

# Gospel of the Kingdom

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## THE BLOOD COVENANT

### Part 7 Foundations of the Covenant Elaine

I Samuel 18:1-4 tells us, “And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father’s house. Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword and to his bow, and to his girdle.”

We know from this that they had entered into a Blood Covenant with each other. The first step was always the exchange of garments, signifying that they were giving themselves to each other.

Did you know that shaking hands goes back to a Blood Covenant? If each one had cut his hand, they would join hands to mingle the bloods. Then each one would solemnly swear that all that he had was the property of the other person.

From the day David cut the covenant with Jonathan, the mark in his flesh would remind him that he was fully responsible for Jonathan. If he should ever be in debt, David was in debt; if he was pursued, David was pursued. Whatever Jonathan’s trouble was, it was David’s trouble. And he knew that all the blessings of Jonathan were his, too. It was a complete interchange of blessings and responsibility. In Chapter 20 they spoke of the blessings and curses of the covenant. A memorial meal followed where they fed each other bread and wine, signifying that their life had come into each other.

One mystifying question here is: “How could David ever enter into such a covenant with the family of Saul? Remember, that David was a man after God’s own heart. He wanted to please God in all of his ways. Saul, on the other hand, was opposed to God completely. Everything Saul did, he thought in terms of *himself*, and not of God! Whatever Saul was told to do by God, he did the opposite. He was a man whose heart had a bent *against* God. David is ever a type of Christ in the

scriptures, and Saul a type of the natural, carnal, religious man. One is for God, and one is for self. So, we wonder how Jesus could have joined Himself in covenant with natural, carnal, fallen man?

No wonder Saul pursued David—he hated him because he was everything God was. How could David enter into covenant with this family when their ways were opposed to each other? ‘Can two walk together except they be agreed?’ When you enter into covenant with another, *you lose your rights to independent living!* You die to independent living because you have to think about Jonathan now because you have become joined to another person’s life. It’s absurd to think of two people so absolutely opposed to each other, coming into covenant with each other. They couldn’t do it! It would violate the very idea of covenant.

We need to note that, though Jonathan was of Saul’s house, his nature and attitude was not that of his father. He was different. He loved God and wanted the will of God to be done. Both David and Jonathan knew they could enter into covenant with each other, so they did so, knowing that it would affect the generations yet unborn from each of them.

I Samuel tells us about Jonathan’s little son, Mephibosheth. He was brought up in the family of Saul, surrounded by lies about David in an atmosphere that said, “David hates you, and once he grabs the throne, he’s going to kill all the members of Saul’s family.” That’s what they believed. (That is what kings usually did in those days, to prevent anyone from trying to take the throne away from them!)

Mephibosheth was only five when both Saul and Jonathan were killed in battle. That left, in his mind, only one terrible thing to happen. “David is going to be king and he’s going to kill us all off.

The remaining members of Saul’s household ran to escape being killed. A family nurse, at the last minute, remembered little Mephibosheth, asleep in his bed. She ran to get him and in her anxious haste, dropped him from her arms. He was so bruised and broken that he was crippled for life.

The family lived in a shack in a small desert town called Lodebar. This name means “not a word” (i.e. nothing). All he ever heard was that David had taken the throne that should have been his, and left him with nothing. Hate and revenge were deep in the hearts of Saul’s family. Mephibosheth grew up in this seething cauldron of hate and drags himself around on a pair of home-made crutches.

One of the most tragic things of Mephibosheth’s life was that he did not know he was in covenant with David! He was *in* Jonathan when the covenant was made between the covenant heads. When he was born, it was already done, but nobody ever told him! Instead, he was raised in the wilderness, hating David (i.e. Jesus) and ready to kill him if he should ever get his hands on him. (That is the state of humanity in general).

