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Keeping In Touch

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



My soul doth magnify
the Lord, And my
spirit hath rejoiced in
God my Saviour.
Luke 1:46-47

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Dear Readers,

Welcome to our November edition of Keeping In Touch! It is hard to believe fall is already here and the end of this year will soon be approaching; the time has flown by so quickly! We hope that you can take a moment to curl up with a nice warm blanket and enjoy reading through this month's issue.

We are concluding the message that Burt Asbill shared in Dubuque this past summer. We are also including a word shared by Alade Agbabiaka at the Atlanta conference over Labor Day weekend. Many were blessed by these words so we want to share this blessing with you!

Nuggets for the Needy continues to inspire us in our walk with the Lord; Melissa shares with us what the Lord is speaking to her with regard to this month's selection.

The Lord is abundantly blessing us with new arrivals so be sure to check out the Baby Announcements to see the newest little ones to be born. Let us keep them and their parents in our prayers, as well as all the expectant moms and babies in our midst. We count each one a joy and immeasurable blessing!

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God bless you all!

Prophetic Word

Tom Campbell

Thursday, October 8th, 2009

Our Father and our God, we look to You tonight. You see the problems, You see the sickness, You see the death and You are well acquainted, Lord, with us and with our needs but, God, we call upon You tonight. We look to You, Lord, for You have the answer. You have the solution for every problem and situation. God, we need Your Life. We need a manifestation of Your Life, Lord, to come and to quicken each one of us. We know our calling, Lord, and we know the hope of our calling and we are acquainted, Lord, with Thy ways and we know, God, that You have called us as a latter-day people. We know, God, that this is not because of any goodness that we have, but we are called according to Your divine purpose and You have brought us thus far, Lord. We have not gotten to this place in You per chance, but God, You have brought us because You have destined us for this day. You called us, Lord, out of darkness into Your marvelous light and God, we so need Your Light for there is still some unanswered questions in some of our hearts, there is still the cry of our soul, Lord, to be delivered from the bondage of this flesh. But, oh God, You are mindful of these things and we implore You, God, to come on the scene and let Thyself, Thy Spirit be known in our midst that we may have direction

from You, that we don't just go about, Lord, in our own strength, not the strength of our own will, but God, we implore You - we need You. WE NEED YOU, LORD. It is not a case of some item that we need of food or clothing. No. Nay, God, we need more than that. WE NEED YOUR LIFE, GOD for it is Your Life that overcomes these things. It isn't just our hope, it isn't just our wishful thinking but it is Your Life. So would You condescend, Lord, and would You come forth in the midst of us this night and speak, Lord, that we may hear and understand that it is the voice of our Beloved that speaketh. We ask You, Father, now to overrule every inclination of the flesh, every thought that is born in the mind of man. We ask, God, for a clear revelation and vision of what it is that You are saying, why it is, how it is that we may walk in this Light - that You are that Light. We commit, Lord, all words and action to You this night. Let Your will come, let Your will be done and Your Kingdom come. In Jesus' name. Amen.

About a week and a half ago or so, I was meditating in my bedroom. As I was meditating, to my surprise, I looked up and there was an angel standing in my room. To my amazement, it wasn't as I have seen before in the past, for I have seen angelic hosts and so have you

many times in our lives. But this angel was different. This angel didn't look like the other angels that I have seen in the past. I noticed that he was quite tall in stature, but I noticed that his color was not brilliant nor was it of a bright white light that I have seen in the past, but it was of a gray, of a darker color.

I immediately responded by asking, "Lord, what meaneth this?"

The Lord said to me, "I have sent a watcher."

I know what that means. In fact, somebody asked me today, "Is that scriptural?"

I said, "Yes, it is."

For if you are acquainted with the Word, which most of you are, it is Daniel 4:13-17 where there was a watcher that came in the dream that Nebuchadnezzar had and said to slay and to cut down the tree. So I wondered.

My response immediately was, "Why is this watcher here? And why is he watching me?"

Immediately I thought, "Well, Lord, You are scrutinizing all of the things in our lives and You are looking at us and God, You are searching us out in a more definite way than before."

I thought then as I looked closer, if this is perhaps a death angel; perhaps it is time for the Lord to take me home. So I was much

confused at first and bewildered. I didn't understand what the Lord was saying.

A week and a half now or two weeks have passed by and then last evening...

May I say that at this time right now I should have been in the State of Connecticut. I was due to speak at a fellowship there. Yesterday, Judy was saying to me during the day, "You don't look well. I don't think you should be going."

She usually doesn't say this. Well, I ignored it like most of us husbands do where our wives are concerned and I didn't pay much attention to it. But in the early evening I got quite sick and I got dysentery quite bad. I was sick to my stomach, I felt feverish and I felt very sick and limpid. My feet began to swell and I couldn't get my shoes on and I knew that something was going on that shouldn't. To my dismay, I realized that I was not in any state of mind or body to travel. You know, dear brethren, when God wants to speak to us and stop us He sure can do it. He can stop us dead in our tracks if He desires to and it seemed like this was exactly what He was doing.

So last evening, I was sitting again and meditating. Of course, I had begun to cancel airline reservations and any other reservations and arrangements that had been made and let the people know that we would not be coming. There was great disappointment and I wondered after I hung up if I wasn't just yielding a little bit to my own flesh weakness or maybe it was the devil trying to stop me from going. But as I meditated further, as a flash of lightning... I mean this is how quick the Lord speaks to us sometimes, you, as well as me. When I say "we" I am including all of us. Sometimes it is like a bolt of light-

ning, sometimes we are not meditating on the subject and He speaks very, very clearly and distinctly that it arrests us. It apprehends our attention.

He did this. As He did, I sat down again and the Lord said to me very clearly that I should look out in vision and He brought a vision to me. He asked me to look out in the land before me in the Spirit. He asked me what I saw.

I said, "Lord, a city."

The Lord said, "Look again and tell Me what thou seest."

So I looked again and I saw that there was a high wall surrounding this city. The Lord asked me again a question, "Do you know the name of this city?"

I said, "No, Lord. I don't."

He then answered me and said, "The name of this city is Pride and those that dwell therein are called Boastful and Arrogant."

I wondered for just a moment what it was that the Lord was beginning to say to me for He was talking about a city. You know we are called the city of God. We know that there are many cities in the natural but we are called the city of God. I somehow believed and had the understanding that He was directing these words unto us - the city of God.

He went on to say, "For they that dwell in this city, that is, some that dwell in this city, they say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do these things to us because we are His special people.'"

I said, "Lord, is that Boastful?"

He said, "Yes."

He made me to be still and to listen. He said, "Satan hath blinded the hearts that you would believe a lie."

We are only His people if we walk in obedience to His Word.

Then He went on to say, "I shall

cause this city to fall and those that dwell therein and there shall be great lamentation and sorrow and weeping."

Then the Lord asked the questions. He said, "Did I ask of thy help when I formed thee or made the heavens? Nay. Therefore, who art thou, oh man, that you question My will and My wisdom? For you are as the small dust of the balance and less than a worm that crawleth on the ground."

He went on to say very, very stern like, "Except you repent now I shall not call back the death angel. But even those that are in thine own midst shall be taken."

I became very concerned, deeply concerned at what was being said to me for I know that God was addressing us and He was saying that in our midst there are those that have been rebellious against the voice of God, against His Word and that God was setting an example and showing us the seriousness of the time, the hour and the Word that He has brought to us. Beloved, we cannot take the Word of God lightly. We cannot read it as a novel or a magazine or the daily paper.

The Word of God is God and God is the God of the Word and what He sayeth, He meaneth and there is no jesting in God whatsoever concerning His Word. This Word came so forceful to us and I wondered at what He was saying. He said that this angel that I saw was sent to slaughter.

I said, "Oh God, what shall this be?"

He said, "Of land, of sea, of air I shall slaughter."

I said, "What, Lord?"

He said, "Multitudes."

This was something that was not going to be done just in our own midst, but worldwide. He said it

was not going to be the work of terrorists, but it would be by His own hand.

By the time He had finished talking, the angel was gone and has not come back. I wondered if this was beginning already. But, you know, in my grief and sorrow I felt led of the Spirit to turn to Lamentations, the Lamentations of the Spirit of God through Jeremiah the prophet. As I read this, I wept. In the first chapter – well, all of them – but in the first chapter He describes Israel, Jerusalem, who were the apple of God’s eye. She was a beautiful city. She was adorned and she was blessed of God. Now, her glory was taken and her strength had failed and she was not eating of this heavenly life, this manna, but she was eating of this sour bread and it was not good to the taste. How could this happen to such a great and mighty people? How could such a thing happen to a people who had the glory of God in their midst? How could such a thing take place when the power of God was there to protect them, to feed them, to clothe them? He fought against every enemy they had. They defeated one foe after another. They conquered and they conquered and they shouted with victory in their camp and a song of praise went up before God: God, He is our God; He is the captain of our salvation! God was with them and God did not forsake them.

Now we look at the condition of Zion. We have had great truths, revelation and light that God has given to us. God has bestowed upon us His love and His grace and His glory. As I was meditating on this, I remembered in the Word where a prophet asked, “Who is left among you that can remember the glory?” (Haggai 2:3). Oh, Hallelujah. Is there anyone among us? I

can remember the glory. I can remember walking into the presence of God in a conference that the presence of God was so great that it overwhelmed you and the glory was so great that you fell down on your knees and you worshipped God. I can remember instant healings and miracles and deliverances and people raised from the dead. Are there those that I am speaking to now that can remember the glory? I believe now there is sickness, there is death, there is sorrow. Oh yes, there is, and there is unbelief, there is fear, there is lamenting in our midst.

And the Lord saith, “I will restore. I will restore, but first there must be repentance.”

There must be a sincere repentance on our part. We can no longer do what we have done in the past. We can no longer walk in our own ways any more. We cannot do, we cannot go, we cannot even speak and I am not going to get into the furtherance of the Word, but He did bring to my attention that there has been whispering going on behind closed doors. There has been plotting and there has been anger and there has been gossip and there has been tale bearing and the tongue has become like the serpent’s tongue, like a fire, as James says, and it is trying to destroy (James 3:6). Because of the murmurings and the complaining and the accusing and the accusations that have come forth, God is not pleased. God shall deal with it now. We can ask mercy.

The last chapter of Lamentations, what a prayer! My God, what a prayer. Lamentations 5:1, ***Remember, O LORD, what is come upon us: consider, and behold our reproach*** (our national disgrace!). ***²Our inheritance is turned to strangers, our houses to aliens.*** ***³We are orphans and fatherless,***

our mothers are as widows. It goes on to say all of the loss that they have had and the correction that God has brought upon them.

Saints, I believe, like Abraham, when all seemed at loss and he couldn’t see the light at the end of the tunnel, he couldn’t see the sun rising in the horizon, he said, “I hoped where there was no hope.” Let that be our cry. God is merciful, He is slow to anger and He is gracious to forgive. I believe we are all included in this.

You may say as you examine your heart, “But God, I have been obedient. I have not done this, I have not done that.”

BUT did we pray? Did we intercede when we saw this happening? Did we call out to God that there would come deliverance and healing and forgiveness?

I believe that angel was just as real as I am sitting here talking to you.

I believe that God is saying, “This is My final call.”

If we disregard it again, this will begin. In fact, He told me that it is already beginning, already now beginning.

Saints, we can say a lot of things:

“Well, Brother Campbell, we are being bombarded by a lot of satanic forces.”

That is true.

“Well, Brother Campbell, our leaders are just wicked.”

“Our government is corrupt.”

That is all true. But you know something? The buck stops with us for we are to pray for our nation and pray for those in authority. So it still comes back to us. Have we been faithful in the place where He has called us?

If not, then God is saying, “Then this shall surely happen.”

Saints, we cannot deny the fact

that there is much sickness in our midst and there is death at the door and many of our precious ones have slipped away. I don't think you would like for me to go down the list of those who have already been taken, but we have to face facts: they are gone.

I am not going to debate for the circumstances of each individual. That is not my business. My business is to obey God and to declare what He has spoken to me and said. I trust that in the very near future I can bring the entirety of the word that God gave to me along with this vision. Tonight, I feel just to share the vision and then to leave it up to you for your consideration and for your prayers.

May God have mercy on us. May God give to us that wisdom.

One more thing before I be quiet. The Lord said that we have become slack and we have become soft. Paul says to Timothy, "Do the work like a good soldier" (II Timothy 2:3). I thought about my time in the armed forces when I lost my freedom momentarily. I lost my liberty to go, to do, to eat, to sleep where I wanted to. I went out and drilled and drilled and drilled. What I thought I could never do I did. For down inside of us is the Spirit of the Almighty - that when we draw from Him there will be strength and life and victory such as we have never known and the world has never seen.

I said, "God, how I complained at night when I was in the armed forces." I can remember how happy I was after eight weeks of basic training to get my first time to get to go to town to go to a meeting where the gospel was preached. I wasn't fussy then. I didn't want to know what kind of a thing was over the door, what shingle. I just wanted to hear the Word. Oh, may God stir our hearts to a point where we will seek after Him and quit being so soft and quit being so weak and allow God to restore us in His strength and in the power and might of His Spirit.

May the Lord bless this word to our hearts. Amen and amen. 🙏

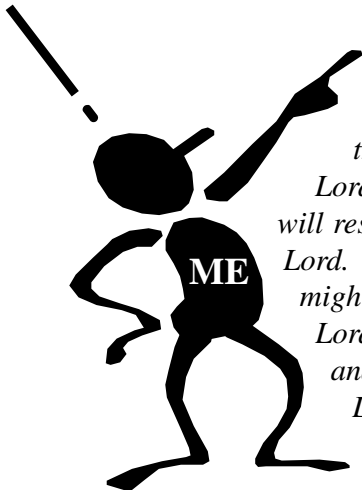
Baby

Arrivals

Baby Karolina
Born to:
Kamil & Petra Jezek
on October 8th, 2009
at 2:23 p.m.
She was 9lb 2oz & 19.5 inches.
Our sweet baby girl and her
mummy are doing okay!
Praise the Lord!

Baby Ester
Born to:
Martin & Kveta Hloska
on September 30th, 2009
at 9:45 a.m.
She brought us big joy!
We are very thankful for this
wonderful gift from God!

THE OF God REALITY



Prophecy:

Thus saith the Lord, I do walk to and fro throughout the whole earth, seeking the heart that hungers and thirsts after Me. I do walk to and fro throughout the earth, saith the Lord, seeking the heart that is hungering and thirsting after Me. Surely it is that heart that I will respond to, it is that soul that I will touch, it is that dwelling that I will inhabit, saith the Lord. For surely this is the hour, saith the Lord, of thy soul opening up unto Me and that thou might give unto Me that which is of thee that I might give thee that which is of Me, saith the Lord. For surely I would give unto thee a garment that is spotless for the wrinkled, stained and torn garment which is upon thee, and I would give thee oil in thy empty vessel, saith the Lord. For I would pour out My Spirit upon thee. Is it not written that in the last days I will pour My Spirit upon all flesh? Yea, I say that it is an outpouring of God that is coming to envelope and to inundate the realm of humanity, saith the Lord. It will reveal that

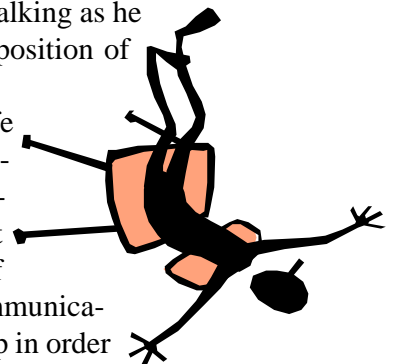
which is right, saith the Lord, and that which is wrong, saith God, on the basis of the heart and the desire of that heart and where its thoughts and desires are, saith the Lord. It is a glory that I will put upon all people, saith the Lord. For surely, were there not 12 with Me in the room, saith the Lord, and was there not one of them that betrayed Me? Surely, saith the Lord, did I not give unto them all My glory? For even as it is written in the scripture, "Father, the glory that Thou hast given unto Me, I give it unto them."

