, and eventually deliverance was coming. I was telling the man, "You need to stop sinning!" Because, if I told him he needed to repent, what's his perception of repentance? It doesn't do him any good if it isn't the right perception, you understand? I said, "You have to stop sinning, you have to turn away from your sin and you need to turn to God and call upon His name that He might deliver your soul. You need to receive the Blood of Jesus Christ that you might be delivered." I tell you what, you know how it is when God begins to touch you? It's like it says here, and *ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free*. Hallelujah. It's a wonderful thing to be free in God. I'm telling you, it is the most wonderful thing to be free in God. When I move in

any other way in dealing with people, if it's not the truth of the Word of God, if I'm taking the Word of God and I'm trying to adulterate it in this manner, "Here, it's sugar-coated Word! It'll make it so much easier for you," there is NO life. NO life. Death. Death.

We know the story of Lie and Truth who went down to take a swim. Brother duCille ministered that, how they took off their clothes and they went into the water to take a swim. Well, Truth took off his clothes and so did Lie. Lie got out first and he saw Truth's clothes there so he put on Truth's clothes. Truth came out and saw Lie's clothes lying there and his clothes were gone. Truth would not put on Lie's clothes, so that's why you have the naked Truth, because he would rather go around naked than wear Lie's clothes. That's what happens when we begin to sugar-coat the Word of God to an individual, maybe even to our own family. It's a lie, brethren. They need to know the truth. They need the truth. That is what's going to set them free. But as I began to speak the truth, I was hitting the thing head on. Hallelujah.

You know, it is marvelous. We need to be bold in God. God has called us to be sons. He has called us to be overcomers. We have nothing to fear. There is such an intimidation in the world that we have to cower under the overspreading of abomination, the presence of evil. Hallelujah. We have nothing to fear. If God be for us, who can be against us (Romans 8:31)? Praise be to God. But as I began to minister, it was like, you know how it says the Spirit of God will be like rivers of living water(John 7:38)? How it wells up within you and it flows out? That's the way it was. As I began to share, man, I'm telling you, it was like the fire of God began to come through me. Hallelujah. It was like this verse, the truth was making me free. Glory to God. I felt the life of God and the energy of God and it wasn't just being contained, it was going out. I don't know what the end shall be for these individuals that God gave me the opportunity to talk to that day, but I know there was a going forth of the Word of God and the truth of God. I believe that there is not only a setting free of the person that's being ministered to, but it was setting me free. It was kindling a fire in me. "God, I want to be Your vessel. I want to be a vessel of righteousness." I don't care if people ridicule me, I don't care what they do, if they want to string me up, I don't care. I want them to know the truth. Hallelujah. I don't like anything else, but I know when I feel the presence of God and I feel His life. There's nothing else that satisfies, there's nothing else that I want to

be a partaker of or involved with.

There are so many things in this world at this time that we can get involved with. We are bombarded on the left and on the right with seemingly innocent things, but so many times they can distract us. They can be perfectly innocent in themselves, but if they are deterring and taking us from the plan and purpose of God, we need to cut them off.

But I just praise God, He gives me these opportunities. I don't know when the next one is coming, but, brethren, it says let every man be ready to give an answer to every man of the hope that is within us (I Peter 3:15). You know, brethren, these people are bound by religion, bound by Catholicism; they don't have any hope. There's no hope in that. They are not getting hope. They're getting a little wafer and a little drink every Sunday, but they're not getting hope. Hallelujah. Brethren, we have hope to give them. Let us not give them a sugar-coated gospel, but let us give them the truth that is in the Word. We need to pinpoint the place they are at and we need to stick to it. God wants us to follow through. He doesn't want us to just leave them hanging. You know, if we get a person to a point where we sense they are ready, we need to do business with them. It says, today if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts (Hebrews 3:15). Hallelujah. Praise You, Jesus.

People need to know the truth, and Jesus is the truth. He says, I am the way, I am the truth and I am the life, no man can come to the Father but by me (John 14:6). Brethren, it is time that we need to lay down our lives. This mind, we need to get rid of it. We need to get rid of our emotions, we need to get rid of these things that want to hinder preaching the Word of God. We need to get rid of all fear, fear of what men think. Fear of what people think. It doesn't matter what they think. I have a responsibility and that is to preach the Word of God, to live the Word of God, to walk the Word of God, to let Him fill me, to let Him flow through me.

It was interesting. If you had a scale of one to ten as far as a person that is difficult as far as trying to win them over, this man would probably rate about a ten. I'm not giving glory to that because God is greater. Hallelujah. It says where sin abounds, grace does much more abound (Romans 5:20). I almost had an identical discourse with this man that I had with this other individual, although it was in a little different way. It was like the same fire of God as I began to speak. He began to tell me, "Well, you are so much against the Catholic Church." He said,

“My church, they don’t do what some of these other churches do.” He began to justify his church. He began to accuse some of the other Catholic churches. He said they ask for so much tithes and offerings or else they get penalized or something, I don’t know exactly what. But he began to accuse the different parishes and say that they would do this and this. “Our parish doesn’t do that.” I tell you what, it was a blessing to me. We have to be focused in God. I began to hit the thing, not in an arrogant or argumentative way. This man has a weakness that I also have to deal with. It has to do with arguing, and he’ll want to argue. But I began to smite with the Word of God, and I began to tell him that I am not against the Catholic people, but I began to hit the church thing again. I said, “If what you believe in your church, I don’t care if you’re a Catholic or Protestant, a Methodist or a Lutheran, if what you’re doing or believing is not lining up with the Word of God, your religion is in vain. If you are not adhering to the Word of God as it is in the truth of God, there is no other name under heaven by which you can be saved but through Jesus Christ. You are not going to be saved by your church. Unless you stop sinning, and turn away from it and turn to God and call upon the mercy of God and the Blood of Jesus, you’re going to hell.” Brethren, there are no ifs, ands or buts, there’s no going around the bush, there’s no side-stepping it. People need to be confronted with the truth, hallelujah, and it’s not always going to be easy. People should be uncomfortable when they’re around us, to tell you the truth. They should be. There should be a discomfort when they’re around us if we’re walking in the light, unless they are a person that God is drawing, you understand? If they’re coming to the light, that can be different. But if they’re rebelling and they’re walking in sin, there should be no compatibility between us and them and we should be doing everything in our power, in prayer and in speaking the truth, to win them over because they are heading for hell and we’re going to be responsible. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

We don’t believe in ultimate reconciliation doctrine. We say it, but sometimes I wonder if we move in a way that we almost agree with it. “Well, they’re the way they are. Here I am, they know I’m a Christian. If they want to know the truth, they’ll come and ask me.” But there’s also a responsibility when the opportunity arises. We should be giving God the praise, we should be giving Him the glory every time we have the opportunity. Hallelujah.

You know, the spirit over this city - He has been trying to silence me ever since I've come here. We need to break the power of that devil. In fact, he began before I even moved here, when I worked at Walkers in Seward. I worked at the muffler assembly plant there, and I would testify and I would share with people. They would say one thing and it would be like a derogatory remark, or something that would encourage sin or wickedness and I would tell them point blank, "That kind of behavior will lead you straight to hell." There were other times they would tell me, well, that they believe in Jesus. "If you call Him Lord, then why don't you do the things that He says?" Point blank. But it came to a point where there were some people that didn't like the things I was saying and it was getting to my supervisor. There was one day I was talking with a man at a machine. Brethren, we need to fear God. Maybe it's just me that God has to deal with in this way, maybe you guys are already there. We were talking as we were working and my supervisor came up and he asked the man, "Was he talking to you about the Lord?" And he said, "Yes." "Andy, come with me." "Okay." So I get hauled off to the office. When we got to the office, he paged one of the other supervisors, so he had two people in there. I don't know if he was afraid of me or what. They began to tell me, "We've had reports that you are preaching your religion. Some of the individuals don't like it. We're telling you that you need to stop." Inside I was rejoicing. Glory to God! It's about time something got stirred up! Hallelujah. Brethren, are we afraid to be a testimony to the living God? I'm telling you, the devil was upon these two men because they were trying to tell me to shut up. Basically, the devil was trying to say, "Shut up." As they said, "You can no longer preach your religion," I began to tell them, "I cannot do that. I cannot do that. They're preaching to me their religion, all their wickedness, their sin. If they're going to preach their religion to me, I have the right to preach my religion to them." Hallelujah. No fear.

We don't need to fear, brethren. Who cares if they throw us in the slammer? Glory to God. Who cares if we lose our job? Who's our boss? Who do we serve? Are we serving man? Are we serving the living God? Hallelujah. So the devil is always working, always working, wanting to suppress and oppress the people of God. Brethren, God has given us power over all the power of the enemy. I know what it's like to walk under the whip of the enemy, being in the company of unbelievers

and feeling so intimidated that you can't even speak a word about God. In the name of Jesus. We don't need to fear man!

I think this all started before I even had this discourse with these two men, the Monday before last. We had a photo shoot at work and we ended up being there late. We ended up having to do some footage of an actual dock seal being burned up in flames. We didn't get out of the building until 7:00. The one engineer that we were working with directly offered to take us out for a quick bite to eat. Normally, after working that long a time, I feel like, "Man, I just want to get home to my wife and family. I've had enough of you guys and work." But, I didn't feel to do that, I felt to go. So, I had a boldness. You know, brethren, sometimes I have gone out to eat with the people I work with. I work directly with engineers and the people that are more in the white-collar type of positions. There are times where I have been intimidated. I had a boldness, brethren, I wasn't going to get intimidated this time. We went to Appleby's. We were sitting down and they brought our food, and before they commenced to eating I asked, "Do you mind if I bless the food?" We were discussing about the war situation, and this was right before everything started (with the war). This was a Monday, before the war started. You know, the man that I work with, he's one of the hardest nuts, he hasn't gotten cracked yet, I'm just speaking the truth and let the chips fall where they may. Who cares? The man is in defiance against God. There's a spirit that he moves in but I didn't care. I just began to pray and began to bless God and I began to pray concerning the condition in the world and the condition of men's hearts, and the need for men to know the living God. It just seemed God gave me that opportunity.