## THE SONG OF THE BRIDE

### Part 27

Elaine

**Song of Solomon 4:11, “Thy lips, O my spouse, drop (as) the honeycomb: honey and milk are under thy tongue; and the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon.”**

Honey stands for that which strengthens weakness, and milk builds up the young and tender. So plentiful is the bride’s store that she is ever ready to distribute to those in need. Her lips do not *pour out* the honey—they *drop it*, a little at a time, as a person is able to bear it. Her heart is full and her measure of nourishment is so great that she must guard herself against pouring overmuch into a needy vessel. She needs to observe the law for drinking wine given in Esther 1:8, “And the drinking was according to the law; *none did compel:....they should do according to every man’s pleasure.*”

Standing in contrast to the lips of the bride are the lips of the wicked. “Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongue they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips.” We have seen that the only way the lips and tongue can be cleansed is to have the fountain cleansed. When a branch from the tree of Life is cast into this fountain, the heart is made clean and the words are also changed. This was how the *bitter waters* were healed in the wilderness—by cutting down the branch of a tree and putting it into the water (a type of Christ and His passion). When the Word of God enters the heart, the bitterness is changed to honey, and the poison to milk.

*Under the bride’s tongue* are words of comfort and sweetness that give grace to the hearer. They are hidden away to be brought forth as the occasion demands.

**“And the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon.”** Garments speak of all that has to do with our *external appearance*, just as clothes are the covering of the body and are easily noticed by others. Our attitudes such as behaviour, actions, social pleasures, and good manners are clearly seen by all. The bride’s outward appearance and attitudes indicate that she is walking in the spiritual elevation represented by Lebanon (whiteness). Because she walks with the Lord, she carries the fragrance of His presence. I’m sure you have experienced strangers smiling at you or greeting you because they smell this fragrance, even though they may not understand from whence it comes.

**4:12, “A garden shut up, (is) My sister, My bride; a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.”** In the Hebrew, the word “is” is omitted, making a distinction between the bride and the garden. After God created the universe and man, He planted a Garden. Its purpose was not for mere agricultural use, nor for commercial produce. Its only objective was for flowers and fruitfulness. It was not a public domain, but *a private place of growth*.

In this figurative language we see that the maiden has now come to a place where she is of delight and satisfaction to the Lord. She now realizes that she doesn’t exist simply for her own pleasure, to live her life as she sees fit, but she lives for the pleasure and satisfaction of her Bridegroom. **“A garden enclosed”**, or fenced in, signifies her high calling. She is not in a public garden; she is “the planting of the Lord, that *He* might be glorified.” All her beauty of spiritual feature and comeliness are for no other person’s delight but her heavenly Lover.

In order to open the way into the great Garden of the Lord, or the Kingdom of God, our Lord went through two gardens. The first was the garden of Gethsemane where He chose concerning the last garden, which is the cross and the tomb, called the Hill of Frankincense and the Mountain of Myrrh.

God was always encouraging the children of Israel to press on to the Promised land, describing to them its many beauties and blessings. Likewise, with the bride of this dispensation, the Lord continually sets forth the beauty of her spiritual inheritance, here spoken of as a Garden. In this gar

den is a spring that has been shut up, a fountain that has been sealed. We have thought that spoke of the bride, but when we see that she is distinct from the garden, we can see of whom it truly speaks.

Jesus Christ was the spring shut up, the fountain sealed. Though he was the great Fountain of Life, this Fountain was closed toward humanity until He died. It was not opened until He was raised from the dead For three days, the great Fountain of Life was sealed in the tomb by the foreordained plan of God. Now it is open to all to come and drink freely of that living water of which Jesus spoke. "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water."

### **A PATTERN OF SONSHIP Elaine**

One would think that, after dealing with Rees Howells so diligently about his hat, that the Lord would let the matter drop when he had received Rees' obedience. Ah, but He whose name is Wisdom knew that this dealing would deal a mortal blow to all the new friends in high places who were pleased to invite this spiritual man into their company. They didn't have any idea that the sword of the Lord would also come nigh unto them and lop off any branches that were growing too high!

Shortly after handing over the mission to his friend, Rees was invited to London to be Mr. Gosset's guest. His first impulse was to refuse the honor because he was committed to a certain intercession. The Holy Spirit probed until He said, "Tell Me your real reason for not going." Rees had to confess it was because he couldn't bear to be among people of rank without a hat and he felt he couldn't insult his friend in this manner. He was used to walking hatless in his own village, but London was quite another matter!

