

Living Word Omega Message

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

May 22, 2005



Info Center



*Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain:
let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD
cometh, for it is nigh at hand. Joel 2:1*

Dear Readers,

May 22, 2005

It is such a pleasure to complete a bulletin and send it out to you, our readers. May you be blessed, encouraged, strengthened and edified in the Lord! We have more testimonies from the participants in the Esther play. A baby announcement is in this bulletin! There are two great words from Brother Tom Campbell and Brother Peter Schneider.

We are working on making all your recipes into a wonderful cookbook! We intend to have it in print in time for the July 4th Convention here in Mahomet. There sure is a lot of scrumptious-sounding recipes we're editing!

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Sonlight Gospel / Illinois Convention

The Mahomet Fellowship is pleased to host the
July 4th convention! The dates are:

July 1 - 4, 2005

At: Living Word Omega Message
1202 N Lombard St
PO Box 409
Mahomet IL 61853

***Meeting Times are:**

Friday, Saturday & Sunday, 10AM and 6:30PM
Monday morning 10AM

A meal will be served after the morning meeting
on all four days.

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***Hotel information**

Sleep Inn, 1908 N Lincoln, Urbana 367-6000
(about 13 minutes drive)

There is a block of 10 non-smoking rooms reserved under
Living Word/Omega Message for the nights of June 30,
July 1-3. There are 2 rooms with 2 double beds and 8
rooms with a king bed. Both are \$49.50/night plus tax.

Included is a continental breakfast and a pool.

Reserve early for your choice of room.

**We ask that every family that attends brings 5 dozen cookies
to share. Thank You!**




**Czech
Conference
2005**



The Lord is giving us yet another opportunity to hold a summer convention. This time at another location and at another time than in the past few years. Nevertheless, we believe that it is a time appointed by the Lord, a time when He will write his law into our minds and hearts and confirm us in faith in Christ Jesus.

- **Location:** Hotel Murano, www.hotelmurano.cz mountainous area approx. 70 miles north of Prague
- **Term:** 9/24/2005 – 10/1/2005
Arrival on Saturday, September 24th, first meal is lunch
Departure on Saturday, October 1st, last meal is breakfast
- **Accommodation:** In newly rebuilt 2 to 6 bed rooms with a bathroom and a balcony.
- **Transportation:** From Prague to Murano hotel will be provided by Prague fellowship.
- **Prices:** Includes accommodation and three meals a day:
Adult from 15 and up / **week:** US \$130
Child 5-15 years / **week:** US \$100
Child 0-5 years / **week:** free of charge
Payment is to be made at the conference.

*Notice: The price is the total amount for the whole week. It was incorrect last bulletin. These are the correct prices for the whole **week**. Apologies for the inconvenience.

- **Registration:** Please confirm your participation by July 31st, 2005, at the latest by means of an on-line registration form available at www.patmos.cz.
- **Meetings:** Sunday through Friday, morning meeting at 9:30, evening meeting at 6:30 in a conference hall of the hotel.

We believe that the gathering together of the Body of Christ and the ministry, which God has given it as a gift, will bring to all of us a strengthening in His grace, re-establishing of His vision and edification of the inner man in His love. All of you are warmly invited to participate with us in the work of the Lord in this hour.

Prague Fellowship





Sleepin' at the Wheel?



Seward, Nebraska February 4th, 2005
Brother Peter Schneider

I believe that when we get together we should pray. It says, ...*that men ought always to pray, and not to faint* (Luke 18:1), so I would like to pray. There are so many different people here and so many different backgrounds so it is only the Holy Spirit that is going to minister to your needs. I am so thankful. You know, we were singing the song, “Lord, You are so Precious to Me.” I like to tell Him that I love Him. It doesn’t get more intimate than that. When you tell someone that you love them from the very depths of your heart. I can’t say it enough. I like the sound of it. “I love You, Lord. I love You, Lord and I lift my voice to worship You, oh, my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what You hear. Let it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.” God really desires to have that fellowship with us. Let us pray.

Father, we just come before You tonight by the power of the Blood of Jesus Christ. We thank You, oh God, for the Word of life that You desire. Here we are. We find ourselves in the upper room and the place called “living water” and our hungry souls thirst after the living water. Father, we pray for the anointing that the living water might come forth, that lives might be changed absolutely. Father, that we might be loosed from the place of lethargy that wars against our soul, and from the strength of our humanity, that we might understand what is the hope of our calling in Christ Jesus. Father, we pray that You anoint this mouth, that it is not the opinion of man but it is the Word of God that comes forth. Let every word of man fall to the ground, but let the Word of the Lord abide forever and bring forth fruit in the soul of every man, hallelujah, who heareth the Word. Father, we pray for the yoke of hell to be broken. We want to bind every contrary spirit, Father, every divisive mind set, every other thing that comes for any other reason except to hear the voice of God. We want to bring it to naught by the Blood of Jesus Christ. Father, let the Word go forth and let your people receive strength today at Your dining table. Oh God, we pray that You would feed us with food that is convenient for us. We pray,

oh God, that we might be strengthened for the hour in which we live. Amen. Praise the Lord.

I would like to give you a little background. I am thinking about the song, "I Love You, Lord." Sometimes as I just begin to meditate on the love of God and I go back to the place from which I came, the love of God really becomes so real. I was born in Illinois. I was raised a Roman Catholic and there were 11 kids in my family. I slept in a room with four of my brothers. The funny thing is, I wasn't born by myself. I haven't been by myself for a long time. I have a twin brother, so I had a womb-mate and a room-mate up in this quiet little area. But hell was encroaching at every opportunity, and I really believe that my mother prophetically named me. Now, that is not to exalt man, but I tell you what, if my twin brother was here, it would be as different as night and day. I would be talking a blue streak and nothing would happen on his part. I suppose my mother couldn't have had two of me in the same place, that small, tight place. So at any rate, I went through a lot of things in my youth, my childhood. I began to look for the Lord Jesus. There was something inside of me. I believe that the Lord puts something inside of every man. So, if you are here tonight, you may think you came for one reason or another, but God has a message for you and a desire that you should come up higher.

When I was 19 or 20, I got into the world. I got flooded with the world. They threw me out of the Catholic Church. They kicked me out. They told me to get out. I went into the world and there was a lot of craziness. I went outside one night at around midnight and it was cold, bitter cold. It was 25 below zero and I looked up in the sky and I said, "If this is all there is to living, I am in trouble." It was a halfhearted, "I hope this works," prayer, but God began to move on my behalf. A year later, I got born again and I got baptized in an Assembly of God Church. I never thought about going back to the Catholic Church. The Word of God says, ***Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord*** (II Corinthians 6:17). We are like Israel of old. I look at Israel and I think, "What was the matter with those people?" I mean, it is so plain. We look at that and we say, "It is so plain. If I had been there, the same thing wouldn't have happened to me." And yet, the same thing happened to me. So, God brings us out from wherever we are at to establish the Kingdom of God in each one of us. I believe that is the portion of the Word that is sent to us tonight.

Jesus came. John the Baptist came, and their message was, ***Repent ye, for the kingdom of God is at hand*** (Matthew 3:2). He is not talking about some religious chicanery. He is not talking about a denomination. He is not talking about a form of worship. He is talking about the Kingdom of God, and as we begin to see the Kingdom, as God begins to

open our eyes... He said, *Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom* (John 3:3). He doesn't say anything about church. He says, *Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God*. The Kingdom is moving around in the midst of all of the kingdoms of men. There are kingdoms that involve money and there are kingdoms that involve every type of debauchery, and there are kings over those kingdoms. The kingdoms of men are coming down and the hour in which we are living right now behooves us to shake ourselves and to press into the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus said in Luke 17:20-21, *The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: ²¹Neither shall they say, lo here! or lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you*. That means that you are not going to see it with your natural eye. It is not going to come down in form and say, "This is the Kingdom of God." God has put within us an abiding spiritual reality that we recognize that we are born again. Into that invisible kingdom.

We go into the prison to minister quite frequently. As a matter of fact, we are supposed to be in there on Sunday and Monday. One of the most marvelous things is that the simplest people in the world are beginning to hear the voice of God. I think we need to wake up big time. God has called us. I can tell you that, from my perspective, I need to wake up. How about that? Makes it easier on you. For 20 or 30 years, I have heard the Word of the Kingdom. Matthew 24:14, *And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come*.

I am going into the prison. There are men from every type of denominational setting. You wouldn't believe it. Pentecostal, Church of God, African Methodist, Episcopalian, whatever they are. Presbyterian, Catholic... every type of experience. Some of these guys that are in prison are murderers. They can get up and pray like the rest of us. I mean, they could own it. These guys pray. Why are they there? So many words. No action. He said, *Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God*.

You know, when I got born again, I began to see things in the Spirit that I never saw before. My best friend committed suicide when I was 18. A demon came in the room, but I didn't recognize it as a demon. I am telling you, the temperature in the room changed and it got colder. You think I am crazy? The guy came in the room. Something was on him and it made my skin crawl. I was a heathen, an unbeliever, and still I was aware of this spiritual reality, but I didn't know what it was. When I got born again I realized what had happened to this guy. He had submitted to a spirit. The Bible says, *Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin*

unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? (Romans 6:16). When I saw him, I was the last person to have a conversation with this guy probably from 9:30 to 10:00 that night. My brother saw him at 2:00 in the morning and they placed the time of death at 6:00 in the morning. That means that he wrestled with that devil all night trying to escape its clutches.

God has set something precious within you and I. So many people meandering around in the world are not aware that the Kingdom of God has been delivered to a people. The message of the Kingdom. I don't preach any other message.

I asked the Lord, "What should we do with these guys in prison? We have to lay down a foundation. We have to do this and this and this." You know what He said? ***And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations*** (Matthew 24:14). Those guys are grasping the gospel of the Kingdom. They believe it with every fiber of their being. There is a guy in there, whose out date is 2045. He has been in since 1970. Do the math. This guy is filled with the joy of the Lord, and I really don't think he believes that he is ever coming out of that place. Yet there is something in him that is truth, that is definable: the Kingdom of God. It has been delivered to you and I and we handle it somewhat carelessly or arbitrarily. No more. No more. We cannot do what we have done in the past, and do it in the future. God is calling us to higher standards.

Let us turn into the Word of God. You know, we see so much of the Word. We have heard it so much. I was just sitting here and the Word began to flood my mind. It is like an open faucet and I have to just discern what it is that is going to come out of the spigot, because there is so much and it begins to run and we come together and we don't really realize the magnitude of the decree that has gone forth in the heavens. We just come to church sometimes and God wants to meet with man and deliver unto him a substance of a reality by which he can go out absolutely changed. I want to be changed. I am desperate to be changed. My humanity so often encroaches on the ground that God has delivered to me to possess. We see these things in the Old Testament. They are an allegory for you and I. That business with Joshua where He says, ***Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses*** (Joshua 1:3). That is a promise to you and I. He said, ***Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come*** (I Corinthians 10:11). Who do you think He is talking to? He is talking to you and I. The end of all things is upon us. I certainly don't want to get you nervous or out of sorts, but it is the Word that God speaks to me. Time is so very short and we ought to be behaving as a people that are aware that time is very short.

You may say, “How do you know that?” Because that is what God is saying. That is what the Word is saying, that’s the openness of the Word that He is delivering unto us. Our time of being caught up in the things that are not profitable is going to be a problem for us if we don’t begin to very much adhere to the thing that God is saying.

Ephesians 1:1, *Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:* (he is talking to a specific people) ²*Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.* ³*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:* ⁴*According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.* Now think about this. Let the Word sink in. It is not arbitrary. It was not happenstance that I got born again when I got born again. I believe that I have a destiny. I believe that you have a destiny. I believe that we are in a place now where we are trying to be established in that destiny. We have not heard the Word of God just to be pew sitters. I have never been in this town before. There’s not a lot of people in this room. Do you know that when they went out of the upper room, there might not have been many more people than there are right here? Of course, this is an upper room, so just think about it for a minute and ponder our potential. The only difference between us being successful, and us being failures, is how much we believe the Word of God. I believe that God is speaking directly to us tonight, with a purpose in mind, that we ought to know that we have been equipped with a specific thing. God sent the Word, and we have to begin to believe the Word. I don’t care what state you are in... if you are a little kid... it doesn’t make any difference. My grandson, Caleb, started dreaming. He is dreaming spiritual dreams, and the Word of God says, *And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams* (Acts 2:17). These are the things that ought to be in the church at this hour, and what has happened is that in the midst of our “mechanics of church” we begin to put things in order. You know, sometimes we don’t like things to be undefined, so we have these guys that are going to handle the singing chores and these guys that are going to handle the ministry chores, and we will put names on them. That is not what God intended. God intended for every one of us to carry the load.

Look at your body. I was talking to somebody the other day and I said, “You know, my hand is marvelous.” God has given us a perfect picture of the Body of Christ in the earth and it is your own body. Your hands

are wonderful. Cut them off and throw them on the ground and see how good they are. They don't do much at all. They just lay there. They have to be attached one to another, and the head has to be the ruler in the midst of the body. So, God has given us a perfect picture of how to function. Part of our problem is we have preferences that may not line up with our function, and so God is about the business of straightening the Body out.

Now let's continue to read, Ephesians 1:4, ***...He hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world,*** Now how many of you believe that? I am not talking about us collectively. I am talking about you individually. It is critical that you believe certain things. I believe that I was called right here before the foundation of the world. Things are working to bring me to a place of destiny, to bring you to a place of destiny, that we might be fitted together as members of the Body in particular, and begin to do the thing that God has called His people to do in this hour.

There is so much moving around doing nothing but religious business. We go out and do certain things, but if they are not ordered of the Lord, what profit are they? There is none, nothing. We can't be bashful about God, and part of the problem we have is a lack of intimacy. When I say, "I love You, Lord," the credibility of my statement depends upon my personal involvement with my Creator. I can tell my wife, "Oh, I love you, darling." "Where have you been for the last couple of weeks?" "Oh, I haven't been around, but I love you anyway." You understand how that works. God is calling us into a place of deeper fellowship because we are desperate for it at this point. We have heard the Word a long time. We ought to be doing something different than what we are doing.

He said, verses 5-8, ***Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. ⁷In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; ⁸Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;*** There's a lot of stuff there. He delivered to us substance, wisdom, prudence, and all of the things God gives to men to establish them in the midst of the Kingdom. Verses 9 and 10, ***Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: ¹⁰That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:***

He is telling us what time we are living in. Look around you. Look at the things that are going on. I remember, when I was a young man, you could walk at night without much fear. I am not really that old. But I remember, when I was young, that your kids could walk out in the street

and there wasn't any problem. We lived in a town of 100,000, and we would go out after supper and would get home after 9:30. My mother wouldn't know where we were, but she knew we were safe. That is not happening any more. Look at the things that are acceptable, defined as proper, and good.

I don't know if you are aware of the Christians, including a 17 year-old female, in Philadelphia that were arrested for protesting at a homosexual activist rally. All they were doing was reading the Word of God, and the police came up and arrested them. Hauled them off to jail. The district attorney said, "When you start preaching the Word of God in public, those are fighting words." There is some sort of curtain coming down. There is something going on.

The Word says in Matthew 11:12, ***And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.*** There is a wrenching that is going on within and without. And God is calling us into the place where we begin to deal with certain aspects of our character that are flawed.

I go to a construction worker's Bible study on Thursday mornings. There is a concrete contractor that got born again that also goes. I have been talking to him, I don't know, seven, eight, nine years. I knew that he knew the truth because he was raised a Baptist. I knew that he knew the Word, but he was steeped in the world. He had been in a situation where he was playing and he was seriously injured. He had a four-wheeler flip on top of him. He broke his pelvis on both sides, and the guy he was with drove over his head because he couldn't see him it was so dark. He said, "I knew I wasn't going to die. I don't know how I knew I wasn't going to die, but I knew it. But the guy that ran over me didn't know I wasn't going to die and he was freaking out. The only question I asked God was, "Why?" He didn't say, "Why did it happen to me?" but, "Why did it take so long?" So this guy got born again. He came running up behind me and grabbed me; I hadn't seen him in a year and he said, "I just needed to tell you that I got born again." I tell you, God is doing something so magnificent. I have been in this message, this Word, this gospel of the Kingdom for almost 30 years and this guy has such an appetite for the Word. Now, how many people get out of bed at 4:30 to come to Bible study at 5:30? There are probably about 25 guys that come to that Bible study from every walk of life, and they have a pastor lead it.. He came in and told us Thursday, "We have been on David way too long. We are going to get to Bathsheba and get away from David." He looked right at me. I said, "We'll see what happens." But the Holy Ghost took charge of the meeting and my friend began to understand the concept of ancestral spirits and how they gain access to the individual. As the Holy Spirit led us in our study, my friend

began to understand by revelation the familial influences that those things have. He recognized certain attitudes, dispositions and behaviors that his father and his father's father have perpetrated and he recognized the plan of the devil to infect his generation. He has kids and he interrupted the guy and said, "I think we need to pray right now." It was a move of the Holy Ghost. A sovereign move. There was a mighty deliverance in that place because one young believer was obedient to the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:10, ***That in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him:*** God is gathering together. The tares are being gathered in bundles. Things are happening. People are being collected in little groups all over the world. There is violence in certain areas. There is perversion and degeneracy in certain areas. Bundles are being gathered and you and I are being set in specific places, little, innocuous, out of the way places. Schuyler, Nebraska. Seward, Nebraska. Who has ever heard of this place? Mahomet, Illinois. Who has ever heard of that place? But God is putting people in these little places for the purpose of preserving an heritage in the earth because trouble is on the way. He says, "Ready or not, here I come."