As we're faithful with one, God gives us another. Even if we miss the mark one time, God gives us another chance. Glory to God. It doesn't matter if we've missed the mark yesterday or today, hallelujah. Today, if you will hear His voice, don't harden your heart (Hebrews 3:15, 4:7). Just repent and go on. God is wanting us to break through. Brethren, we have the availability to be an overcomer now, not tomorrow, not next week, not when the atom bombs begin to hit this country. God doesn't want us to overcome at that point. If we're not overcoming now, where's that going to place us at that point? Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof (Matthew 6:34). Isn't God wonderful? It's getting me excited. Isn't it good to be excited? If you want to get excited, get excited



about God, because there's nothing else that is worth getting excited for. Hallelujah! My God! You get excited in God and it's like there is a surge of energy and life that fills you. Praise You, Jesus! You know, I used to get excited about Nebraska football, being a Nebraskan. That's all we had! We had football! We had a bunch of sand hills, and that's about it, and corn. Didn't have anything else in the natural. I used to get excited when it was football time. Man, oh man. What a worthless thing to get excited about. You get all pumped up for the game and boy, I tell you, when they lose it's like the biggest downer for the whole rest of the weekend. It's like, "Oh, they lost." Hallelujah. But you know something, we're on a team that's not losing. We're never going to lose. We're on the winning side. That's exciting. Even in the natural, if you had a team that never lost, and you knew they were never going to lose, boy, wouldn't that be exciting? But this is something on a higher level, on a higher realm. An eternal realm. They are fighting for a corruptible crown. It's corruptible! We're fighting for an incorruptible. Glory to God! Thank You, Jesus.

And *ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.* It's not all at once, brethren. We're taking steps. There's an experience in God. As we move in God, glory! I never knew that before! Hallelujah. I never experienced that power, that energy of God! As you step in faith there is a dispensation, there is a deposit of God that is released in the heavenlies. God is watching us. You know, the Word says that God is searching throughout your earth, looking for the one whose heart is fully His (II Chronicles 16:9). And as we walk with God there are steps, there are measures of God that we come into as we are faithful with one and keep continuing on. Paul said that he pressed toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14). Therefore there was laid up for him a crown, undefiled, in the heavenlies (II Timothy 4:8). Praise be to God. Doesn't it get you excited? My God. Do you know that God has treasures for each one of you and they are there waiting for you to take them? Hallelujah. But you have to go after them, and you're not seeking the treasure or the prize, you're seeking the prize giver. As we're faithful with Jesus, to walk with Him, the life and the energy of God that is coming to you is nothing like anything in this world. It is able to take this mortal, corruptible flesh and transform it into something that's living, vibrant, breathing, an entity that is not earthly anymore! It's like God cutting the bond, the umbilical cord of this world,

this flesh, and we begin to get plugged into the life flow of God. You know, God gives us that choice every day. It says, in Deuteronomy, choose you this day. I set before you this day life, and death. A blessing and a curse. A blessing if you will do the Word of the Lord and a curse if you will not (Deuteronomy 30:19). Hallelujah. It's so much better to choose the good part. So much better! It is so much better to take the blessing of God. It doesn't matter, anything else. Doesn't matter what's happening.

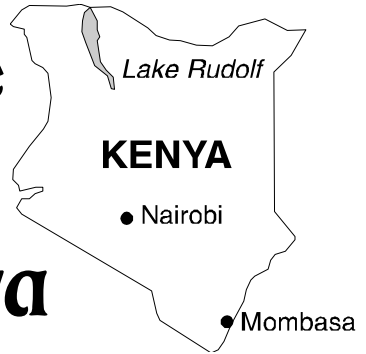
It's a blessing in disguise. I'm not saying war is a blessing in a sense that people are getting killed, but you understand, it's beginning to touch lives. People are beginning to fear. The atmosphere is beginning to be set, the harvest is ripe and ready to come in. Don't you want to be a part of the harvest? I have no greater joy than when I can be in a place in obedience to the spirit of God, and when the opportunity comes, I begin to flow and it's just opening your soul to God and not being fearful, you understand? You begin to just allow God to have His way. Praise You, Jesus!

Do you know what? We are in the time, God said, "I will have a people. I am going to walk in them, I am going to talk in them and they will be my people and I will be their God" (Hebrews 8:8-10). God is just looking for willing hearts. Are you willing to be made the laughing-stock of your workplace? Are you willing to be ridiculed? It doesn't matter. You know, that's one of the blessings of losing your hair as a young man. You learn to not take your appearance so seriously. Or what people think, because it will kill you. Honestly, I'm telling you the truth. It will kill you. When I was young, I used to think that I had a pretty nice head of hair. But, boy, it was tribulation, I'm telling you, it was tribulation when one by one they began to disappear. Hallelujah. It was a tremendous blessing to me, really. What vanity our natural appearance is. It really is. It is vanity. It really doesn't matter. I'm not saying we should look like slobs. I'm not saying that. We need to be presentable. But, it began to get my eyes off of me, you understand, I had to come to the point where, "Thank You, Jesus, there really is more to life than having a head full of hair." There's so much more. So much more to life. Doesn't matter if the hair you've got turns gray. It doesn't matter. There's so much more. Get your eyes on God. You know the thing that really cured me? (I hope you don't mind my getting into this.) God is so good. They have this hair replacement thing; this is what really cured me. I

called for a free consultation. You might think that funny; I was serious. I saw the pictures; man, these guys look like they really got hair. They're even swimming and it looks real! Wow! Nobody will ever know the difference. They'll think things have changed. See, they have it all planned. You don't have to have all the hair at once. They do it just like you lost it. It's so natural. Nobody will ever know. You'll fool everybody. They give you a little bit at a time. One month, they'll add just a little bit and they'll do it so gradual that before you know it, you got a full head of hair. It's like, people will be scratching their head, "Something is different about that guy." I thought, "Man, this is the way to go." So I went in for my free consultation. This guy, he had one of the hairpieces on. I mean, it looked natural, and he began to go through all the sales pitch and all that. It came down to the financial part of it. Thank God for that part. So many dollars for the initial thing and every time you get a haircut it has to be readjusted because your hair is growing, see, and they use the actual hair that you do have to tie it down because it is on a monofilament mesh. So they string your hair through it and they tie it down to your scalp. So, every time you get a haircut it costs you about \$50.00 to get your hairpiece re-tightened down. I guess you would not neglect having your haircut if you have one of those on because it would probably start raising up from your scalp. I don't know how that works, but that is what really cured me. Because I thought, "My goodness, \$1,500.00 every three years, plus you figure a haircut every two months at \$50.00." My goodness, that cured me. I said, "Okay," and I left. The man called me about a week later and he asked me if I had made a decision. I said, "Yes. I have decided that I can live without any hair." I said I can live without it. I think it really convicted the man. You could just feel that there was such an insecurity in the man. That's a spirit. You know, when a person begins to lose their hair you feel, "Oh, my goodness, I'm losing everything." You're not. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. God is wanting us to get beyond that kind of thing. It doesn't matter what we look like.

It doesn't matter how people treat us, if we just have the love of God in our hearts and want to be a vessel. It's time to speak the truth. Let us quit beating around the bush. Let us quit giving people false comfort. They don't need false comfort. We'll comfort them right into hell. I don't want to be a partaker of that. I don't want to comfort somebody when they need the truth to confront them. Because, unless we confront them with the truth, they may end up in hell, and I don't

# Report From the Front Lines: Mombasa, Kenya



By David Walter

Brother and Sister Kinnogah have reported that the work on the building in Mombasa has once again commenced. The necessary materials to cast the floor are being procured, as well as preparation being made for the next phase of the work even as we write this article.

After much warfare, both on the natural and spiritual plane, a breakthrough appears to be in the making. The Missionary Fund has reported an increase of funding towards this project. \$2,500 has been wired to the brethren just in February alone. "When one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it (I Corinthians 12:26)," therefore let us all rejoice with what God is doing on behalf of our brethren in Kenya.

Recently, Abarijah and Rachel Kinnogah wrote, "On behalf of all of us, please accept and convey our sincere gratefulness to the brethren, the LORD abundantly bless you and yours."

For the government to reinstate the school (which occupies the same building where church services are held), there is a requirement for the following four items to be completed:

- 1) Casting and painting of the building floor.
- 2) An outdoor Playground installed. (It is estimated that two hours of a mechanized grader at \$150 per hour will do the job of grading and leveling a part of the steep acre of land surrounding the fellowship building.)
- 3) A school office built on the premises.
- 4) Bathrooms installed with a fresh water supply piped in from

the city water system.

Let us pray diligently that this work be expedited, the school reinstated and classes resumed without any delays. Prayer is critical as the bureaucratic authority is predominantly Muslim and desires that all Christian work be hindered, or ultimately stopped. Here is an example of the type of warfare the brethren face in Kenya. Before electricity was permanently installed at the building site, it was necessary to "rent" electricity from their neighbors who are Muslim. Not only did the rent continue to escalate on a weekly basis, but sometimes on a daily basis. The electricity would often be cut off without notice in the middle of a meeting. Conferences were particularly difficult to hold during those times and there was nothing that could be done in the natural to restore the electricity once it was cut off. The brethren there are continuing to ask us to stand with them against this ever increasing principality called Islam.

On the victory side, we remember the testimony of only a few years ago when the building and land was conveyed from the government into the hands of the brethren. One of the city council board members confessed to brother Kinnogah that the original intent was to allow the construction of a church/school on city property, then at a later point, repossess the property and building when the construction process was deemed to be too slow. YAHWEH foiled the plans of the enemy by allowing the shell of the building to go up in record speed. (God gave the brethren wisdom how to build the building on a very steep incline without the anticipated time and expense of conventional building methods). This same board member told Brother Kinnogah that when the land was legally signed over to the church upon completion of the shell that "you (Brother Kinnogah) have won the battle."

Let us remember the victories of old and stand with the brethren who are on the front lines, both prayerfully and monetarily, for there are many battles yet to be won before we finally win the war.

# The Impossible is Possible!

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We're very glad to be with you this evening. This was a Word that the Lord spoke to me one evening in the early part of last week, and I called Brother George and asked him if it would be possible for me to come up here today because I really believe that the Lord wanted to bless you as well as me. It's always a blessing for me to be able to share the Word of God. It probably is more of a blessing to me than it is to you. Sometimes that seems to be the way that the Word is applied, but it is always a blessing for me to be able to share the Word of God. God speaks to me personally out of what I am sharing with you. I have to go back and listen to the tapes to find out what I said. Somebody says, "You said so and so." And I say, "I did not say that." Sometimes they are right, sometimes they are wrong. Hallelujah. So, it is a blessing. I appreciate your willingness to come out and be here this evening. Let us just bow our heads and have a word of prayer.