The flesh made 101 excuses but the Holy Ghost would have none of them! He had planned the whole affair to prove whether Rees would obey Him rather than man. It's easy to say you'd gladly "be a fool for Christ's sake" until He actually asks you to be one!"

The conflict was so heavy that Rees wondered if it were possible to turn back from this life of surrender, this daily dying, and just live an ordinary Christian life as many of his friends did. (I'm sure we've all had that temptation at times). But the Spirit held him to his "living martyr" position,

with no more claim on his life than a dead man has. Finally, the Spirit drew him by cords of love by showing him the bitter cross the Lord bore. "He had no form nor comeliness. He was despised and rejected of men, smitten of God and afflicted."

Finally, Rees asked the Lord to give him scripture for the strange thing he was asked to do. He brought before him John the Baptist clothed in camel's hair and eating locusts and wild honey; and Elijah, who spent 3 1/2 years between a cave and a widow's home where they ate their last meal every day. That settled the matter! He would go!

As the train neared Paddington Station, Rees felt like a man condemned to the gallows. Mr. Gosset welcomed him with, "Oh, you've left your hat on the train."

"No. I didn't bring one with me."

"What! You've come to London without a hat? You must realize you are not in the country now. You cannot come to London without a hat."

"Then I must go back," Rees answered.

"It is not a question of going back. It is a question of wearing a hat!" By this time, Mr. Gosset's face was brick-red with embarrassment, and Rees pitied him. "I have a new cap at home that I will give you." At this, Rees had to tell him that if he were given all the hats in London, he would not take them, for to go without a hat was one of his positions of abiding to gain a place of intercession. Later, his friend confessed that the Lord had touched his pride more than at any time in his life.

Rees knew he also had to make another stand for "Daniel's menu." He was only to take two meals a day of the simplest food, so what should he do about all the dinners to which he would be invited? He didn't say a thing until he sat at the full table and his kind host pressed him to taste every dish. When Mr. Gosset heard of his place of abiding he raised both hands and exclaimed, "What have you done with me? My friends will believe you to be one of the old prophets!" They had a good laugh over it, but his host warned: "When we walk on the street, you'll have to walk two yards in front or two yards behind me!"

Rees saw that the Lord was testing him to see whether that class of society would touch him, and he could say he was dead to it all. On the last day, another great purpose of his visit was revealed. Mr. Gosset told him, "God has told me that He is going to bless my house because you are here, just as He blessed the house of Obed-edom because the Ark of God was there." At that word, the room was filled with God's presence.

The next morning, Rees was led to read about the Shunammite woman and say, “You have done to me the same as that woman did to the prophet. And I feel I am also to ask, ‘What is to be done for thee?’ Any blessing you ask, He is going to give you.”

His host broke down and wept. His one desire was that his son, Captain Ralph Gosset, who had left the path of the Lord, should not bring discredit upon his family when he returned from Africa. Rees answered, “God will do more than that! Your son will not return to the army without being converted. “ This was to be a fulfillment of Jesus’ words to the seventy: “Whatsoever house ye enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house.’ And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it.”

## THE MELCHISEDEC PRIESTHOOD

### The Healing of the Soul

#### Part 12

Elaine

It seems that the medical profession is into “disease management.” The Melchisedec Priesthood will be not only be into healing, but into disease *prevention*. Neither doctors nor psychiatrists are qualified to be healers of spiritually rooted diseases. The Spirit of the Lord is opening up to our understanding the causes of spiritually rooted diseases. Are you aware that many people do not like themselves? Many struggle with self-hatred, lack of self-esteem and guilt. It is like a plague. *Healthy thinking* may, in time, become an important aspect in treating and preventing disease.