We begin to see the things that God has said to men, and the thing is coming to pass in front of our eyes. Yet it seems sometimes that we are willfully ignorant. You know how kids sometimes are when you call their names. "Ernie!" Ernie is sometimes deaf all of the sudden, and he just keeps on walking. "Ernie. Ernie." And Ernie pretends that he doesn't hear you. Have you ever seen that or was that just my kids? They go into feigned deafness. Just keep on walking. So I pick up the pace and I grab them and the fact that they played deaf didn't mean that they didn't hear me, and further, it doesn't mean that they don't have an accountability. The thing that God has delivered to us, He has an expectation of fruit. God wants each one of us to bear fruit, and we have the power and the ability if we just begin to believe God and act on those things that He has delivered to us. Some people cross your path and you can't figure out why. All God intends for you to do is speak the Word of life. It is in you. ***The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach*** (Romans 10:8).

One thing I have found out about the gospel of the Kingdom in prison is that these guys want what we have. They are desperate for it. Their souls are gnawing for some sort of life in the midst of that blackness and depravity. It is encouraged depravity and managed anarchy. We go into this place and there is a sign on the wall that says, "If you hear shots, sit on the ground. If you do not sit on the ground, you will be shot." You sign the paper. It indemnifies the state. If something happens to you, they

are not coming to get you. They are not negotiating for you. There is a power in God when you go into that place that you know that the living God has gone in before you and made the way. My goodness, there are so many people who want to come out. There is one guy in there, his name is Paul, and I asked him, "Where are you going to go when you get out?" He said, "I am going with you all. Wherever you are at, that is where we are coming," because something has been delivered to them of reality. I am not talking about glorifying men. I am talking about the Word of the Kingdom that has been delivered to your doorstep. He said, Malachi 3:1, ***Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.*** Righteousness, holiness and sanctification are mandatory for the man or the woman that would move in sonship.

John 1:12 says, ***But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name:*** I have found out something about salvation. It has got to be received. It has got to be received and there is a knowing inside of you when you receive it. So much of the time we do our "sloppy agape" business. I have seen so many things. They say, "Oh, Jesus, come into my heart, amen." Where is repentance? Where is acknowledgment of your current situation? Where are those things??? The church system is behaving in the same manner. God has given you the reality. ***Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*** (Matthew 3:2). God wants you to be the emissaries of His Kingship and His Kingdom.

Brother Femi brought a word a couple of weeks ago about the Kingdom of God and the fact that we are ambassadors. Do we conduct ourselves in such a manner? Do we realize what has been delivered to us, or are we caught up in the busy-ness of day to day life? What I found out about my life is that I am very busy, very busy. I can be busy 24/7. As a matter of fact, I am too busy. It is almost sickening. You know what has got to happen? Triage, brother. Do you know what triage is? In a car wreck, whichever guy is in the most critical condition, you deal with him first. That is what triage is. Whoever is bleeding the most, put the bandage on him. We must do some personal triage with respect to the busy-ness of life. One can busy himself right in to hell. And some of us jump into our "once saved, always saved" doctrine. Oh, my goodness. "I got born again when I was 7 and I am cool." ***Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. ⁵Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God*** (John 3:3,5). It is an ongoing process. The Kingdom is not static. There is need to appropriate continually in order that maturity can come forth. How would we feel if our kids,

some of us have them, too, were still taking money out of our wallets when they are 25 or 26? “You got any money for the movies?” “No, I don’t. I can tell you where to get a job, but I will not be giving you any money for the movies.” You want them to mature. God wants for us to mature. He has given to us all the things that are necessary for righteousness and holiness and He has a valid expectation that we should begin to come into that place of maturity.

He said, *But who may abide the day of his coming?* (Malachi 3:2) Nothing’s going to be easy from here on out. I don’t know about you, but it hasn’t been easy for about the last 10 years for me. It has been more difficult. The more that my humanity is being confronted, the less tolerant God is of my idiosyncrasies, and the more difficult it becomes. More pressure comes on but it is because God knows the time that is at hand. The Word said, *Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates* (Revelation 9:14). Some people go, “Ooo, those are angels.” They were messengers. They were messengers that were bound. They were not heavenly angels. They were devils. They were bound up, and you notice what happened when they were loosed? They came like a flood over the whole earth. Tell me, before September 11, 2001, how often did you hear of Islam? Quite seldom. Now it is all you hear. Islam has risen up from the pit of Euphrates. The spirit of murder, sorcery, fornication, the thief (Revelation 9:21). Look at fornication, brother. What we need to understand is that God has given us a window into the time frame that we are living in. So often we are caught up in the busy-ness of our day to day life not understanding the ramifications of doing nothing.

I like business. I like how it makes me feel. I can go into a certain place and they say, “Peter. How do you feel?” You know you are “Mister What’s Up.” There is no life in it. When I cease to have money, they say, “You didn’t pay your bills, chump.” It is not, “Hey, Peter,” anymore. You understand? So those things are not quite as productive, but they do something to our natural man. And God wants to bring us up out of the place where we are ruled by our feelings, where we are ruled by our emotions, where we are ruled by our concepts or theological dispositions. He wants us to be ruled by the King of kings and the Lord of lords that we might be profitable servants in His house.

We ought to be in a place where we can hit the streets and we can begin to move. And I am not saying to hit the streets. Find out what God is saying to each one of you individually. It is essential and critical. Malachi 3:2-3, *But who may abide the day of His coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? for He is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³And 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. Purification is the process that we are in today. If you are not being tribulated, my goodness, you probably ought to take stock of what you are doing. The Word says that tribulation is the thing that is going to bring us into the Kingdom. When we begin to get upset by the principles that God is calling us to of righteousness and holiness, we have a problem. I look at my circumstances of men wanting to come out of prison and needing a place to live. We have no place for them to go. We need to go get a house. God says, "Go get a house." How am I going to do that? We have no money. He said that you never do that with money. You do that with faith. So while I wait for money, God has delivered to me a substance that I can begin to believe Him and begin to take certain steps, and He has been showing me how to do it. He deposited in my hands certain things that I need as I need them. He doesn't give me a big stock-pile. Now, we have a guy in prison that's got to have an answer about where he's going to go by the time I get back. Do you know that I don't have the answer now? Well, I have the answer, but I am thinking, "How am I going to do that?" This guy is getting out. He has got to have an answer by the 15th of February, because he is getting out on parole and if he doesn't have a place to go they will violate him and send him back to Stateville Prison, which is some hell hole back in Joliet. He will have to serve out the last year-and-a-half of his term in prison when he could have gotten out. We could get religious and say, "Well, bless God, maybe he needs another year-and-a-half." Well, maybe he did, but maybe he didn't. You understand? So that is why it is incumbent upon us. There is a time of fasting and praying. This is serious business. More serious than it has ever been before. People's lives are hanging in the balance. What you do or don't do has an effect beyond you.

My talking to my concrete buddy 8 or 9 years ago is bringing fruit, and not just in his life. He, his wife and kids came out to church. I mean, this guy is just a regular old Baptist guy. Brother Burt was preaching. Oh, my goodness. He said that Brother Burt scared his baby. She jumped a foot and his wife said, "Who is this guy?" Do you know what he said to me? He said, "I don't care. I want it all. I don't care what it costs. I don't care what I got to listen to. I want it all." Do you want it all? Are you willing to pay the price? And believe you me, there is a price. There's a price we must pay if we want to be changed. You know, Mark Jantzi said something one time. He said, "Give it all away when you don't have anything." That is the easiest time to do that. That's exactly right. When you have nothing, "Everything I have is Yours." He said, "You don't have anything." "Well, if I had it, it would all be Yours." So when you get it, He comes and says, "Remember what you said back then? It is time to give it up."

The Bible says in I Corinthians 6:19, *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?* ²⁰*For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.* Believe that. My goodness. If we begin to believe that... Think about the things that Jesus said happened to Him. He said, *The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise* (John 5:19). I have been thinking about that for a couple of months. How did He see Him do it? When did He see Him do it? You understand what I am saying? He went out to the pool of Bethesda (John 5:2). Can you imagine all those people out there at that pool of Bethesda? People were looking to get something in a supernatural arena. This impotent man was there. Why did Jesus touch just one man? I can't help but think that it was as a result of his fellowship that God pointed him out. He saw in the Spirit and went over and touched that one man and that man got up. Thirty-eight years he was impotent. He was unable to do the thing that he was supposed to do. I think it speaks of the church, the end-time church. God was sending a message then, to you and I now. End-time church. They were 40 years in the wilderness. Thirty-eight years out of Egypt, 2 years in Egypt and God said, *...but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened* (Matthew 24:22). This impotent man is a type of the church not able to do the thing God requires and the Word of God and the life of God comes in and he gets up and he is not impotent any more. There is a Word that's going out in midst of the church at this hour. "Rise up. Be thou made whole."

God has delivered to us the strength and the reality of the Kingdom. *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name* (John 1:12). What are you becoming? The Word said that God made man. Genesis 1:27, *So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created he them.* The likeness is being created as you submit and begin to walk after Jesus. The Word says, *Beloved, now are we the sons of God*, by designation (I John 3:2). Now, the man that receives it, he is among the sons of God by designation. *...and it doth not yet appear what we shall be*, by application. **Now are we the sons of God.** Can you understand? "**Now.**" There is something that has been spoken in the Spirit that brings us into the place of potential in Christ and it is not out in the middle of performing religious rituals that are legalistic or whatever. *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.* There is the likeness. Why? **For we shall see him as he is.** Why? Because we have walked hard after Him.

We have so much of the substance of God in us that we ought to be exploding, really. Sometimes I can't shut my mouth. Now you may say, "Well, that's natural," but sometimes it is supernatural. The thing comes up inside of you and it begins to flow out. It is like someone else is using your lips and the Word of God is coming out with the power of righteousness, penetrating the veil of someone's humanity.

I had a friend who was talking to a friend on a park bench. There was a drunk man next to him. As he was preaching the Word to his friend, this drunken man fell on the ground weeping. A week later, this guy walks up to this friend of mine and says, "Do you remember me?" He said, "I have never seen you before in my life." He said, "Oh, yeah. You were preaching to that guy on the park bench and I got convicted. By the time I got home, I was sober." Come on. Who would think about that? The guy got born again, got teeth in, got shaved, got dressed up, and got transformed. Hallelujah! Who would ever plan that? Only God.

Turn back to Ephesians chapter 1. He is talking about the fullness of time. Time is coming to an end. The things that we used to do, we are not going to do anymore. The Lord said, ***He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it*** (Isaiah 25:8). I can only think of one reason why anybody would be weeping in heaven. If they saw they could have attained a higher position in Christ, but a lack of diligence, persistence, and determination held them content where they were. The Word talks very clearly about thirty, sixty, one hundredfold. Think about that. You want 30% Jesus and 70% Peter? This won't work. 60% Jesus, 40% Peter? There is still way too much Peter there. God is giving us the opportunity. Mark 4:19 says, ***And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful***, which means he was fruitful at one time. You can't become unfruitful if you were never fruitful. ***It becometh unfruitful***. There are so many people not doing what they ought to be doing in this hour. God is opening a door and a window in which we can begin to see from His perspective what His requirement is.

You know, I was wondering about how many people wanted to go to work in Fallujah when all that stuff was going on. Probably not too many. I was talking to my wife and I was remembering the winter of 1977. When you start talking about winters a long time ago, it means you are somewhat old. The winter of 1977 was the worst winter I was ever in. I was working as an EMT on an ambulance, which was really a hearse from a funeral home. So it was an old green Cadillac, and we were pulling into a place. The snow was blowing everywhere and about 30 inches deep.

There was a man coming out of his driveway and he said, “I have got to get to work.” I said, “You aren’t going anywhere. The only way we got in here was because there was a snowplow in front of us and he is going to keep going in front of us and you are going to be stuck. You may as well go home.”

That’s what it is going to be like. That is what is happening now. Things are beginning to pick up steam, as it were. Personally, I don’t think we will have another election. I am just telling you now. That is my personal belief. I don’t think we are going to have another election. That is what I am hearing in the Spirit. Gird yourself up. Prepare your house. Take care of business. John 9:4, *I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*

Ephesians 1:15, *Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, ¹⁶Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; ¹⁷That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: ¹⁸The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints...* Notice it is His calling and His inheritance. Not your calling, not my calling, not my inheritance. His calling ¹⁹*And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, ²⁰Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: ²²And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, ²³Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*

God is about the business of establishing His Body in the earth and we have an opportunity. He has given us the Word, the message, the life of God, the anointing and the covering of the Blood to begin to move in those arenas. There is a power in God that is beyond what our minds can conceive. What are we doing with what God has delivered to us? When I came in and I saw “Living Water Fellowship,” He said, *He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water* (John 7:38). So long we have been in a place... it is like we are on a spiritual treadmill and the end of all things is upon us and what we did before isn’t going to suffice us for the things that are ahead.

There are two things that God has been specifically speaking to us, to me, and to our fellowship. It very much appertains to the place we find ourselves in today. I have found, for myself, that I need more fellow-

ship, more interaction, more time of prayer, more time in the Word, because the thing begins to gravitate away from me.

I am thinking about Reese Howells. Can you imagine the thing that was upon the man? He began to fast and pray. I was thinking about how I fast and pray or how I just fast. Sometimes you just don't eat, and if your fasting is not in a specific direction, then all you are is hungry. The man began to fast and pray, and God began to speak to him about the manner and fashion in which he was fasting. He told him that he could only eat one cup of rice a day so that he might understand how the people for which he was fasting had to endure hardship. God began to show him certain situations which he was not aware of and wanted him to be interceding for people. As he began interceding, God began to touch things in his life.

What I found out is that, as I am obedient, it doesn't get easier, it gets tougher. God begins to put His finger on aspects of my character that I was kind of friendly with. Some people say that I am too loud and I go, "Well you are going to just have to get over it. That's the way I am." God says, "Not so. You need to lighten up a little bit." So I am endeavoring as I hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. Somebody told me to lighten up a little bit. After 10 people tell you that, you begin to think maybe you ought to give it a try.

I am in the book of Joshua. Now, we are going to go all over in the Word. In Joshua chapter 1 they are moving from one phase to another, and as we see the phase changing, there are certain overlaps in God. We have been in the place of the grace of God. The mercy of God has been covering us, and we are moving into the final phase. The judgment of God is coming on the earth and the things that we used to do that weren't a problem - if we don't deal with them, brethren, they are going to become a problem fast.

Joshua 1:1, *Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, ²Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. ³Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.* So, He delivered to them a piece of real estate, which is a type of the soul of man. God is interested in the redemption of our soul. He has taken care of everything else. You understand that? Ecclesiastes 12:7, *Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.* The body is going back to the dust from which it came, but the soul of man is the temple of God, it is the place of His Body, it is the tie that God wants.

You notice that the devil says he wants to go to the same place.

Satan said, *For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: ¹⁴I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High* (Isaiah 14:13-14). That is the soul of man. Your soul uses your body to sin. No body sins on its own. It is a mechanism that is working and as God is bringing us into the place of the purification of the soul, the life of God begins to go out.