Surely, thou shouldst examine thy heart. Surely thou shouldst come before me, yea, and let Me touch thee in thy soul, saith the Lord, that I might change thee and that I might give thee the strength, determination and tenacity to stand, as it were, before My altar and receive that which I would give unto thee, saith the Lord.

Message:

It is always so very good to feel the presence of God. In the worship last night and this morning, you could sense the heart of God, the desire and the longing that is in His heart for His people. In the very beginning, the Bible says that He walked with Adam in the cool of the day (Genesis 3:8). That means that He came down out of that realm of shekinah glory. We can hardly even begin to imagine the reality of that presence that Adam experienced with God, but, you know, it is a presence that God desires to share with us. It is a presence that God desires that we would desire to have. Adam was a living soul. Adam wasn't born as we were born, under the curse of sin. He was created as a living being. In that place of life in the garden with God, Adam wasn't doing as much talking as he was listening. I think we need that nature that desires to hear God in our lives and position of Christianity. God wants us to reach through our humanity. He wants to rend the veil.

You know, life seems to have beaten some of us to death. Or at least, it seems that life has knocked us out and we are spiritually unconscious. I don't want us spiritually unconscious and it is not God's desire for us to be spiritually unconscious. There is a relationship that God wants with us and our success in the Lord will be based on the extent of that relationship. Hallelujah. Do you know that a marriage succeeds or fails on the basis of relationship? Families succeed or fail on the basis of relationship. There has to be communication. There has to be mutual concern and mutual participation in any kind of relationship in order



for it to succeed. Businesses are built upon the spiritual principle of relationship.

I am not an intelligent individual, but I am coming to a conclusion that the Bible is not as difficult as we seem to think it is. It says, "Unless we become as little children, we cannot enter into the Kingdom of God" (Matthew 18:3). It says that a little child shall lead them (Isaiah 11:6).

Turn with me to Hebrews 11. There has been so much ministered on this chapter by people who are much smarter than I, and who have had more years in the Bible. Some of them have many degrees after their names, know the Greek, the Hebrew and all of the semantics. You and I don't need that. We need the Holy Ghost, the validation and the moving of the Holy Ghost to understand the principle and the reality of what God is saying. It is not an informational thing. What do they give you when you go to school? Information. I went to school and they taught me. I wasn't there back in 1776, they just told me about it. That is all they did. They gave me information. On the basis of my grasping that information, I got smarter. At least, I think I am smarter. But **servicing God is not on the basis of information.**

Now, I don't know why He speaks like this to me, but He does. A year ago, the Lord woke me up and spoke to me that there is a spirit of a higher order that is coming against the Body. Do you know what I mean by a spirit of a higher order? In the U.S. Army, in order of rank, you have Private, Specialist Four, Corporal and Sergeant. Then you have the cadre of officers: Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Colonel, Brigadier General, Major General, Lieutenant General, General and General of the Army. That hierarchical system is also in the principalities.

I said to the Lord, "You mean a religious spirit?"

He said, "No. It is not a religious spirit. It is a spiritual spirit."

So, that meant that there is a spirit that is going to take those things that are spiritual and use them to deceive the church. Now, I could get really scared over that, because I know who I am and where some of my susceptibilities are. I know where I am gullible.

Hebrews 11:1, *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* Verse 2, *For by it the elders obtained a good report.*

You can read down through verses three, four and five and it talks about all of the things those elders did with their reality of what the Bible is calling faith. It kind of explains itself, doesn't it? Now, I could give you a big theological exhortation on what I believe faith to be. But, it could be just as wrong as wrong can be. I may have all the right words, I may have all the right approaches, but it would be interpreted differently by God in

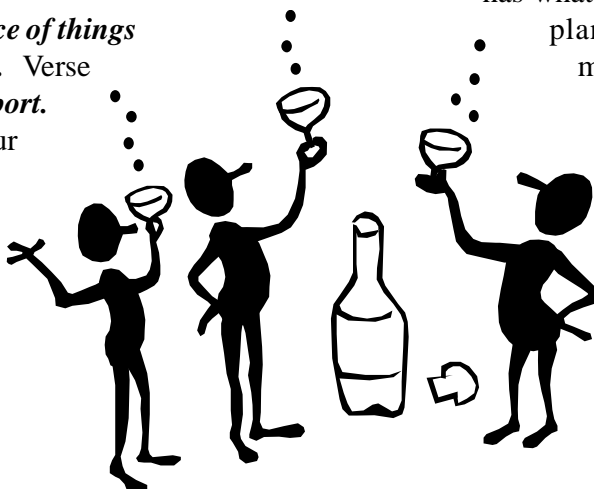
His Word. **God interprets His Word.** What does He say faith is? Hebrews 11:6, *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

So, faith is not something outside of myself that I am wrestling for and trying to achieve. I am not working myself into a lather because I don't have it and I don't seem to be able to grasp hold of this abstract thing that the Bible calls faith. The Bible says something that is not abstract at all. It says something very simple. It says, *...He that cometh to God must believe that he is...* What? Well, if you don't believe Who Jesus is and you don't know what Jesus is, in what are you going to have faith? It is simple! Simple, simple, simple. Faith is nothing more than the reality you have of Jesus Christ and what you believe of Him, how you believe in Him and who you think He is.

What made you confess your sins? You came to some sort of conclusion, didn't you, that this thing called God is really real? There is something about this thought that is not just a figment of my imagination. **There is something really real.** Why is that difficult? I mean, were you theologically oriented? Did you know the Greek? Did you know the Hebrew? Did you know the revelations of the end time? Did you have any kind of understanding about the 144,000, or the First Fruits company, or the sons of God as the manifestation of this or that? Or did you just come to some sort of conclusion that this man called Jesus is really real? What did it do? Boy, I'll tell you what it did to me. It scared the hell out of me. It scared me so much that when I became aware of the reality of Jesus Christ, I came to a revelation of hell. I hadn't had that revelation of hell before. I was in hell and enjoying hell and being hellish and all of the things that hell was doing was being manifested in me and I was enjoying it, to some extent, until I came into confrontation with the reality of Jesus Christ. "Boy! This thing is really real and I am in trouble!"

There is something that I want to interject here. The devil has what I would call "alternative plans." You know what I mean. If he cannot keep you from becoming a Christian, then he is going to try to derail you and distract you from becoming a total Christian.

I had a vision on the first day of the Schuyler, Nebraska, Conference in 2003. I was looking into an of-



fice, and in the office there was this Man at a desk, and there was another man standing behind him in an “at ease” position. He was in a blue uniform, had a blue beret on and his chest was labeled with all these ribbons. He had a gold braid on his shoulder. You know, sometimes I see these things in great detail; sometimes I don’t see them in any detail at all, but this was vivid. He was standing at ease and he was part of this Man’s force, His elite. He had a beret on and on the beret was this solid gold emblem and I couldn’t see what the emblem was. All I knew was that it was gold. He didn’t have any brass on him. You know, the army has brass, brass buttons and all of those things. It was all gold and his shoes were just as black and shiny... it reminds me of when I was in military school, many, many, many years ago. Whoever had the shiniest shoes for Sunday inspection would get a prize. They would get a pass and they would have time to go into town, so we would spend hours shining our shoes. You know, we didn’t want any cracks in them, so we had to walk flatfooted, without bending our toes, down to our place in line and stand at attention. That’s the way this man was. He was impeccable. He was impeccably dressed, impeccably stationed and he was just looking straight forward. He had no business other than just being there until the Master spoke.

He was standing there behind the Man at the desk whom I knew to be the Lord. It’s funny - His desk was like an electronic console. Sometimes it looked like beautiful mahogany wood, brightly polished and then all of a sudden it would be transparent and I would kind of strain my neck and look trying to see what it was because you could see different things going on, different activities, much like a camera that was in many different places showing many different things. There was a chair that

DIVERT, v.t. [L., to turn.]

1. To turn off from any course, direction or intended application; to turn aside; as, to divert a river from its usual channel; to divert commerce from its usual course; to divert appropriated money to other objects; to divert a man from his purpose.

2. To turn the mind from business or study; hence, to please; to amuse; to entertain; to exhilarate. Children are diverted with sports; men are diverted with works of wit and humor; low minds are diverted with buffoonery in stage-playing.

3. To draw the forces of an enemy to a different point.

and he never would look at the Lord. He looked to the right, looked to the left, looked over His head... One time his eyes flicked across this fellow that was standing behind the Lord, and all of a sudden, I saw this hate and contempt, but just for a moment, you understand, and then his gaze flicked around and flicked off. He sat there for a little bit and fidgeted around and finally the Lord looked

was sitting right up before Him and I knew, in the vision, He was waiting for somebody to come. He had an appointment. Who do you think walked through the door? Satan walked in the door. Now, I have seen Satan on two or three different occasions. He’s always been self-assured. He’s always been dressed the same way. He has these really expensive suits on, he has these expensive shoes, he has a nice suntan like he spends all of his time down in Florida. His hair is always very nicely swept back and it always has this shine to it. He looks very much like the executive type, always confident and assured of himself. But this time he wasn’t like that at all. He was very uncomfortable. He was fidgeting a little bit. When he sat down in the chair, he didn’t sit as an executive would sit. He kind of slumped down and over to one side

up. He had been looking down at His desk as though He was studying something and He looked up right at Satan and for the whole of the conversation, He never took His eyes off of him. He said, “Where have you been?” Satan said, “To and fro throughout the whole earth.” He said, “Have you seen my saints gathering in Schuyler? They have come to worship Me, they have come to exalt Me.” Satan kind of fidgeted around a little bit and he kind of leaned over and put his hand up on his mouth and he said, “Well, they’re easily diverted and subverted.” I don’t know why the Lord... That’s the only time He looked down, and I sometimes wonder, if He would have kept on looking at Satan, if He would have extinguished Satan, wiped him out. But nevertheless, He looked

SUBVERT, v.t. [L. subverto; sub and verto, to turn.]

1. To overthrow from the foundation; to overturn; to ruin utterly. The northern nations of Europe subverted the Roman empire. He is the worst enemy of man, who endeavors to subvert the christian religion. The elevation of corrupt men to office will slowly, but surely, subvert a republican government.

This would subvert the principles of all knowledge.

2. To corrupt; to confound; to pervert the mind, and turn it from the truth. 2 Tim.2.

down at His desk a little bit and kind of paused in a meditative way. Then He looked up to him again and He said, "Go and do what you have to do." And then Satan disappeared. The Lord kind of did something at His desk and all of a sudden He just spun around in His chair and He pointed at the fellow that was standing at parade ease. He didn't look at the Lord, he just kept looking straight forward and the Lord turned around and He pointed and He paused and I could tell that the man was fighting to keep his position and his attention on just being a soldier. He pointed at him and He said, "And it's your job to stop him." The man lost his balance. He lost his balance and he kind of staggered back a little bit and I could hear within him, "But God, what am I supposed to do?" And that was the vision.

Well, one of the things that the Lord revealed to me in the aspect of what was happening is that there is a level of spiritual activity occurring. Satan said that they're easily diverted and subverted. Look up the words. You might be a little surprised at what they say. They're easily diverted. So right now there is a spirit of diversion that is being loosed in every one of our situations, and it's not just to divert us, but it gets us in a position of vulnerability where the spirit of subversion can be worked within us and then we become like Eve. "The serpent beguiled me." It's on a different level, a different environment in which you and I have a responsibility or

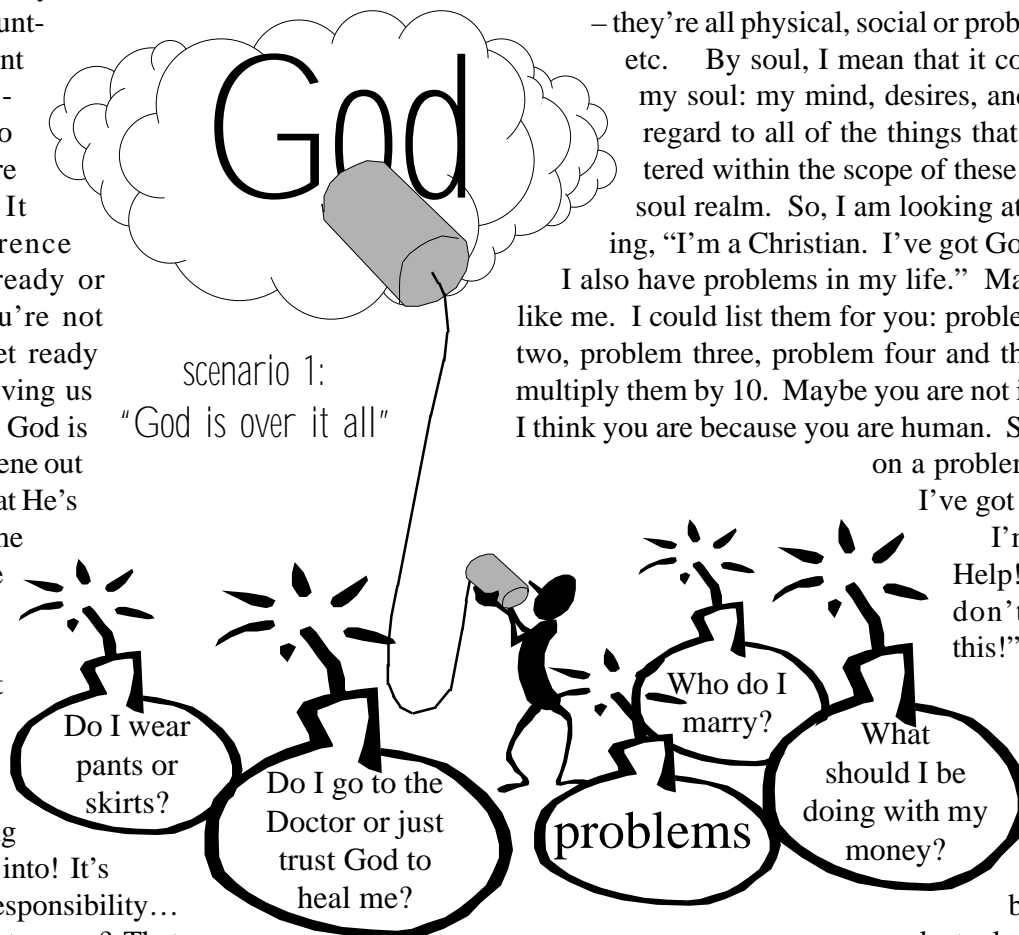
a position of accountability and you want to know something? It makes no difference if you're ready or not. It makes no difference whether you're ready or not. Now, if you're not ready, you can get ready because God is giving us the warning! And God is not going to intervene out of the provision that He's already made in the thing that He turned to His elect. And it was not an individual per se, it was a corporate body of people that God has been breathing the living reality of the Word into! It's going to be their responsibility... You know what that means? That

means that outside of their movement there is going to be no movement! That outside of their victory there is going to be no victory! That outside of their restraint there is going to be no restraint! That the devil is going to be able to come into your home and do whatever He wants to do with regard to your flesh if your flesh is not committed to God on the position of an altar for the fire of God to come and bring a purification and a holiness into your environment, into your mind, into your emotions, into your desires, where you desire those things that are pertinent to the Kingdom of Heaven! If you have not the strength to do that, then get yourself with someone who has the strength that will pray with you, for you.