We quote from **LIFE OUT OF DEATH**, by Jesse Penn-Lewis, speaking of the soul before it enters into Life. “It cannot guard itself as before. It can do nothing by its own endeavors as formerly and it appears to itself to defile itself every moment. He is giving it to see its corruption to the uttermost. Now it truly hates itself. If the soul is to know God, it must know its own misery apart from Him, and God searches it out in its depths. Nothing but weakness on weakness. The poor soul, having lost all it once possessed, must now lose itself by an utter despair of itself. Prayer is difficult. The imagination seems in utter disorder. The understanding, the memory, and the will appear to be without any power. It is now before God and others and its self-hatred is such that it sees itself as worthy of all scorn. Any disappointment with ourselves shows that *we expected something from ourselves*. To know what we really are, in the sight of God, means much stripping of veneer, and much humiliation. This degree

is truly a passing through deep waters.” (unquote)

Agnes Sanford said in her book on healing: “How often have we heard ‘I guess I just don’t have the faith to get well.’ So we learn faith by trying to understand that we are children of light and then *correcting every thought* that denies our glorious heritage of life and love.”

A friend of ours always had to have the latest and best car. It was very important to him. The time came when he died momentarily on the operating table. He went down a long tunnel and there was Jesus who told him that he hadn’t called him yet and that he was to go back. That experience changed his life. After that, he didn’t care what kind of car he had. A car was now simply a vehicle to take him from A to B. He didn’t need the best car to help him feel that he was acceptable. He knew he was when he saw the Lord!

We’ve met people who collect things to such an extreme that you can hardly walk through their houses for boxes of their “treasures.” It is the same thing—they are looking for some security from “things” even if those things are not valuable in themselves. Only by receiving their acceptance in the Beloved are they able to accept themselves and be at peace with how God has made them. The Lord is delivering His sons so that they might in turn know how to deliver groaning creation.

The Lord impressed upon my heart to ask my friend, **Victoria**, to share her walk with the Lord. Her experiences clearly set forth areas of healing we have not understood. Many precious believers hold self-hatred, rejection, and unworthy feelings which cause them pain and keep them from enjoying the peace of being the Lord’s child. This testimony reveals how the Spirit is working to heal the soul of one called to be a son. She tells of her journey in her own words:

“I had such a bad case of rejection and unworthy feelings that I would even call myself names—not just in my head, but out loud. I’d often say to myself, “Oh, for Pete’s sake!” even for a long time after I had dealt with the self-hatred. And one day, as I said it again in disgust at myself, the Lord said, “**And who are you angry with?**” I was squelched. I admitted, “I have an idea it’s me.” He had shown me that my biggest problem was that I was not able to receive His

love because I didn’t think I deserved it.

“I found that I often set myself up for failure because that is what I thought I deserved. One day I was running around looking for my car keys. I

started putting myself down (out loud) when the Lord spoke to me and said, **“Stop!”** I felt like He had grabbed my heart and squeezed it. I knew He was annoyed with me. He said, **“How dare you hate what I love?”**

“Something inside of me had to fall over; it was smitten! I now understood that I was not allowed to open my mouth and abuse myself any more. That didn’t stop the inner voice, but I know that the breath of my voice is creative, and I was feeding that negativity in me by speaking it. Many times after that I would choke on my words to keep them back, because I didn’t want to displease my heavenly Father. Gradually, the inner voice calmed down, but I still said, “Oh, for Pete’s sake!”

“I was receiving some counseling from a Christian counselor and he told me that people who mutilate themselves have told him that is their way of taking the inner pain and moving it to the outside where they can deal with it. They are unable to deal with their inner issues. I didn’t think I’d ever do that, but I certainly felt like it at times..

“I realized I had become a workaholic, trying in this way to validate myself, to make myself worthy because of what I did. And, strange as it may seem, I heard a continuous wail from my soul within. It was very disturbing. A Christian friend advised me to speak to my soul on the authority of the word: “Be still, my soul”, so I did and the wailing stopped. Now I know that my workaholic behavior covered that pain. I could get a real high just from working. I’ve seen others cover up their pain by some other “...holic” behavior—alcoholic, taking drugs, gambling, smoking, etc., because they don’t deal with it.

“I ended up in bed, and the Spirit said, **“You can’t get off your bed for more than five minutes at a time.”** This was the Lord’s therapy to deal with some areas that I had refused to look at. If I attempted to do any work, I felt so totally drained that I would have to lie down. The doctors call my condition fibromyalgia. The Lord had me recognize, first of all, that I was full of pain. I was full of anger and fear that had been covered by the pain. Little by little, the Lord started peeling off layers.