*Father, we do thank You for Your goodness, Your mercy. We thank You for the grace of God that is so very vital in the delivery of the Word, and in the hearing of the Word. It is so important, Father, that we have Your presence that we might be able to articulate thoughts. Father, I pray that You would give me that ability, but not only have the ability to speak what You are speaking unto me, Father, but I would also ask that You anoint the ears that hear. Father, oftentimes those things that are heard in the Spirit are not necessarily the things that I say, but a lot of times the things that are heard are something that the*

*Spirit is speaking to that individual. Father, I pray, not only for the unction, the anointing upon the Word of God, but I pray for the unction and anointing upon the hearing, not only these that are out in front of me, but Father, my ears, also, want to hear what You are saying for this hour and for this people that desire to be in a particular place at a particular time. We thank You for Your strength, Your vitality; we thank You for Your mind. We ask for the Blood of Jesus Christ, Yeshua mashiych (Strong's Concordance #4899, mashiych, Hebrew for "Messiah").*

Praise the Lord. Can you say, "Amen?" Come on, say, "Amen!" God is a God that works miracles, if we are able to believe. God said, "If you are able to believe, ALL things are possible (Mark 9:23)." Hallelujah. God wants to encourage our faith. God wants to encourage us in the things of the Lord. I am finding out that nothing is impossible with God. For this fellow, there are many things that are impossible. I look at them and I can tell you it is not through rose-colored glasses. The glasses that I oftentimes see through seem to say that it is an impossible situation. "That is an impossible set of circumstances." "That is an impossible personality." What I am now proclaiming is that nothing is impossible with God. I've done a lot of humbling and repenting this last year. Not just to God, either. I've had to go to people to whom I've said, "I thought you were impossible. I was wrong!" I don't know if that was such a blessing for them or not, but it certainly relieved me, it certainly brought joy to my heart. It certainly brought a freedom to my soul, glory to God! Hallelujah.

There is something that I am beginning to understand. His Light is beginning to penetrate my darkness; I can leave His business to Him. I can leave His business to Him! I can leave His business to Him, because He is quite capable of taking care of it without me! Boy, was that a revelation to me: that I really did not need to be there. I really did not need to be there, sister! I could be somewhere else doing some other thing and God's business would still go on! Hallelujah. What a mighty God we serve! You know, the only thing that restricts Him, brother, is that we don't believe. That's the only thing! We get down in the mouth, we get all pushed out of shape, we get angry, we get frustrated, we get depressed, hallelujah, and what do we do? We give up. We have all of these things, and we walk around thinking that there is no God! You ever see a little child throw a little fit, and what do you do sometimes? Do you just ignore them, push them off in a corner, put them in a closet and shut the door? Absolutely not! What they need is

a good spanking. Hallelujah. That's what some of us need. A good Holy Ghost spanking! You know, God doesn't need babies. He needs SONS. He wants sons and He doesn't want sons that want to just push Him out of the way. I was thinking about it today. We have been involved with many different situations where men who have been touched by God, who had a lot of material substance began to do something with that substance, only to have their children rise up against them because they saw all that substance going out to all these different things that pertained to God's business and they were afraid they weren't going to have anything! We are a lot like that. We really are a lot like that. God starts moving and He's not including us! So we get angry, we get irritated! Well, we don't want to say that we are mad at God, so we get angry at whomever God is blessing, whomever God is using! Hallelujah. We begin to find fault with that individual, and we begin to criticize them. You want to know a secret? It doesn't bother El Elyon (Strong's Concordance #5945, Hebrew for "the Most High God;" means "the Supreme") one little bit. He just keeps on moving. Have you ever thought about that? Your criticism of whatever God is doing with an individual doesn't affect God at all. It doesn't do anything about the business of God. It doesn't stop God, doesn't hinder Him, doesn't make Him do this or that, or that or this, or that or that or that or this. He just goes on about His business. The only problem is He goes on without you and me! Hallelujah. And one day I will wake up and go, "Where's God?" "Oh, He's moved on! He's moved on with that no good brother or sister!" Hallelujah.

God wants to bring us to a place, bring us to an understanding, and bring us to a particular position. I've been thinking a lot about God these days, seeking His face and wanting to know Him. I want to know God. I want to know God! I want to know GOD! There are all of these other worldly noises crowding in on me; if I wasn't afraid of dying, I'd just stop eating all together. Afraid of dying! Of course, you're not afraid of dying. You would just fast until you dropped right on the ground, right? "Oh, I got a headache." "Oh, I feel bad." "Oh, my back." "Oh, my leg." "Oh, all these pains in my body. I have got to have something to eat!" And we run to the refrigerator!

I have to tell you the pickle story. Have any of you ever heard the pickle story? Well, this other brother and I decided we were really going to seek God. We were going to fast and pray. By the way, this was something that happened many years ago. We were going to seek Yehovah (Strong's Concordance #3068, Hebrew word for "LORD;" means "self-Existent or Eternal"), so we decided to go on this fast. We



were going to seek and pray, pray and seek, but there was in the refrigerator this one jar of homemade dill pickles. I want to say that at the time they were just about the best pickles I ever ate. Well, it was the strangest thing, but every time I would walk by that refrigerator, those pickles would begin to call my name, sometimes individually and other times harmoniously. They would say, "Brother Burt." "Oh, Brother Burt!" I could be all the way in the back of my house in my bedroom trying to sleep, just tossing and turning on my bed. Can you believe it? They actually won! I want you to know that I thought that I was really into this fasting and praying thing, I had to set the example. I was really going to town, and what I didn't know was that this other brother, who was living with us at the time, that same jar of pickles was calling HIM! That jar of pickles was calling him, "Oh, brother, come here." I'd get up in the middle of the night; maybe I would call it the pickle devil. When those pickles got canned, they must have pickled that demon and stuck him in there. I'd get up at night and I'd walk out, look around, you know, of course, I'm the spiritual head of my house. I'm fasting and seeking God. I don't want anyone to know I'm stalking the refrigerator! So here I am walking into the kitchen and I walk by the refrigerator. And of course, I'm praying in tongues. I'm just praying in tongues, walking back and forth. Now, I could walk anywhere, it was a big house. I didn't have to walk back and forth in front of that refrigerator. So, this brother and I, we had this agreement, right? We had this agreement; we were going to fast so many days. If I remember correctly, I think it might have been three whole days. We were really hungry! I don't know how much spiritual growth or good we got out of that fast, but we really came to one revelation. If you're going to fast, take the pickles out of the refrigerator! On midnight of the third day, midnight, guess who I met at the refrigerator? I want to tell you something, by 12:30 every one of those pickles were gone! Boy, we sure took care of that devil, didn't we? However, I want you to know that it demonstrated something. I had to repent for a week; I can't see a pickle today, without thinking, "My God, my God, my God," and just start repenting, be repenting, really truly begin to repent for my humanity, my carnality and my secularizing of God. I mean, that's just little, and we think we're spiritual. Of course, you don't. And of course, you probably never had those types of problems. No, no problem. No problem at all. You can go into the kitchen when you're fasting where they're cooking steak and onions and potatoes, and sit down and just (inhale) and it not even affect you. But there is something that experience brought home to me. I found out that a pickle could make more of an

impression upon my mind than my desire for God. Hello? Something other than God. I was supposed to be seeking God. I was supposed to be trying to find God and all of the time I was stalking the refrigerator trying to figure out how I could get that pickle out of there and still maintain my religious demeanor. And quite frankly, brethren, I think that's the way that the church approaches God! Hallelujah.

What Yehovah is wanting is a people that will be a people onto Him. I don't know what it was that you heard when you first heard this end-time sons of Yehovah message, but I know what it was that I heard. What I heard is that God wanted sons. God still wants sons. Now, a son, to my definition or my understanding, being as I've had children, is someone that a father desires to have fellowship with. Being as we are human and start from a position of imperfection, we sometimes have to work at it because of our personalities and what not, but nevertheless, there is something of a desire that is in a father's heart to have a relationship with his son. It is not just from the position of, "You do this, you do that and you do this and you do that over there." It's something more than that, it is where you can sit down and discuss things and ideas and come up with solutions and answers. It is a position where you can talk and communicate and work out a solution or just have a good time in finding out who each other is. I have found that there is a place in the process of growing up, I do not know exactly where it is, but you lose your ability to control your children. Please, I am not using the word "control" in a bad sense. But, nevertheless, you lose it, because control, whether you like it or not, is something that one has to submit to in order for you to control them. And somewhere along the line that can change and sometimes it changes for the worse.

But, I want you to turn with me to Philippians. I believe that God has some very good things to speak to us out of this book. Let us go to Philippians the third chapter. There is a thought that the Lord has been talking to me about this evening as we were ministering in song before Him, and it is, "How much do we really love God?" You know, things are going to change drastically for us people, comfort-wise as well as economically. Oh, by the way, just for your information, here a few weeks ago, I think it was two weekends ago, I was having a conversation with somebody and they told me the dollar had slipped in value again and that the euro had broken the all-time dollar high in the foreign exchange markets. Some time ago, the dollar all-time high was somewhere around \$1.33 or \$1.34 on the foreign exchange markets. It isn't anymore and has not been the leader for quite some time. Outside of

the British pound, it is the euro that has broken that high mark. What this means is that the euro is becoming the leader in the economic realm as far as finances are concerned. To you and me, that really does not seem too significant except for the fact that if you really knew, and you went down here to the store, and if you had the means by which to calculate it, you would find that your money is less valuable today than it was two weeks ago. Not only that, but there is the fact of where it puts the one who has the strength of currency behind them. Also, as a nation, it relegates us to a lower level of importance. How many of you ever heard the saying that money is power? It is. Money, to the world, is like blood to your body, and whoever controls the source of it, controls the strength of the world. Praise the Lord.

Philippians the third chapter, we are talking about Paul and the position, the place that he was in and the desire that he had for Elohiym (Strong's Concordance #0430, Hebrew word for "God;" means, His Supremacy). Now, I don't necessarily want to read the whole chapter, but I encourage you to go back over it and look at it, and to see what Paul was saying about his circumstances and the place that he was in. Okay, I want to start at the seventh verse, ***But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.*** Now, that is not only a very good statement, it is an astounding declaration. It designates a very important position. It is one that you and I need to reflect upon. There is one message that Paul had that is very predominant throughout all of his gospels, and that is the message of Sonship. Paul has given us most of the information, via the Holy Ghost, of what it means to be a son: the process, the means by which one achieves it, the things that one will encounter upon the road, and what one will go through if it is truly something that is desired. So the primary position, the primary thought, the focus that Paul had in God is that he wanted to be a son. He understood the reality of what was written in the Old Testament. How many of you know they didn't have the New Testament? So, everything that Paul knew about God and the desire of God, he had to get out of the Old Testament. We have the Word concerning those who lived during the time of the Old Testament, as you read in the New Testament, and it says that those prophets and those patriarchs desired to look into the mysteries of God as to the intent and the purpose of God. You and I need to have some understanding as to what we should be focusing upon, where it is that we need to place our eyes and what it is that we need to concentrate on. You can concentrate on overcoming all you want to and you'll probably be an overcomer, but somewhere along the line, if

there is no definition, if there is no purpose, if there's no thought or reality with regard to that destiny, you're going to lose, if not hope, you're going to lose strength, desire, determination, and zeal for the things of God. Why do you think the devil tries to stir up your natural situation so very much? Why do you think the devil always is working on your natural man? Your natural set of circumstances? Why is it that you and I are always having confrontations with individuals, confrontations in circumstances and situations? Why do you think that we are always having trouble, tribulation, always on a natural realm, in a natural arena? Trouble is always trying to get your ear, always trying to get your eye, always afflicting your flesh, trying to make you take your attention off of something that is spiritual and put it on something that is natural. The Bible says, ***Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward*** (Job 5:7). Why? Because the devil knows that as long as you're focusing down here on this level, you will lose your attention, you'll lose your focus on the reality of the matter, and very hopefully he will be able to rob from you the thing that God has given you with regard to the destiny that He has ascribed and determined for you. Hallelujah.