I want to share a vision the Lord gave me this morning while we were praising. In the vision, I am in a low position, spiritually speaking, and I become conscious of this thing up there called God. I make a commitment and accept Him as my Savior and in doing so there is line of communication that begins to go forth between us. It does something in me and I begin to communicate with Him. I call this the vertical experience. It is also an unattached experience - it works for a while, but then something happens. All of a sudden, I am confronted with things that I would have done without a second thought before I became a Christian, but now these same things are "problems" - who to marry, whether or not to go to a doctor when I am sick, what to wear, what to do with my money - they're all physical, social or problems of the soul, etc. By soul, I mean that it covers the area of my soul: my mind, desires, and emotions with regard to all of the things that can be encountered within the scope of these attributes of the soul realm. So, I am looking at God and thinking, "I'm a Christian. I've got God in my life, but I also have problems in my life." Maybe you are not like me. I could list them for you: problem one, problem two, problem three, problem four and then you can just multiply them by 10. Maybe you are not in that place, but I think you are because you are human. So, I am working on a problem over here, but I've got God over there.

I'm saying, "Help! Help! Help! Lord, I don't understand this!"

This type of relationship develops a theological perception of God that is basically intellectual, not spiritual, and



is religious in nature. Some of my problems might be kind of lessened in some areas, you know, but there is never any type of major victory. There is never any kind of major manifestation of deliverance. **WHY? Because I am not looking at the situation in the right way.** I am not thinking about it in the way that I should think about it. I am separating the aspects of my Christianity into categories - God up in heaven and the world and my life down here. Somehow, I am trying to harmonize and bring them together. Maybe you don't think you are in this situation. I've got news for you. I am not in it by myself. I am not the only one in this boat. I could probably sit down with every one of you and you could talk to me for several hours and tell me everything about your problems and not talk about anything else, if you really wanted to be honest about it. We could be happy-go-lucky and say that we have no problems, but that is really not true.

Now, in the vision there was another perspective that was horizontal. Now, in this perspective, I have progressed a little bit, because now I have solutions, but I have created a bigger dilemma for myself. I have the problems and all these solutions, but now I don't know which ones to take. We work ourselves up and we do a lot of, "I prayed and I prayed and there is this and there is that and I don't know which one to take. I don't know what to do." Have you ever found yourself in that dilemma?

Praise the Lord. At least He is over the whole first scenario, isn't He? I suppose if you keep looking at it from the first perspective, you could say, "Well, yes. God is over everything. God is in control." How many times have we used a scripture to justify our position of weakness?

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God... Well, we like to leave out part of it, you know what I mean - ...to them who are the called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28). Most of the time we just stop with, "All things work together for good. Well, God is over it all."

But in the first perspective it does not seem to be raining. Now, when I say raining, I mean raining, raining, raining. Nothing seems to be coming



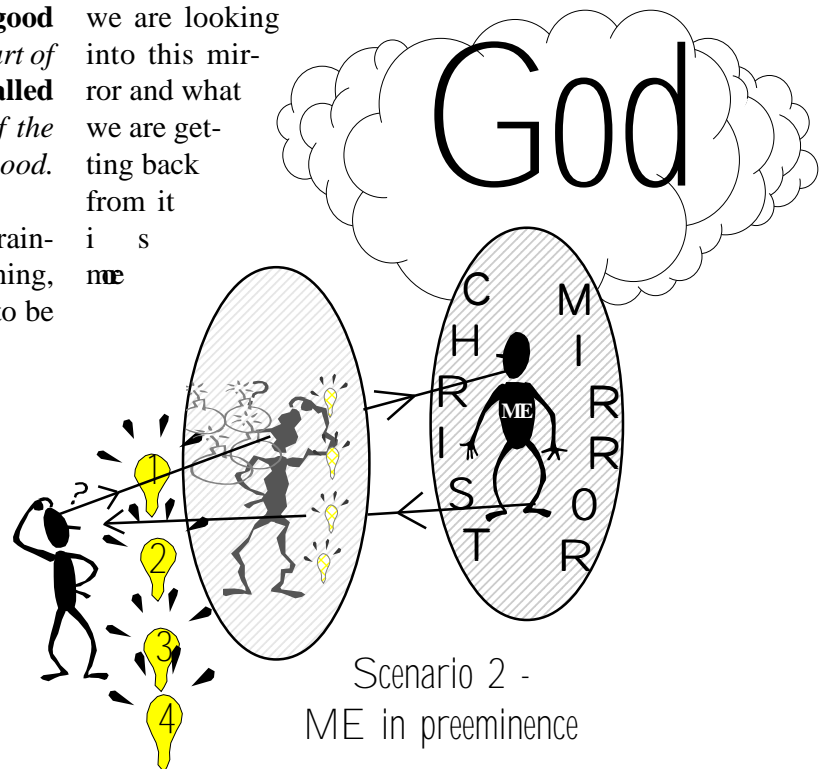
down from God because we still have the wrong perspective. We still have a religious point of view. We are still being church. We are still in the position of trying to intellectually manipulate God. It not only has become religious, but it has generated the spirit of works, because our focus is on what to do or not do.

Tyson and I have been chewing on the message from last night. We were talking about it and he had some very good insights. It was really a blessed time. It began to get me thinking about this thing we call God. We want to make it so difficult, so religious, so very complicated that at the end of the day we say that we can't figure it out, so we just do what we have to do and we usually end up doing the wrong thing. Why? Because we have these incorrect perspectives. And these incorrect perspectives depersonalize God.

But there is another aspect to the horizontal perspective. There are two positions that I can take in the horizontal perspective. One is right and the other is just as wrong as the first perspective we discussed. The Bible often tells us that we are to be like little children, so God will oftentimes speak to us in simplicity.

The Bible refers to man and God in the context of a man with a mirror, doesn't it? (I Corinthians 13:12, II Corinthians 3:18, James 1:23) **For now we see through a glass, darkly...** (I Corinthians 13:12). Whether you think of it as being transparent or reflective is of little consequence because I believe that the Bible demonstrates that it has both qualities. So you have solution one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, and they all have their own issues and effects as far as life is concerned. In the horizontal perspective, it is like

we are looking into this mirror and what we are getting back from it is me



of a reflection than anything else. It is not only what we are getting back from it, but what it is obscuring.

Say we are standing in front of a mirror and the thing that is being reflected the most is what we are in the negative sense. No wonder we are confused. Have you ever tried to read a map and you can't make heads or tails of it? Is North up or is North down? It is no wonder we are confused, because whatever is coming through the mirror is changing a little and coming back distorted. This scenario is basically where the church of the end time is at. It is an incorrect thought, an incorrect perception, an incorrect understanding.

The church needs to understand the correct position. God wants us to look at ourselves through Christ, so that we can see our trouble in the correct amount of light. Hallelujah! It says, *But without faith it is impossible to please him* (God)...

There is a scripture that I found this morning in Psalm 78:21-22. The psalmist was reiterating what happened to the children of Israel when they were going through the wilderness and all of the miracles that were performed by Moses on the behalf of God. It says, *Therefore the LORD heard this, and was wrath: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel; ²²Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation.*

You know, you can have a whole lot of problems and a whole lot of solutions, but if the solutions to the problem aren't viewed in the right perspective you are going to make the wrong decision. So, what is the malady of the church in this hour? The malady of the church is quite simply, **relationship**. Are you there? It is relationship, not *theological* relationship. It is not a doctrinal relationship. It is a relationship, a fellowship between us and God. It is not some theological concept. I am not going to get that reality unless I press in and spend time with God.

I figured out once how much time I spend with God in a 24 hour day. Oh, boy! It is really terrible. I have this perspective, you understand. I have this way of thinking and what little bit of God I get I have to decipher - that means I have to spend more time thinking.

It is a matter of relationship. It is not difficult. I was sitting in a meeting and there was a scripture being read out of Ezekiel 9 about the man with the inkhorn. Now, in Ezekiel 9, the Word that the Lord is speaking to Ezekiel is about the end time. Verse 3, *And he called to the man*

clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; ⁴And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. This verse in Ezekiel 9 corresponds to the verse in Revelation 7:3, *Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.* Now, all of this comes together

on the basis of the place of fellowship that we have with God on a one to one basis, not a theological relationship. Are you confused when I use those terms? **It is not a religious or an intellectual concept of God and Who He is.**

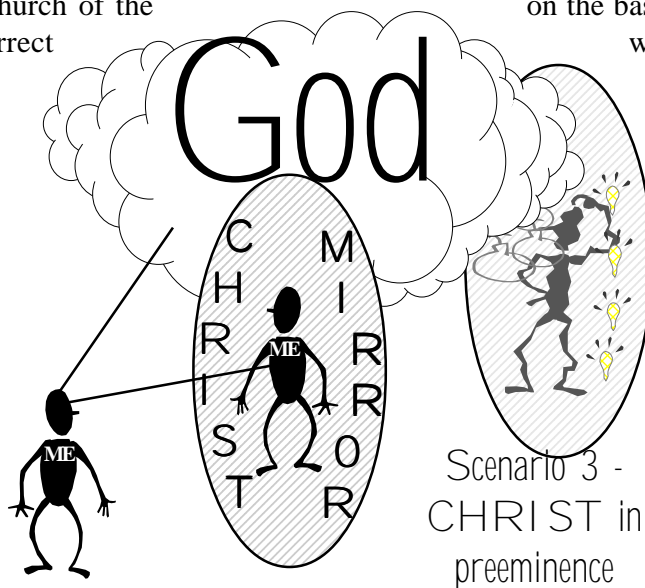
I don't have an intellectual concept of who Tyson is. You say the name, "Tyson" and in my mind up comes the reality of Tyson. I know who he is. I am not talking about Tyson in the natural, per se, I am also talking about Tyson in the spiritual and his position of election.

When you talk about George, up pops this reality of who George is. You could never, ever convince me that George doesn't exist. There would never be a maybe. There would never be a question. There would never be a thought of who he is, what he is, what he would do, what he would not do. Do you understand? There would not be a question.

You know something? If I asked George to do something for me that required a great amount of energy, effort and sacrifice on his part, but he says to me, "Burt, I am going to do it," somebody else might say, "Well, he won't do it." I would say, "You are absolutely wrong. He will do it because I know George. I know his thoughts; I know who he is." I am not building him up; it is just that I know him. We have been in those situations together.

If Tyson were to tell me, "Dad, I am going to do such and such," yet hell and high water breaks loose and people are saying, "Well, he is not going to do it. He won't be there. He won't do what needs to be done." I say, "That is not true. I know the depth of his character and what is in the man."

Do you understand? I know him. I have spent time with these people. I have been shoulder to shoulder with them. I have been down in situations with them. There have been conversations into the night, until 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 in the morning. There has been a relationship of talking to each other and praying and working through the



Scenario 3 -
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mechanics of the circumstances we were in. I know the people that I know. I know, I know, I know them. The thought would never enter my mind that the man would not do what he said he was going to do. **Why do I not have that relationship with God?** It is not God's fault. **It is our fault.** We are so theologically oriented and intellectually smart. It has nothing to do with your IQ. It has to do with the reality of this thing we call God. We show it in our worship. We show it in our time together. We show it out there in our lives. We show it in our homes. Hallelujah.

There are certain things regarding my wife that I can count on without asking. I just know who she is. I can say, "Oh, boy. She isn't going to like that one." Why? Because I know her. I can say, "She is not going to approve. There is nothing that is going to move her."

Why? How can I have such confidence? Because I know her. We have been in situations together. She has made decisions for the sake of righteousness, uncompromisingly, and sometimes it has been pretty rough on me. Sometimes I didn't like it. Sometimes I didn't like the correction that came because of it.

There is something that I have in the place of righteousness. There are some things that I don't do with certain people. Do you understand that? Because I know those people won't like what I do and I don't want to offend, I don't want to hurt, I don't want to cause something to happen. Of course, it goes to be said that if God tells me to do it, I will do it. But I have to have this position of relationship – Christ first. This thing has so much potential.

How do I expect to have a relationship? How can I build a proper relationship? What if I have it backwards? I am not saying that the relationship is not nice or not good. I am just saying that the **relationship is not correct if Christ is not in preeminence.** The relationship becomes, may I say it? ...an idol. It changes its condition or its consistency and it changes its ability of what it will

do. I am of no value to you in that type of a relationship. Are you understanding what I am saying?

The problem in the church isn't the devil. The devil just confuses things. He just wants to muddy the water. The problems

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your homes, your fellowships, in your community or in your family - it is not the personalities that are involved. It is the positions of priority, who/what is in the #1 slot. Christ must be the priority, not the position of relationship, because that becomes religious. Did you hear the word? **Priority!**

Is that right? We could capitalize that. **PRIORITY!** Now, I don't mean that you take God and you beat somebody over the head with Him. I don't mean that you take God out of context because it is possible for you to do that. I mean you must not take God out of context. It says that love suffereth long (I Corinthians 13:4). You have to put relationships in the proper context and God must always be a priority. God has to be a priority **in everything.** Do you hear me? If God is not the priority, it is not the thing or the circumstance that is the problem, it is us. It is us being in the place of Christ, looking at ourselves first and Christ second. Hallelujah.

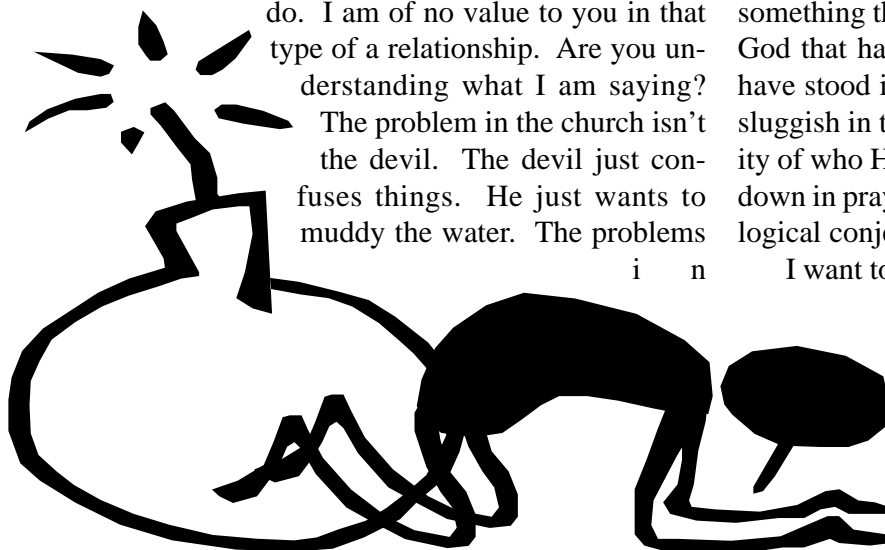
We had a seminar last year in the Czech Republic. It was fantastic. It was one of the few conventions that I have been in in a long time where the Spirit of God was really moving and bringing forth a revelation. Do you know the revelation that He was bringing? He was bringing the revelation on the Holy Ghost! He was bringing it to the Pentecostal Church, bringing it to the church that has the gospel of the end time.

Why did God bring us the revelation of the Holy Ghost? Because we don't know what the Holy Ghost is for. We don't know what the Holy Ghost is supposed to do. We don't really know what we are supposed to do with the Holy Ghost.