We see then that we are going from Moses' phase, the law, into the overcomer phase where Joshua begins to dispossess those that have possessed his land. Joshua 1:4, *From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast. ⁵There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life:* So, as God gives commandment, as He requires of us, He also gives us the provision of strength. *...as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. ⁶Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. ⁷Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. ⁸This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. ⁹Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage;* Now, that's the third time He said that. *...be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.* As soon as the Word began to come to him, there was a reality, there was a confidence that he had and I believe God is saying this to you and I as we begin. He said, "Get up. Get on to it." You have heard the Word. The gospel has been delivered to you, the substance of reality is yours as you begin to believe God and begin to do the thing that God has called us to do. Romans 2:13, *For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.*

We have been talking for a long time about the three hundred. As we see the tabernacle, as we have seen all that God has put before us for the purpose of understanding in the place where we are now living, we are moving out of theory and into reality. There is a certain place where young men and young women begin to do the things they have been taught. They begin to walk in the place where their parents brought them up to walk in. It is time for us to walk. It is time for us to begin to get down to business

with respect to our confidence in God. I wasn't called to be a pew sitter. Neither were you. We weren't called to hear a lot of things and not do anything. I was called to be an ambassador of the Kingdom. ***And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; ¹⁸They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover*** (Mark 16:17-18). How many of us are reticent to put hands on somebody and begin to pray for them? How many of us are reticent to put hands on somebody who is sick, sick unto death, and begin to ask God because we believe, not of our own holiness, not of any theoretical thing, but because we have an experience in God? ***But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil*** (Hebrews 5:14). That means sometimes we are going to be successful and sometimes we are not. Some people don't even want to speak the Word because they are afraid of what other people might think. This is the place to do it. We begin to exercise ourselves in the midst of the Body of Christ. We begin to go out by one and two. We begin to exhort one another, to encourage one another. Prophecy begins to move. Where is prophecy in the Body? When I first got born again, you couldn't come into a place except the Spirit of God was moving and there would be this tongue and that tongue and somebody would prophesy here and there. But we have become complacent. We are moving in the timeframe that is called Laodicea, and there is a danger that we are going to be encumbered by that spirit. God said, "Get up. Shake yourself from the dust of the earth. Begin to purpose in God. Begin to get down to business with God. Begin to get in His presence." He said that He is going to be with you. No man is going to stand before you.

In prison there are nine electric doors that lock. You must be buzzed in to get through the doors of the prison and, of course, everyone knows you are a preacher. I always dress in a suit when I go to the prison. I like coming in, but I like going out better. I don't want anybody to mistake me for an inmate. I want them to know that I am just visiting. A guy got up in the middle of the meeting and accused me, saying, "You are preaching false doctrine." And he started to create upheaval in the chapel. When you are in a room like this with 75 or 80 felons and most aren't in there for shoplifting, things could get out of hand quickly. There has to be a presence of God in the place and a confidence in God that is not humanity. God has given us an experience in Him. I don't know what it's going to do. I don't know where it is going to come to. I don't know how many of us are going to end up like Wurmbrand or somebody else. I guarantee that something is going to happen. I am telling you that this demon, this beast,

this antichrist spirit is rising up in the earth. It is being formed in Europe. The EU wants to crush this country economically. It wants to rule the world. It is a demon spirit and it is going to confront the Body of Christ. If you and I are members in particular and we are going to be confronted, brother, then I want to be an adversary to my adversary. I don't want to be caught with my hands in my pockets not knowing what I ought to do, but I want to be in the place with God where He begins to minister to me like He ministered to C. T. Studd, Reese Howells and other brothers. We have something that they did not have. I Peter 1:5 says, ***Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*** Brother, He is revealing the Kingdom of God. It cometh not with observation, but it is within you. It is in your midst. It is going to come within and it is going to be ministered without because it's within. If it isn't in you, it is not coming out of you. ***Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk*** (Acts 3:6). It tells me that there is a necessity that we must possess our possession. We have heard it for so long.

God said to Joshua, as a type of Christ and the Body of Christ, "I will be with you." ***For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong; but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day*** (Joshua 23:9). That means, "Don't worry about these guys in prison." This guy stood up and began to shout that I was preaching false doctrine. I said, "Sit down." He just kept right on going. "Sit down." Kept right on going. I said, "Listen, brother, the fact that you don't understand what I am saying doesn't mean I am preaching false doctrine. It just means you don't understand. Sit down, please." So I finally had to ask the guard to remove him from the service. "Oh, that's a little harsh." Sorry. The man didn't stand before me, as the scripture says, and when he left the men applauded. They were glad to get him out of there. He was like a canker. He was arguing a scriptural point about the mark of the beast. He could speak of nothing else. ***And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, ¹⁰The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: ¹¹And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name*** (Revelation 14:9-11). The mark in your hand and in your forehead means you put your hand into something that is unclean. You have made an agreement. You struck a covenant with the system that is antichrist in its nature.

It is in your mind. It has polluted your soul. It has taken your mind over.

Judas had a problem. There was something going on in his mind and he had made a decision before he was confronted. ***Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said*** (Matthew 26:25). “Yes, that’s you. Here is the sop. It is you.” What was the matter with Judas? He was gone. He was a type of the sons of perdition, antichrist people. Jesus Christ is raising up an army. Do you think the devil is in bed? All of these things are going on. If you go into Europe you begin to see. I am telling you, it is beginning to pick up steam, big time. We have been asleep at the wheel.

Matthew 25:1, ***Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. ²And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: ⁴But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.*** Now, we have to understand the Word. The most marvelous thing is when God opens the Word to you and you understand that it is not just talking about ten women. It is talking about Christianity, the church, the Body of Christ. It says five of them were wise. So, the five wise had something that the five foolish did not have even though they were all virgins. They were untouched by the world. Oil. Holy Ghost. Anointing in their soul. He is talking about the Holy Place experience. And God has given us a very clear picture. Verse 5, ***While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.*** Sometimes I feel like I am sleeping perpetually and yet I never have enough sleep. ***The And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time*** (Daniel 7:25). Anybody here feel worn out, run down, run over, ground up, chewed up, spit out? It is a mark. Devil is not worried about them out there. They don’t present a problem. It is the Body of Christ that is going to present a problem to him and that is why the onslaught is against us.

He said they all slumbered and slept. They were all sleeping. Laodicea is a people that are confident in their position of eminence. He said in Revelation 3:17, ***Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:*** You missed it. ***¹⁸I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.*** It comes out of tribulation. The nature of God comes in the midst of tribulation. The revelation of the Son of God comes

in the furnace. Our natural man has no affinity for tribulation or the furnace. Personally, I don't have any intention of running headlong into the furnace. That's why God sticks us there and turns on the heater. We are already there.

Matthew 25:5, *While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. ⁷Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.* If you trim your lamp, do you know what you are doing? You are saving your oil. You are saving your oil. Trimming your lamp is turning it down a little bit. It is not using oil up so fast. We need our store of oil. Whatever the Holy Ghost has given you. I believe the oil is the experience that you have in Christ. It is that which God has delivered to you in the field of battle. I know one thing. I hear all these things that Brother duCille talks about or something Brother Burt talks about. I remember Brother Campbell talking about being in Cuba. Well, it can be a blessing to me, but it is only going to go so far. That's his oil. He is telling me about his oil. I can think that it is my oil as long as I want, but it isn't my oil because I wasn't there.

So, God puts us in individual circumstances. Remember the man preaching to his friend, when the drunk fell down. The man that was drunk received his drop of Holy Ghost oil, because the guy he was preaching to didn't want what he had. However, the drunk guy that he didn't even know about received everything he was given. Not a drop of it went to the ground, and the Word of God was demonstrated. *And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground* (I Samuel 3:19). The words that we have been speaking to this one and to that one, to our brothers and sisters, our parents, our aunts and uncles, our relatives, our neighbors.

My neighbor died suddenly two Fridays ago. Check, please. Died. Makes me cognizant of the necessity of having the absolute certainty that the thing that has been given to me was given to her. There is an accountability in what God has given to us.

And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out (Matthew 25:8). We don't have enough. No illumination in the soul. Brother, that tells me that the darkness is going to be so great that if you don't have the oil in your soul that it is going to be dark.

Verse 9, *But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. ¹⁰And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. ¹²But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.* Are

you kidding? These are virgins, but they did not do what they needed to do with what was given to them in the timeframe that was allotted. I just want to encourage each one of us to evaluate ourselves in light of the Word that God has delivered to us. There's an evaluation that is needed because, quite frankly, personally, I am not satisfied with the place I am at. I have heard too much for too long to be lollygaging in the place I wake up so many times. But I believe the Word. I believe that God is able to do for me what I have not been able to do for myself, as I submit. And I am telling you, by experience, as I begin to give myself with a greater urgency and a greater frequency, in a greater determination into the presence of God, God begins to deliver me.

Listen, I come in here with hardly anything in my gray matter, wrestling and warring because it is important that when I come there be something that God has given to me that I give to you. That's why He sent me. And so I just put the Word down and begin to enter in to worship. You know, sometimes if we would just relax. Brother duCille said to me in Florida, "Just relax." No problem. If we just relax and begin to enter in, you know, the Spirit of God begins to move in the congregation. As we are worshipping God, the power of healing comes forth. Prophecy moves. You know, we are singing sometimes and we just stop and it just drops. There is a continuum in the presence of God. We begin to get lost, as the song says, "When the things that surround me become shadows in the light of You." That means that something else takes precedence and the things in my mind become shadows in the light of You. The things that I have been involved with, the business and all of the things that encumber men's minds, they become shadows. There is something you begin to draw from the presence of God.

When we came back from Jamaica... I don't know what Jamaica was for some people, but I can tell you that when I came back from Jamaica... Oh, my goodness. Something happened to me in Jamaica. Something happened to many. Some of our young people, man, there was like nitroglycerin kindled in their soul. There was an explosion. The first Wednesday after we came back from Jamaica, we had a wonderful meeting. We have not had a meeting like that in years. Years. The power of God was there. We just began to worship God, and the presence of God filled the place and you didn't want to go anywhere. The spirit of prophecy began to come and the life of God began to touch people.

My mother-in-law went with us to Jamaica. She had been with holiness church people in Minnesota, who used to work for Billy Graham. A lot of people were up there in that little circle, and she was quite content with her spirituality, so she wanted to go, but she had a lung problem. She had a terminal lung condition called Intercistery Pulmonary Fibrosis, or

something like that. At any rate, it was a degenerative lung disease that made her lungs like plastic wrap. She had to have oxygen at the rate of 2.5 liters per hour. She had this little oxygen tank that she carried with her. It would make its presence known by a little relief valve. You would hear it go “sh sh sh.” Even after you hear it about a thousand times, you still do not get used to it. So, we had to get her a little machine that would produce oxygen without a tank. It wasn’t cold oxygen that you put in the big bottle, then in the little one. We couldn’t transport it. They freaked out when we tried to get on the airplane with it. So we had this little thing with us and it made oxygen. And we arrived in Jamaica June 11th. Man, we plugged it in at night and it was working good. We attended the meetings all day the 11th and the 12th. It was the night of the 12th. I would hear it at night and I heard, “toototototo” and it was 1:30 in the morning. I thought, “Why don’t you shut that thing off?” You know, a guy coming out of sleep. The machine wasn’t working. Gone. When my wife and I finally understood the machine had stopped working, we were confronted with the reality of our immediate need for God. My wife started to panic. “We need to call an ambulance.” “No, we are in the bush of Jamaica.” “We need to get some oxygen.” We needed pure oxygen, not welding oxygen.

Now, this is what is silly. As a preacher of the gospel, I believe in the power of the Blood. I was in a Bible conference, and prayer seemed to be the last resort instead of the first. First we think of an ambulance, then we think of oxyacetylene, or whatever they use. So I said to my wife, “We are going to have to pray for her.” I am going to tell you, there was no lightning bolts or thunder or any of that business. We just put our hands on her and said, “God, will You heal her, in the name of Jesus.” We might have gone through 43 bindings and 27 loosings. I don’t know, but the fact of the matter is the power of the Word came down and touched her. You know, from then till now she hasn’t used oxygen. Not used it. As a matter of fact, the condition, her terminality, is no longer terminal. She has been healed totally. She is getting better every day. The heart murmurs she used to have are gone, the crackling in her lungs that used to be there is gone. It is the absolute power of the risen Christ that comes in spite of our attitude.

God wants to demonstrate His sovereignty in the midst of your set of circumstances that you might know that, of a truth, He is Elohim and there is no one beside Him. My goodness, if we begin to rise up and believe the Word, glory to God, there is going to be something changed. When they talked about the apostles they said, ***And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also*** (Acts 17:6). How much of the world has been turned upside down because of your presence? My mom’s world has been turned upside down and she

isn't concerned about it. My dad got born again in my pickup truck. He was Catholic from when he was born until today at age 85. A year ago, I said, "Have you ever thought about dying?" I am talking about my dad. Six foot three inches with fingers the size of tree trunks. Big guy. I saw him frail for the first time in my life and I asked him if he ever thought about dying. Some of us, too often, are scared to talk the facts. I said, "If you die right now, you are going to hell, sir." He said, "I hope I am going to purgatory." I said, "Purgatory is a side door to hell. No purgatory. Find it for me in the scripture, brother. The Bible says you must be born again. Are you born again?" He said, "Yeah." I said, "When did it happen?" He said, "I don't know." I said, "Are you born of a truth?" He said, "Yeah." I said, "When did it happen?" He said, "February 2, 1920." "Where did it happen?" He told me where it happened. I said, "How much more should you be able to tell me where you got born again? I can tell you where I got born again. On February 2, 1974, in an Assembly of God Church, when I went under the water I went in an old creature, and I came out washed by the Blood of the Lamb of God." Absolutely. Eighty three year old man humbled himself, and I have seen my dad weep three times. Once was in my pickup truck. You know what the first thing he said was after he said, "Amen"? "What am I going to do with your mother?" I said to him, "Not your problem." He is in a nursing home now. He fell down and broke his neck. Had a stroke or something and fell over and broke his neck. Stephanie and I were over there on Wednesday. He was getting kind of grumpy and crotchety. I said, "Listen here. God wants you in here to be light and salt and that's what you must do. As long as you are in here, do it." He is like Mr. Cool. Everybody loves him in there. I said, "Do you think it is your Germanness? Forget it. It is not your Germanness. It is Christ in you. It is the reality of the Blood that has touched your soul and transformed you in whatever measure you have allowed it to happen."

Romans 12:2, *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.* What kind of confirmation process is going on in me? The devil is working. Your humanity is working. Your ancestry is working continually to conform you to the image of those that went before you.

My mom talked about me being Black Irish. No way. No way. You are not putting it on me. I am not receiving. I am not doing it. I am doing everything I can to arrest the development of Black Irish. I said, "What is Black Irish?" This brother had a vision when he was praying for me, and he said, "I saw this guy and he was sitting on a bronze, four legged throne with three legs still in place. He was all muscled and had on white clothes and leather straps on his biceps. He said the man was quite confi-

dent of his position of supremacy and had his leg thrown over one of the arms of the throne.” As he came out of the vision he heard a voice say, “Black Irish.” He said, “Have you ever heard of that?” I said, “No, no, no. I never heard of it, but my mom would know.” She is big time Irish. She is not German Irish. She is just Irish. Irish Catholic. So I asked her if she had ever heard of Black Irish. My mother replied, “You are Black Irish.” She explained that those were the hot-tempered Irishmen, and that was what I was. I had never heard of the term, but God was revealing an ancestral disposition that would kill me unless I was able to overcome it by the Blood of the Lamb. There is something that is working, an ancestral provocation all the time working to conform me to the disposition of those that have gone before me and there has to be a diligence on my part to arrest that development.

Be not conformed to this world. The world you find yourself in. The way you do business. The way you handle the Word of God. The way you handle the people of God. As some of you can testify, I have not overcome completely but I am working on it. Romans 12:2, ***And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*** As the Word begins to come, as we begin to believe it, something begins to happen. The man who didn't believe he could do anything is able to jump up and begin to shoulder the burden and begin to move in the midst of the Body of Christ as a viable, functioning member, as he begins to believe God. When Gideon had his army of 33,000 men, the first thing God said was, ***The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me*** (Judges 7:2). God told Gideon to tell everybody that whoever had something better to do to go do it. Twenty-two thousand of them left. With 33,000 people, you can be pretty tough. And then you give an invitation for whoever is afraid to leave and two-thirds of them leave. Verse 4, ***And the LORD said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.*** To me, that speaks of the experience of salvation, regeneration, baptism of the Holy Ghost and the fullness of God. And it is described in the Tabernacle. Outer Court experience. Some people are left there. They don't want anything else. They just want to get born again, not interested in expanding anything. God put us in the Outer Court, not for the purpose of leaving us there, but He begins to squeeze us so that we go in a little bit deeper. You notice that every time you go in, you get a little more confined. The space gets smaller. The liberty gets less. The requirements get greater, and if you look where he talks about loosing the four angels, he describes where we are late in the timeframe of the purposes of God.