We want to think about the temporal, we want to think about this little time frame. God is an eternal being. God is a God of eternity and we have a hard time understanding the concept of eternity. To a lot of us, eternity is something of a figment of our imagination. It's like a fairytale. We half-way believe it for the sake of "just in case things work out the way that the Bible says." We want it just in case. We have it like house insurance. We have house insurance just in case a fire comes along, a tree falls down on the roof or something happens. Just in case. We want to be on the safe side. There are a lot of us that look at our Christianity and our experience in the Lord as something of that nature, something of that quality. Now, we do not go around saying, "Well, just in case." We go around saying, "Oh, I believe." "Oh, praise the Lord. Yes, I believe. Sons of God." "Oh, yes, I believe in this. I believe in that. I believe we are going to be 144,000. You want to know what it means? Twelve times twelve and zero, zero, zero. Zera, zera, zera (Strong's Concordance # 2233, Hebrew word for "seed")." All those little things, we bring out the platitudes, the adjectives and all of the things that pertain to it. But down in the depths of our soul, down in the depths of our heart, there's a little, "I wonder if it is really true. What if it's just my imagination?" I am not talking to you out of things that I do not know. I am talking to you about things that people are talking to me about. And I am saying, "Why are you talking to me about this?"

You have been this long in the Lord and you have seen God move in all of these different realms, and you are talking to me like there is no God!" Well, that is okay. At least they are talking to me and they are questioning the existence of God. At least I can take them to the scriptures and say, "Thou fool." Because it says in the Bible that the fool has said in his heart, there is no God (Psalm 14:1, 53:1). I have something I can grab a hold of, I have something that I can give them, I have a Word that I can speak to them that pertains to all of this foolishness that is coming out of their mouths. They say, "Well, where did God start?" I say, "I don't know. I don't care. God is God! He told Moses to tell Pharaoh that I AM that I AM." They say, "Well, where does He end?" I reply, "I don't know. It says He never ends (Psalm 102:27). He has no beginning, He has no end." They ask, "Well, how can that be?" I say, "I don't know. I don't care. Hallelujah. Because the Bible says there is a Yehovah. The Bible says there is a Yehovah; on the basis of what the Bible says, I believe it. It proves to me His existence. This God has moved in situations and circumstances, again and again and again and again and again!" I had a man say to me just recently, "Well, where is the proof?" I said, "Get up and look in the mirror." He said he needed proof. I said, "Get up. Walk over there and just smile real big in the mirror." I said, "That white, toothy grin is God's miracle." I said, "You would be dead. DEAD, dead, dead, dead, if it was not for God. If not dead, worse." Sometimes some people lament their situations and all the things that are going on; they will cry and moan and complain, rolling around in their dirt. You know, I am the wrong person to come to if you want to wallow in your dirt; I am not one who commiserates. Really, I am the wrong person. It is not that I'm hard or brittle or judgmental, it's just that some of the stuff that's going on is foolishness. They ask, "Why is God doing this?" I say, "He is saving your life! He is saving your life! Saving your life! You would be dead!" Dead or maybe in worse condition than what you see now. Maybe you would be a walking dead man. You could just as well be walking in sin, walking in degradation, walking in death. God is intervening. God is working, working, working to bring forth salvation. "Go look in the mirror!" Go look in the mirror. Hallelujah.

You know, there is this old hymn that says that we should count our blessings. "Count your blessings, name them one by one." I have so many blessings and I do not even have to really focus on myself. I can focus on my children. I can focus on my brother. I can focus on my sister. I can look at the people of God. God comes into a situation and circumstance and proves Himself so mighty again and again and again and again

and again. Now, what was all that effort being expended for? Is it just so that we could find another hole to fall in? Another pit that you could wallow around in? Why? Because God wanted to demonstrate, God wanted to bring us to a position, a place of being able to recognize eternity!

God wants us to understand the reality that eternity is bringing to us! Now, some people have gone into eternity feet first. Hello? Some people have gone into eternity feet first, but the Word of God to you and I in the matter of Sonship says that we don't go in feet first, we go in head first. We have the privilege of death being swallowed up into life. If we can appropriate it, if we can begin to visualize it, if we can begin to have some sort of aspiration concerning the reality of eternity, then all of this other drivel all around us is just like mosquitoes buzzing in our ears. It is an irritation. It is a frustration. It is not something to be devoted to. How much time do you spend chasing a mosquito around your house? How many times? One little mosquito. Do you spend the rest of the day chasing him? Do you set elaborate traps? "I am going to get that pesky mosquito!" You know, you see these cartoons where the character will completely destroy his house, and out of the rubble comes this little fly. Buzz, buzz. The man is sitting down there in the rubble, and the smoke is going up and his hair is all disheveled, if he has got any, and the fly has had the victory! I am telling you what I am seeing in the Spirit. I am not talking to you about what I am seeing on TV. I am telling you what I am seeing in the Spirit. We spend a lot of time building elaborate traps to try to eliminate some sort of problem, when all of the time we should begin to focus and concentrate on the reality of Who He is, hallelujah.

God wants to encourage us, He wants to lift us up out of the mundane, out of the place of the natural, secular realm and begin to focus our minds, our attention upon Him. You know, I want to talk with God. Do you know that? I want to talk with God. I want to know how it was that Abraham was so privileged that God would take the time to have supper with him. How would you like to have God come for dinner? "Guess who's coming to dinner?" "Elohiym." "What, what, what? Yehovah? What do we fix? What does He like?" That's how our mind works. Hello? "What are we going to talk about?" Your day, perhaps? He's all seeing. He was there. He knows all about your day! What are you going to talk to Him about? What you're involved in? "Oh, I got this pesky little fly flying around in my house, Lord. Can You help me destroy him?" Come on, brethren. What are we talking about? We're talking about the reality of the Kingdom, the position, the place of where the great I AM abides, what goes on in Yehovah's mind. May I tell you, it's not that we do not

have the ability to have it because it says, therefore, let this mind, what? That was in whom? Christ Jesus. Be where? Be in you (Philippians 2:5). Hallelujah. You know why we can not spend time in prayer? It is because we are not dealing with heavenly issues. Hallelujah.

I have this mute button on my phone. I also know that other people have this mute button on their phone. I can be talking to somebody about something really serious. I really want them to be listening to what I am saying and they put me on mute. Now, I know they got me on mute because I can't hear anything on their side of the phone, and when I say, "Are you still there?" All of a sudden I hear, "Oh, yes, I'm here." However, I am aware that they are not really listening to me. They got me on mute for a reason. You know what I mean? They're rummaging around in their drawer, they're looking under the bed, they're getting into the refrigerator, they're tying their shoes, they're doing something, and they're not really listening to me! They don't want me to know because they want me to think that what I'm saying is really important to them and that they're really listening, but they are NOT, they've got me on mute! That is how we treat God. Hello? Come on. Click! We tie our shoes, God is just talking away, we're tying our shoes, we're putting on our coat, we're putting on our makeup, we're combing our hair, and we're talking to the husband..." "Are you there?" Oh, click, "Yes, I am. Praise the Lord, brother." Click. Off it goes again. Hallelujah. Of course, you never do that, do you? Have you ever had a conversation with somebody and his mind is somewhere else? You want so much for them to pay attention to you and they are just mumbling, "Yeah, yeah, yeah. Well, sometime try this little test: you say, "Well, the baby died and the roof fell in." And they say, "Oh. Yes. Yes. Yes. Yes, that's good. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah." I've tried it. It works! It works! Why? Mutes went on. Their mind is a hundred miles away on some other problem and they're not bilingual.

There was a young man that started writing an article; I'm going to have to get on him because he didn't finish the article, but the article was called, "Dual Compatibility." Doesn't that sound good? These young people, I tell them, "You keep writing. You inspire me." But, you know, that's the way we treat God. We don't treat God like God should be treated. He says, "I am a jealous God." Do you think that God's nature has changed? Do you think His nature has changed? Do you think the principle of who He is has changed, has varied? Do you think that for one minute your busy schedule is going to make much room with regard to how He looks at and considers the place that you and I are

at? “Well, I would, God, but, my goodness, I had this appointment over here and I just had to make it.” “I just didn’t have the time to pray.” “I didn’t have the time to talk to that person. They just talk my ear off all the time. They just tie me up, talk, talk, talk. I never get anything done!” Of course, you’re probably not like that. Now, to make matters worse, we have these cell phones that tell us who is calling. Not only that, we have these phones and I can program it to ring a certain ring, so now I do not even have to look at it. It can be lying on my desk and it goes, beep boop beep boop beep boop. And I say, “I don’t want to talk to him.” I already know who it is. “I don’t want to talk to him!” Therefore, I don’t even have to answer it. It used to be a problem because you couldn’t lie. Oh, I suppose you could grab your coat, put it on and be running for the door and yelling over your shoulder, “Tell him I just left!” I’m telling you, this is what we do with God! This is what we do with God! This is how we behave. Can you imagine?

In the Bible it says that Yehovah winked at our foolishness (Acts 17:30). Doesn’t it say that somewhere in His Word? He says that for a time and a season there was an attitude of tolerance, there was an attitude of overlooking, it says that God kind of winked at our foolishness, but, you see, there is a time frame we are moving in where that latitude isn’t available any longer. There is a position, there is a place of inheritance that God is wanting us to move into and by all right, all reason and all evidence that is available that God has given us and in the time frame He has given it to us in, we should already be there! We should be, but we’re not! But that doesn’t mean it’s too late. If we begin to recognize, if it was too late, I wouldn’t be here. I would be somewhere else. I would be talking about something else to somebody else somewhere else. If it were too late then God would not be dealing with the problem. There is therefore now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus and who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit (Romans 8:1). God is not punitive. God is not vindictive. God is restorative. God is resurrection, God is redemptive and what He is telling me is that there is an opportunity of redeeming the time if we really begin to make certain decisions, as we begin to make certain concessions with regard to our position, our place and the purpose for which we were created. We sing that song so sanctimoniously and so religiously, “I was born to be the dwelling place of God.” We sing it and sing it and sing it and sing it and we go out and behave as though the dwelling place of God has no relevance with regard to our lives.