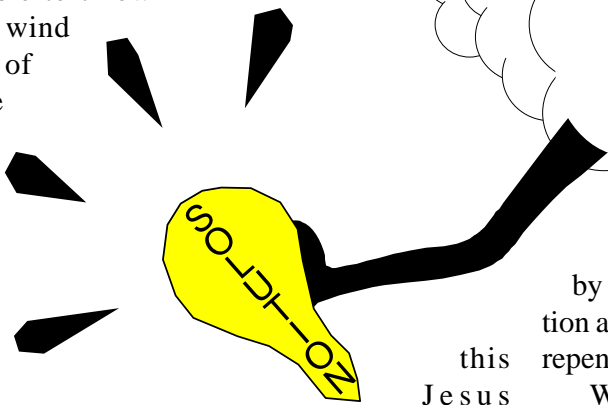
Brethren, I believe tribulation such as the world has never had is coming (Matthew 24:21). I believe that God is sending out the Word of God to the end time church. Oh, you can mark this up as another Burt Asbill meeting and listen to him rant and rave and froth at the mouth, but I am telling you something. **There is a move in the Spirit of God to send the Word to the house of Israel.** There is something that God wants to impress upon the children of God that have heard the Word from the very beginning, have stood in the midst of it and have become somewhat sluggish in their position of response concerning the reality of who He is. You know, if we spent a little more time down in prayer and fasting instead of discussion and theological conjecture, we might see more results.

I want to tell you something. **We are living in an era when God is doing a new thing.** A man

could come in here in times back and have the anointing, have the position of authority, lay hands on you, prophesy over you, heal you or rebuke devils. Basically, it may have freed you, but all it did in a lot of different cases was exalt the man. God



is not exalting a man anymore. He is waiting for the Body of Christ to rise up and **if you don't rise up, He will go out there in the street and He will get those that will rise up**, who are in enough trouble to throw caution to the wind and grab hold of His garment like the woman that **pressed** through the throng of religious superiority that was around man called



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We are so religiously superior in our thinking that we have become useless in the hand of God with regard to the warfare that is coming against the Body. The Body is being attacked and we sit around twiddling our thumbs or thinking, "Oh my, they deserved it."

Or, we just are unattached. **Unattached** - do you hear me? There is a responsibility to be compassionate. **If you stub your toe, I have a responsibility to feel the pain.** It doesn't make any difference whether I like you or not. Liking you has nothing to do with it. It doesn't make any difference if I have something against you. Do you understand? It is my problem. I am going to be personally held accountable.

"Have I not cast out devils in Your name? Have I not prophesied in Your name? Have I not healed the sick? Have I not raised the dead?" He says, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:22-23).

"When did I not do what I was supposed to do?"

"When ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me" (Matthew 25:44-45).

"I'm so busy with my own set of circumstances that I don't have time for anything else. I am so wrapped up in my own personal theology of who and what God is and I am so enamored with my own spiritual perfection." My God. Hallelujah. Or maybe, "I'm just depressed." Tell me, what right do I have to be depressed? Or maybe, "It is just going to cost me too much."

I didn't go into this end time message blindfolded. I didn't go into it with my fingers plugged into my ears. I heard the message 30 some years ago. A seed must fall into the ground and it must die, or it abides alone (John 12:24). Death has been a part of my theology, a part of the understanding, a part of the reality of my experience in God. My position of repentance has never been private, it has always been public. I had to confess my sins, not in my closet where nobody can hear but God. I was required

by the Spirit of the living God to testify to the degradation and death. How many times have I flumped it out and repented for it even all the more? Hallelujah.

We want to get spiritually insulted. We want to get spiritually indignant. We want to come into conflict with personality.

It is not personality. The problem lies right when I begin to accept my position of responsibility - then the power of God begins to move in my life. It wasn't until I came to the conclusion that I had to confess my sins. My God. I think God is grieved to the heart, **grieved to the heart** with those that call themselves "sons of God" or "disciples of Christ." I think He is grieved. We have become like any other denomination. We have become like any other church. We have feuding, fighting, manipulating and pouting. My God. "Well, I'm not going to talk to *him* anymore."

Where is our sense of compassion? Where is our sense of remorse? Where is our sense of concern? God, You have called them, You have put an election upon them, You have put a Spirit upon them. Maybe you should all pray for the spirit of discernment, that you could discern by the Spirit in the Spirit. I'll tell you something: you won't be pointing fingers all around; you won't be blaming this one or that one; you will be down on your face before God, saying, "Oh God, I am a miserable sinner. I am a wretched individual and without Your grace I am finished, I am through. I cannot make it one step, one day, one iota, one second without You. I am not self-sufficient. My God, I need YOU. Forgive me of my transgression, my sin, my presumptuousness."

I don't believe that when the psalmist wrote Psalm 51 he was just writing words on a paper as he was strumming his harp or whatever it was. I don't believe it. I believe that there was a spirit of conviction that was upon him.

I like to look in the mirror, not to see who I am, but to confess what a miserable, wretched fellow this person is and that without the grace and the covering of God, it would be an impossibility for that thing that I see in the mirror to achieve the objective that I see in the Spirit. I want to be changed like Him. It says that of God, doesn't it? It says

that as I look into the mirror of God there is a reflection that is coming back that begins to change that which is being reflected (II Corinthians 3:18).

The foundation for this vision is Colossians 3:1, *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.* ²*Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.* ³*For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.* ⁴*When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

There is a reflection, a ministry that God called into our position of personal relationship.

How much time during the day do you spend with God? One hour? Two hours? Twenty? Twenty hours a day, for the problems and situations here in our picture, is not enough time. We are coming into a time frame where the time is going to have to increase and multiply.

Don't you see the writing that is being written on the wall? I pick up the paper, I turn on the news... With all the stuff they have on the television now, you can't even get the news anymore. I just get this garbage about some man who lived like the devil and died like a devil. Of what eternal value is that?

On what do I spend my time during the day, inundated with problems? Do I say, "God, do You have a solution to this problem? GOD, DO YOU HAVE A SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM? I want to find that solution. I want to be in that solution. I want to see the manifestation of that solution. Oh God, I want to be a part of that solution. I am going to fast and pray. I am going to get down on my face before you, God, and if it is me that is in the way, REMOVE ME! Change me that I cannot be a blockage, but I can be a window, or a door and the Spirit of God can flow through me. Let it be done in secret, God. I want no recognition. I want no exaltation. I don't want this man to become puffed up in his own spirituality."

Let's turn to II Corinthians 3. This is Jesus Christ. This is the Holy Ghost's thought and desire. God wants a church that is in personal relationship with Him. Not on a Sunday, a Wednesday, Tuesday or Thursday, but **24 hours a day and 7 days a week!** I want to work for the purpose of God, raise my grandchildren for the purpose of God, and live for the purpose of God and God alone. This is what it means when the Bible says that God must be in all and all (Ephesians 1:23).

Verse 13, *And not as Moses, which put a vail over his*

face... We touched on that last night (See the September 2009 Keeping In Touch for this message).

We need to repent. We need to repent for being human. We need to repent of being self-oriented, for being self possessed.

Verse 15, *But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.* That is true with the church. Verse 16, *Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.* When it shall turn to the Lord. Where the King James Bible says, *...the vail is upon their heart*, the Amplified Bible says, "the vail is upon their minds."

Let me put this into a different perspective if I may. The Word always proclaims us as seeds. Do you know that a seed has three parts? You can use any seed you want to use, but I'll use the almond because it is in the Bible.

You have the shell, you have the meat and you have the outer husk. The **meat is me**, right?

That is who I am, all that I am, all mixed up together in one little package. That is **me**.

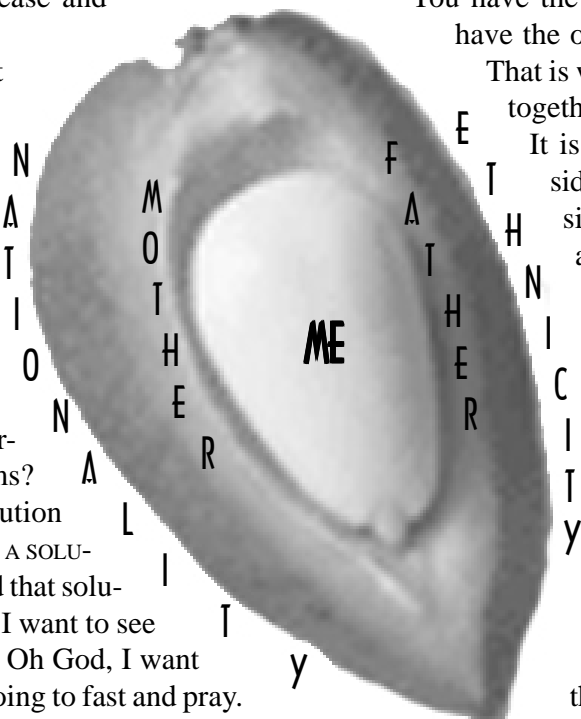
It is my father and my mother on one side, my father and mother on the other side. First, let's overcome the fathers and the mothers and then the grandfathers and grandmothers. I don't have to overcome you. Why are we so much wanting to overcome each other? I have enough to deal with with me. Maybe you don't have the same problems. Maybe you are not as bad off as I am.

I have my father and my mother. If that weren't bad enough, not that I don't love them, believe you me, but I can talk about them because they have both gone on to be with the Lord now. They are prob-

ably standing right there saying, "Yeah, you tell it to them, Burt." My father found Jesus in the end, keep that in mind, please. My father was an alcoholic. Not only was he an alcoholic, but he was an adulterer. I'm pulling them out of the closet, not because I am proud of them, but because I am proud of what God has done. If that weren't bad enough, my mother was a timid person. Timid: easily enticed, easily overwhelmed, easily brought into a place of subjection, until her later years when she became something of a terror. It seems she went from one extreme to the other. Hallelujah. Not only that, but there was the spirit of murder that was coming down through her father and her mother.

God knows what was over on the other side with my dad's dad.

I have made up my mind. A number of years ago,



there was this doctrine that was coming out about the lost tribe of Israel. I don't know if any of you had any association with it or heard about it, but they went to some land somewhere and were swallowed up in the civilization. There was a remnant of them that survived and that was supposed to be **the remnant** that God was going to be bringing forth in the end of time. My mom was sure she was a part of it. She did a lot of investigation as far as her pedigree was concerned. Poor Mom. The deeper she dug, the deeper she got. The hole got so deep and so black that I don't know how Mom ever got out of it.

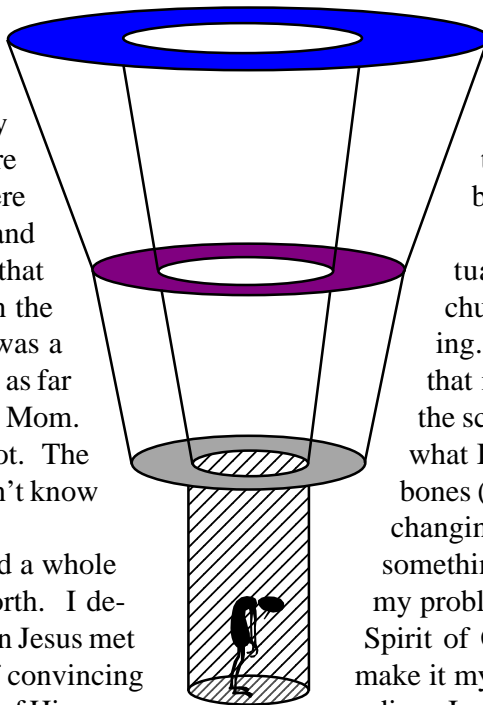
But it did something for me. It did a whole lot for me in determining my self-worth. I decided that I really was worthless. When Jesus met me, it really didn't take a whole lot of convincing on His part that I was in desperate need of His power and love in my life.

Here I am, much like the picture of the almond with the shell and husk around it. The meat of the thing is who I am. The shell of the thing is the immediate influence of my natural heritage that I have around me, the things that have been handed down to me through mingling of the various blood lines. They have passed along familiarities that have been deposited within this thing called Burt Asbill. I have all of this right here. Hallelujah. So, I am right in the middle of all this dirt, but there is also this outer shell and all of the things that pertain to my heritage.

Then, if that weren't enough, I have all this American heritage with the concept of independence, with certain inalienable rights.

So, in the midst of all of this, I am trying to discern God—**no wonder God devised the plan He devised**, because here I am trying to relate to a thing that is called God and I am trying to see Him, as it were, through all of this garbage of my humanity. No wonder we see through a glass darkly!

Then God does something very miraculous. It is called **divine intervention**. If you want to know what the first miracle God ever did for you was, it was when He did something in your soul in spite of your bondage. You could look at it this way. Here is a level and there is a hole. Then there is another hole. Then there is another hole and



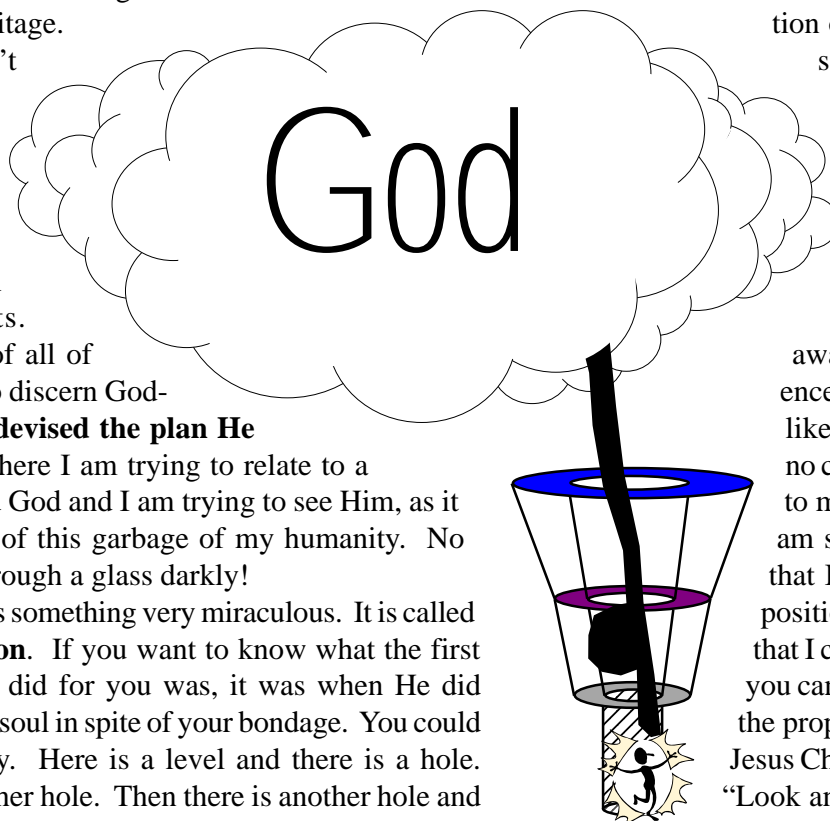
that is you down there. In spite of the impossibility of your condition, God broke through and came with a Word and deposited something in your soul that has the capacity to not only free you but to change you.