In the book of Revelation, chapter nine, we understand exactly where we are according to the timeframe of God. Revelation 9:12, ***One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.*** Some people say, ***Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh*** (Matthew 25:13). You know, I believe that. God says that we should know the times and the seasons in which we are living (I Thessalonians 5:1) and He said that He is not going to do anything except He speaks to His servant the prophet. I am telling you, brethren, God has delivered something of a reality to the Body of Christ that we might be ready for the things that are coming on the earth.

Revelation 12:13, ***And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God.*** That is the fifth step in the tabernacle experience. It is right outside of the Holy of Holies. It is the final step in the Holy Place experience. It is right before the veil going into the Holy of Holies, the fullness which is what we are endeavoring to press into.

I don't know that your understanding has to be perfect to get there, but your heart has to be perfect. God will remove the veil at the appropriate time. It is not something that you qualify for. You understand? It is as you are obedient, the transition begins to move. Transformation. We go in as worms and we come out as butterflies. It is as simple as it gets. I don't know if the worm is cognizant of the fact that there is a process that's going to change him into a butterfly, but it is transformation. Metamorphosis. As we submit, God begins to work in us. Our potential begins to expand. Our ability to believe becomes greater and greater. Think about the men that have gone before us that haven't heard what we have heard.

Verse 14, ***Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.***¹⁵***And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.*** He is talking about war. Talking about these things that are going on. Talking about a people that are ready and prepared. Hallelujah! He has described very clearly the things that are going on and we have seen them. This business happening in Iraq has not happened by happenstance. That whole Middle East place is going to be a cauldron. In Zechariah, it speaks of nuclear holocaust. I think it is Zechariah where the eyes begin to run out (Zechariah 14:12), where men are incinerated. We see it building. Do you see the thing building politically, economically? It is building and there ought to be an awareness in the Spirit and an urgency in your soul. The business of the Word of God isn't to cause men to panic or to become frantic and begin to move around like chickens with their heads cut off. It is intended that we might be prepared for the hour that is coming on all the earth.

Those five wise virgins had made a preparation and they were ready.

We hear about the parable of the wedding garment where God went out and delivered a Word to a certain class of people. The Word has been delivered since 1948. Think of the thing that God has put in the earth and some people have turned away from it. They have completely gone, walked away from the Word of God that they heard. Time is short. The hour is at hand. We need to get down to some serious business with respect to what God has said and delivered to us.

Those guys in Gideon's army ended up with only 300 of them. Judges 7:5, *So he brought down the people unto the water: and the LORD said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees to drink, 'And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.*

⁷And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place. The rest, send them home. And if you look at it, take it into another level, one of the things that has been beneficial for me going into the prison is, as I begin to teach, I begin to learn. Isn't that funny? Some homeschool moms become scientists because they start teaching their kids things that they didn't know. "I can't teach them chemistry." Sure you can. "I can't teach physics." I bet you can. As you begin to teach, you begin to learn. It is the same thing with the Word. Your understanding doesn't have to be perfect, but as you begin to speak of the things that you understand, there will come an unfolding of the revelation. As you begin to believe the Word, it is marvelous. And you don't have to be a jumbo scholar with DD, PhD or any of that. You can just begin to understand the Word on the basis of the Holy Ghost moving in the framework of your soul.

Three hundred men. How they drank water. The Word of God is three dimensional: natural, spiritual, and fullness. The second dimension of water is what? The Word. *That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word* (Ephesians 5:26). Think if your qualification comes on the way that you take in or handle the Word of God. Very simple thing. Can you imagine your position being assessed on the basis of how you drink water? Have you ever thought about it? It would seem a little inconsequential. It is a little like breathing. We are thirsty, we drink. These guys ran to the water. They abandoned themselves to their appetites, if you will. They saw the water and they got right down to it. The other guys... if you watch a dog drink, he doesn't get careless. When he drops his head he starts getting nervous. He is up and down, up and down looking around. He is paying attention to his environment. They don't abandon themselves to their appetites or their environment. That's the army of God. That's the qualification

process. I personally believe that we are drinking water now. The assessment is on us. It would be more ominous if you knew you were being assessed. The one peculiar thing is that they were being judged, and they didn't realize it. You see, I think it is happening with us. Some people are just wandering out there, leaving and they are gone. They've got no more interest and what they desired to do has waned. Some people say, *Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation* (II Peter 3:4). Have you heard it? "I don't believe that no more. I used to believe that. I don't believe that. That isn't true." And they wander off. Or they have some other excuse as to why they are not following hard after Him. You know what? That is not my problem. I have to take care of this person and those that have been allotted to me in a manner of getting very serious with God. Pressing in. Jesus said, ...*The kingdom of God cometh not with observation* (Luke 17:20). And it says that the Kingdom of God has to be pressed into. You have to see it. You have to want it. And you have to press with every fiber of your being that it might come in. *And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force* (Matthew 11:12). There is an action of violence that wrenches your soul out of the hand of the enemy. Amen.

God help us to do the things that we have seen in the earth. *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name* (John 1:12). We are on the edge of becoming the thing that He has said in the Spirit that we are. I John 3:2, *Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*³*And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.* He does something: **purifieth himself**. When God delivers, there is a requirement, an action. You know, the other thing that I have seen that we miss is altar time. You know, sometimes God brings a Word that really requires a response and we sit on it. There was a guy in prison that, while when one of the brothers was ministering, he ran right up in the middle of the meeting and the minister said, "I am not done yet." The man replied, "I can't wait any longer." If we had that kind of zeal... I don't know what his situation was, but he seemed to know what he needed and what was being offered at the altar of God. He has been there every week, every week, and it is so marvelous that they love us. I am telling you, these guys are so glad to see us. Can you imagine? In the hospitals, in the nursing homes... if you can't go in the prison, there are hospitals everywhere.

The first day I got back from Jamaica, there was a woman that got into the elevator in the hospital. She had one of those little oxygen canisters like my mother-in-law used to have. I said, "Have I got a story for you. My

mother-in-law used to have one of those and she doesn't have it any more. God healed her in one moment of time." She responded that that was nice, but I am not convinced she believed it was available for her. People don't believe it. Jesus said, If ye love Me, keep My commandments (John 14:15).

Let us do the things that we are born to do. God help us. This whole place ought to be overrunning with Christians. Prepare yourselves, because when hard times come, where do they come to? When famine came in Egypt (Genesis 41:36), they went to the man that had the food, and God had prepared him way in advance. There is a ministry and a spirit of Joseph in the earth today preparing the substance of reality to whomsoever will. Hallelujah.

God bless you. It is so good to finally get here. I have thought about this place for a long time. It is kind of like Chicago for me. I had heard about Chicago for a long time before I had finally gotten there. The devil has warred over this place for a long time. There must be something wonderful that God is birthing in this place and in the hearts of His people. We must begin to believe the Word and do what God has called us to do in whatever way that we are able and He will prosper the work. It has been in His heart a whole lot longer than it has been in our mind. Amen. God bless you.

A Closer Look at Job

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I've been reading in Job the last few days and I noticed a few interesting items that I would like to share with you.

We are introduced to this man Job, who just happens to have 7 sons, 3 daughters, 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 oxen, 500 asses. Notice all the 7's, 3's, 5's, 000's and 00's? These numbers all speak of God; his multiplicity; pureness; and fullness. These numbers are no accident whatsoever. God is confirming Job's perfectness to us.

Then we are before the Lord in verse 6 of chapter 1. Look who happens to be there? Remember that the earth is our soul and also remember God's vision He gave to Brother Burt Asbill in NE 2003 of Satan in God's 'office' and God telling him to "Do what you must!" and then turning to the servant (who I believe represented the Body of Christ) and said "It is your job to stop him!"

Job 1:6, 1:6, Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them. ⁷And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. ⁸And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

Be sure to notice that Job was perfect in God's sight! If Job didn't have the Holy Ghost or salvation and God considered him perfect – WE CAN BE PERFECT ALSO! Don't ever give up or forget that! It is our hope! It is an important part of our faith in Christ and God's master plan. We have to forget all those lies of Babylon and the Outer Court that have told us we cannot be perfect. Babylon didn't expect any of us to ever get past the Gate into the Outer Court. Babylon didn't expect any of us to learn the truth about Baptism in (1) water, (2) Holy Ghost, (3) Christ – much less to find out that there is a much better place to dwell and leave the Outer Court to enter and live in the Holy Place – reaching hard and fast for the Holy of Holies.

No, brethren, according to the doctrines and deceptions of Babylon, we were supposed to be content to run around the Outer Court with no true knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord that He has not left us ignorant, but that when we first believed the message of Sonship, God has a wonderful detailed plan specially designed and ordained for each one of us to take us – not only into the the Holy Place, but to lead

us on into the Holy of Holies, to abide under the Shadow of the Almighty.

OKAY – now that you see where I am coming from – are you all ready to be “Outside of the Box” of the “Temporal” and try to view from the “Eternal/Eternity” that is running along side of us all? I say – “Let’s greatly disappoint our enemies by submitting to the wonderful anointing and direction of Christ, our Lord. Let’s look forward to the brightness of HIM that will come forth within us as we yield ourselves to our individual circumstances - circumstances that will only purify us and enlarge our capacity to be filled with Divine Nature and Agape Love and Yeshua, our Love and our Lord.

So, listen to what our enemy says about US? Does ‘Terry’ only fear God because He protects me and blesses me and has an hedge about me?

Job 1:9, *Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? ¹⁰Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. ¹¹But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. ¹²And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.*

So the Lord has allowed to happen what He knows we can bear, and grow in Christ in the midst of.

I Corinthians 10:13, *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it].*

By the end of chapter one, Job had lost his family, his possessions, and he:

Job 1:20, *Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, ²¹And said, Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. ²²In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.*

Have you ever thought about Job’s loss a bit differently? For instance,

1. Job lost his **family**. (We want to lose all of our **familiar spirits**/ancestral spirits, or spiritual influence.)
2. Job lost all of his possessions. (We want to sell all that we have to buy the “Pearl of Great Price”); [Matthew 13:45 & 46].
3. Job maintained an attitude of God being in complete control of all things in his (OUR) life. [Romans 8:28]

Now in chapter 2, we notice that again there are the sons of God presenting themselves before the Lord, and also our adversary is in the midst again. Job 2:1, *Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. ²And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. ³And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. ⁴And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. ⁵But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. ⁶And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. ⁷So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.*

Notice in chapter 1 & 2 it was the “Sons of God” that came before the Lord. Are we the “Sons of God”? We are indeed the “Sons of God”, we are just not manifested as yet.

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

Also in chapter 2, Job got boils from his head to his foot. Not only does that sound really bad, but it must have really hurt. (I wondered if he was out of his house because his wife didn’t like to look at or smell him with his boils.)

Thank the Lord that most of us have not had boils, but whatever we have had to deal with, I’m sure it was/is very difficult to go through nonetheless.

The next thing that happens is Job’s friends come to see him. This is really impressive to me, as I’ve heard most of these deceptive doctrines through the years from the accuser of the brethren. (No matter what vehicle was used to present these deceptions to any of us, it is the spirit of the accuser of the brethren, the diabolos, that they came from. If there is any other-minded-ness in us, God is as quick to cleanse, as we are to repent!) Bless the Holy Name of the Lord!

So here we have this stinky, ugly, dirty man who has shaved his

head and is sitting in the ashes. His own wife didn't ever encouraged him to continue following God. By all appearance he looked anything but pleasing.

1. Temporal vision says God either didn't know him or left him.
2. Eternal vision says God must love him awful much to know that this situation and circumstance will only bring forth a brighter, purer Job with more of God within him.

Hhmmm? I've been in a few circumstances that I really couldn't see how any good could come of it. Haven't you? That was all in the past for us all I hope. God has really been teaching us how to encourage our own souls and help ourselves to have- **more** ETERNITY vision or GOD Consciousness – and **less** self consciousness.

If having more vision of Eternity means having more of God consciousness, then our vision is our mind. What we are conscious of we think of. What we think of we have our mind on. We are all learning to become more Eternity conscious/God conscious, thus we are all learning to become more God minded. I hope you are seeing this – I believe that Job had a vision of eternity, or he would not have been able to have come to the final chapter in the book of Job, where God blesses him.

I thank God that He looks on my heart, inside me, and not on my outward appearance (I Samuel 16:7; II Corinthians 10:7).

Meanwhile, all Job's friends are presenting all these false doctrines of Babylon to Job, proving to us that they had a carnal/temporal vision/mind and that they didn't know God personally. These friends come to us in various coverings, but the enemy and his lies are just that – the enemy and his lies. Remember, even when it sounds really right, if it makes you want to stop pressing on in to the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus – it is a deceptive doctrine from the accuser of the brethren, trying to wear us out before the end (Daniel 7:25; Revelation 12:10-11).

Now that all of the basics are understood, please try to again – “look outside of the box” to see what these false doctrines are that were presented to Job – and I haven't even finished reading the whole book of Job –

1. Job's friends all came to see him in 2:11;
 - a. I couldn't find meanings to their names, but they were all –**ites**, which speaks of familiar/ancestral/past.
2. You received this problem because you feared it. (v.3:6)
 - a. Job was perfect before the Lord, so that could not be true.
 - b. II Timothy 1:7 tells us that ***God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of sound mind.***
 - c. I'm sure most of us have not thought of what tribulates us, let alone fear it before it gets here.

3. You reap what you sow.(v.4:8)
 - a. There is piece of truth used wrongfully, for if Job was perfect he did not sow evil.
 - b. Hosea 10:12, *Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for [it is] time to seek the LORD, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.*
4. Verse 12, Eliphaz tells that he had a secret brought to him, and his ear received it - & verse 13 a night vision - & verse 15 a spirit passed before him - ALL saying in simple text -
 - a. v.18, God does not trust his servants – Actually, what this friend said tells us that this friend does not trust God.
 - i. Luke 19:21-22 – the one who thought God was an austere, hard man had his talents taken away from him.
 - ii. Luke 12:7 – *But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.*
 - b. v.18, God’s angels, that God charged them with folly/foolishness -
 - i. Psalm 91:11, *For he shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways.*
 - ii. Psalm 103:20, *Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.*
 - c. v.19, Man does not count in God’s eyes.
 - i. Genesis tells us different! Genesis 1:26, *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*
 - ii. God is LOVE, LONGSUFFERING, TRUTH, NEVER CHANGES, ALL LIGHT. **He has not changed!** [Hebrews 13:8]
 - d. v.5.8, his friend infers that Job needs to seek God – & v.5.17 he tells Job not to despise the chastening of the Lord –
 - i. Job 1:8, *And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?*
 - e. Chapter 6 Job feels a bit sorry for him self.
 - i. We are learning to not do that any more by thinking ETERNITY – by being more God Consciousness, and less self conscious or poor me.
 - f. Chapter 8, Bildad says – verse 4, He killed your children because they sinned; verse 5, Job should pray to God, and verse 6, if Job was

pure before God – God would prosper Job. This is a rampant Outer Court teaching of Prosperity. Actually, we are to sell all to purchase Christ. Quite the opposite of this deception is true.

i. Daniel 8:25 tells us the anti-Christ shall destroy many with peace and that craft/deception shall prosper.

ii. Jesus tells us in John 18:36, *Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.*

iii. Romans 14:17, *For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*

iv. I Corinthians 4:20, *For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.*

g. Chapter 9, Job declares God's supremacy.

h. Chapter 11, Zophar again tells Job that his sin is why he is being tribulated.

One of the things that really impressed me was that all of the advise and counsel of his friends was not of God. It was all CARNAL. It was all temporal. Basically it declared that when you are prosperous that God is pleased with you – they had not yet heard that it is harder for a rich man to enter heaven than it is for a camel to go through the eye of a needle. [Matthew 19:24; Mark 10:25; Luke 18:25]

They were all carnal minded, temporal minded/visioned. They had no concept of God past their own exaltation. God is to increase and we are to decrease – we have to die to rise up in Him.

The carnal mind is enmity against God. That means that to be temporal minded/visioned is also enmity with God. On the converse – to be spiritually minded is to be eternity minded – is LIFE.

Philippians 2:5, *LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS:*

Romans 8:6, *For to be carnally minded [is] death; but TO BE SPIRITUALLY MINDED [IS] LIFE AND PEACE.*

Galatians 5:10, *I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will BE NONE OTHERWISE MINDED: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.*

Philippians 3:14-15, *I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. v.15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*

Let this mind be in you, which was (is) in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5).

May He enlarge our knowledge of Him!