God wants sons. He doesn’t want sons that are doing some-



thing other than what He wants them to do. He wants sons to give over His business to. Yes, He does. Yes, He does. You say, “No, He doesn’t.” I say, “Yes, He does.” You say, “No, He doesn’t.” I say, “YES, He does! He does!” Jesus said, “I must go. I must go. I must go.” Why? Just because he was tired of this? “I’m tired of all you riff-raff. I’m tired of this rotten stinking attitude. I’m tired of the inactivity. I’m tired of the lack of zeal. Can you imagine? We get so fed up, so out of sorts, so pushed out of shape with people so quickly, and yet God has been working for humanity for over 7,000 years to bring forth some remnant of whom He would say, “That’s a son!” Right now I think He would say, “That’s a son?”

You know, the devil is so dumb. The devil is such a stupid thing. Can we stop and think what we do when we follow the devil? What does that make us? The devil is dumb, stupid. (I’ve been told not to use the word stupid, but he’s stupid!) There’s just no other way to describe the devil. The devil is stupid. If we walk and talk and move under the unktion of the devil, we’re stupid, too! Stupid, stupid. That makes us stupider! That doesn’t make us just stupid, it makes us stupid, stupid. Because we’re doing what the devil wants us to do, and we think the devil is stupid, and God thinks the devil is stupid, and if we do what the devil is doing, then we are stupid. We’re stupid. We need to be delivered of our stupidity with regard to the plan, the purposes of the devil and become aware of the place that God wants to bring us into.

If you don’t know what heaven is, then you need to begin to press God for the reality of what heaven is. God says the Kingdom of Heaven is where (Luke 17:21)? How many of you know of the awareness of the presence of the Kingdom of God in you? How many of you had the experience, I’m not talking of a moment or an event that happened once upon a time. I’m talking on a continuum. Jesus said, “Where I am...” Where do you think He was? Do you think He was talking about the shores of Galilee? Or maybe the city of Jerusalem? Do you think He was there on the side of Mount Carmel? He said, “Where I am...” “Oh, yes, Jesus, I’ll stand on Mount Carmel. I’ll walk down the roads of Bethlehem. I’ll walk down those dusty streets of this or that city.” No, He’s not talking about that. He’s talking about where He was in relationship to the Father; He was not of this world. He said, you talk about a faith statement, “They are not of this world (John 17:14,16).” There was something that happened to those disciples that changed their behavior, radically changed it. There was only a matter of what? Maybe

ten days from the time they all deserted Him and He was crucified? I don't know, there was a matter of time, from the time that He was crucified until the time that He departed on a hill, and He breathed on them and He gave them the commission to go. Something happened in that time that changed those wishy-washy, worthless individuals that didn't even have the guts to stand up. Peter, he did his hit and run. Hit and run, that's what Peter did. Somebody said, and I believe what they said, they said that they couldn't arrest the disciples because God didn't want them arrested. Well, I'd say that God didn't want them arrested and He sure gave Peter the feet to run with, because that's what they all did. They all split, they all ran like scared rabbits. Have you ever walked upon a covey of quail out in the bush, and out of the brush they come and off they go? You're gasping and looking around and wondering where they all went! Well, that's the way it was in the garden. They were there in that garden, they were so wishy-washy, and the man, Peter, even turned around and began to curse God. He reverted back into his old fisherman mode. Are they so much different than us? Is the nature of man any different? Is the nature or the ability of man to do what they did any different with regard to us? Why did they do what they did? Because they had no sense of the reality of what He had been talking to them about for that three-and-a-half years of ministry. They were still thinking natural, they were still thinking temporal, they still believed somehow, somehow He was not going to do what He did, until it came down to the fact that this man was dead. They had to see it with their own eyes. This man is dead. Then, on top of all that, they added insult to injury by closing the blinds and locking the doors, the way we do with the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Latter Day Saints. We shut the door, bar it, pull down the cover, and we say, "Be quiet." "Be quiet. Did they go yet?" David's mighty men. "Where did I leave that sword? I just don't happen to have one with me today."

Oh, my! Brethren, these men had something happen to them. Something happened to change them so radically. They came into a position or a place of awareness of the reality of eternity. They came into some sort of understanding that they were not called for a temporal time, for a temporal place, and many of the saints were disappointed because of the fact that they were born in the era in which they were born. When they became aware of the revelation, they wanted to be where you and I are! It is going to be that we are going to stand up with men like these men, did you know that? Can we stand shoulder to shoulder? Not only the men, some of the women! The New Testament church was built on some of the backs of some of the women. They were dedicated! They took their

substance, their goods, and they utilized it for the purpose of bringing forth the Kingdom. We're busy doing this and we're busy doing that. We're building our futures out of wood and brick. We got insurance policies on this and that and we got our closets full, we got our tanks full and the Kingdom of God and the business of God lies around us in shambles and disarray and disorder and we can't even get together to begin to work in a manner and fashion that God would want us to work to bring forth the revelation of Jesus Christ! You know, those men, those disciples got hold of something. They got hold of something. They got hold of it at the cost of great tribulation. They got hold of it at the cost of an expenditure of themselves. They were men of integrity, men of integrity! I wonder what the thoughts must have been as the goods were being laid at the disciple's feet; it says they all moved in one accord. "Well, a man's got to take care of his family. Got to put a roof over their head. I have got to put food in their bellies. I have got to make sure they got cars to drive, gas to put in their cars." All of that's pertinent if in fact we are doing it as we are building the Kingdom!! You're looking for something of an eternal reward, not working for the substance of reality in the secular realm, the bringing forth of those products and those things that are pertinent to making this life more comfortable.

May I say to you that some of us are spending our inheritance. That could well be a problem for some of us because I don't know how much we have left in the bank. I don't really know how much we had there in the beginning. Paul demonstrates the theological correctness about the bringing forth and storing up things on an eternal level. Paul said, "I have laid up for me..." what? He was speaking about treasures in heaven. I have what? A crown (II Timothy 4:8)! What was he saying? Was it a gold crown with rubies and gold and emeralds and diamonds and pearls and all of those elaborate things on there, an intricate design that gave him some sort of position of preeminence and predominance? "Oh, look at Paul's eternal crown and at what cost!" It doesn't have anything to do with this natural realm. He's talking about a position of authority. Jesus said to His twelve disciples, "You, too, shall sit on twelve thrones." Ruling what? The twelve tribes (Matthew 19:28, Luke 22:30), a position, a place of authority that is eternal, it's not something that is temporal. When the curtain comes down, you still got it! You don't walk off with just a certificate saying, "Well, you did well. That's it. Here you go. Go ahead. Here's your rocking chair, here's your blanket."

Jesus said it a different way. He said, "Lay up for yourself treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:20)." Hello? Where's heaven? Heaven is

within me, heaven is within you. When I come together with your heaven we get a little more expanse of what heaven is and there is something of a working with you and you working with me that brings forth something that is vital, something that is absolutely important. Do we really believe what the scripture says? It says when a man has found a field that has a treasure that is hid within it, he sells all that he has (Matthew 13:44)! How much of “all” have you done? How much “all” have you given? What little piece, what little portion? Are you still the ten percent Christian? Well, fine. Well, dandy. That’s great! Be your ten percent, but don’t expect one hundred percent return. In the parable of the talents, two got two, five got five and the two didn’t get two just because God gave him two to begin with, and I believe that in God there is a capacity to bring forth one hundred percent! Two of two is one hundred percent. One of one is one hundred percent! In addition, the reward that the one would have would be just as great in his eyes as the reward of five and there wouldn’t be some lust or envy in the heart of the one for the two or the two for the five. Do you understand? We’re talking about God’s economy. It says when one is blessed we all should rejoice (Romans 12:15). When one suffers, we should all suffer. We don’t. When one suffers we say, “Oh, my. Poor him, poor them, poor her, poor this, poor that.” “Let’s pray for so and so, they’re really sick.” Or when somebody gets blessed, we’re not, “Oh, praise the Lord. They got a million dollars! Hallelujah! Aren’t you glad they got a million dollars? Oh, praise the Lord! Everybody out there, they got a million dollars! Happy! Happy! Happy! Happy! Happy!” “They got a million dollars? What about me? What about me? Where’s my portion?” “Oh, brother, I’m next to you. I’m with you! I’m in this with you right to the end!” No, we don’t respond that way. We don’t respond that way. If all of a sudden, new Cadillacs and new refrigerators start breaking out in the home, or TVs start happening, new rugs go in and new clothes come on, we sit there and say, “They are sure not giving their portion to God.” It’s not God’s portion we’re really worried about. It’s the fact that they’re getting and we’re not. Hallelujah. But you know something, it doesn’t bother me, because I know the economy of God, do you hear me? I know how the economy of God works. If God gives you a million dollars and you go around spending that million dollars on yourself, praise the Lord! Enjoy it! That’s all you’re going to get. When it’s gone, it’s done! Pink slip! You’ve done it, you’re finished, and you’re toast! You’ve spent your inheritance! Do you know that the son never got his inheritance back? Do you see anywhere in the Bible where he was given back his position, his place of preeminence and predominance in the

household? Oh, no, it was just the opposite. The father said to the other son that was faithful, “Don’t you know, son? Everything that I have is yours.” Do you know what? A servant he wanted to be, a servant he became. He spent it. He spent it. He was in the father’s house, happy to be there, but it should have, would have, could have been different, and wasn’t because he didn’t do what was required of him to do to be a son. He didn’t do what he needed to do because he was the only focus, he was the primary point of his own concentration. It was what he wanted and what he wanted to be done with regard to his own environment; of course, none of you are really bothered by your environment, are you?