Do you know one of the major spiritual complaints that God has about the church? It is that the church is not changing. **It is not changing.** Now, do you think that is my conjecture or do you think it is in the scriptures? It is in the scriptures. Look at what I am saying. You are full of dead men's bones (Matthew 23:27). That means you're not changing. **You're not changing.** Do you know something? If you change or don't change is not my problem, except for the fact that if I have the Spirit of God, I am going to be in a position to make it my problem in that I am going to be interceding. I will not be trying to change you, but I will

be praying that the Spirit of God will do something with the thing that He has deposited within you. If you have no conviction, you do not have His Spirit. Do you want me to repeat that? **If you have no conviction, you do not have His Spirit.** Because it says, *That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world* (John 1:9).

Are we so far down in the depths of our humanity that we do not understand the concept? God is not speaking to the heathen out there. God is speaking to the church. Jesus Christ did not come for the sake of the world, per se, He came to confront the church in their position of hypocrisy and their religious self-sufficiency.

When I say I don't need you, when I act like I don't need you, when I live my life like I don't need you, if I live my life like you are not important, if I live my life like you are just something to be cast aside, then I am not aware and I have not yet experienced the reality of what it is to be like God. That means that there is no change happening within my soul to make me like God. If I have it, I am snuffing it out to such a degree that I am on the verge of losing my position of salvation. There is no way that I can love you, there is no way that you can love me, if I am not standing in the proper position of relationship with Jesus Christ. That is why the Bible says, "Look and judge no man after the flesh,



but after the spirit” (John 7:24).

Come on, brethren! There needs to be an individual shaking of ourselves! We need to examine ourselves in the mirror. The troubles that I am in and the things that are happening around me are working to bring me to the conclusion that I can not help myself or anybody else without something changing within me. I have to first examine my position of relationship with Jesus Christ. Something there is out of order if circumstances are coming down lating, overload-mining for me and what I don't wrong thing, I the right position Christ the only problem.

Trouble is coming! Trouble in the fi-upon us, but we thing yet. We are of nature travailing God. We are going nature rising up to tra- festation of the sons of God. Do you hear me? Earthquakes and pestilence and all of the things that go with famine. We are going to see riots and all of the aspects of humanity as it rises up under the whip that the devil is about to lay upon its back.

What the children of Israel experienced under the bondage of Pharaoh is nothing compared to what it is going to be like in the last days which we are entering. Things are being orchestrated and set-up, men are in place and they are moving. They are moving to orchestrate the plan, the concept and the revelation of the son of perdition - to bring him into a place where all humanity will bow at the command of Nebuchadnezzar and pay homage to the image of the beast. Do you think that you will have the strength to resist the demand if you do not come into a relationship that God is requiring in this end time?

Let me tell you something, brethren. This position of relationship, the scenario where God is over it all, is not sufficient. It is not sufficient! Do you hear me? The songs that you were singing today talk about Zion, about getting up and getting into – this first scenario will not get you up and into Zion. We are entering into a new level of con-

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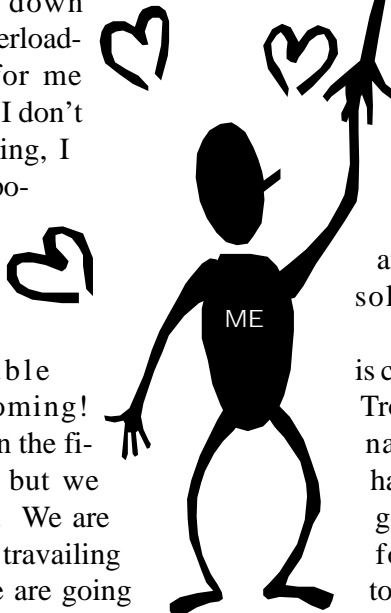
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frontation, a higher, harder, more demanding position of battle. Having “God over it all” will not be sufficient. The only thing that is going to save you and your loved ones, as well as the world, is you seeing things through Christ.

Theology isn't going to support you. Joseph was wise in that he obeyed the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God told Joseph to make provision. I am not talking about storing up bottles of water, but if God tells you to do that, do it. What I am talking about is storing up God in your heart. I am talking about having God in the reality of His triune-ness deposited in this place called heart. If you can't handle the problems you have now and if God is not involved with you in the problems that you have now, brothers and sisters, you are in trouble; I am in trouble.

I could sit there and throw my hands up and say, “Oh, I am in so much trouble! What am I going to do?” I've got something to do! I can repent! It says, **Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you** (James 4:8). Brethren, I can repent! I can repent for my attitude. I can repent for my humanity. I can repent, repent, repent, repent till my lips fall off, but unless I am resisting the devil in all of these areas, unless I am saying I'm sorry and fasting and seeking the face of God, it will do me no good. I personally have to establish a rapport with God that sucks me into Him. Did you hear me? Like a vacuum cleaner. That is what Enoch was like, you know. He got so close to God that the magnetism of God just took over. He couldn't resist it anymore and it pulled him right in. The veil was rent, the curtain was torn and he walked out of the realm of death and destruction into living in LIFE.

Now, some of you are in some very hard circumstances, but those circumstances are not greater than God. It is not a circumstance that is insurmountable. You are in the circumstances because God wants your attention. He loves you. He loves you. He loves you and He knows that you have the power and the ability, the propensity and the potential to do what needs to be done. So He has honored you, but you have to believe that HE IS. You have to believe that HE IS and that only comes with a deep, personal and constant relationship with a living God. ☺



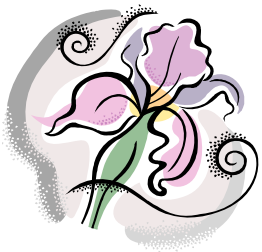


Foreword by Melissa Trotter:

I enjoy the way Sister Mavis describes our soul as a garden, comparing it to the Garden of Eden. God had sweet fellowship with Adam and Eve when He first placed them in Eden and he still desires to have that closeness with us. It is because of the wretched condition of our souls, because of Adam sinning, that He cannot. But God has made us to have dominion over our soulish nature, just as He gave Adam dominion over all the beasts of the earth. We have the power to use the Blood of Jesus Christ to clean our souls, to weed out the thorns and thistles and cultivate the planting of the Lord. We have been hearing the word of the Lord lately that it is imperative that our souls be submitted and changed by the Lord. If we want to be part of that union, when the Bridegroom comes to take us, His bride, we must have oil in our vessels, in our souls. Oil in our souls is symbolic of a garden in the soul that is well tended, that has allowed Jesus to come in and plant His ways and where we have diligently tended to them. It is not just doing things on the outside (an outward garden) that we think are the right thing, but it is listening to the Holy Spirit because he talks to each individual specifically about them, about their soul (the inward garden). It is only between you and the Lord what is really going on in your garden.

I have a short testimony of how this works from my own life. God has been reminding me that death and life are in the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21). I have heard a lot of teaching about this concept. I know

how you are supposed to talk and think in regard to bringing forth life or death. God planted this in my heart but I have probably been very smug about it. The word smug means self-righteously complacent. But the Lord has pressured me with certain situations in my life - His fertilizer in my garden! The trials He allows cause this plant of speaking life to grow more! Furthermore, I have my children, who cannot overcome until I do. So I decided I was not going to go on like that. Something had to change. So I began to apply what I know. I tend to get very overwhelmed with all the stuff I have a responsibility to do and when I dwell on how I feel about it, pretty soon I will start talking about how I can never get anything done, how the children get in the way, what a failure I am, etc. The other day, my daughter had a hard time with math. She was saying all the same things about how she can't ever do it, how everyone is too loud and how terrible she feels. All of a sudden, I realized she was saying the same things that I feel and say! Oh my! First, I repented to the Lord and then I began to talk about how I can do all things through Christ, how His yoke is easy and His burden is light. I talk about how our words are prophecy and how we can talk life. As I have tended this area in my soul, the Holy Spirit has been so very faithful to reveal more weeds to pull out and also many different ways to cause the plant to flourish. I am by no means perfect, but I am finding a secret place with the Lord as I submit and work in my garden and it is very satisfying.



Tending the Garden

By Mavis duCille



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In the story of the Garden of Eden in the Bible, one cannot but discern that there must have been a garden within, as well as a garden without. God Himself was the first Architect of the garden. The Scripture records in Genesis 2:8 that He planted a garden *...eastward in Eden and there He put the man whom He had formed.* The garden within was formed first, then the garden without, and the man was given the freedom to tend and create the beauty in the outward garden which was within.

When Adam fell, the manifestation immediately began to show itself in the outward garden. Animals were killed and their skins used to cover Mr. and Mrs. Adam; leaves were cut off and used for clothing (which represents man's temporary and futile measures of covering himself). Suddenly, all nature was out of control. The controller had lost his status, and ugly things began to appear: poisonous plants, thorns and thistles, and if this would be any comfort to you, this is where we got marijuana, opium, etc.

Genesis 3:24, *So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

The garden was planted East of Eden, and the Cherubims were placed East of the garden. We can clearly see, then, that the entrance to the garden is at the East side. If we look at this spiritually, we will then see, that since East is the place of the sun rising and the sun represents Christ, that the entrance back into that place in the garden where Adam was is for us through Christ. This entrance, however, is guarded by messengers with the flaming sword. Matthew 3:11 declares that Jesus Christ will baptize us with "fire." Since the sword in scripture spiritually means the Word of God, we must then understand that it is by submitting to the Word of God that we receive not only the baptism of the Spirit, but every bounty which God offers.

All through the ages, God has been showing man that he can reach up into God and reclaim that which he has lost, by submitting to the right thoughts: Noah was righteous in all his ways before God; Enoch walked with God, and Enoch was not, because God took him; Job kept his

integrity before God; Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Elijah, David and all the mighty men of God (some of whom we have never heard). God's chronology of these men recorded in the scriptures all through the ages shows God wooing man back into that place which he had lost through the infiltration of evil into the world.

Ecclesiastes 3:11, *He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.*

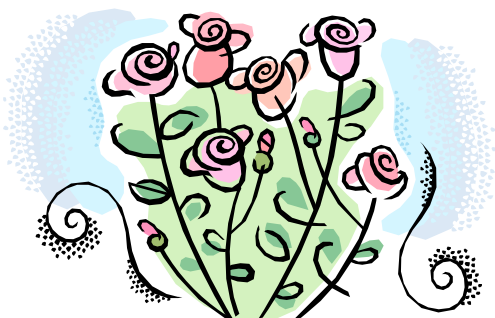
...he hath set the world in their heart. No wonder our thoughts are not like His thoughts; no wonder we are so humanistic in our spiritual thinking. Some of us think that hell is in the middle of the earth, and others think that we will be flying away to some other planet and that in heaven there are streets of gold. (The scripture speaks of a street of gold - which street is Jesus Christ).

Romans 8:20 states, *For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope.*

"Subject to vanity" is the same as saying that God placed an angel in the garden with a flaming sword to keep the way of the tree of life. Man cannot re-enter the spiritual garden without going through the fire. Jesus Christ baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with FIRE. Fire is the agent of change, and without this change of nature, the garden cannot be reentered; man cannot overcome.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water... (Psalm 1:3). This speaks of the planting within and not of that without. The greater garden is the one which God sees in the Spirit and not that which we behold in the natural world as God's garden. The soul of man is God's eternal garden. The daily exercises in the soul are the plantings of the Lord. The testings and the trials which beset us daily are the fertilizers which God gives to

strengthen the tender plants. The Word of God as the main plant food must be daily given, with added water of the Word and the sunlight of His presence, all working together to bring forth fruit unto righteousness, which is Godly character. The result of this proper application brings forth eternal life in the soul, and this soul shall not see death as Adam did. The



daily exercises in the Spirit are the plantings of the Lord in the soul, that will guard the soul against the bombardment of the evil, so that we, instead of feeding on the world's knowledge of good and evil, will feed on the tree of life, which will bring forth resurrection in the soul. Because man has fallen so far from God's standard, there are a lot of things, which seem to be life, that work death. The Word says, ***There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death*** (Proverbs 14:12).

There are certain things - thoughts, desires, emotions and will - that are from the MIND OF CHRIST, that are available to those who come to Jesus, because it is a coming not just to be forgiven of sins, but a coming and appropriating of that which is available to make us sons of God, to bring us into that inheritance that we lost in Adam, reclaiming all that we lost of the power and the glory that Adam enjoyed in the garden before the fall.

The responsibility is on us to tend the garden, because He said, ***But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God...*** (John 1:12), and, ***For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God*** (Romans 8:14). To receive the power or the authority is one thing, but to exercise your franchise TO BE is our responsibility. You can be brought into a relationship, but if you do not exercise your authority or franchise you cannot receive.

Isaiah 61:3, ***To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.***

Through faith in God and submission to the Holy Spirit, man will come into the divine nature. We can see this down through the ages. After the fall, as God dealt with man, evil tried to destroy good, even as Cain killed his brother Abel, because Abel's offering was acceptable before God and Cain's was not. Cain brought forth of the natural, and Abel brought a different offering entirely; therefore, man's attitude and man's soul's expressions are the things that really count before God. It is not even the quantity of things that you do. You can do a whole world of works and not please God. You can give your body to be burnt or whatever else you can do in the natural, but as long as your heart and your soul are not anointed in the Spirit to do those things, to accomplish these things, as long as it is man's effort and for world glory, then they do not count with God. There is a little poem which says, "Nothing is worth the making unless it makes the man." It might have referred to the man in a carnal sense, but I would rather apply it to mean the BODY OF CHRIST, the man to glorify God. This working of the soul is something which has been going on since God made man, for God's

purpose for making man is to glorify Himself, and to be delivered from the possibility of the soul nature being taken over by the beast nature. Some of us might think that God just loves the glory, but all this is done to deliver man from the bondage of sin and corruption.

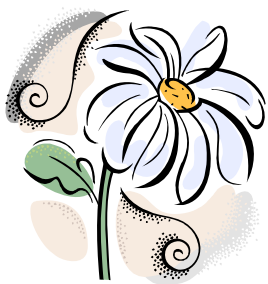
Man is earth - earthy, and it takes the Divine nature to deliver him from the human nature.

Looking back through the ages of the workings of God on man, through Patriarchs and Prophets, we see how many times God touched Moses' weaknesses to help Moses to be delivered from the earthy humanness. From looking at the historical characters of the Bible, one picture looms very clear, and that is that the hand of God has been dealing against man's soul nature, in order to rid him of the carnality and earthiness, and to bring him into God's Divine nature of purity. That nature comes from feeding on the TREE OF LIFE. Jesus came when the Law and the Prophets failed, though we cannot say it failed, because Enoch came through, and out of every dispensation, at least one man came through into immortality as a witness and a testimony to his age. Moses overcame under the Law by the blood of his sacrifice; later on, we read that Satan contended with the angel of God for Moses' body. Jesus had to come to deliver man from the Adamic nature, from the earthiness, from the soulishness. Our greatest bondage is our own soul nature. Whether we inherited it from our families or environment, or whatever other influences afflicted our souls to bring us under bondage, Jesus came to the rescue to show us the way and to help us by sending us the Holy Spirit. This is the reason He said, ***Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you*** (John 16:7).

Jesus Christ could not indwell us while He Himself was man. He could not move in the whole church at the same time, so He had to send the Holy Spirit to indwell the church, to be Christ for all and in all: omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent.