Compromise Which Will Rob You of Your Inheritance

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It is good to be in the presence of the Lord, and even better to have His presence in us. It is so nice to see all of your smiling faces out there. Some of you I haven't seen for a long time, and some of you haven't seen me for a long time. It is nice to see all of you happy Christians out there.

If you have your Bibles with you, please turn with me to the book of Ezekiel. I want to read a few verses from the eighth chapter, seventh verse. ***And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. ⁸Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. ⁹And he said unto me, Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here. ¹⁰So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, pourtrayed upon the wall round about. ¹¹And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. ¹²Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath forsaken the earth.***

Father, we thank You this night for Your divine presence, for the presence of Your Spirit to lead us, to guide us and to direct us into all truth. We pray this night that Thou wilt give to us the hearing ear, the seeing eye and the understanding heart, that what we see in Thy Word, what we hear by Thy Spirit, we will take to heart. We will hide it away in our hearts that we might not sin against Thee. We know, Father, that Thou art preparing us as a people out of the earth. You are making us of the heavenly origin and we are so thankful, Father, that we can come into Your presence such as it is tonight, and we can draw from Thy life and from Thy light and Thy truth. God, we can see our pathway before us and it is becoming narrower and narrower. But we know, God, that it is the straight way and it is leading us to eternal life. We desire, Father, for the groaning that is taking place within us, and the travail to be clothed with this heavenly body. So we ask You, Father, to overrule and to bring into subjection every thought and every desire that is not of You. Bring us

into that place, Lord, where we hear that undefiled oracle of God speaking to us from Your throne. For, Father, if we ever needed Your guidance, Your strength, Your direction, we need it now. For, Father, we realize that we have come to a place in our life that is impassable and impossible to cross over. The waters that Ezekiel saw that he could not cross over, the Spirit had to bring him over. We ask You this night to somehow, some way, bring us over. Bring us out of this Adam creature and bring us fully over into Your Spirit, that we may sit together in these heavenly places, that we may hear heavenly things spoken to us, Lord, for we are a needy people and we need Thee, Father. We need Thy guidance. We need Thy correction. Oh, God, we need Thy faith and Thy hope. We need all that Thou art in this hour, for we are a generation that has come to the end of the age. We are a people, Lord, that You have prepared and had in mind before the foundation of the earth. We be that people. We desire, Lord, to cross over. We desire, Lord, to leave the earth things behind. We desire, Lord, to cut away the shoreline and launch out into that depth realm in Thy Kingdom, the places, Lord, that You have prepared for us. We ask You, therefore, to guide our thoughts, our direction, that all be said by Your Spirit. May all that comes to us this night not be of man, nor of the flesh of man, but may we hear that voice speaking to us and saying, "Here is the way! Now walk ye in it." Grant to us these things, and we will be careful, Father, to glorify Thy name, and to exalt Thee, in Christ's name. Amen.

A few weeks ago, in our time of meditation, the Spirit of God came to us and began to reveal in a vision and dream, as it were, a certain situation and setting. I'm going to share that with you tonight, and as I do, I want you to understand that we are here for one purpose: to bring edification, to exhort you, and to bring comfort as well. I think we need edification and we need exhortation, but we need comfort as well. I'm so glad that along the way, in the hard things, in the difficult things that come to us... God always has a comfort, doesn't He? He always has the way of giving us the strength to go just a little bit further, a little bit higher, and that is where we are now. I don't have to ask for a show of hands. I know where we are now, so if I share with you, I want you to know that it is not that I am preaching to you, but I am sharing with you what I feel that God has been sharing with us. I feel it will be of great value and help.

You know, if I was in a burning building, and if there was no way that I could see to get out, I would appreciate someone showing me the exit. I wouldn't want to burn alive, and I think that God always shows us, not only a way out, but a way in. Not just a way from the problem, but a way to go through the problem. This fellow has felt like Job in the last

five, six months. Of course, I had to go toot my own horn, and I said, "I've got everything but the boils." So, a week later we had the boils! So, we have to be careful what we say, don't we? I'm learning to put a seal on my lips, and I asked God to seal them so that they'll not speak presumptuously.

In this dream, there was a group of people and some faces I recognized. I was standing, watching, observing, and the Spirit was prompting me to just stand and watch, to more or less take in what I was seeing. I saw that there was a rope-like area that was opened, and in the opening were animals. There were many people gathered around this little rope that roped them off and they were admiring them. They looked like animals to pet. Some had the face of a cat or of a dog and even of little foxes. As I looked at them, even I had the impulse for a moment to reach out and to touch, and the Spirit said, "Don't touch this! Keep your hands off."

I stood there and observed and I noticed that, of the people that were watching, there were those that were reaching out to try to pet these animals. To my amazement, these animals changed form right before my eyes. What happened was, they looked about this wide, like they were compacted together like an accordion when you push it together before you open it up. As I looked at it, the Spirit of God said, "These are not what they appear to be." And I wondered at it, what the Spirit of God was saying to me, because in a moment, like a snapping of a finger, these animals stretched and they became serpents, but the strangest looking kind of serpents. They still had the face of a cat, of a dog, of a fox, but there was like a fur over them. I have never seen a serpent in my day, whether in the zoo or anywhere, that had anything but scales. I said, "What are these things?" The Lord said, "They are incognito. They are masked. They are covered." I didn't discern that at first. I didn't know what they were. I thought that they were just some harmless creatures, something to pet. Many of you, we don't at our house, but many of you have dogs or cats around the house, and I'm sure you enjoy stroking them, and petting them, and whatever. I think there was that impulse to reach out and want to pet them.

Then they became these serpents that the Lord said were in disguise, that were incognito, and they were not what they appeared to be. I know the scripture tells us that Satan even comes as an angel of light (II Corinthians 11:14). So strong is the deception of the satanic forces and the principalities. Beloved, we are in warfare! We are in warfare! We have been for some time, but the warfare is getting even greater as the days go by. If we are not able to stand now, we will never be able to stand in the days that are ahead. But I believe that the deception... and certainly the Word of God bears this out, that there will be strong, deceiving spirits.

Now, as I was watching this taking place, and the Spirit told me, “Back off,” that is, just to stand there and not to reach out, two things came to me, and it really, really threw me for a loop. One was the spirit of the Canaanite, and we know a lot about the Canaanites, don’t we? We know that it was one of the first tribes, when the Israelites came into the Promised Land, that they fought against and did not defeat. They put them to tribute. God had warned them to destroy all of the Canaanites. It was God’s divine direction that Israel should not spare them nor put them to tribute, but to destroy them, men, women and children. The Bible says that they could not destroy them and some of them that were in the valleys had chariots of iron (Joshua 17:16,18). The Canaanites, as we know, were very immoral people. One of the markings of their character was immorality. I don’t mean just something slight. I mean that they were in the deep, heavy things of immorality. In fact, some have said that they were one of the first to start pornography, but it was very, very heavy.

The second was the spirit of sodomy, or Sodomites. This really threw me for a loop. This was some very heavy thing God was saying. I wondered as I stood there and watched this, “What meaneth this?” Then the Lord took me to Ezekiel. Ezekiel didn’t see what was going on in the minds and the imaginations of the leaders, the elders. He didn’t see what was happening. But God took him to a place in the wall where there was a hole, and He said, “Now dig.” As he dug, he found a door. Do you know something? The sin of immorality, the sin of uncleanness is something that is so well concealed and covered. It is not discerned by the natural eye.

They say that some of these men and these priests that have committed these crimes against these children were very nice characters. They seemed to be very nice and friendly, outgoing and happy and what have you. But inwardly, in their imagination, there was a demon lurking. They were covered up. As you know, beloved, in this day, God is taking the covering off of everything in our lives, in our personal lives, in our home lives, in our business life. God is removing the veil and the Spirit of God is getting into the depth of our heart. This was so covered that the prophet did not see it. He did not see it. God said he had to dig into the hole to see the door.

Now, friends, I believe that the Word of God has come to us. Over a period of time, God has spoken to us great and mighty things. God has spoken to us by His Spirit and by His Word. God has given us great and exceeding promises. You know, with these promises and with the Word that God brings us, there is a price tag attached. You don’t get truth very easily. You buy it. There is a price connected with it. Buy gold that is

tried by fire (Revelation 3:18). What we are getting from God comes at a high price. But then again, if we are called according to His purpose and we are the true elect of God, we can expect this. It is part of the process of purifying and perfecting us. Many, many times as God has spoken to us, I have grieved and cried over the condition of the Body of Christ, not only my own condition, but the condition of the Body of Christ.

God has spoken to us in times past, but this one was so precise and so direct, I felt like it had a meaning. You know, you have to be willing. You and I have to be willing to lay it all out before God. There cannot be anything secret or covered any more. There cannot be the “putting on” of Christ any more. There will be no room for that in this Body that God is raising up in this hour. It is going to be a purified Body, a righteous nation and an holy people. Only God can do the changing, and all of our exhortation as ministers of the Gospel, and all of our exhortation to you and to one another won’t get the job done. There has to be the receiving of the Word into our hearts and then letting the Word begin to work in our hearts and do its intended purpose. It is NOT he that heareth the Word, it is he that heareth and doeth it (James 1:22).

Ezekiel was not aware of what was going on. I want you to know, he was a great prophet of God, but he was not aware of what was going on in the secret chambers of the minds. I believe our minds are being bombarded today. Not just by the TV, I mean outside of the TV. You can be walking down the street, at work, driving your car, wherever, and the most hideous thoughts will try to attack you. The most vile things will come to you. The most unclean things will come to you. You wonder where in the world that thing came from. You know the scripture that says, ***Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:*** (Isaiah 26:3). The problem, my friends, is the staying of our minds on Him. It is not just in our morning meditation. It is not just at our noon-time meditation, or our evening meditation, but it is a twenty-four hour thing.

If we are soldiers and we are watchmen, we have got to be awake twenty-four hours of the day! We can’t let one moment or hour slip by and somehow coast along. There is no coasting along! There is no saying, “I’ve got a spiritual touch from God, I’ve got a touch from Him!” That isn’t going to carry you through any more. It isn’t a once a week coming together. It isn’t once a year in a convention, but it is a twenty-four hour job that we have to bring our thoughts into captivity to the mind of Christ, and it is something that we don’t play at! It is something that we work at in the Spirit! You pray until you pray through in the matter! We don’t get up after an hour of prayer and say, “Well, I feel good about it.” It’s

when you perceive and persist that God gives you the tenacity to win this race and gain the prize!

So, the prophet was not aware of what was happening in the imagination. I wasn't aware. I did not discern, my friends; to be honest, I did not discern that these innocent little things were really serpents in disguise. Things that seem innocent to us are sometimes very deadly. Things that seem all right and okay are not really all right and okay. ***There is a way that seemeth right***, oh yes, and a lot of us follow that, but that way leads to death (Proverbs 16:25).

It is a time when God is asking us for total submission, total surrender. He wants our minds, He wants our emotions, and He certainly wants our hearts. So, as I watched, I noticed that these creatures now began to change form from innocent looking pets to serpents of great stature. Saints, I don't think we really realize sometimes when we have gotten away from the holy in God. The only place we are safe and secure is in the Holy of Holies with Him, and when you get there, **STAY THERE!** Don't get out of it. Don't say, "Well, I am strong enough." Israel thought they were strong enough, but they weren't. They were strong in their own might, but not in God, and they failed, they fell, and it was the Canaanites that destroyed them. It was the Canaanites that influenced them, saints, these spiritual Canaanites, and that was bad enough. I really thought that was a horrid thing, to even liken these creatures to the spirit of Canaanite, but when He said Sodomites, I said, "Oh, my God, that can't be." But you know something? There are thoughts that are coming to us, we are being bombarded and none of us are exempt. It is what we do with them when the time comes. If we entertain them, if we allow them to just pause for a moment in our minds, there is going to come a time when you cannot handle it. You won't be able to handle it. If we allow an inch, he will take a mile. They let the Canaanites live and pay tribute and it ended up that they intermarried and they defiled the whole tribe. Saints, there are many things that have been defiling us. There are many unclean things that are defiling us. There are certain things that seem innocent. They seem innocent, they don't seem evil, they don't seem unclean, and yet behind it, it is what is behind it, behind it is **EVIL.**

We are in warfare. It hasn't ceased. I was thinking about this war going on over in Iraq. They thought it was such an easy thing, they thought they were going to just walk right in and they were going to conquer all of these Iraqis with no problem at all. They were boasting about it. "Oh, it is no problem at all." Now they are finding out differently. They are finding out that many of these that they are fighting are hidden in holes and caves. The battle has just begun. It's not over by any means. It won't

be over tomorrow, either. I think, if the enemy could get a lodging, a foothold in our MINDS, if he gets our minds, he's got our soul! IT IS OUR MINDS THAT HE IS AFTER! You say, "Why are you bringing such a Word as this?" Well, because God said so. I would rather be warned of something than to wait until it overtakes me and it is too late. There is no one that is immune from this. This bombarding, friends, is happening every day. It is what we allow into our house, into our ears, into our eyes. Our eyes are cameras. You may take a picture of something and think it is gone, and days later that picture will return in your mind. You will have to wrestle with it, you will have to fight with it, and I trust that you will overcome it.

So, the prophet didn't see what God saw. When he went down into the hole and looked in the door, he saw them offering up incense to the creepy things, to the beast nature. He said, "God said, 'It is an abomination.'" Friends, if we are an holy nation, if we are a royal priesthood, then there can be no room for entertaining these unclean things. You say, "But, Brother Campbell, are you trying to say that I am entertaining these things and that I am enjoying them?" I saw faces, and some of those faces are in this congregation tonight. I saw faces of those that were standing there that were reaching out to embrace these animals. One of the hardest things to bring deliverance from... and I tell you, young men, young women, old men, do not fool, do not toy with these unclean things. However innocent they may seem, they will hook you. They will hook you and hook you good. You will wish you had never entertained that thought, you will wish you never had any part in it, you will wish you never gave yourself over to it. But it is too late! You will find yourself in such a quandary, in such a helpless place that you will cry out to God. Well, I hope before that happens you are willing to make a confession to God tonight. I hope you are willing to say, "I have that problem, and I'm having that problem and it is very real. I do not want it."

You see, once you have touched it, it is going to infect you. I will tell you something, it will infect you. It will destroy the joy, the peace, and you know the thing about this, what happens? When we allow these things to be entertained in our thoughts, we are also going to find ourselves critical of others. Sin has a way of acting upon us where we find fault with others to hide the very thing that is in our own heart. I have found again and again in my own life, if I have ever yielded to anything, maybe not what I am talking of tonight, but other things, I have found again and again that immediately I become critical. The reason is you hide and you cover up the thing that is really in your heart.

I am glad for this day that God is bringing it all to the top of the table, like our Brother Mercer said, "Putting it all on the table." God is bringing it

all out of our hearts so that we see what the problem is. And there is a problem, or God wouldn't have spoken this to me. God does not speak ill-advisedly or presumptuously. When God speaks, He is telling us something because there is a problem. But He wants to remedy the problem. He wants to bring the deliverance to us. It is not God's pleasure that we should be bound. We are not a people that should be bound by anything. We are to be a FREE people. Where the Spirit of God is ruling, there is LIBERTY. I believe that we can walk in that LIBERTY as SONS! Devil doesn't want that. He wants to divide and conquer. He wants to divide our thoughts, our intentions, get us so side-tracked and pre-occupied that our eye is not single and light is no longer flowing into our body! We need more light. Light destroys the darkness. The darkness can only be destroyed by the TRUTH! Oh saints, we need to hear the truth! HALLELUJAH! Not only hear it, but embrace it. Say, "This is what I need, my brother. I NEED DELIVERANCE." It takes a real man or woman to stand up and say, "I have a problem. I have indulged myself in such a thing. I have entertained this thing." You may not have acted it out, but it is no longer about acting it out. God says, *For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he* (Proverbs 23:7). Who-soever looketh has committed adultery (Matthew 5:28). No, it is not the acting out. The sin is already committed if we have entertained it in our mind and heart.

Oh saints, I see something glorious happening. Oh, yes, I see a people, a people called out, chosen by Him, a people changed, a people strong. Never before has there been such, and never shall there be hereafter (Joel 2:2). A people of God, an army, a priesthood, a KINGDOM that shall not be destroyed, but shall destroy the kingdoms of all the satanic foes and the powers and principalities! God is for us as we are for God! The only way we are for God is by obedience. And I say, "God, whatever it takes, cleanse me, and purge me, and purify me." I don't want to miss my day of visitation. I don't want to miss my day and hour of opportunity and deliverance. God, do what you have to do, but do it, and HE IS DOING IT! Even when I do not ask Him, He is still doing it.