I’m trying to think of a particular situation. Oh, I remember what it was. All things work together for good (Romans 8:28). There was a friend of ours that decided that they wanted to help us in making the arrangements to fly to Europe. I said, “Well, go right ahead, praise the Lord. You just go ahead.” They were going on the Internet looking for tickets and things like that and they traveled a lot, so they were privy to some special deals and what-not that would come across their desk. “Well, maybe I could find you a ticket.” I said, “Go ahead. Do that. Do that.” They did. They found us a good deal and everything. They sent me the itinerary and I looked at it, but I didn’t really look at it. “Oh, yeah, this is great.” Passed it off to Nancy, “It is your responsibility, Nancy. Look at it.” I think that we call it delegating authority, delegating responsibility. She wanted to come back on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with Barak and Josiah. We didn’t notice that the ticket said the 28<sup>th</sup>. But it was written right out there in plain view, on the side, 28<sup>th</sup>. I just didn’t pay attention, I was busy. Busy. Busy. It wasn’t until about a week later I was thinking, “Well, there’s no notification, there’s no tickets, something is up, something’s wrong.” Because, I know how the devil works, you understand. Whenever we get to planning and doing one of these trips, the devil is always trying to work, he is always trying to throw a monkey wrench in it, and trying to mess up the whole shebang. Stupid devil! No, it is really stupid me! I’m not taking care of business. God is talking to me, God’s speaking to me, God’s prompting me, He’s pricking me, finally He just gets out and He kicks me! Of course, you’ve probably never been kicked by God have you? Well, I’ve been kicked by God a lot of times, not to mention the old two-by-four. “Yes God. Where are you? I see stars; God must be around here somewhere.” So we called, and sure enough they had a problem. I am not really sure what it was all about. I had given them my credit card and they said they could not verify the address on my credit card. I am,

of course, thinking, “Stupid people!” Good Christian reaction. Very redemptive, don’t you think? Very considerate of them and of course, I am certainly thinking about their position of humanity. It is, of course, that I’ve always got the fact that hell is right in front of them, about to swallow them up. I said, “What is wrong with my credit card?” I thought maybe they were thinking I had bad credit or something. “What is wrong with you people?” Good Christian response. Now, I didn’t respond to them like this, but it was working up. It was working up in me. Of course, you never do this. No. No. NO. No. You’re Mr. and Mrs. Goody-Two-Shoes. You are the epitome of patience and virtue and nothing comes out of your lips except for the sweetness of God. Unfortunately, you have to pray for me because it starts working up in here and all of a sudden somebody says to me, “All things work together for good.” “Okay, okay, okay. Sure, all things work together for good. How can this work?” Well, I’ll tell you what happened to make a long story short. In the conversation, we found out that God did something to make it hold up, you understand, because the tickets were wrong and God really wanted them to come back sooner than I was. Of course, I gave both Barak and Nancy a hard time. “Oh, yeah! Leaving the ship in the middle of the sea! Who’s going to take care of me?!” Of course, you never think that way! You never ever, ever think that way. No sir. You take your coat off and lay it down in the puddle for somebody to walk over it. You never think this way. Nevertheless, you see, they really needed to come back in God’s economy. You know what I mean? My wife said, “What do I do? What do I do?” I said, “You have the Holy Ghost. You figure it out.” Mr. Compassion, Mr. Sensitivity plus. You know what sensitivity is, right? Yes. God had a purpose, God had a plan. Well, because they couldn’t issue the ticket, we were able to change it. This was a week down the road. I had already gotten my ticket. “I’m going! Where are you going?” Hallelujah. I had to do some repenting over that.

You know, I spend a lot of time repenting. As if repenting isn’t bad enough, I have to get up and tell you all about it. Seems a little like double jeopardy to me. But you know, I think God just really wants me humble. Praise the Lord. So, here we are, we need to begin to think about God and how God thinks. Not in the realm of how we respond because of our humanity, but because of how God thinks, what God is and what God wants, because God wants sons. God wants sons! He wants sons that think like sons. Not human sons, God’s sons, who have the care, the consideration for God. What will God think? What does God want? How would God do it? One of the greatest testimo-

nies and one of the greatest blessings I think I could ever have is if one of my sons would say in a situation somewhere, sometime, one time, just say one little thing, "I wonder how Dad would do this." Then he thinks about it and becomes cognizant of how I would do it and then he begins to do it in the same way, in the same manner, because of his confidence in knowing me and the place that I am in and the thing that I do and what I do with all of my heart. I don't do it for the sake of this one or that one, I do it for the sake of God. He's watching me! He's measuring me! I can be washing dishes, I can be building houses, I can be sweeping floors, I can be talking to the children, doesn't make any difference what I am doing, but I have to do it, not as though it were in this realm with all of the personality conflicts and all of the personality trouble and all of the circumstantial troubles and tribulation. That has nothing to do with the reality of what I have been called for, the destiny that is upon my life, the stamp, the seal, the image that God put upon me. He has said He has written my name with an indelible finger that cannot be erased except by the hand of God. It is what He has ascribed, it is what He has spoken, do you understand? God didn't just breathe into Adam. He didn't just breathe into him. He breathed into him more than just life. He breathed into him intent, He breathed into him desire, He breathed into him an emotional position of response with regard to Him, the Father. It says He came down and He would walk and He would talk with Adam and they were talking about God things. I don't know what they were talking about; I want to know. I want to have that relationship. I'm sitting and I'm listening to some of these tapes and Brother duCille is talking about the Kingdom and overcoming this and rising up in the Spirit and the fact of the nature and the reality of that heavenly realm and something in my soul says, "I want it. I want it! I want it! I want it! I want it!" I'm not satisfied with the palatable taste of humanity and temporal position of life and liberty and justice for all! You know Brother Jonathan Edwards. Brother Ravenhill said these men of God, these guys that he grew up with and under, he said they had eternity stamped on the back of their eyeballs. Therefore, everything they looked at, every individual, every circumstance, every set of happenings and surroundings was not viewed on the temporal time element but it was viewed from the point of eternity, the plan, the purpose and the will of God for humanity, hallelujah. That is what I want. That's what Paul was writing about in that third chapter of Philippians, and he was talking to a church that was destined, that had the message of Sonship. ***My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you*** (Galatians 4:19). We're more interested in retirement and

annuities and houses and clothes and cars and corporate living on a natural, secular realm than we are with eternity! Hallelujah.

There is so much to do, so little time to do it, and so little effort to do it with. Hallelujah. It doesn't make any difference how long or how short the candle burns. Do you hear me? There was a man named David Brainerd, you ever read the book? Twenty-eight years old, burned out, expended, died, under the burden and the hand of the Lord. It wasn't foolish man doing foolish things, throwing his health to the wind. He was throwing his whole being into the burden that was upon his heart. He expended himself eternally. He burned bright, he burned hot, he burned vivid! When he parted the gates of time and he walked out of the temporal into that realm of eternity, into that realm of the heavenly, I believe there was something of a shout that went up, "Good job!" He had tuberculosis. He should have been in some sanitarium somewhere resting on a bed, taking medication, getting well so he could go out and do the will of God. But there was something in his heart, there was something pressing on him, there was something of a burden that was pushing him, pushing him. There were souls out there dying and going to hell and if he could do no more than crawl out into the snow bank and begin to pray from 3:00 until 7:00 in the morning, that's what he did! How many walls of hell do you think he broke down? How many barriers do you think were shattered and broken? How many chains were set loose? How many souls went into the Kingdom of Heaven because a man chose to die for God than to live for himself?!

We're so busy, so busy trying to figure out who we are. Trying to figure out what it is that's going to make our road a little easier, a little less rocky, a little less troubled. Give me tribulation, give me trouble, and give me the hard way, because I want the high way! You know, the Lord told me one time, He showed me a vision, or it was a dream, I don't remember. There was somebody out to kill me and I was on the side of this rocky mountain. I don't know if you've ever gone up above the tree line out there in California. They have the Sierra Madras. You go up there beyond the tree line and it's just granite rock. It is all just rugged, rough, granite rock. There's no comfortable way to negotiate yourself in that position, in that place, without getting scuffed up and dirty and messed up. I was all dressed up in my nice clothes and I had my good pants on and my good shoes and there I was in the middle of this rocky, barren hill and somebody was trying to kill me. I was crying out to God, "God, deliver me." And the only word that God brought to me was, "You need to get up higher." And so, I was looking around my situation, and it seemed there was no way



except to just plunge in and begin to do whatever I had to do to get myself up higher. Hallelujah. I knew that I was going to ruin my clothes. Hello? They were going to get scuffed, they were going to get dirty, and they were going to get torn. Hallelujah. There was something that somebody said to me about that and my answer was, "It doesn't matter. It is of little importance. They are replaceable." There is a need for me to get higher, and there is an expense that I have to expend, be willing to be paid out, come on! We come to a position, we come to a place where it is now time for us to behave as sons and begin to take the financial burden and the burden of responsibility upon our shoulders. I'm not just talking about money, don't get me on that one. I'm not just talking about money; I'm talking about the reality of getting under the burden.

Dad had a business and he had to be the bearer of the burden. You understand what I'm saying? You know, when I was a young man growing up, we went through that really hard time, interest was up to 22% - 23%, I'm talking about your bank loans and all of those things that people use to do business. It was back in 1981-82 and my dad did it, I really don't know; but it just had to be God that was in the midst of all of his shenanigans. Somehow, someway, he shouldered the burden, he got under it, and he walked it out, he walked it out, he walked it out. He would do this, he would do that, and somehow he made it! I don't know how, by any rights and every means, because of the expense of the layout and the financial responsibility upon him and because of the economy was in a swoon, it was in a dive, it was all going out and nothing coming in. But he didn't mumble, he didn't grumble, he didn't complain; he just put his shoulder to the wheel, he just put his back under the load and he walked it out, day by day, note by note, responsibility by responsibility and you know what? He made it through. I would to God that the church had something of that tenacity in the spiritual realm and we as individuals could pull together with Yeshua. Hallelujah.

We need to come to grips with the position of responsibility that God wants to put upon us. Get under the burden. Get under the load, and it's not that you might have shares in order for you to have a say so. "Oh, I'm willing to give. I'm willing to cooperate, I'm willing to get involved but I need room, space to speak my opinion." God is not interested in my opinion. God is not interested in your opinion. God is interested in response. God is interested in results. God is interested in sons! There's a place, there's a place, there's a place, there's a place. You know, my father would take us out to dinner and everything and pay the bill. Big dinner, lavish dinner, and never once did I say, "Wait a minute, Dad, this

one's on me." Never was grown up enough in the space and time that I had Dad in order to do that, and that's how we treat God. We're willing to let somebody else bear the burden, bear the responsibility and when something doesn't go right, we're the first ones to complain about it. We haven't lifted one little finger, we haven't done one little iota, maybe we had given our ten percent of time, ten percent of energy and ten percent of finances. God wants everything!

I don't know about you, but this is an all or nothing message. We're not Baptists. We're not Pentecostal. We're end-time people! We are end-time people. We are end-time sons of God people. We want to be in the Holy of Holies. We want to be there before the Ark of the Covenant. We want the responsibility of being next to God. If you want to be next to God, you've got to shoulder a little of the responsibilities that are on His shoulders. May I say something? God is more than willing to give you everything that you can possibly tote and a little more. Hallelujah. It reminds me of that man in India. We had that little short guy and we had, what, seven suitcases? And a big trunk. We had Brother George's dinosaur trunk. And he kept saying, "One more. One more." And I think he had all of them except for maybe one or two bags. He had two up under his arms. And the trunk on his head, and we had to go up two flights of stairs, and there were what? Thirty or forty steps up? At least that. And he kept saying, "One more. One more. One more." And then he began to waddle off with the suitcases, and that trunk on the top of his head. We should have had a picture of that. That's a good picture of what the Body of Christ should be like with regard to the fact of the burden that is out there. Have you ever read the scripture that says the harvest is ripe but the laborers are few (Matthew 9:37-38, Luke 10:2)? What do you think is happening with the few that are there? What do you think? Believe me, I can relate to that verse. We can have a crop out in the field and it's rotting because we can't get to it to pick it. So, you're out there from daybreak to dark working, working, working, working, trying to salvage, trying to save, trying to do whatever you have to do to turn over the result of your labor for the whole year. Hallelujah.