It is this work within the garden of man's soul that will accomplish this task of ridding the soul of this earthy, carnal, human nature. This is a daily task, and we have to enter into this exercise daily to make sure that we have the proper plantings: a good spirit, a good attitude, a good disposition, pure thoughts - putting away lying. The scripture says, ***Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man***





*truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.*³²*And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you* (Ephesians 4:25,32). A thought

came to me recently, that when we hear about a brother or a sister's

weakness, instead of crying out to the Lord for that one, many times it becomes a news item and something to glory in, and many times, we rejoice over that one's fall, or the tribulation of our neighbor. Now that is not the Spirit of Christ. The Spirit of Christ would rather weep for such a one, that that one be delivered, but there is a spirit that is going through the earth that allows man to want to exalt himself above his fellowmen, and so he rejoices over his weaknesses or his downfall. That is the spirit of the antichrist. We have to look out for that spirit so that we do not manifest in a spirit which we reject. We have to look out for the things which motivate us and move us to action: whether these actions glorify God, or whether they put down our brethren, or cause us to do despite to God's people, or to perpetrate ANY action that is contrary to the perfect will of the Lord.

As we go on, day after day, we are planting in the soul either good or evil, but God requires of us that we plant good, and as we do so, the thorns and the thistles will be eradicated. Sometimes, they are so deeply rooted that we will have to deliberately reject them, come against them and do everything in our power to remove them. There is, however, one thing that is absolutely necessary - we must be aware and be conscious that they are there. If we close our eyes against them and pretend not to notice them, they will grow up as large trees and destroy the garden completely, and take such root in our souls that it will be difficult to get them out. Sometimes we force God to take drastic action to get these roots out of our souls so that we can live. Tending the garden is absolutely necessary. Sometimes we have to lay aside food and all our daily activities, so that we can tend this garden in fasting and prayer, and cry to God and say, "God, I do not like what I have seen; help me to get rid of it before it brings forth fruit unto death," because anyone eating fruit from an unfit tree is going to be poisoned by it and hurt by it.

Revelation 8:10-11, *And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;*¹¹*And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.*

The picture we see here in Revelation is that of a star

falling from its position in the sky, and falling upon waters which killed men. The "star" in symbolism means a son of God. "The waters" mean the Word of God. If our gardens be allowed to bring forth poison, it will poison others spiritually, unto death. Our ambition should be to bring forth that which brings healing and food and health to our surroundings. The fruit of love should come out of our gardens. We should eradicate slander and debate and war as evil weeds. When we have peace, our soul-garden bears good fruits abundantly. When one operates in peace, one would rather be defrauded than fight back, and when people speak evil of you, then you will have the fortitude to render them good for evil.

There was a nature in Esau which caused God to reject him. God did this on pre-knowledge, since when he was rejected, he had not yet done either good or evil. If you could look into the future and see someone commit murder, then you could actually judge him a murderer before the act. Jacob also had inherent evil, which God had to help him to deal with. It took God years to deal with the evil of Jacob's garden, but he knew that Jacob was good soil and would eventually respond. **IT IS TAKING GOD SIX THOUSAND YEARS** to bring us to mature sonship. The time is now at hand when the true sons will come forth. One of the reasons it is taking so long is that man is not willing to submit totally to God; we are always fighting and resisting. The Word says, ***For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would*** (Galatians 5:17).

Until the soul can be completely submitted and surrendered, and say, "Not my will, Lord, but Thine be done," then we will not know the joy of the Lordship of Christ. Then, and only then, we will attain to the knowledge that we have to lay down the nature of the soul in order to pick up His nature. It is like when Jesus was crucified, and the centurion looked at him and said, "Truly this was the Son of God." They had to kill Him to get that revelation, and some of us must go to that extreme before we can come to the knowledge that truly this is what we need; this is the best thing, for us to submit to the Lord, to make Jesus Christ truly King. It is a process in which we must continue and persist to do daily; then, the soul will stop its warring and find its rest in submission to the Lord. I know that many souls long to submit to the Lord, but because of the bombardments from the world, the flesh and the devil, many do not succeed.

This is the only time that the Spirit will be able to take the soul as its bride, to have complete union to bring forth the glory of God in the earth. ✨





The Overshadowing of the Most High

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God is in this place. We can feel His presence and His power moving all over. It is a blessing to be in the presence of God and to have His presence moving in our midst. Am I talking to somebody? Does it bear witness in your heart? Praise the Lord. Let's have a word of prayer.

Father, we want to thank You for Your mercies that are new every morning. Thank You, Lord, for Your participation for Your house. Thank You, Lord, for Your presence which is mighty in this place. Lord, we thank You for the simplicity of worship. Lord, You said that neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem will Your worshippers worship You, but in spirit and in truth (John 4:21-23). We thank You, Lord, because when the people worship You with their hearts, You visit them. Thank You, Lord, because we can taste of Your presence today and we can see how beautiful it is to bind us together with Your love, open the heavens to a united people. Lord, we pray that You will cause our eyes to be single and our body will be full of light. We bless You, Lord, for this privilege that You are bringing to Your body at a time like this. Lord, we are excited. We give You all the glory. We give You all the praise. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

In the last few weeks, the Lord has been dropping a word in my heart and I have been meditating on it. The Lord has been ministering to me about the glory of His overshadowing. It sounds very big; it sounds like too many long words. Some words sound very intimidating. Don't mind the big words, just flow in the simplicity and the

Spirit of the burden that He is laying on our hearts. Amen. Praise God.

Let's turn our Bibles to I Kings 3:5. ***In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. ⁶And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. ⁸And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude.***

Now, Solomon was stepping into the shoes of his father, David, and it was a tall order for him. When the Lord appeared to him and the Lord asked him, "What do you want Me to give you?" Solomon made this prayer. "This burden that You have placed on my shoulders is not a small burden." He was now preparing his foundation for his request. Verse 9, ***Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?*** So Solomon asked for one thing; He asked for wisdom. He said, "I need wisdom to be able to exercise judgment. I need to be able to discern between

good and bad because they are a great people before me. There are multitudes of people before me, God, and I don't know how to go about it, so I pray that You would give me wisdom."

The Word of God tells us that wisdom is what? **Wisdom is the principle thing** (Proverbs 4:7). Of all the things that we ask, we should ask for wisdom. Amen.

The Bible tells us what happened after Solomon prayed this prayer. Verse 10, **And the speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. ¹¹And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; ¹²Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. ¹³And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. ¹⁴And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.**

On some points, Solomon missed it, but let us look at where he got it right. It is so easy to see where he got it wrong at times, but let us also consider the few things he got right and whether we can learn some things from it.

The first thing we see is that of all the things Solomon could have asked of the Lord, he asked for wisdom. God was very impressed. God said, "I am going to give you wisdom and because you are not asking for all these other things, I will give you riches." Unfortunately, the riches went to his head. When God blesses His people with further blessings, may it not go to our heads. God is going to bless His people because we are His people. As the song says,

*We're the people of God
Called by His name,*

Brought from the dark and delivered from shame.

God says that His people shall not be ashamed (Romans 10:11). God is going to take away embarrassment from us. He is going to take away the things that mess us up. He is going to put us in good shape.

I Kings 3:15, **And Solomon awoke; and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants. ¹⁶Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.** So that which the Lord had released to Solomon because of his prayer had to stand the test of time. We will be tested in whatever God gives to us. It says that every man's work shall be tried by fire (I Corinthians 3:13). When fire

tries our work, it will not burn, it will only be silver and gold that has been purified. It will be better, not worse. It will not burn off. If it burns off it is wood and stubble. If it is silver and gold, it will stand the test of time. Praise the name of the Lord!

So, two women came to Solomon and that was the first test, the first challenge. You know, we don't say that we have **problems**, we say that we have **challenges**, because God always sees us through our challenges. You see, whatever you call it is what you have. If you have something before you and you call it an impossibility, it becomes an impossibility. If you have something before you and you say, "This is a problem," then it becomes a problem. But Somebody can see something bigger than what you see and He says, "This is a challenge." A challenge means that something has just tried to stand in my way, but I will remove it out of my way. Trials and testings will come. The good news is that God has given us the victory.

Now, the two women who came to Solomon were harlots, but note one thing: they were women, two women. They came unto the king and they stood before him. Verse 17, **And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. ¹⁸And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. ¹⁹And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it. ²⁰And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. ²¹And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear. ²²And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king.**

So we have read the women's story. Let's go on and see what happens. 1 Kings 3:23, **Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living. ²⁴And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. ²⁵And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. ²⁶Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it. ²⁷Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof. ²⁸And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and**

they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.

We are going to look at a few things in this story. A conclusion that is very clear by the end of the story is that God gave Solomon wisdom and Solomon exercised wisdom. But the Lord showed me a few things in this story which I have found interesting and challenging and I want to share it with you.

First of all, let's go back to verse 16 and note that there were two women. If we look at Matthew 25, it tells us about 5 wise and 5 foolish virgins. Those are women again. When I see women, I see that the Lord may be referring to churches. The next thing I noticed is that each of the two women had a child. I think we can venture to say that their children were men; they were sons.

It came to pass on the third day after one was delivered of a child that the other one was also delivered of a child. There was just the two of them in the house. But something happened. One child died and the other one lived; this was why they came to see the king. Now why did one child die? The Bible tells us in verse 19, ***And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it.*** When I looked at that I wondered, "God, what does it mean that she overlaid it?" She was on top of the child. She covered the child. You know, if you cover a child's face, the child is choked and it will die.

God was ministering to my heart that this is like a church. Any church that overlays and covers the child, the child will die. The Lord was giving me a principle there that that was a woman, a church. The product of that church will not live because the product was choked. The mother was lying on top of the child. She did not allow the child to receive ministry, to receive life, to receive air from above.

Now maybe this woman loved the child too much and so she said, "No, I don't want this child to be lost." So she covered the child and in covering the child, the child died. But then that tells us that the second woman had not covered her child. She opened her child up and in opening up her child the child lived. The Lord is emphasizing to me the principle of God's overshadowing glory. The second woman was wise, the one whose child lived. She was wise because she knew that it was not her that had that child and it was the Lord that would watch over that child.

She knew, "If I cover this child, I will not sustain this child and he will die, because this child's sustenance does not come from me. If I trust the Lord Who gave me this child, then I can leave this child out and this child will not die but live." She did not follow the example of the first woman, the woman who overlaid the child.

We will look at a few scriptures and I believe that the Lord will minister a few things to us. The important thing we see was that when Solomon came and looked at the issue, Solomon said, "Well, you know what? I am going

to divide this child." The woman who lost her child was a very foolish church, because she knew that if they divided this other child it wouldn't live. But Solomon was too wise to do that. If the child is slain, the child will not survive and it would be better for that child to live. This second woman who had the child that lived was not self-seeking. She was more interested in the survival of the child. She did not want to seek her own. I Corinthians 13:5 says that love seeketh not it's own. Love does not behave itself unseemingly because you think about the other person more than yourself. This woman thought more about the child and said, "No, this child shall not die. Let the child live." She knew that if that child were divided, the child would die. Does that make sense? The Lord dropped a few more things in my heart about it.

Let's start with Luke 1:26, ***And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, ²⁷To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.*** It is like God is speaking to the church, "You are highly favored; you are not like other churches. God is with you."

The song, "O Zion, O Zion" says, "Get thee up into the high mountain" and "Behold your God." You can declare it that this God is my God because He started from the beginning and He will see you to the end. He will be my Guide from now until the end.

He says, "You are highly favored." There are churches that are highly favored. I may be bold to say that we are highly favored. I say it in humility, but in confidence that we are a favored church. He said, ***Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.*** Now we are going to see what made this woman special. Consider any ordinary person. She was just a Mary, nothing special about her, but the favor of God came upon her and changed her situation and changed her circumstances. Glory be to God.

It is important that the people know that the favor of God is upon them to begin to understand the principles of walking in that favor so that they continue to enjoy that favor. God will give us understanding to know the secret of being favored of the Lord and we shall not lose that favor. We have made our mistakes, but we will not lose that favor again because we will be wise about it. We will preserve that which is a product of God's favor. We will preserve it with a (I don't want to say a reverence), but with a precision. We will not treat it recklessly, because we know that it is the favor of God.

Luke 1:29, ***And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.*** It is like considering people like us.

There is nothing about us. We are not here because we are mighty, we are not here because we are great, but out of His mercy the Lord has chosen a people in whom He wants to be glorified. It is not because we have any special qualifications. Sometimes, when I consider us as a people, I ask, "But why? What makes us special, for we are not special?" It is just what our Brother duCille was sharing this morning; it is just the mercy of God. Christ just came and died for us and the promise we received was that if a people shall serve Him, then their seed shall serve him and it shall be counted unto him for generations (Psalms 22:30). It is not because of your calling. It says that not many mighty or great are called. The Lord hath chosen the foolish things to confound the wise (I Corinthians 1:26-27). It is very important for us that our entry point be on the platform of humility. We are not special, there is nothing that makes us any better than any other person, but it is just the grace of God.

I was sharing somewhere the other day and I was telling them, "When I gave my life to the Lord, I was a lawyer." I wasn't a small boy, I was an older man, I had already married. Everything was hunky-dory, everything was good. But, you see, even in that, God humbled me and showed me that there was nothing about me. All this that you have is not because you are special. It is just by His grace. The realization of that just brings me down to my knees to know that God did not call me because I am mighty. He didn't call me because I am great. He just called me because He just wants to be glorified in a people. He wants to be glorified in a people and when we see that, our attitude will begin to change. We will begin to see this thing from an angle of, "Man, you know God has a greater stake in this matter. God has a greater stake in this thing than me. I am just a vessel that God is passing through."

Can you see Mary? I mean, can you imagine Mary? She was a virgin and she knew that she was highly favored. She knew that there wasn't any way that she could pay God for this favor. "If God were to ask me to write a check, my check would bounce because there is no amount that I can pay for it. It is too much."

Did He just see one ordinary girl in Nazareth and pick her out and say, "Well, I'm going to glorify you."? (Luke 1:29) So, she was surprised and said, "What manner of salutation is this?"

The Bible tells us that the testimony of Jesus Christ to us is the Spirit of prophecy. Whatever we are reading here is speaking about something that will happen to a people. So it is like we are reading a story and we are looking at the thing that is happening in the last days. He comes and says, "You are highly favored." I sat there this evening and I just saw how God was moving in our midst. It was nothing like, "This person is different." There was a flow coming through. That scripture just came, ***Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*** (Psalms 133:1). Anointing just flows from the crown and goes down to the beard and just goes down. It goes through the body and healing comes. No wonder at the end of it, I was not surprised that ministry was coming

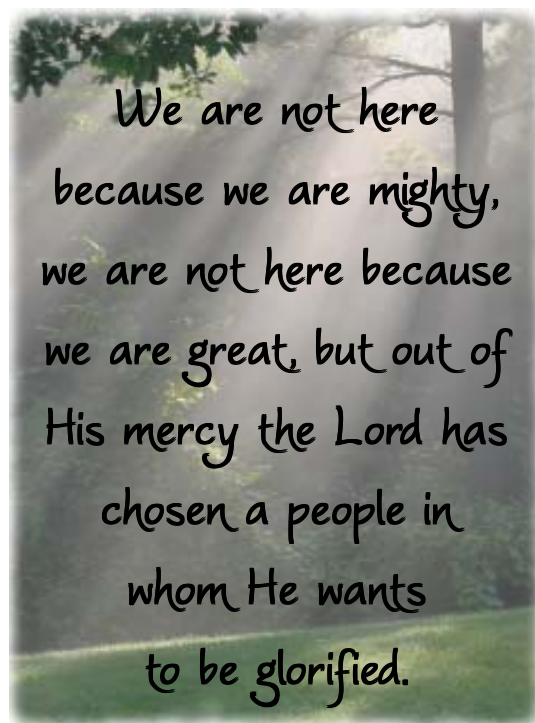
such as the need to pray for the various ones. In fact, before we prayed, I believe that God had broken yokes. Those are the treasures that God has kept for us at a time like this. Glory be to God!