I will not tell you what I have been going through. It has not been pleasant, but it has been good for me. I look at it and, you know, David said the chastening of the Lord is good (Psalm 119:71). It was good for me. Saints, God chastens us because He loves us. He corrects us, amen. God wants us to WIN! God wants us to ATTAIN! We haven't started on this journey to get side-tracked somewhere in the middle! "Whatever it takes, God, then change my heart! Deliver me from the bondage of this flesh and, God, from these thoughts that come my way that I no longer can resist!" Because when you yield to them, all you have to do is entertain

them, that's all. No, you do not have to act it out. If it is there, it is there and it is going to destroy you. It will destroy me. It will rob us of our inheritance. So, the elders of Israel, the ancients, were offering incense, they were worshipping the unclean, the abominable thing.

I wish I had the right that I could talk very plain right now. I probably should have shared it with some of the brethren before I did, but I think the marriage relationship should be a holy relationship. Please, I'm not trying to delve into your home life, your private life, but it should be holy. I think that this spirit has even entered into some marriages, and the woman has become something to use and abuse and not to revere, and not to look to. We need to reverence them and to honor them. I think that spirit, that unclean thing, can even come into a marriage. The woman that God has given us is joined to us by God, to watch over, and to comfort, to care, to respect, amen. Oh, may we have respect, not only for one another as brethren, but in the marriage. Please, brethren, if I am getting out of turn here, just tell me. I don't mean to, but this has come to me so strong. I haven't really seen anything, I cannot say I have seen anything or heard anything, but the Lord was speaking to me that not all marriages are holy. Friends, if God has joined us together, then I think we should be as one flesh and one spirit and one mind. I think that the woman is the co-worker and we are to be working together, amen. We can fight the devil together, for if one can put a thousand to flight, two can put ten thousand (Deuteronomy 32:30).

The problem even comes into trying to break up a marriage, and break up that relationship, to let it become something God never intended for it to be. I love my wife very dearly. We have a marvelous relationship, my wife and I. I respect my wife. My wife is not perfect and neither am I, but I respect her and I even honor her. I would not do anything publicly or otherwise to embarrass her. God has given her to me as a helpmeet, and she is a good helpmeet. When I am down, she knows how to bring me up. When I am up and cocky and too smart, she knows how to bring me down, and she gets after me. When things go wrong, she will ask me, "Are you not praying? Get in the place you belong." I do not get much mercy sometimes, but I take it as love. I tell young people if they come to visit us, "Please, do not go by our example." People might say, "Don't they get along? Don't they love one another?" We love one another! But love is not always the mushy thing, love is not always the embracing. Love is the deep respect that we have one for another, my friend. If we are not careful as men and husbands, if we overstep our boundaries, it is no longer love, it becomes lust. May God deliver us from that, that none of us are guilty of expressing our desires upon our wife whom we love, taking

advantage of her because of our own lust. Lust has no place in a marriage, my friend, none whatsoever. The enemy can come in and try to use that to destroy. Remember, that woman is not just your wife, she is your sister. She is your sister in God and we need to have respect. I'm not saying that the woman should go and beat you in the head. I think that if you have the right woman and God has joined you, it will be okay, amen.

So, what am I saying this night? I am sharing something with you that I felt God was sharing very strongly with us. Why? Because apparently there is a problem in some of our lives, if not many. This is not indicating that all of us are in the category of pornography or in the category of unclean things, but we can entertain them. I do not know how many of you remember at the end of last year's conference, I got up and said the Lord spoke to me about a spirit of divorce. A spirit of divorce, of separating. I found out later on through the year that it was very true, it was very true. I said even some, in your thoughts, in your mind, you are thinking about that and it was true and it has surely come to pass. I do not sense that. I am not saying that tonight, but I am saying that this dream that God showed me is for a warning, and I think that God wants to do something about it. I do not think it, I know it. I believe there has to be a coming clean. God does not ask for gold or silver vessels, but He asks for clean vessels.

I want to be a clean vessel. I want God to cleanse me, not just once in a while, or when we come together now and sing these lovely choruses of songs and feel the Spirit of God flowing, but every day. "God, cleanse my heart and create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit, oh God, within me. That I walk right, that I think right and I talk right!" God can do this! God wants to preserve us, to keep us from the way of the Canaanites and the Sodomites. That is very strong language to use. I would never have said this except that the Spirit of God brought to me a vision of these two spirits and I believe that there is a problem. God wants to remedy that problem. God wants to bring deliverance. He wants to set us free. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! He not only wants to, HE WILL! All He asks from us is that we are willing, willing to submit ourselves unto the mighty hand of God, that we are willing to yield and say, "God, it is me! I am the one that needs deliverance in my thought life and maybe in my spirit." I think that if we are honest, God will cleanse us.

Do you know what I am hoping to see? Any time I have come to any convention, I am looking for the time when the holy wind of God will blow upon each one of us and we will be taken into a realm of God that we have never been in before, to walk in those high places. I cannot rise until you rise. You are linked to me and I am linked to you. God is going to

raise us up together to sit together. God is not willing that any should perish or any should miss the mark, but it is God's intent and purpose that we all receive the reward, that we all make the mark and obtain the prize. It is God's desire for each one of us, not just one, but all of us. He has joined us together in the Spirit and we are one, and He desires for us to be one. One in the Spirit and mind, or we won't go anywhere.

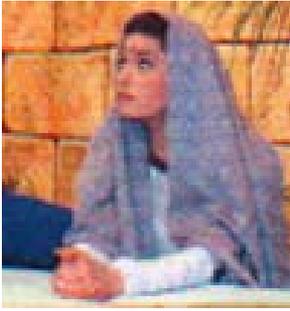
I think I was saying to Brother duCille on the phone that it was only one Achan that held up the progress of the whole camp of Israel. God is saying now, "I am holding up, I am stopping at this particular time," that these things might be dealt with and taken care of, so that we can go on in God. Oh, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! I believe eye has not seen, ear has not heard, it has not entered into our hearts yet what God has prepared for us (I Corinthians 2:9). Not the dead, not the sweet by and by, BUT NOW! In this day and this generation, it shall not pass until ALL of these things are fulfilled. Glory to God! Hallelujah! We are an end-time generation! Not, "We will be," WE ARE! We are in the END-TIME! We wanted this, we desired this and we are in it. Now that we are in it, if we are going to continue to flow, there has to be the laying aside of every weight and the besetting sin has to be taken care of (Hebrews 12:1).

"Think it not lightly," saith God, "of what you hear with an ear. Yea, but even let that Word sink deep into thy heart, beyond thy mind, but into thy heart and into thy soul and into thy spirit, that there is an awakening within thee and a stirring within thee, that thou doth say, 'Lord, I will arise! I will arise! No longer, Lord, will I be of this earth. No longer will I be in the pig's pen of the prodigal, but I will arise! I will loose myself. I will shake myself from the dust of the earth. I will arise, and I will go unto the Father's house and I will say, Father, I am here. Make me as one of your servants, Lord.'"

Hallelujah! Let us pray. *Father, we ask You now as You are speaking to our hearts, and those of us that You are speaking very directly and pointed to, God, may we not turn a deaf ear. May we not shut the door to our heart, but may we open wide the gate that the King of Glory may enter in. God, come into this house, into every corridor of our mind, every compartment of our being, that You rule over all of our emotions, and You rule our thoughts, Lord, and that we truly have Your mind in everything that we do or say. We are no longer leaning to our own understanding, but we are learning to delight ourselves in Thee. So, help us this night, Father, to not hold back or pull back as a turtle in the shell, but, God, that we may come out into the light, for it is Your good pleasure to bring to us that release from that agony, Lord, and from that bondage. So, Father, we pray right now, as You are moving in this congregation*

upon every heart and every mind that is present that, God, as we examine ourselves, and as You, the eye of the Lord, examine us, oh God, may we not be found wanting. If there is something dark in us, Lord, that has not yet been exposed to Your light, that Your hand has not touched as yet, Father, we invite Thee, we open the door to You. You don't have to dig through, Father, but the door of our hearts and our minds are open, that no longer will we conceal and hide and cover up this evil thing. But, God, we will allow You to destroy that thing and deliver our soul once and for all that we can surely sing the song of freedom and of liberty. "The Lord God hath delivered my soul!" For, Father, we desire to move on as a people, as an army and as a kingdom. Lord, You are saying to us that this is what is holding You back. Then we pray, Father, give us the grace to be willing tonight to lay this thing on the altar, and we pray that Your power, the power of Your Spirit, Your anointing, will break that yoke tonight and everyone that has entertained in their thoughts and in their soul these things, that God, You will break the yoke and we will truly be a people that is free. Hallelujah! For we desire, Father, to reach the goal, to obtain the prize, no longer to drag our feet, no longer to hide in some corner or in some dark place of our mind to cover it up, Lord, but God, bring it out into the light and let there be deliverance this night. Hallelujah!

I want everybody to pray! Right now! Right now! Right now, pray! THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS MATTER. I don't think God would have called it to our attention for naught. I don't speak these things presumptuously. You don't hear me speaking these things all the time, but I believe it is serious. Those of you that are having this problem, any degree of it, I want you to come down right now. The brethren are here, we are going to pray. God is going to deliver. I want you to come down. All of you men that are being troubled in this area, whoever you are, I want you to come and stand here. Hallelujah! We are not your judge, we are not here to judge anyone. We are here to help. I believe there is help tonight. I believe there is deliverance tonight. This thing that has been unholy and unclean, there is deliverance here tonight. There is total release tonight. If you are willing to let go, if you are willing to lay it down, God is going to break that yoke tonight. Oh yes, God is going to deliver our souls tonight. We are going to be called a mighty nation, a strong people. Never before has there been such. Hallelujah!



Esther

The Continuing Testimonies

Wesley Schell - *Mehuman*

My part in the play was the role of a chamberlain named Mehuman. During our practices, Mrs. Herrig had us fill out a character worksheet that was designed to get our minds into the life of the character we were acting out. When I started to write Mehuman's story, I realized that my character's relationship with the king was a metaphor of what my life towards Christ should be.

The life of being a chamberlain revolved around the king's every demand. At the sound of the king's voice, he would be there, willing to obey. The price of disobedience could have been death. Chamberlains are a kind of property of the king. They would not have control over their life style, clothing, living quarters, and they definitely would not have a family, because they were eunuchs. Chamberlains never had the ability to say, "Well, today I don't really feel like doing that." Mr. Asbill explains the attitude as, "I WILL NOT." A chamberlain could not do what he wanted, when he wanted or even how he wanted.

After thinking about a chamberlain's life of serving the king, I looked at what my life is like towards my King. The problem I ran into is that I presently do not measure up. I still do what I want, when I want, and how I want sometimes. This shows me that the entirety of my existence is not yet fully yielded over to God. I Corinthians 6:19, ***What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? ²⁰For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*** The price was a perfect sacrifice on Calvary. The real issue with being bought with a price is that I need to live that way. My thoughts must reflect it. My mouth must speak as if I am. My attitude must demonstrate that I am Christ's. Finally my actions have to express that I am bought with a price. I cannot think, speak, or act vicariously because I am not my own. It is one thing to have an intellectual understanding that I am not mine, but to live it everyday in front of my family, brethren, and even heathens, is a totally different scenario. Death to Self, the only way upward!

Back to the play. Filming was terrific. It was so amazing how

everyone moved as one unit on stage and offstage. It really blessed me to see everyone motivated to help out. I could see how motivation would be a little easier if the spotlight is shining on you and all the attention is coming your way. When the movie would be over, people would say, "I saw you." Even off stage, behind the scenes where nobody sees, people were energetic and excited to help in any way possible. This really touched me. The ladies with the make up, props, camera crew and the set designer all did a fantastic job. God gave so many wonderful ideas how to accomplish each and every task. Everybody gave everything that they had towards the formation of the set and when all the pieces were put together is looked beautiful. I believe that this experience gave everyone involved a testimony of relying on God to accomplish what is expected or asked of you. The Bible states in Philippians 4:13 that ***I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*** When we are about our Father's business, this is always true, because He is going to give the ability and show the way to fulfill that which is required of you. Our responsibility is being plugged in and a willing vessel.



Bigthan & Teresh

Paul Davis - *Prince Admatha/Chamberlain*

When I first became involved in the production of the story of Esther, I was purely expecting just to support whatever my wife's efforts were in playing Vashti. I thought my role would be one of praying for her, being her chauffeur and helping her to practice being the Queen. However, the time of the first rehearsal at Mahomet came and I was asked if I could fill in as the narrator, as well as play the role of a prince in the king's banquet scene. Then I was asked if I might be a chamberlain that arrests Haman. I was happy to assist in these areas, especially the narrator part, as this is something I quite enjoy.

The day of the rehearsal came and I quite enjoyed myself doing whatever I could to assist. I was very impressed with the level of some of the acting, in that it very much portrayed what the Holy Spirit wanted to convey in the midst of this story. But I could not understand one thing. How was it that Pete Schneider was going to be the narrator? I mean, after all, a Central Illinois twang? What kind of

accent is that for a narrator? All the best news commentators have neutral, upper mid-west accents, of which I most certainly have. Ah well, two parts and no speaking.

Well, when it came time to go to Dubuque and see the production in actual application, I have to say that I repented of my questioning, for I was able to see first hand the preciseness of God's hand in the choice of various actors, including the narrator. What I observed was a man who was believable in the role of a participant in the activity of the King's court. Besides, here was the use of someone who has a much greater ability for memorization than I have. Also, having the white hair and beard made for a much more credible historian. I was very blessed to see how God knew the business at hand.

While participating in the play, I found myself meditating very much on the story of Esther. I even was dreaming about it in the night seasons. One thing that God brought home to me in the midst of the story was His absolute attention to detail. In the story of Esther we see that the main antagonist is Haman the Agagite. One day I was reading this story and this word "Agagite" jumped out at me. I thought, "What people are these Agagites?" Knowing that the suffix "-ite" implies "of the line of," I focused on the word Agag. Sure enough, there was an Agag of great fame who would have fathered a people. Without going into a lot of study for the sake of brevity, I encourage the reader to look up this fellow Agag. There are references to him in a couple of places, mainly as the king of the Amalekites that Saul was to eradicate from the face of the earth. However, what we see in this account was that, because of Saul's disobedience regarding the complete slaughter of the Amalekites by letting Agag be spared, some of his household must have made an escape. To me, this points out the need for absolute eradication of sin. Agag represented an uncleanness that God wanted eradicated from off the face of the earth that Israel would not have to receive of any of their pollution. However, because Saul compromised, if only just a small amount, this nearly cost the whole nation of Israel eradication some years later. But God, in His omnipotent power, wisdom and might, saw to it that His word was kept even to the uttermost. ***Utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass*** (1 Samuel 15:3). Haman and his family, representing sin, were eradicated, even as God made the occasion for this to occur. This is preciseness that makes me to know that God is in all the details. May God bless you as you meditate on these things.

Pavlina Davis - *Queen Vashti*

What Does "Queen Vashti" Have to Say about the Play?

I, too, was given the great privilege of participating in the

Esther play. The reason why I say "privilege" is that I believe it was one of the occasions God used to move in people's lives and I was one of those whose life was changed. Let me just share with you, in short, what the Lord has done for me personally.

My husband and I arrived in Dubuque towards the end of shooting, as our parts were scheduled later that week. The first thing I noticed was the presence of God in the studio. I watched those who had given all of their time, mind, soul, as well as energy, to this project and could not stop thanking God for what I was seeing. It was not one or two people laying down their lives, but EVERYBODY! They were giving all they had to ensure this project of the Lord would come to a desired end. It was something I had never experienced before. You always get to see somebody here and there laying down their lives for God, but seeing so many people at the same time was quite an experience. As I watched the business of the "beehive" (it truly looked like a beehive), I began to notice how different gifts that God placed in the Body stood out distinctly. One was anointed to paint the scene and another one to arrange it, another to stand behind the camera, another to put the make up on the actors, another to act, another to direct, and so on and so on. It was obvious "who was who" and what their part was in the play. And not only that! When the time came that the particular gift in an individual was to be manifested and "take charge" in leading, everybody submitted to the gift. There was no one stepping in and saying, "I have a better idea. Let's do it this way," but everybody submitted to the gift God had anointed. I could not help but think, "God, this is Your Body! This is how it's supposed to work!" Even with minor misunderstandings and struggles, it was still His Body moving towards the desired end.