Paul was such a man, he says, ***Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss*** (Philippians 3:8). He's talking about a natural arena. He goes through the whole attributes of who he was, what he was, where he was and the place that he was in and the privilege he had because of the fact that he was there and he says it was worth nothing. Nothing. It was less than nothing. Because it says it was the same as

dung to him. I would like to say to you, that was a mouthful for a Jew to say because you're talking about something that is totally despicable and unclean. You remember the story of one of the prophets, Jeremiah, I believe that it was, the Lord told him to go out and get dung for coals to build a fire on and to eat his food, and he said, "Oh, God, please." He was supposed to go out and get the human dung and burn it on the fire, use it for kindling, and he said, "Please, God, nothing unclean has ever touched my lips." Well, God relented, He said, "All right, you can use cow dung." Think about that. Think about that. Think about that, if God were to say that to you, through the lips of another individual. What would your response be? "Oh, praise the Lord, brother. Hallelujah, sister! That's the Word of God! Here I go! Look out world, here I come! Hell, move out of the way!" I'm afraid it's not that way at all.

I think it's time to change. I think it's time to examine ourselves. I think it's time, not just time to reflect. "Oh, I really got to go pray about that." I think, pray about it, but I think the time of really, really praying about it is drawing to a close and there is something of a response that God is looking for with regard to you and I in our position and our place and the fact that we desire to be a son.

Philippians 3:8, *Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord.* Oh, my God. Come on. I'll put it to you a different way. He said it a different way, and I like that. He said, Ephesians 3:1, *For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles.* Not talking about prisons that got the TVs, the library, the gym to work out in, three square meals a day, fresh, clean clothes, a place to sleep. He's not talking about that at all. Jesus said, I just heard it on the tape today as I was driving, "The Son of Man hath no place to lay His head (Matthew 8:20, Luke 9:58)." My wife always prays, she says, "God, thank You so much for this bed. Thank You so much for these covers and most of all for my husband's sake, thank You for the heater." I can appreciate that because every morning I am huddled over the heater. Hallelujah. You know, I was created for sunshine. Whenever I am in the sunshine, I just come alive. I'm like a cat, I'll get a chair and I'll put it in front of the window where the sun is coming through and I just sit there, soak it up, soak it up, soak it up, soak it up because I know clouds and snow and all of that good stuff is coming! I've got to get it down into my bones, soak it up, soak it up, soak it up, soak it up. Now I'm ready, give me some more cold. Hallelujah.

There is a desire in the heart of God that we would begin to

respond to His position, to His place, as sons. Verse 8, ***...for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.*** What are you hoping to possess? An insurance policy at the end of the day, a retirement program? A little cottage out by the lake where you can go and rock back and forth on your porch, and listen to the birds sing and the bombs go off in Chicago? As everything around you turns dark and dreary and you begin to take that nice breath of radiation? What happened to your little paradise? You could have done something about it at a point in time someplace, somewhere because you had the accoutrements by which to do it. Not only do you have the articles that you need to do it with, but you have the desire of God that you do it. He desires for you to do it more than what we desire to do it for Him. What are we going to do? What are we going to do with this Word? What are we going to do with the responsibility with regard to the position, the place that God has called us to? What are we going to do with it? How are we going to respond? I think there is something very, very worthy in that question and I think there is something of a response that God is asking of you and I with regard to it. Hallelujah. God bless you. Thank you very much.

# A Letter From Brother George Warnock

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Dear Friends,

A New Year is upon us, and no doubt it holds many surprises for Planet Earth. We appreciate very much our many friends who have remembered us with cards, greetings, and letters - and we sincerely regret this delay in our response. Early in December we moved from the home we built and lived in for nearly thirty years... into a different home which is on the outskirts of Cranbrook (our mailing address remains the same). There was a lot of work involved in this, and we are very thankful for family and friends who did most of it. But in the process, we had to put our correspondence on hold. Then, not too far into the New Year, I began to have some health problems: a bladder infection and perhaps a touch of the stomach flu along with it. We still long for the day when God's people will experience "the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus" working in our mortal bodies. I have not been hospitalized and Ruth (my wife) continues to be my personal nurse. She has no 'diploma,' but does possess those attributes that every good nurse must have: dedication, caring, watchfulness, patience, and compassion. At this point I am still a bit weak on my feet, but well enough to get back to my correspondence. With the back log of correspondence which is facing me, I feel I must take the liberty of sending out a general letter to those still waiting my reply.

It certainly appears to me that we are close to the Day of the Lord - a "Day" that is described in scripture as a time of gross darkness in the world about us... yet holds forth the promise of a glorious Light that will shine upon His people. The prophets spoke much of this "Great" yet "Terrible" Day - when great darkness shall engulf the earth, while His people walk in the Light of the Lord Jesus. God wants us to "walk in the Light" now lest we presumptuously think all is well because we have good doctrine, and attend a good church. We must have true faith, lest in our presumption we find that Day to be one of darkness... and we "stumble on the dark mountains", and look for the light that is not there. No matter how dark the night may be surrounding us, "the children of the Light" will walk in the Light of God. When gross darkness covered the whole land of Egypt there was "Light" in the homes of the people of God.

As God's wrath is poured out on a world of iniquity, God has made every provision for the children of Light - and that provision is nothing less than the "whole Armor of God" (Ephesians 6), described in Romans as "the

Armor of Light” (Romans 13:12). The climactic battle of the ages is closing in upon us, and God will have a Gideon army whose only weapons were a trumpet and a pitcher... with a lamp inside the pitcher. Right now they seem to be doing nothing for God - as they sit in the darkness on the hillside. But in that Day they will break their pitchers and hold their lamps high; and with a trumpet blast (a sure, clear voice from God) they will declare their victory - with no other weapons than the Armor of God. Gideon’s army shouted aloud, “The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon!” - and panic and fear gripped the hearts of the enemy until they fled in terror. There were many volunteers in Gideon’s army at first... 32,000 of them... But God sent most of them home, choosing to use only 300, whom He knew would give Him all the glory.

I emphasize these things because it seems to me that God’s people, for the most part, do not care to become involved with God’s battle plan... but choosing to be mobilized by some outstanding church leader rather than knowing the voice of the Lord God for themselves. Some do not even want to be around on the Day of the Lord... because they read of the terror of that Day... and fail to see the Light that will engulf the darkness. They talk about God ‘sparing’ them from His wrath - yet fail to understand that God “spares” His people, by clothing them with “the whole Armor of God.”

We have ample teaching from the Lord Jesus and His apostles, admonishing us concerning that Day. Be alert! Be awake! “Let us not sleep”... said the apostle, but, “Let us watch and be sober”... Put on the whole Armor! This is God’s provision for us in that Day: “The breastplate of faith and love.” ... “and for an helmet the hope of salvation, for God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. (See 1 Thessalonians 5:1-8)

Many just brush aside this teaching of the Day of the Lord, or view it as something too controversial to meddle with. Then there are many who remember the stories they heard from their parents or grandparents of how they anticipated the ‘end-times’... 60 -70 or 80 years ago. “But we’re still here!” they say. True enough, but we are 60 - 70 - 80 years closer to it now that we were then.

Let’s consider a possible scenario in the days of Noah. Here’s a group of people taunting Noah for his folly. “Noah, you have been talking about God’s judgments for 119 years. When are you going to forget that wild dream you had?” But the next year it happened! We are farther along in God’s program that we were 80 years ago... and as Jesus predicted because of this lapse of time, there is now a generation in the “church” that has become careless, indifferent, insensitive to the times... and are saying (not verbally but with their actions), “My Lord delayed His coming”.

The apostle Peter said ‘scoffers’ would arise in the last days, say-

ing, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since our fathers fell asleep, *all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation*”(2 Peter 3:4) Some of us recall that kind of scoffing, many decades ago. But we are farther along now than the time Peter spoke about.

I recall an engineer who worked in a place where I once worked, who would use the expression, “He’s slower than the second coming!” (referring to a slothful man on the job). We know all about the scoffers! Yet none of them are saying, “All things continue as they were...” We have moved beyond the point Peter referred to - in just the last two or three decades. Nobody is saying it now! Scientists are not saying it. Environmentalists are not saying it. Educators are not saying it. Politicians are not saying it. The “Press” is not saying it. Even ordinary scoffers are not saying it! There are frequent references in the news about “Armageddon” as one catastrophe follows another. Planet Earth has become a worrisome topic by men in high places.

A year ago I heard a panel of eminent scientists declare that the ocean would be ‘fished out’ within 10 years if the nations don’t get together and make enforceable conservation laws to save our fish... endangered as they are by pollution, as well as by high tech ocean farming. Our beautiful pine forest in British Columbia could be wiped out, if we cannot control the beetle! Men of science and knowledge fear that Planet Earth’s oxygen supply is in serious danger of being depleted. Peter spoke about end time scoffers who say, “All things continue as they were since the beginning.” We are far beyond that time now. Still many of God’s people, who have lost the vision of His Appearing continue to think like the crazy world in which we live - “There’s nothing we can do about it; so let’s live it up!”

I say *it’s time we think about God’s holy Armor!* ... time to polish it up and put it on! This holy Armor of Light will be our victory in this awesome Night that is closing in upon us. Can we not hear Him knocking at the door? “Please let Me in... Please open the door and invite Me to come in. I want to sit at your table and eat with you, and you with Me.” Yet, we are saying by our nonchalant actions. “O, He can come in if He wants to... Surely He knows we love Him, and we are working hard to see the promotion of His Gospel in the earth.”

I am not a pessimist by any means... except when it concerns the purposes of men. Was it pessimism when word got around on the Titanic, that this unsinkable vessel had struck an iceberg and was sinking? Some thought so, and carried on with their music, dancing and games. They simply believed the engineers were right - they were on a boat that was unsinkable. The captain himself turned a deaf ear to the news that icebergs were near at hand. He must have had this wonderful legacy of steering the most beautiful, unsinkable Queen of the Seas to America in record time, before

he retired. When reality struck home the optimism vanished, the wild and happy music and laughter subsided - and the orchestra began to play; "Nearer my God to Thee".

*When will God's people learn that Titanic Earth has struck a 'berg' and is sinking?* Were Jeremiah, Isaiah and Joel pessimists because they saw the people of God doing their own thing, with no fear of God in their hearts, heedless of the One who had separated them unto Himself to be a Holy Nation? I know God will continue to reach out to His people. But it seems there are very few in our land or in the U.S., who are earnestly calling upon God, confessing their sin and making Him Lord of their lives. Instead they think their outreaches and works will be accounted unto them as righteousness. The music says it all, "We are a happy, jovial, people praising the Lord." Away with solemn songs bidding the Lord of Glory to come to His holy Temple; to cleanse us, purge us, and make us to be totally separated unto Him." For the most part we hear these words, spoken or implied: "We are rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing." How does the Lord of the Church respond to that? He looks upon us and says, "Thou art wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked..." and we simply will not accept that verdict. He offers to us the true riches; Gold, tried in the fire... Eye salve to anoint our eyes that we might see... White raiment to clothe ourselves with His own garments of holiness, purity and grace. We just go our way, choosing to clothe ourselves with the filthy garments of our good works, works of our own choosing.