The Bible says that we should talk to ourselves daily, while it is yet day because none of us should be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 3:13). We need to remind ourselves about certain things, we need to turn ourselves to "truth in love" so that it stirs our hearts (Ephesians 4:15), so that we say, "Man, this thing is truth." Let's keep the fire burning. There is something in this favor that God has given us. Let us treasure it. Let us not lose it. May I hear an "Amen"?

"Amen!"

Luke 1:30, ***And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.*** I like reading scriptures. I like for us to read scriptures because if we say it is a prophetic Word, then as we are saying it, we are also prophesying. So when the church says things collectively we are sealing that Word in our own heavens. If we believe that Mary is a type of the church, then we are repeating that Word that was spoken because we know that even in this hour the **Lord's Word is as fresh as it was before.** We are prophesying to ourselves that thou art highly favoured. I tell myself, "I am highly favored and, of course, the church is (you and me), so we all are highly favored." Praise the Lord.

Verse 31, ***And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. ³²He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the***



throne of his father David: ³³*And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.* There shall be no end to His kingdom. It did not end with His death on the cross; in fact, it only began. When He died, He signed us in by His death and we can take strength from the Blood. We can receive the victory that was wrought on the cross and that is why His Kingdom shall have no end.

This morning, our brother was sharing with us that the Lord's Prayer says to pray, ***Thy kingdom come*** (Matthew 6:10). There is no end to that Kingdom. So we are asking, "Let Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in us." There is a will of God for our lives. God has a purpose. God did not just call for us and we are just touching the surface of the glory of God. The glory of His overshadowing is upon us.

Luke 1:34, ***Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?*** A very interesting question. She knew that this thing by her (our) own power was not possible. By the circumstances around me, it is just impossible. When we read the precious and great things that are spoken about the people who are made in the image and the likeness of God, we begin to wonder, "Is that you and me? We are like this? Is it us?" We say, "How can these things be, seeing that there is nothing special about us, seeing that we are not supernatural people?"

Our brother was telling us today that a time will come when destruction will come all over, but it will not come near us. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee (Psalms 91:7).

"Why are we so special? How can these things be, God?" I don't have an armored house. My house doesn't have a basement that is bulletproof. So when destruction comes, where am I going to be? For He says you shall not be hurt. ***Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday*** (Psalms 91:5-6). ***Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.*** (Psalms 91:8).

So we've asked, "God, how can these things be? What is so special about us?" Mary asked, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" (verse 34). In our own case, that was the case. "I know not a man." Many of us are saying, "How can we come to this? How can we come to this fullness? How can this glory be revealed in us? Look at my weaknesses! Look at my brother's weaknesses!"

We see one another's weaknesses; may God blind our eyes to seeing weaknesses (Pillippians 4:8). May He open our eyes to the promises and the words that are spoken to us. Let me see in my brother the promise of God in him, that he shall rise up above the shadows, that he shall rule

and reign, that he shall walk in high places. Let us see the positive things of God concerning us, because it is not us that will work it out.

Let's go to Luke 1:35. Please permit me the liberty today to tell you what to read. I want us all to read that together. I believe that we are entering into a realm that with our very praise we are making declarations. When people read the scriptures, they are also making declarations. May the spirits hear us. Spirits of darkness, let them hear us. Let them know where we are from. Let them know that:

We're the people of God

Called by his name,

Brought from the dark and delivered from shame.

Do not be afraid to make declarations of God. He says, ***For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation*** (Romans 10:10). We don't have to confess only negative things. We can also confess the positive things that are spoken about us.

City, oh city, oh city of God

Glorious things are spoken of thee (Psalms 87:3).

There are glorious things that are spoken of us and we are going to declare it. Whether the devil likes it or not, we are going to declare it because he has no power in this matter. The words our Brother duCille said were, ***For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death*** (Romans 8:2). Declare it to the rooftops. Don't be afraid to say it has set me free! I am free! The devil may say, "You are free, but look out you have a..." I respond to him, ***The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free...*** A law is something that has been set out and this action will create this consequence. There is a law of life in Christ Jesus because Christ died. It has become an established principle that cannot be taken away. It says that it has set me free from the law of sin and death which is also something that happens and cannot be taken away. But the law of life in Christ Jesus has brushed that off so I can declare it without fear.

The church should not be afraid to make declarations. The Bible says, "Do not be afraid." ***For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind*** (II Timothy 2:7). So when we declare, let us not be afraid. Let the devil not be able to come and play with your mind that "When you go outside, I will deal with you." He cannot deal with you. Tell him, ***For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death*** (Romans 8:2). Tell him, "You cannot terrify me with sin and death and say I am a servant unto you. I am set free by the Blood."

Let us declare verse 35 together because that was the explanation that the angel gave and that is the Word that

was spoken that is still being spoken about us today. It is the foundation upon which our church is laid. That is the propelling force that carries us as a people. Luke 1:35, *And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*

Is the Holy Ghost still around? Did the Holy Ghost end with Mary? NO! So the Holy Ghost is still around and the business of overshadowing has not ended! It is still available unto us. If that which was born of the Holy Spirit was a mighty thing that God began to kindle, now that there will be no end to it, let us not be afraid of that which the Holy Ghost shall bring down upon us.

It says, *The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee...* "God, we need the Holy Ghost." ...*and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee* (Luke 1:35). That woman had no business overshadowing that child because the Holy Ghost was there to overshadow the child. In this church, God will show us that it is not us that can sustain the work, it is the Holy Ghost that will do it. It is the Spirit of God that will preserve this work. It is the Spirit that began this work, that will see it through and that will bring us to God's promise. It is, *Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts* (Zechariah 4:6). It is the Spirit that will do the work. Our part is as vessels, but, **guys, it is not about us.** It will never be about us. **It is about the Holy Ghost.** That is why many things are happening and we cannot explain them.

We can't say, "Oh, we are here today because we were able to put together the mathematics and the process of getting guys together. We are here today because we talk this way to one another."

NO SIR. It is the work of the Holy Ghost.

You see, we learned the language of peace. We learned how to talk. It is the Holy Ghost's. As long as we begin to understand that it gives us confidence to know that the power of the Most High shall overshadow us and shall sustain us and we shall not die. Glory be to God. *The power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*

Let us go back and look at the story of that woman who was wise, the woman who knew and understood that, "This thing is not by my power," who understood that, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon me and the power of the Most High shall overshadow me and something will come out of me."

The woman trusted that that which was the product of the Holy Ghost would survive this situation. Do you see why she was so wise? She knew better than the other woman so she said, "NO, no, no. It is not about me. After

all, I didn't make this child. I didn't create this child. It was the work of the Spirit of God. If it is the work of the Spirit of God, then even if that child is not on my bosom, that child will live because the secret of that child's sustenance is not by my power." Of course, she knew only too well that this son of God could not be divided. This prophetic body cannot be split into two. It cannot work. **You can't split this prophetic body; it is not possible.**

It says, ...*they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks* (Joel 2:7). She knew this and she said, "No, I will not struggle for this thing, because it is born of God." *For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world* (I John 5:4). Guys, this work is born of God. It is born of God.

I tell you, when I look at us Nigerians, we come from different angles. We were having dinner and a brother was explaining to some of the brethren, "When you see us, we are all from Nigeria but we all don't speak the same language.

He said, "I thought all of you were from one tribe, the way you understand yourselves, the way you speak one language."

Somebody said, "Your wife and yourself, do you speak the same language?"

"No! My wife I married, but she is from a different part. She is from a different culture and I have a different culture."

Praise the Lord. Amen. We are people from diverse places, but God has brought us together. The fact that you are here tonight is not because of you, it is because God has ordained it that you meet some brethren here.

So don't say, "I am here because I like those guys."

There is nothing about you liking those guys. God is bringing a new family unto you.

So, this woman was wise. She knew this was the work of the Spirit and it gave her confidence to say, "If that is the case, you take him," while the other one had the operation of the energy of the flesh.

The other church was operating carnally, so that church said, "Divide, divide. Let me take my own, let you take your own." It can't work.

We need to establish some principles; it is like a husband and wife. What is a contract marriage? You are either married or you are not married. When you enter into marriage you don't say, "We are going to try it for three months; this is a temporary marriage contract." You don't try nothing, man. Christians don't try marriage, because we know God ordained a covenant type of marriage.

One man said, "We aren't going to split. The power and the glory of this latter house is greater than the former" (Haggai 2:9). Let's not lose that which is awesome. It is glorious. We need to remind ourselves that this work is a work without hands.

I was considering the other woman as the Lord was impressing it upon me for the last three or four weeks. There was a day when I woke up and I was telling my wife that the Lord was telling me, "The glory of the overshadowing is My shadow that is upon you. It is the power of the Spirit that I have placed upon you. That is what is keeping you. That is what is making you a people." They say, "What is binding you people together?" **IT is the power of the Most High.**

As God begins to work in us that awareness, it takes away self. It is not about me any more. It is not about my people or my brethren. No, sir. It is about us, one family unto God. Praise the Lord. **The Son of God cannot be divided.** You cannot cut Him here and let the leg go that way. This is one body. We are one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism (Ephesians 4:4), one bread that cannot be broken (I Corinthians 10:17).

So when God begins to work these things in us we begin to realize, "Hey! We are a people who have been prepared by the Holy Ghost and overshadowed by the power of the Most High." Glory be to God. You cannot say, "Maybe there is a second one like that." **It is one body, one faith.** If you leave the Body, man, you are off to Satan. That is it. It is either you are here or you are outside of the Body of Christ. I am not saying disassembling, but I am saying, "May God make us to discern that it is one body." Praise the Lord. We may not all see everything, but we are one body, we are one faith, we are one baptism. We did not make ourselves. We cannot define ourselves. How can you define that which you did not create? You can't define it. You can't say, "Well, these are the boundaries." You are not the one that created it.

So when it happened like that, it was tough for Mary, but we thank God for Mary. Let's go to Luke 1:37, **For with God nothing shall be impossible.** We hear so many things about how this body works. It says that when the Lord shall restore Zion, what shall happen? We shall see eye to eye. We are seeing eye to eye today (Isaiah 52:8). Glory be to God. We will yet see eye to eye. Amen. Nothing was done like that before. **Guys, refuse to be divided.** "I don't belong to Appollos, I don't belong to Paul, I belong to Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 1:12). There is glory in a united body.

We also grow in the Lord, Paul said, **When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things** (I Corinthians 13:11).

The other day a brother called me. He was not happy and justifiably so. Why? I had a simple conversation with a brother and told him a story. The devil turned the story around to mean something I did not intend and now another brother was angry. So he called me. I said, "It is a lie. It is Satan's tricks." I felt like defying that old devil.

So when the brother called me, I said, "Brother, don't let that thing trouble us. We will not be divided." I said, "We are united in this matter. We are bigger than that thought of the devil," and he had peace in his heart. Guys, may we discuss one with another? It should be like a husband and wife. You know, it is not as though my wife and I don't have some misunderstandings, but when we know that we have to go back to the house together, when we know that at the end of the day we have to say, "Let's pray together," then we know that we don't want to offend one another. We have to make up because there is no second option. There is no "I keep a second window." They say that you keep two windows so that if the one closes you can jump through the other one. Don't you do that. We, as a church, need to realize that there is no second window - this is my brother. He may not be my color, but the man is my brother. You see, **There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus** (Galatians 3:28). There is neither Nigerian nor American in the Kingdom. God does not call us Nigerians, He calls us sons of God in the Kingdom of God and His Kingdom shall have no end. Amen.

The other day a man showed me a dollar bill. He said, "Is this dollar black or is it white?" I said, "Look at it. It is neither white nor black. It doesn't matter, just give me the dollar, I'll take it!" So let's look at a son of God. Do you have the Spirit of the Son of God in you? I'll take you. You are my brother. I'll take you. We need to come to the realization that we are sons of God. The devil is seeing this work. The devil is seeing it advancing. The devil will try again. This time, let us be wiser for it. Look at your brother eyeball to eyeball and say, "Brother, I do not agree with you on this."

I told my dear friend, "I disagree with you on this. You should not do that. No."

We should encourage unity, we should not encourage division. We don't do it because we hate ourselves, we do it because that which is before us is bigger than us. The woman knew that the son was bigger than her. So if she wanted to keep that son she was just shortchanging herself to say, "No, cut him." NO! The son is bigger.

Guys, this work is bigger than all of us. We cannot carry the work alone, we need one another. We can't do it alone. It is not about, "This is my own." NO SIR! This is bigger than all of us and God is beginning to open our eyes to see that we have a family. Glory be to God.

God says, **God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth** (John 4:24). There is no flesh in this matter. If we notice all through the ministrations that have been coming this weekend, God has been emphasizing a work in the Spirit. Flesh has no place in this work. This new work, this new baby, this reformed son that is coming up, shaped well and growing robust, is

a product of the Holy Ghost. Flesh will just stain the son; let us take flesh out of this work. Let it be a work in the Spirit.

Our brother said something this afternoon. He said that if I see a weakness in my brother, then I have a burden. God is showing me that weakness so that I can take it as a burden to help him out of it. If I look at it from that angle, it says, "They that are stronger should bear the infirmities of the weak" (Romans 15:1). So can I look at you and say, "Oh, I am a lot richer?" No. It doesn't mean that. It means, **that which I have let me impart it unto you.** That is why there is fellowship.

This thing is all about relationship. Christianity is not religion. Christianity is relationship with Christ and with one another. It is relationship. If I would not do this to myself, how could I do it to him? The Bible says, "Love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 19:19). The yardstick is, if I can't do it to me, how can I do it to another? Let there be love. It says, "What is the greatest commandment?" And Jesus answered, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (Matthew 22:36-39). If I can see my brother and I can see Christ in my brother and I know I have Christ in me then there is one thing that is between us and it cannot be separated. That is the principle of the woman that said, "No, don't kill that child."

We must realize that our relationship has more at stake than you or me individually because the relationship was not created by me or you. It was created by God.

Romans 8:1, **There is therefore now...** WHEN? Yesterday? In the future? He is talking about **NOW**. It is a present condition. It is a present situation. It is a truth that is applicable in this present dispensation. Am I correct? It says, **There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.** So it means that if I walk after the Spirit there is no condemnation. But if we walk after the flesh we are condemned. Anything that is born of flesh already has been condemned. This product is not a product of the flesh. It is not condemned and we should not try to introduce flesh to it because it is not flesh that started it.

So let's go to verse 10, **And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.** ¹¹**But if the Spirit of him that raised up**

Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Do you see this thing about this spiritual body? You see favor, you see blessing. He that raised up Jesus Christ - if He dwells in you - He shall quicken your mortal bodies." So when we gather, it is not about ourselves any more, it is all about the Spirit of God doing a work within us. When that happens, like John the Baptist, **He must increase, but I must decrease** (John 3:30).

I am encouraging us. I am not condemning us. Amen. I am not condemning us, get me right. I am encouraging us. We have started a good work, let us continue it. But we need to know, the Bible says, **Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free** (John 8:32). I am giving you knowledge.

Brother duCille said that there are certain things that happen to us naturally and we just leave them there. We don't consider the spiritual implications and we don't take the necessary authority in the realm of the Spirit to address those natural things.

Yesterday, we were driving back with Brother Bison who was saying almost the same thing. At times, natural things happen to us. At times, a problem comes. At times, something comes and you begin to think it is coincidence and you begin to explain it away. We are too quick to explain things.