There could be much said about different miracles God did in our midst as well as about different scenes performed. However, the scene that touched me the most was the one I participated in (how surprising!). I would have never thought how difficult it would be to display somebody who is wicked even unto the marrow of their bones and yet remain in the Spirit of God as one of His servants. The whole scene was very hard to shoot. There had to be a lot of prayer and counseling involved before we heard the final, "It's done!" But even though it was not easy for anybody, I came out of it with a strong feeling that we had accomplished more than just one scene for the movie. I believe we had conquered the spirit of Vashti in our lives on a level we had never done before. Praise be to God! And in the midst of all of it, I came to a resolution: I never, ever want to be like her for the rest of my life as long as I live. May the Lord help me!

There was another experience that happened during those days that totally changed my life. Even though I had only three lines in the

whole play, they still were three lines and I had hardly any voice left due to having been sick for almost two weeks prior to that. And so, the elders prayed for me. For some reason, which I didn't understand at that time, they insisted I sit on the king's throne while they surrounded me with oil in their hands (it was a beautiful majestic throne, which you will get to see in the movie). I didn't feel very comfortable about it as, "Who am I to sit on the king's throne?" kept running through my mind. But... try to say NO to the elders! As they prayed for my healing, one of them got the unction to rebuke the "Czech" spirit that holds people in bondage and subjection and says, "I am the king and you are the slave and therefore you are going to do what I tell you to do!" It didn't surprise me as that week was the week of prayer and fasting for tearing down the power of this particular spirit. But what surprised me was that as the prayer was coming out, I heard a voice saying, "I have given you to sit with Me on my throne." I didn't feel any different at first, but as the days went on, I began to realize that something had changed. I was experiencing much more authority in the spiritual realm and the circumstances that would bring me to subjection before, suddenly brought a sense of power and strength to my prayers as well as to my soul. And I knew God had done an eternal change in my soul. Praise be to Him for His throne and also, for providing a throne at the play!

I cannot wait, probably as everybody else, to see the play finished and on a big screen. I believe there is much more the Lord will speak to us through it as we watch it and I also believe its message will go much further than to our fellowships only. Thank you, Brother George and Sister Sue, for obeying the Lord and giving us the opportunity to be part of His work in this hour! And thank you all for your faithfulness and diligence so that even I was able to see with my own eyes the Body of Christ coming together and moving as one in order to fulfill God's purpose on the earth.

Rebecca Sigwarth - *Hadassah/Esther*

I could fill this whole bulletin with the testimonies I have from before/during/after filming Esther. But, since I want to keep everyone in as much suspense as possible until we launch the film, I won't reveal too much! ☺ This has been one of the most incredible experiences of my life! I don't know how else to describe it. God was so good to us in every aspect.

When I was first approached with the idea for doing Esther I was ecstatic! I thought it had the potential to be an awesome project! I'm not an actress so I hadn't ever thought of actually being on screen... But apparently God had other plans! When I was first approached and asked what I thought of playing Esther I thought, "I could do that."

Well, that was my first thought. Half a second later I thought, "I can't do that." We all decided to pray about it, so I took the matter to the Lord, and I really sought Him for an answer. I was acutely aware that Esther was a huge part, and that if it wasn't done right, the entire film would be ruined. The more I thought of that, the more I decided I did not want that responsibility. So, I had almost decided that the Lord was saying, "No!" Then, one night I was praying about it again before I fell asleep and I just couldn't get to sleep. The longer I tossed and turned the more I felt completely insufficient and the more I told the Lord that I couldn't do it. I finally fell asleep, but sometime in the middle of the night I had a dream. I can't tell you exactly what the dream was, but I know that in the dream I was Esther. I remember that I knew all of my lines perfectly and I was in the scene where Esther says, "If I perish, I perish." In the dream, being Esther was as natural to me as breathing. I wasn't nervous at all; in fact, I was very confident. I woke up suddenly and when I remembered what my dream had been, I knew that the Lord was rebuking me for my doubts. I felt the Lord saying very clearly to me that my abilities (or lack thereof) didn't matter at all to Him. God was completely capable of making Esther come to life. All He wanted was a willing vessel to work through. I knew that if it was the Lord's will for me to do this that He would be with me. So, feeling a little better and a little apprehensive all at the same time, I went back to sleep. The next day was Friday and I didn't have a chance to talk to anyone about what the Lord had told me. That afternoon my sister called me at work and told me we were going to have a meeting that night to announce parts and start planning rehearsals, etc. "Announce parts??!!" Ten minutes later my mom came into the shop to tell me again about the meeting. Then she calmly told me that "Sue wants you to be Esther." So that was that. It was decided.

Over the next 6 weeks of sewing, painting, rehearsing, etc., I had many times of doubt and discouragement, but over and over the Lord kept using different people to bring me the same word of encouragement. It was the same word that the Lord had spoken to me in the middle of the night. I practiced and worried endlessly... Thus, the time passed quickly and before I knew it we were in the studio getting ready to film the very first scene (which I was in) and it was too late to back out. The Sun-



Queen Esther



King Ahasuerus' Banquet

day before we went in to film, the Lord had given us the song "Through God We Have Power to Move Mountains." The line that spoke to me the strongest was "If we give Him our lives nothing is impossible." I knew that if I was going to be able to accomplish what I had set out to that I would have to yield completely to the Lord. I didn't have it in myself to portray Esther accurately; I had to "Give Him my life." From that point on, I had no choice but to press on and not look back. And from the moment I first stepped foot on the set God was there with me. So many times I did things as Esther that I hadn't practiced or that I never had thought to do. I truly believe that God was working through me.

One of my favorite things about working on this project was working with the brethren. I've never before seen such an awesome example of Body ministry. Everyone pitched in with self-disregard. There was no jostling for "better," "more glamorous" or "easier" jobs. Everyone only gave everything in their power to support everyone else. There were times that I would be exhausted, hot, hungry and discouraged after filming for 8 hours and I would be running out of the studio and down the hall for my third hair/costume change of the day, (wishing that I could go somewhere and be alone for a half second so I could cry) and all along the hall people would stop to hug me, tell me I was doing good or give me a bottle of water. It was so encouraging to me to see the Body working in this way. Everyone was working hard to support everyone else; such fun! We all bonded in a new way and it was

very exciting to see. I can't wait for another project to come along so we can do more of this working/bonding together!!

I also had a grand opportunity to work with some incredible actors and actresses. I never had any doubts about anyone being able to pull off their part, but I was extremely impressed with the talent I saw in our actors. And of course, George and Susan Herrig are wonderful to work with, as always! And, we were very, very privileged to have Miss Eubank on board as director! We also had some awesome and incredibly talented costume designers! It's an experience I will never, ever forget, and if there's one thing I learned that stands out above everything else, it's that God wants to do great things with us! And the most exciting part is that if we give Him our lives He *can* do *great* things with us!

Renee Sigwarth – *Make up/Costumes*

I was very blessed to be involved in the filming of the Esther play. When I was asked to pray about the timing of doing the play, I went to the Lord and asked Him if this was enough time. We would have only six weeks to do all the preparation: sets, costumes, script, casting, practice, props, and then one week to film. The Lord said to me, "If you don't do it now, you won't be able to do it." He did not say to me that it was enough time. All He said was if we didn't do it, we never would. So forward I went.

As I prayed about the task ahead of us, it came to me about Joel's army. It says, Joel 2:7-8, ***They shall march every one on his ways and they shall not break ranks: Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk everyone in his path.*** I also thought of the scripture in Philippians 2:4, ***Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.*** I began to get a glimpse of the place the Body was going to have to move in to accomplish the task before us. I could see that it was going to be my responsibility not to break out of my rank, and to do everything I could to help those around me to be able to do what they were supposed to do.

The preparation time was extremely intense, to say the least. The costumes turned out to be a much bigger project than what we had anticipated. It stretched out before me as impossible from the beginning, and it only seemed to grow! One day, toward the end of the preparation time when I was growing weary of sewing (which is not a strong suit of mine), I said to one of my daughters, "Come lay hands on me and pray that I will want to sit down and sew more." The devil seemed to hinder us at every turn because five sewing machines broke during the course of the sewing. We worked in every spare minute and laid down everything else we were doing except the absolute essentials. When it came right down to the start of filming, we had given

everything we had and it seemed we were still short of where we needed to be.

I went into the week of filming really crying out to God, knowing we had given all we had and believing He could meet us to make up any lack. On Sunday, before we went into the studio, the Lord gave us the song "Through God We Have Power to Move Mountains." While we were singing, I felt like we were singing from the other side of the week, already completed, but we were prophesying to ourselves and to the Devil.

The week of filming was like nothing I have ever known. The Body moved together in the most amazing way. I volunteered to do hair and make up for the first day of filming because it seemed that there was no one else to do it. I personally didn't know anything about make up, but somebody needed to do it, so I volunteered. The Lord provided the help. Here, unknown to us, one of the sisters from Mahomet has done stage make up before and could quickly instruct the rest of us. That was the first of many things that God did for me personally during that week. Moments later, I found that we needed two costumes that we had never even thought about. The Lord gave us two ideas and we were able to pull together two new costumes in a few minutes out of things we had already prepared.

The night before we started filming I had not slept very well because I was trying to keep straight all the things I still needed to do to prepare the first scene. Two costumes that had been a particular trial to me were needed in the first scene. They needed to be re-worked; part of them had not even been started, and the last sewing machine had broken. The Lord gave me an idea in the night and three sisters to help me at the studio. The costumes were ready on time and looked great.

Friday night, we were working on a set of scenes when one of the sisters realized that we were going to need two additional costumes for three characters that we had never even considered. Six costumes in half an hour! My first reaction was, "I'm not head of the costumes. It's not my job." But, as I saw my sister struggling, I repented and cried out to God to help us. I said, "God has not let us down yet and He won't do it now." Once again mercy was extended to us, and again from what we had already prepared, God brought forth what was needed. When the last group of actors walked out of the dressing room in their costumes, I was so humbled.

Saturday night, after we were all done, I could not sleep. I kept going over in my head all the things God had done for us, the many times He extended mercy to us. As I thought of this a scripture verse came into my mind, "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence..." I could not

remember the rest of the verse, so I hopped out of bed and ran down to look it up on the computer. Proverbs 8:12, ***I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and I find out knowledge of witty inventions.*** I had to stop myself from laughing out loud with joy. The Lord had certainly showed Himself to us in this time after time during the filming.

I was very blessed and humbled to be a part of this work of God. I am thankful to the Lord and to each of my brethren. I look forward to what God will do with this film, and the blessing it will be to many people.

Tyson Asbill – *Haman*

When my agent contacted me and informed me that I had been given THE starring role in the afore mentioned movie, I said to myself, "Well, Self, it's about time that I begin to get the respect that I deserve!" I immediately instructed my personal assistant to contact my lawyer and have him meet with the director and the production staff to explain to them that I would be doing all my own stunts and as such the pay should reflect the extra measure of realism that I was bringing to the production. After all, I am The Premier Action Star of the time and at last I get my sword-fighting film debut... What? This is Esther? I'm playing who? Who? Haman? Doesn't he die at the end? Where's My Agent?!

It's definitely best that I don't have an agent. I was (I almost said browbeaten) strongly encouraged to get this testimony of my experience with the Esther play done. To be brutally honest, I didn't feel like I had much to say. I felt like: "I was asked and I said yes." But I do realize that there is and was more to it than that.

To start from the brutal beginning, I was home one evening when I got a phone call from our Dear Director and when Shannon told me who it was, I knew exactly what she was calling about: that garage roof that I told her I would do. Boy, was I surprised when she said that there was going to be a production of Esther and that she was wondering if I would be interested in being a part of it. I thought perhaps they needed me in some behind the scenes aspect. Our Dear Director knew that I liked to play with words, so maybe there was something there (in working on the script), or hold the boom mics, or work with the sound or something. No. She didn't mention any of that, not at first. I thought about it for a moment and then said, "Yes, I would love to be involved. How?" "Oh, well that's good. Would you consider being an acting part?" "Sure," and, David, the role of the King did slide through my mind. "Would you consider playing Haman?" That took just a little longer to think about. But not that long. I thought about Haman, about who he was. I thought about the fact that for the rest

of my life I would have little children pointing and shouting, "There's Haman! He was evil! He got hung!" I must admit, that that did give me pause. But not much. Of course, I had to say, "Yes."

After that first conversation, I went to my Bible and went into Esther. I wanted to know what the Bible had to say about the story and much more, what the Holy Ghost had to say to me concerning my part. There have been novels written about Esther and movies made with big Hollywood actors, but they have all fallen miserably flat on their face because, though they may have mentioned His name once or twice, they have left God out of the entire production. They chose rather to focus on sensational details in a fashion that the Holy Scriptures never even mention. Sub-



Haman

points were woven into ornate scenes, whether written or filmed. I was excited to be part of a production that was dependent upon the Holy Ghost's leading. One blessing of the production was that it was not Holy Text, though the script adhered directly to the Scriptures. Lines were able to be added that allowed for a smooth transition from written King James English to Viewable Video Format without any concern of "adding or taking away." When the awards come rolling around, I'm sure that the production will definitely win "Best Adaptation." My favorite line of course being, "Would you like some 'whine'?"

In the following weeks leading up to the shoot, I reread the book of Esther at least twice more and, thanks to the computer, various passages countless times, looking to it for instruction and inspiration, for my part.

The first rehearsal came and it was really the first read-through, the first rehearsal, and the first rewrite all rolled into one meeting. It was over too quickly. From 9 to 5, eight hours gone, like smoke from a very small match. Who took the matchbook? Where did it go? I wanted to start a fire that would burn all night. I think that I can honestly say that I was the only one that wanted to stay. I wanted to run it from the top, again. It was Saturday. Sunday morning was hours and hours away. Again, when several weeks had slipped by like dark smooth water under a foot bridge and the second rehearsal came, it, too, sped by too quickly. Although, it was, naturally smoother. But as Inigo Montoya says, "Pttt. Over too quickly."

The shoot dates came upon us suddenly and we loaded the girls

in the van. Shannon threw the bags of everything that we might need in and away we went: in the wrong direction. We had to go to town, it was imperative, and then finally, two and a half hours later than I had hoped, we were on our way to Dubuque. What was wrong with the van? I'm going almost eighty and we ain't goin' nowhere. It took forever. The return trip was much shorter.

We did finally arrive and were able to settle in at Chez Nik-Nik (a.k.a. Nicky Story's apartment) quite comfortably.

The morning came. Too early. But excitingly enough.

We arrived at the studio and for the second time in my life, my face experienced the "wondrous joy" that is make up. (All that I'll say about the first time is that I was young, very young.) It took me several days to stop dabbing at any itch that I had on my face. It felt quite silly to be in public tapping my cheek or forehead with an index fingernail or the corner of a piece of paper or some such other item for no apparent reason. Though the make up staff did strive to bring out my eyes or some other facial feature, I am very adamant that that is something left strictly for the stage or screen. No fears, friends. You won't find any hint of eyeliner on the construction site.

Again with the puff of smoke. The filming flashed by. There was not any great sigh of relief. No "Finally, it's done." Nothing like that at all. Perhaps some relief at the thought of everything returning to normalcy. Whatever the cause, when it was all said and done, there was also a dissatisfaction. I enjoyed the experience so incredibly. The hustle and the bustle, the sleeping on set between shots, being vacuumed around by the set dresser. If you look close enough, you may see a body shaped outline in the carpet. I could have continued for another entire week of filming. I was there for three days. Some actors have been on a location for fifteen months. I think that if that had been the case I would not have minded, as long as I got to have my family with me. Those girls are wonderful!

I had a great desire to follow our Dear Director to the best of my ability and fear that I may have let her down a couple of times and one time for sure, at least in my own estimation. The talent and the passion that our Dear Director had for this production was awesome. She gave it everything she had and she encouraged me, by her commitment, to bring my game up to the best of my abilities and I hope that I did.

I loved it.

I was looking forward to playing That Wicked Haman from the start. I enjoyed the jocularly of it all. Referring to each other by our screen names: The King, Mordecai, Mehuman, Hegai, Haman. But it all came to a close for me in a nice, neat package. I was able to

close the door on the entire experience easily. It simply swung quietly on its hinges, the bolt sliding across the strike on the jamb, slipping quietly into its pocket with a soft click, soundlessly resting against the stop as I simply released the handle and walked away. I do not think it boasting to say that I may have had it the easiest of all the players in dealing with the film's ending. Unlike before the filming, I have not thought of myself as Haman since the last night of the film schedule. On Friday night of the shoot, Haman was justly executed, and for me, having my last scene on Saturday night, Haman was quietly buried. With the exception of Bigthan and Teresh, Haman was the only speaking character who had a definite end.