In the midst of the dearth, we know our God is preparing a "willing People" for the Day of His Power. He is preparing a Joseph in a prison-house for the Day of Famine; a Moses in the wilderness of Midian, who will go forth with no weapon but a stick in his hand to deliver a whole nation of slaves; an Elijah people who will "stand before God" and hear words from His mouth, and effectively call a people to repentance; a John the Baptist arising in the midst of a stream-lined and proud religious order, calling men to *repentance*, be they religious or profane. And in the outcome of it all, God will have a "glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing"... A HOLY Bride that will cry out, in union with the Spirit of God, to the poor, wretched and needy of the earth: "Come! Come! Whosoever will, let him take of the Water of Life freely."

May the Lord help us all in these awesome times, to draw closer and closer to our Lord Jesus. For only in union with Him will we have unfailling supply of "oil" to keep our lamps burning in the midnight hour that is closing upon us.

Sincerely,  
George Warnock



# Destroying my Deception

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By Wesley Schell

About four bulletins ago I wrote a faith booster about God healing me. That event was exciting and positive. I thought that if the faith-filled occurrence got documented. I should tell about my not so faith-filled experience that God used for His glory. Romans 8:28, ***And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*** This is the truth. The problem that humans have is that the viewpoint of the “good” is from God’s eyes, not ours. There have been many occasions where people have and will demonstrate their unbelief in what this scripture says, because they were or are hurt physically or spiritually. The tendency is normally to point the finger toward someone other than you, sometimes at Yahweh. “It’s not my fault that this happened! How could you (God) do this to me? Why did you (God) let this happen to me?” King Ahab thought this way toward Elijah. I Kings 18:17, ***And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?***<sup>18</sup> ***And he (Elijah) answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father’s house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.*** Sin hides itself in many ways. In this instance, sin caused Ahab to blame Elijah for all the problems that he was having. Elijah puts his finger right on the problem and it was in Ahab’s sin. Funny, huh, makes you laugh, but it happens daily in our own lives and we do not recognize it. Our point of view has to change from self-focused to God-focused. To fully understand and appreciate Romans 8:28, we have to get out of our mindset of self and look at the whole picture from God’s perspective. He is Alpha and Omega and that means He sees the beginning as well as the end, and is quite conscious of what needs to be done to achieve the destiny that we have in Him. He sees what we can become in Christ, and He will ordain circumstances to allow us to achieve that objective, in conjunction with our desire for Him. What we desire in God, we will become if we submit. It is our choice to submit to or resist the Holy Ghost. Our outcome at the end of the day is determined by this very choice to submit or resist. We can become a son of God or a son of the devil.

Every circumstance that we go through is like a piece to a puzzle. Therefore, God ordains circumstances to give us the option of allowing Him to add each piece to the puzzle (the completed man). Piece added to piece,

line upon line, precept upon precept, which includes circumstance upon circumstance. Each circumstance is an opportunity that Yahovah is offering us to work out our own salvation as Paul states. Philippians 2:12, *Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.* We can not dwell upon the individual piece, the circumstance, but we must rather see the whole picture. In doing that we will find that Romans 8:28 is truth. In order to find the “good” you have to see like God. I have and am learning the lesson that everything works together for good, and God has many times proved it throughout my life. I am extremely thankful for how God uses all situations to bring forth His Kingdom in my life.

Prior to this episode I didn’t think that I would ever get sick because God would take care of me. God will and has taken care of me, but what I didn’t understand is that there are attitudes deep in my soul that will only be revealed through tribulation and in this case, sickness. My immaturity manifested itself in the thought that I would never get sick. What it confirmed was my gross lack of spiritual understanding and demonstrated that I did not understand the Word of God. God, therefore, had to deliver me of my ignorance, and cleanse the wrong thought that I had put into my own mind. It was, by nature, a deceptive thought that God needed to bring correction to. God then dealt with the deceptive thought by baptizing me into a circumstance called sickness

This story happened to me in December of 2004. I was working for Jansen Asbill doing 10-hour days of physical labor on a garage addition in Mahomet. On Tuesday we were setting peaks on top of trusses 25 feet in the air (they came in two pieces due to their size) and on Wednesday we were sheeting the same roof, which was a twelve-twelve pitch. I started work on Tuesday with a scratchy throat, which began to become irritated. Minor coughing soon followed, but it did not seem serious, so I was able to finish the day out productively. I didn’t think much about how I felt, other than I thought I would be better in the morning. I was wrong; Wednesday was a totally different scenario. I woke up lacking natural strength, but still went to work. As the day progressed I could feel my strength being depleted more and more. My throat became dry and irritated to the point that every breath I took bothered me. My sinuses were blocked, and because of all this, my head felt like it was in the clouds. I was still working carrying 4x8 sheets of plywood by myself, but I was not as aware of my environment as I should have been considering the type of work that was being done. Mr. Schneider was wondering what was going on with me, so I explained what was going on and how I was feeling physically, and his response to me was telling me of an

experience he had. His experience was as follows: Mr. Schneider was framing a building. He was performing very physical labor and needed to be on the ball. He sensed a coughing and sore throat trying to wiggle its way upon him inch by inch. Recognizing what was going on, he quickly determined to stop it right in its track. Proverbs 17:22 dropped into his mind, *A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.* He told me that he made a little song out of it, and began praising the Lord with a joyful heart. “A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, like a medicine, like a medicine doeth a merry heart.” When the joy of the Lord came to him, he was delivered of whatever was bothering him. He advised me to sing it. To be honest my faith in God intervening was minute and almost non-existent. What I really wanted to do was just sleep. When I began to sing the scripture, it was worse than pulling out my teeth with pliers. I had no enthusiasm or belief in what I was doing. Talk about Mr. Flesh. On top of that, my attitude started to decline because I was getting frustrated when pressed to move faster in the work that I was doing. My willingness and obedience were being tried and I wasn’t winning. I could see rotten fleshly attitudes coming out of me and trying to inflict their influence upon the other workers, causing them to be frustrated. Minute by minute the day progressed with each 4x8 sheet of plywood being laid, most of which I wasn’t even touching, because my speed was half of what the rest of the crew was doing. (As a note, this is the exact opposite of my work ethic. I go as hard and fast as I can, thinking of how I can be more productive.) I was very distressed because of what was going on, because I hated feeling like that and not able to work. When 4 p.m. arrived, I asked if I could go home because the bulk of the work was completed and my participation was minimal. I went straight to bed.

The sun arose and Thursday came. I woke up feeling even worse. My head was being pressed in a vise and the first white spots appeared on my tonsils. I tried scratching them off with my fingernail, not believing they were real, but it didn’t work. Feeling horrible, I called off of work. I was really desperate to do anything that would make me feel better. I did not go to the best solution to my problem, Yeshua. In actuality, I became bitter against God for allowing this to happen to me. My heart became hardened toward Him. I did not read the Word or Pray much at all. In fact, my prayers never reached beyond, “Heal me. Help me to feel better.” To say the least, it was very self-oriented. I was so focused about how I felt that my prayers, conversations, and the whole atmosphere around me was being affected negatively. If I saw someone like that, I would not want to be around them at all. I threw out the idea of no

medicine and took antibiotics on Thursday. They started to work within a day. I slept all day on Thursday and Friday. By Saturday, I was able to function at about half of my normal capabilities. My heart was still hard toward God, even though I was feeling better. The sore throat and cough that I had was not really that big of a deal, however the bitterness that was exposed through this circumstance is extremely dangerous. Bitterness is an entry way for sin. Hebrews 12:15 seems to link the sin of bitterness to have the fruit of fornication and a profane person. It was bitterness inside of Esau that made him a fornicator, because he never repented even though he sought repentance with tears. Hebrews 12:15, *Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing*(germinate or grow) *up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;*<sup>16</sup>*Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.*<sup>17</sup>*For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.* Bitterness must be dealt with immediately after being exposed.

A couple of days later I was reflecting upon the experience that I had just gone through. It was at this point that God convicted my heart of the audacious and unacceptable attitude that I expressed toward my Lord. I was just going on living my life like all was well between Jesus and me, when that was not the fact. My personal relationship with Jesus was falling apart because I was not fulfilling my role of coming before His throne. On top of that, my flesh was trying to wiggle me out of repenting and dealing with the condition of my soul. The devil was telling me that all was ok and that I do not have to do anything. It was a lie. It wanted me to go about my life like all was ok, which would deceive me. Praise God that He is so faithful to not allow me to harbor bitterness any longer, which would destroy my destiny in Christ unless repentance occurs. I want a clean heart and God broke me, something similar to, but not to the same degree as to what happened to Peter when he denied the Lord. Talk about being slain. I felt worse than dirt. I profess one thing with my lips, but my actions depicted something entirely different. Needless to say, I repented of hypocrisy, bitterness, hard-heartedness, and of the whole rotten attitude. I asked God to redeem my soul from this unrighteousness that had manifested. I would not have known that this condition existed in my soul unless God revealed it. God saw that I believed the deceiving thought of never getting sick, and He dealt with the deception. Along with removing the deception, He exposed a whole heap of darkness that was hiding in a corner, allowing me to be cleansed from more than just the deception. I really do not know what is deep down in my soul unless

God puts me into situations like this to reveal the darkness by fire. I know that darkness is only brought to light to be changed and repented of. How else will this earthly man be made in the likeness of God?

There is much gratitude in my heart towards God because He has so much love toward me and His desire for me is to overcome every human propensity, that He allowed this to happen to me to bring to light the areas of my soul that are yet unregenerate. When God deals with me like this I know that He loves me, so I repent and receive His correction, His goodness and His resurrection. Hebrews 12:6, *For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.*



Book Report  
by Isaac Trotter  
on  
The Treasures of the Snow  
by Patricia St. John

We got a book from the library. The book is called Treasures of the Snow. The lady who wrote the story is named Patricia St. John. Mommy read it to us for our nighttime story.

The story is in the mountains of Switzerland. Annette is 11 or 12. She is a school girl. Lucien is about the same age as Annette. Lucien is the town bully because he made Danny crippled. Danny is Annette's little brother. He was very nice. He is 5 or 6. The man of the mountain is a wood carver. Lucien is his friend. He teaches Lucien how to carve.

Annette and Lucien were not getting along with each other. They started having arguments. So Lucien hurt Danny. Danny fell and broke his leg. Annette was very angry. Annette started to hurt Lucien every time she saw him. God moved and made everything good for Annette, Lucien, and the man of the mountain because they all accepted Jesus into their hearts.

I didn't like the story because Danny got hurt. I liked the story because they accepted Jesus into their hearts. I would like you to read this book because it reminds us about kindness, forgiveness and friendliness.