For example, maybe you are asleep and you dream that a dog chases you and bites you. Why should the dog bite you? Why didn't

you kick the dog? When I wake up, I would not say it was a dream, I would begin to address something (in the spirit).

We are talking about things that have happened to people. One day, I went to an office that I normally go to in Abuja. I have known a man there for more than three or four years.

I went in and said, "Where is Mr. Ekong?"

They said, "Ah, Ekong!"

They didn't say anything more.

I said, "Where is Mr. Ekong?"

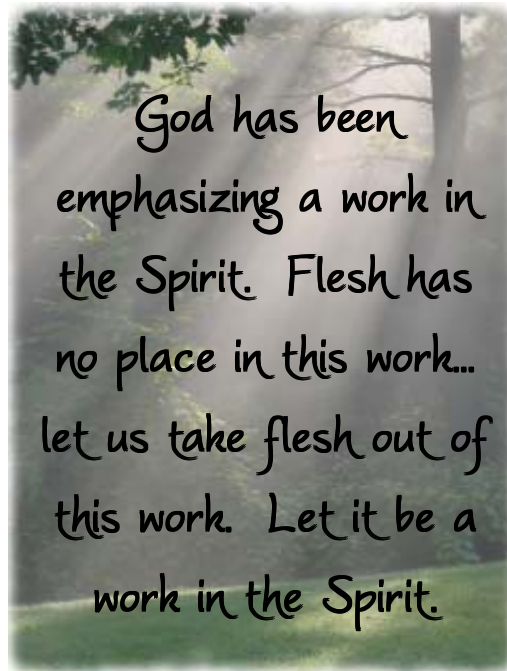
Everybody was quiet. So I called one boy who normally runs around for me.

I said, "Come. Even if no one else answers me, you answer me now. Come, where is Mr. Ekong?"

He said, "Ah, Mr. Ekong's story is a long one."

I said, "Let's hear it."

He said, "You know, somebody told Mr. Ekong that he



would die by a motor accident. So ever since the time that they told this to Mr. Ekong, he became afraid.”

He submitted to that spirit. I mean, that is my own understanding of it. He became afraid.

“So Mr. Ekong was driving in Abuja. He stopped someplace.”

Abuja is a bit hilly.

“He stopped because his car was giving him a problem. So he got out of his car to try to fix it and the car started rolling. Mr. Ekong fell and his car rolled and killed him.”

When I heard it, I felt bad. I felt like a life had been wasted. Do you hear what I am saying? The man lived under the spell that he would die by a motor accident and a careless thing killed him. May we not be like that.

When you dream, let the dream be positive. If in that dream you saw your bank account was in red and you lost your job, begin to fast and pray until you have a dream where you have a good job. Why should the dream oppress you? **If it is in the negative, change it and declare it and reverse it.** Power and authority has been given unto us. It is not by our might, the Spirit is there. **But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you** – does it dwell within you? Then it **shall also quicken your mortal bodies** (Romans 8:11).

So when you have a dream that somebody is trying to knock you on your head, take the hammer and knock the person’s head. Let me tell you a story of when I was a little boy. You know, God works in mysterious ways. I had a grandmother who was very fetish. In our own circle, very fetish refers to voodoo. Brother duCille knows of voodoo in Jamaica. In Africa we have it, too. She was very fetish and she came and stayed in the house with us. One night I was dreaming that I went into the bathroom and my grandmother came. She was a big lady and short. She came with a hammer to knock my head - in a dream, not in real life. Now, I was a small boy when this happened and in my dream I took the hammer out of her hand and knocked her head. In the morning, my grandmother said, “I am not staying in this house. This boy is a useless boy.” I couldn’t tell anybody what I did in the dream. As a small boy, I knew that it was spiritual warfare. I couldn’t tell my parents, because my parents were not Christians. I did not know about being a Christian then, so I just knew I was disrespectful to my elders.

But now, as a grown man, I see that thing. You see, it was the warfare in the spirit and God gave me the victory. She said she would not stay in the house any longer because I was a bad boy. I say it was all right.

They said, “What did this boy do to you?”

I could not say anything. She could not say anything. But the two of us knew what we had done to each other. Glory be to God. Hallelujah. It is not by might. It is not

by power. It is by the Spirit of God.

Luke 1:35, ***The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee.***

We are not normal people. Do you hear me? **We are not normal people.** If you came in here tonight thinking that you are normal, let me tell you that **you are not a normal person.** Does the Spirit that raised up Jesus Christ dwell within you? Then it shall quicken your mortal bodies. You won’t be a normal person. So don’t be explaining things that happened to you in normal ways. **Take authority over them.** If it means fast, you fast. God has given you the authority.

Romans 8:12, ***Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.*** May God deliver us from fleshly things. This flesh matter is not about age. It is a matter of a conscious decision by you that “Flesh, today I will not be your servant!” It says, “To whom you submit yourself, to him you become servants” (Romans 6:16). **Declare that you will not serve flesh any more!** We serve the Spirit. It says there is no condemnation if you walk in the Spirit, but if you walk in the flesh, you are a goner. Let us not be goners, guys. There are two churches. Always look at it from two angles, two churches, like the five wise and the five foolish. God always gives us an option. Do you want to be the church that walks in the flesh? Or do you want to be the church that walks in the Spirit? That which is born of the Spirit, nothing can kill it: liars will not kill it; flesh will not kill it. Glory be to God.

Romans 8:13, ***For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*** The sons of God were conceived by the Spirit and it is the Spirit that carries them through, it is the Spirit that protects them, it is the Spirit that prospers them, and it is the Spirit that will put them in the ultimate position of fullness. A work started in the Spirit shall continue in the Spirit in Jesus’ Name.

We may have deviated; we may have allowed flesh to come in but God is saying, “Do not go back to the flesh. It is time for you to be a people who walk in the Spirit. Allow the Holy Spirit to move you.” **It is not about us.** As long as our concentrations are carnal, as long as our concentrations are about us, as long as our concentrations are about “let me keep this, let me keep that,” we are working in carnality and anything that is carnal has been condemned unto death. Please, it is the truth and I am including me. If I put my arm out and it is a product that is born out of the flesh, it will die. It is the Word of God, it cannot last. But thank God that He is working something by His Spirit. Let us join it in the Spirit and let us not introduce the flesh into it. God will help us in Jesus’ name. Hallelujah.

Romans 8:15, ***For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of***

adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. Our Father is GOD. No man owns us. No man created us. Jesus is the Lamb. Hebrew 12:2 says, *let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us...* Doing what? ...*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.*

I am encouraging us. I am not condemning us. They say that you should preach to people who are outside, but we are here encouraging ourselves that we have chosen the right path. Let it not be taken away from us.

Romans 8:16, *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.* Guys, there is gain in this walk. It will profit us. The fullness of the Body, working together and the functioning of the body is to profit us. It is not a bad investment. You will not lose when you invest in the Spirit. But if you put flesh on it, like stocks or whatever, it is going to bounce. God is telling us that we have not put our hands into a work that is in vain because it is born of the Spirit of God. He is telling us that, *whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world* (I John 5:4).

You may look at your limitations and think, "But how can we get to this?" Do you believe that what you have today is by your own doing? If you believe that it is not by you, then trust God that He will us to the next stage. God is leading us on, He is showing us the way. It is a way we have never been before. Nobody has gone there before. None of us know this thing. Let's be truthful with ourselves. God will carry you home, but we don't know any pattern, it is only the pattern from heaven. The minute we know it and we have our own set ways, then we are yanking out the Holy Spirit's. It is a way we have never been before. No man knows the fullness of it. That is why we sing the song:

*Show me the way through the wilderness,
All I have to do is to follow.*

You alone know the way through the wilderness.

If we come with that attitude, in everything that we do: in our fellowship with one another, in the way that we relate one to another, let us realize that God is the greatest stake holder in it. No man has the door. It doesn't belong to me, it doesn't belong to you, it belongs to Jesus (John 10:9). When I begin to walk with that feeling, even me, I don't belong to me. And you, you don't belong to you. We all belong to God, we are all servants. Our brother was saying that this afternoon. He says that our gifts are not our own. You see, we are expressing the same thing in different ways. When Brother duCille was talking, I almost asked, "Do I really need to share tonight?" Because he was saying some of the things which were coming into my mind. The Spirit is One. That is why I can come from

Houston, somebody else is from Abuja and Brother duCille is from Champaign and we come in and share the same thing. The Spirit of God is not two, it is One. Hallelujah.

God is moving us on, He is leading the way,

A way we have never been before.

There are mountains to climb,

There are valleys to cross,

But what is the good news?

But before us there is an open door.

At times, we see the weaknesses and we say, "God, how is it going to be?" Brethren, let us be like Mary, "How can these things be?" and when the answer came, man! Luke 1:35 says, *The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee.* It is a declaration. There is power in this verse! If I just wake up every morning and say, "The Holy Ghost has come upon me and the power of the Most High shall overshadow me," man, that has made my day. The Bible says, *He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty* (Psalm 91:1). He is talking to us about the power of the Holy Ghost to cover you. There is something about the overshadowing power of the Holy Ghost to hide you in His Holiness, to cover you from destruction, to cover you from sin, to deliver you from shame, to take away sorrow and mourning.

It says, *Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away* (Isaiah 51:11). Sorrow and mourning flee away because we shall obtain gladness and joy. Why? Is it because we know the formula? Is it that our God invented a new drug and when you drink it sorrow flees away and you begin to smile?

Michael Jackson tried it, and now he is down there in the grave. You can't change nature. There are certain things that God has made and you can't recreate it. You can only depend on God.

All of these nuclear weapons we are talking about. The world created it and it will destroy the world but it will not destroy us because we didn't create it. We are created by the Holy Ghost. "The Spirit that raised up Jesus Christ dwelleth within me and dwelleth within you. And it shall quicken my mortal body." Say it! Declare it!

Glory be to God. It shall make me dead to the flesh. God is going to do it. He says, *For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth* (Romans 9:28).

See here, there is not a conflict. My flesh will die. Declare to that flesh, "Go. Have no business with me."

Revelation 14:1, *And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their*

foreheads. Blessed be God. The (1:17) sealing had been completed. The Father's nature was in their minds. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5). He is changing our minds. Don't leave this place this weekend without allowing God to finish that work.

"Change my mind. Set me free from my mind. Take my mind and replace it with Your own mind."

You see I'm trading my soul, my thoughts and my mind for the mind of Jesus Christ. It says they have their Father's name written in their foreheads. The nature of God had been fully formed in them. That is the ultimate of God. Guys, we are closer to the end than when we first believed. Let us put aside all the foolish things that we have done before. This is not time for foolishness. It is not time for petty things. God is about to finish the work.

It says that the woman arose at midnight and discovered her dead child (I Kings 3:20). There is something about midnight. Matthew 25:6 says, ***And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.*** We are closer to midnight than we were at the beginning of the day. The glorious sons of God are about to be manifested. Let us not kill that which God has begun.

Revelation 14:2, ***And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: ³And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.*** A song is a testimony. May God give us a new testimony. May God change our story. Like darkness and day may the story of yesterday be different from today's story. The story that we came into this meeting with, may it change as we leave this meeting. Hallelujah. They sung a new song. God is teaching us a new song. He is changing our thought pattern. I am changing. Glory be to God! I can declare with boldness, "I have changed," because He calleth those things which are not as though they are (Romans 4:17). I am perfect by faith. Glory be to God. So let us have a new mind. Let us throw it back to the Holy Spirit. God says He wants to overshadow us with His glory and it will be glorious, because that which is born of God is beautiful. He makes all things beautiful in His time and it is God's time to showcase us to the world. Praise the Lord.

Saints, "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). Build Your church, O Lord. Make us one. Join our hearts through Your song. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Take away the walls of partition (Ephesians 2:14). Take away mental blocks in our minds. Set us free. It is so glorious when the people can put aside the little things that disturb them and just

flow in the Spirit. We are praying that here it is not flesh. No, here it is Spirit. If it were flesh I would want to define the various class structures in this place. "Let those that be true then sit on this side. Then those of you who are in this category stay on this side."

If we had done that, we would have divided, but the Spirit is One. So when we are praising, a little child can jump around, my brother here can come and fall on the ground, I can shout in my vernacular, we can do anything. At times, I shout because of the Spirit. There are no codes of conduct. Hallelujah.

Another church will say, "This is our dress code."

But we don't go to that church. You can't begin to control people. **LET THE SPIRIT FLOW.**

Man, leave this place and let the Spirit move. The Bible says, "Where the Spirit of God is there is liberty" (II Corinthians 3:17). We try to hold things, we try to keep things. Whatever you hold in your hand will die, but leave it to the Holy Spirit and it will last forever. Glory be to God. It is not that we are reckless.

But they say, "If you do that, then you are leaving the brethren!"

They will not die. If the Holy Spirit has our brother then God will do His work.

"Hey, I am concerned! We have to do this or the brother will do this!"

Are you the one that put the Holy Spirit inside the brethren? You are only doing your own part. The Bible says, (Brother Paul speaking), "I have planted, Apollos watered..." But who giveth the increase? "...but God gave (Christ giveth) the increase (II Corinthians 3:6). If we see it like that then we are not irresponsible.

We are saying, "God, I back off and I am handing it over to You."

Revelation 14:3, ***And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.*** It is very important that they didn't come from earth; they were ***redeemed from the earth.*** So this overcomer company, these people of like fashion, flesh and blood like you and I, are redeemed unto God. What is that situation that is troubling in this place? What is that thing that you have held for so long? The Spirit of God is able to deal with it tonight. The Spirit of God is able to give us a new beginning tonight.

We have come here to taste new wine and God is going to give us new wine. Glory be to God. Let our mind set change. Let us embrace this new thing, for God is about to do a new thing and it will be nothing compared to what we have seen before. It says that My people shall not be ashamed and if we read in Joel 2, it will emphasize it. Verse 19, ***Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his***

people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen: ¹⁸Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people. The heathen will not say, "Where is your God?" (verse 17). The Lord will take away sorrow and embarrassment and the Lord will raise us up again. Glory be to God..

So this thing is serious business. It is worth giving our all to it. It is worth looking at it and saying, "God, I want to get serious with You." We are not talking about fairy tales here. We are talking about serious things, the things that define life and death.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2). Something that has created life out of death for you is nothing to joke about. As we make that choice may God strengthen, help and go with us. Glory be to God. Amen.

Let us look at Revelation 14. It tells us who these 144,000 people are and I want us to read about them. Verse 3, *And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. ⁴These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.* Jesus! It is all about Him! To them it is Jesus they

are seeking. They are not seeking any other thing. They are looking for Jesus. May we look for Jesus in one another. There may be other things, but the other things become shadows in the light of Him. It says, *These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.* It is Jesus in you and in me. Let's not follow any other thing but Christ and Him crucified. Glory be to God. Verse 5, *And in their mouth was found no guile...* What is guile? Blame, deceitfulness, double-speaking - take that away from us.

We cannot appear, "Oh, brother, I love you. Oh, brother, bless God." No more scandal, let's kill it, man. We can be perfect.

We can make a decision that, "I don't want to play politics in church. Politics is meant for the Democrats and the Republicans."

We don't need politics here, we need Christ here. Glory be to God. We need Christ.

"I don't like him. He didn't do..." Leave those things and let us move on to serious things. Let God not find guile in us, because that would exclude us from that song, that glory, that prophetic body, that glorious sons of God that are coming up at this time. May we not eliminate ourselves after what God has done for us. Glory be to God. It says, verse 5, *...for they are without fault before the throne of God.*

May God bless you! ☞





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