My hope is that this film will be an encouragement more than an entertainment to all who see it, young or old. My hope is that it will break the barrier that most entertainment provides, the mindset that says, "Oh, so that's the story of Esther," and the viewer goes on about their daily life and any time they think of Esther, whether in thought or conversation, they reference the show they saw or the book that they read. I hope that, by the Spirit, it will encourage the viewer to seek out the Scripture for themselves and that the Endtime Message that it speaks of would be made plain and evident to the reader.

The King Lives On! The "Queen" Lives On! "Mordecai" Lives On! "Haman" is going to get his end!

Shannon Asbill – *Unofficial make up artist/props person*

I first learned that there was going to be a film about Esther when my husband was asked to play the role of Haman. I was happy for him and thought that he would do an excellent job portraying Haman. But as time went by, I started to have a hard time with the fact that I was never asked to be a part of the production. I was sure that I could play the part of Esther, but then I wondered if maybe I was too old, or too chubby, or not pretty enough, and perhaps that was why I hadn't been asked. Then I thought of Vashti and I just knew that I could play her. Or maybe Haman's wife. I could be mean and nasty, surely I could. Why didn't they ask me????? (Notice I never once thought of myself as a bit part.) As I fussed and grumbled in my heart about this, the Lord asked me a question. "Do you want to be in it for My glory or for yours?" I was instantly humbled and quite ashamed. I knew that I wanted to be in it, not to be a blessing for everyone else, but to get myself praised and applauded.

I was still struggling with this when we left Mahomet for Dubuque, enough so that I almost stayed home, sure that if I went with, the children and I would just be in the way at the studio and I'd end up stuck all day long at the home of the person with whom we were staying.

This was in my heart and mind the first day that I went with Tyson to the studio. I had to go in order to know where he was going to be, and so that I could have our van in case I actually did go someplace while he was filming. Once there, though, I decided that we could stay and see Tyson in his costume and say hello to all our friends and brethren that were already there. When I got into the costume/make up/prop room, though, there was so much to do I felt like I couldn't very well just stand around and watch everyone else scurry when I could quite easily lend a hand. I started with just helping do Tyson's make up, and that led into doing a lot of other people's make up, helping with some of the props, and helping my mom with all of her fabric runs to Hobby Lobby. We ended up being there every day we were in Dubuque, helping with whatever needed to be done. It was good to be useful, even if I wasn't in the "limelight." In fact, working behind the scenes was even better than if I'd been one of the "stars" because I was doing it to be a blessing rather than to get one. And it's quite interesting that, if I don't tell you specifically who's make up I did, or what props I helped with while I was there, you would never even know I had a part. God is so good at doing what is best for us.

David Wickboldt – *King Ahasuerus*

I had heard about Dubuque's production of the story of Esther at some point in January. At that point it was still in the discussion stages and we had gone up for a weekend visit and the Sigwarths presented the idea that Kristi and I might be able to contribute in some way. We both agreed that we would help in any way we could.

It was about a week later that I received a phone call asking if I would play the part of King Ahasuerus. I had told them I'd do anything, and the part didn't seem too hard, so I gladly accepted. As time went on, we got a script, started memorizing lines, and were able to participate in one preliminary rehearsal in Mahomet. Then our schedule got busy, and we went into a week of recording the film in studio with virtually no practice. Amazingly enough, and certainly by the grace of God, the on set rehearsals and subsequently, the live taping went very well.

My part as King Ahasuerus in the Esther film is one that is a type of God. As we rehearsed, and taped, and I portrayed that character, I was constantly reminded of the position of God with respect to the spiritual significance of the particular scene. Sister Shari had encouraged us to "become" our character, and knowing the meaning of the King, it gave me a unique perspective that I had never considered before.

I was amazed at how the Body of Christ worked together to accomplish this production, from start to finish in barely six weeks.

And as we taped, each person that was there at the studio played an important part, from those who were on the set acting to those who were making everything happen behind the scenes. Everyone just did a marvelous job.

One testimony that I shared after we had finished taping had to do with the audio equipment. I knew that Nicki was having a lot of trouble all week with it, and due to my involvement with the play, I was not able to do much to help her with any of it. In one particular scene, I was supposed to get up from a table and walk off the set. Apparently, every time that I got up, the microphone was cutting out – thus making it useless for my lines when I came back onto the set. They were having me sit down, stand up, sit down, over and over, to make sure that it would work when the cameras were rolling. So we started the scene, I got up, and went to walk off the set. But as I got up, the microphone clip fell off of my belt, underneath my tunic. Somehow, in the 20 seconds or so that I was off camera, I was able to reach down, find the microphone clip, re-attach it to my belt, and walk back on camera. Those in the sound room were not even aware that anything had happened! So this is just one of many examples of how the Lord moved during the Esther taping.

George Herrig - *Mordecai*

While meditating on what to write I found it most difficult as to, "Where do you begin and where do you end?"

It has been on the heart of my wife, Susan and several of the young people to bring the book of Esther to life on video. Once the decision was made to do the film and the timeframe set, the brethren were off and running. The script had to be written, sets had to be designed, costumes and props needed to be created, and casting for the various characters in Esther. That was just the start! The Lord spoke to us that the success of this film was contingent on our allowing the word in Esther to form and shape our characters as we focused on the natural arena of what was needed for the film.

I was personally excited to see this all come together. Our experience with Little Tree showed us what God can do when we work together in the Body of Christ. So, I kept thinking my video experience was my portion and input into this film. Well, as the cast was being chosen, one of the young ladies approached me after Sunday Service. She asked me to consider playing the character of Mordecai in the film. Now brethren, I am most comfortable behind the scenes and have never acted before an audience in my life. Everything wanted me to say NO, but I told her I would get back with her on my decision. It was a blessing and honor that they thought of me, but surely they

could come up with someone better than I. In sharing with others what had been asked of me, I thought surely they would agree that someone else should and could play the part better. No, in fact they thought I would be perfect for the part. I felt I was in trouble. No way out! Did they not know I surely could not act? My experience with that deep soft voice within me convinced me to say yes (although it took me two weeks to give the young lady my decision).



Mordecai

As we pursued the memorization of lines and the short intervals of practice, there came a word that made me to know I could trust God in order to fulfill the part. That was fulfilled when Shari Eubank spoke to all of us during our first practice in Mahomet. She spoke about being in character, thinking, moving and expressing the very person you were portraying. I realized at that moment that I did not have to TRY to be that person but to actually believe that I was Mordecai. A peace flowed over me that

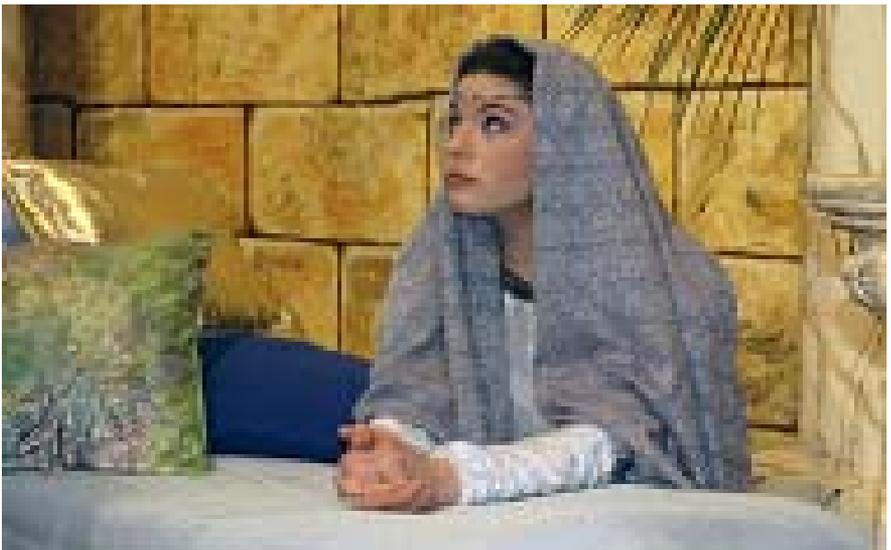
brought assurance I could do what was asked of me.

Time was of the essence and the logistics of the various persons in different localities for practices was difficult because of scheduling. In fact, there was not one single practice where everyone was present. The practices had to be done part here and part there with substitutes for those not present. Again God's faithfulness was present time and time again. As we came into the weekend before the scheduled set up and filming there remained many questions unanswered. Will the costumes be ready? Will lines all be memorized? How can the acts be recorded when our practice was so limited? What about the props? These were just a few.

Then the grace of God moved in our midst. Monday was the first day in the studio. It was devoted to erecting the set, building the props, setting up and testing the equipment, lighting and sound, assembling the make up and dressing room (it also doubled as our dining room). We were brought to a new level of excitement and expectation as the set came to life. At 5:30 that night we realized the existing carpet in the studio was too small and the wrong color for the set. The cameras were also picking up the vinyl tile floor (did they have that in Shushan the Palace?). We needed a floor that would exhibit outside the gate as well as be the basis to change for the other sets. We called various businesses that sold indoor-outdoor carpet. Hmm...

green artificial turf! There was not agreement to that. At 6:00 p.m., Mike Waddick suggested calling the carpet place that gave us the cardboard rolls for the pillars. A call was made. It just so happened (Oh really?) that the store's showroom carpet had been replaced. It was sitting in the warehouse. The man asked the dimensions of the set. The store was closing in one half-hour. They would donate it and cut it to our specifications if we could come and get it. Several of the brothers were out the door five minutes later. As we laid the carpet that night and saw it was the perfect color, we praised the Lord for His goodness.

Tuesday to Saturday was dedicated to the actual recording of Esther. On that first day, a number of Mordecai's scenes were filmed. My greatest concern was the scene of Mordecai fasting and praying while in sackcloth and ashes. As I prayed and we began to film the scene, the Lord gave me insight on what I was to do. He showed me what Mordecai must have felt when he heard the decree that all of the Jews would be destroyed on the thirteen day of the twelve month. I then began to imagine the decree coming to pass in our time against all of our brethren. My family's faces came before me, the faces of our brethren in our fellowship and in Mahomet, as well as the other fellowships in America and in Europe. A great grief came upon me and I knew what Mordecai had felt. The first day of filming went well. Time will not allow all that transpired. Day turned into night and night turned into day. There was no knowledge of outside contact or what was going on in the world. We were in the time of Esther and everyone



Queen Esther prays

lived, breathed and worked to bring about that accomplishment both in front and behind the scenes. No job was too big and no job was too small. If there is any scripture that would be appropriate for all working together, it is Ephesians 4:16, ***From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.***

Nothing was left out and nothing had fallen short. We ended the filming portion late Saturday night. As God made the heavens and the earth in six days, our time in the studio was the same length and as God rested on the seventh, we also rested the next day giving testimony and sharing the joy and love of God for all that was accomplished.

So now, the last and final stage is the post-production and editing that goes on even as you read this. A number of the brethren are working very hard with the proofing, assembling, editing, music overlays, etc. Please continue to pray for this very important part and we hope that by August, Lord willing, this project will be ready for all to journey with us through the story of Esther.

Susan Herrig - *Producer*

When the Lord began to speak to us about the film Esther, the thought came, "Can we do this?" I was well aware of the enormous task ahead. We would have hurdles to overcome that had not confronted us before in other projects: the cast would comprise itself of several fellowships, many of the cast are employed, thus work schedules had to be considered, the need to film over Spring Break in a short span of time, the need to have favor with MediaCom Studios to open up on Saturday (something they had never done prior to Esther), not to mention the set needed to be designed, 80 + costumes needed to be sewn, props, etc... Did I mention that the timeframe to do this was six weeks?

I sought counsel from those near and dear to me as to whether this was even feasible. Seven acts, 27 scenes, four different sets... my mind was like a calculator figuring we would have only 1 ½ hours per scene in order to accomplish the goal. This was indeed a most ambitious schedule, yet everyone I sought counsel from said it was possible. One dear saint counseled me of her concern that if we didn't do it NOW, it would never get done. We began to move!

When I was a mother with small children, I use to search for 'spiritual food' that was proper for the children, whether it was books for them to read, videos to watch or music to listen to. The need to provide what was good and accurate in accordance to the Word of God was something I took very seriously. This thought came back to me

and reaffirmed that the film Esther must be accurate, that little ones and their parents were depending upon us to do this exactly right according to scripture.

In going before the Lord, He began to speak about our young people and the parts that they would play. All those involved in the play have testified that God surely had who He wanted for each part: Esther, King Ahasuerus, Mordecai, even to the Fan Boy, guards, little maids and the page. Those who played Haman, Zeresh and Vashti had the responsibility of bringing to life dark, rebellious individuals who stand against everything this brother and these 2 sisters are aspiring in God to become. It is an interesting note to interject here that the scenes that gave us the most difficulty were the ones in which Haman is humiliated. We have come to believe the devil did not want us to be able to convey this, but we feel we were most successful.

If I might interject a personal note, my husband had been asked to play the part of Mordecai. I had thought from the very beginning he would be perfect, but I asked God to confirm it. When a young lady approached me with the idea, I was very excited. I asked her to be the one to ask my husband. Now, my husband is no actor and yet I knew that, as God would speak to him, he would be able to do that which the Lord would require of him. The scene I prayed for the hardest was where Mordecai, in sackcloth and ashes, is praying to YAHWEH for his people. I knew this was not about acting. The story of Esther is speaking to us TODAY! I think I might have been more nervous about that scene than George. Anyway, we cleared the set. I asked my prayer warriors to pray! The clapboard sounded, the count-down...5...4...3...2...1... It was truly amazing. The Holy Spirit fell so mightily. I could hardly move. Andy yelled "CUT" but nobody moved. I was weeping. Well, maybe it was that George is my husband. I looked up, every young person in the control room was weeping. God surely met us and made us to know He wants this film done His Way!

On Saturday, March 26th, the last day of filming, the Lord spoke the word 'endurance' to me. Second Timothy 2:3 says, ***Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*** Endure means: *bear (trials), have fortitude, persevere: to sustain; to support without breaking or yielding to force or pressure.* After putting in a 13½ hour filming day which ended at 10:30 p.m. on Friday, I needed to ask the cast/crew to be back at the studios by 7:30 a.m., Saturday. Not one murmur or complaint was heard. They all recognized what was still before us. I was impressed in my spirit by what all of them had given up to that time. Being on the set where it was 100+ degrees under the lights for up to 2 hours at a time without a break. Possibly waiting for 2-3 hours to be called back in the set for their next scene. Or others having 4 scenes in a row where they were 5+

hours at a time under those conditions. Now I was asking them to reach down and give a little bit more. No complaints! No murmuring! Smiles, they were all smiling, encouraging each other. Oh goodness, this is what it is all about. This is the 'Body of Christ' moving together in one accord. Hallelujah!

This was a most rewarding experience for me personally. The presence of the Lord was felt among us during the filming of Esther. Recently God spoke in a dream, "It will be what I want it to be and I will give you ALL that you need to complete it." We trust, as we enter into the phase of editing and film score, that His presence will continue to lead us and guide us, and that His Name is glorified. Amen!

Stacy Asbill - *Princess Leila*

There are so many wonderful things to write about concerning the Esther play, but I would like to relate the thing that struck me the most concerning it. When I first walked into the studio, I was simply astounded at the level of professionalism that went into every aspect of the production and quickly realized how they were able to achieve that. Every person there had a position and job - not just the actors who you will see in the play, but the countless others who were performing behind the scenes duties. All those involved in the play provided a natural demonstration as to how the Body of Christ is to function, each one fulfilling some portion that contributed to the larger picture. The neat thing was that, as a need arose in any given arena, someone would just step in and begin to fulfill that need, and not just half-heartedly, but everything was done to the utmost of that individual's ability and they saw the task through to the end. I was so blessed to see the intricacies of many people working together for a common goal and, what would be insurmountable for a few to accomplish, was done with a smoothness and ease by the many who participated. I think God gives us natural, practical examples for us to see a demonstration of what He desires to do with His Body. It gives me an excitement to think what God can do with us as we yield ourselves to Him and fulfill His purpose. As we come together then, there is an expression of His plan and purpose that is carried out by His Body. Praise the Lord!

From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love (Ephesians 4:16).

I am greatly anticipating, not only seeing the play when it is finished, but also what the Lord is going to do with it. We do not know how the Lord may use it and to where (physically and geographically) it may bring the message of the Kingdom. Who knows but that it has come "for such a time as this"!