“I was so depressed that I went for counseling again. I didn’t want to live, but I didn’t want to die either. I just wanted to be free! I was refused because I wasn’t wanting to kill myself. They had so many who were suicidal that they had to spend

time with them. That left me feeling abandoned, thinking that no one was there for me. I grew up in a home where my parents had problems so we children had to find ways to cope. Often it took the form of the others picking on me, calling me names, making derogatory comments, and not accepting me. This was all I knew so when I grew up, I just carried on from where they left off and continued to treat myself in the same abusive manner in which I had been treated. My value as a person was non-existent.

“I was a plump little girl and on the school bus the children would tease me and call me “Fatty” and I would scrunch in a corner and not look at anyone. I didn’t think anyone liked me.

“I’ve since realized that the Lord puts us in a certain family for His purposes. There are things there to overcome and we come out of the situation better than if we had never had it. In looking back, I realize that it did a work in me that nothing else could have done, and I thank the Lord for it.

“At one point, He asked me, **“Would you go to prison for me?”** I said I would, thinking He meant a physical prison. Actually, He put me in a prison with people, very much like a commune with a great deal of control over my life. I became like a doormat to some people. (I had been a doormat to my family for a long time, so this was a pattern of my behavior). Though this group had a lot of truth, they simply tried to run my life. They used my love for God and my desire to be obedient to Him to keep me there to serve them. I finally asked the Lord, ‘How do I get out of this?’ Finally, He answered me, **“If it takes a million people walking on you to make you stand up, I will send a million and one.”**

“The day came when I said, “This is enough. I am not taking anymore. Lord, I don’t want to displease You, but I’m getting out of here.” His reply was, **“Would you please wait four days?”** At the end of the four days, I was given an ultimatum: ‘Either you submit, or you’re out!’ I joyfully said, ‘Bye! I’m out of here!’ I realized later the wisdom of waiting. If I had left, there would still have been ties, but as it was, they cut the ties. Even then, they kept after me to come back.

“One by one the Lord dealt with issues in my life. First, the doormat mentality, then refusing to let others run my life, but I still had no confidence in my relationship with God, even though He had been speaking to me since I was nine years old.

“As a child, I didn’t know the difference between the soul and the spirit and couldn’t put together the two parts of me—the part that communed with God, and the one that suffered pain and rejection all the time. It took some time before I realized that it was very important to let God deal with my inner man. I read that we were to come into the mind of Christ so I asked the Lord what that was and He explained that it was when we begin to think like Him and have His attitudes toward a matter. Then He poked a little fun at me: **‘Did you think it was a little appendage at the side of your head that you could switch over whenever you wanted to?’** Sometimes He would say funny things to me. I guess I needed that!” (To be continued).

### IS THIS AN EMERGING PATTERN?

Bill Cook

A word has come to us from **Cal Werner**, a fellow-Canadian, that I feel I must share with you in light of some of the writings I have previously shared on things of this nature.

Cal writes, “An exquisite surprise awaited me as I sat down with Christian neighbors for tea not long ago. The wife grew up in rural Ukraine under communism. She experienced the Book of Acts in fellowshipping house to house not knowing when the communist authorities would interrupt their gathering. Arrests of Christians being sent to Siberia, some never to return, some shot, were all indelibly written in her memory as part of her Christian upbringing. The miracles, being led by and walking in the Spirit, the attendant hardships and blessings of provision as a living reality were shared. Comments were made on how little the North American “church” resembles the biblical or current experience of true Christianity.

“The couple told of revival that took place in rural Russia and the Ukraine in the early part of the 1900’s. They had a wonderful experience as believers reliving the Book of Acts. The Holy Spirit warned His people about 20 years ahead of time that the communists would crack down on believers: confiscating property, jailing and killing them, and starving people to the point where mothers would eat their children. This warning, given in advance, gave time for people to prepare. About a year before the crackdown began, the Holy Spirit provided a way of escape. Believers were led to leave their villages and travel to points unknown. These are people that did not travel and lived most of their lives in a small area. Few left

and many stayed behind, including this sister’s forefathers. The few that left eventually found their way to freedom, experiencing hardship along the way. The majority that stayed suffered tremendous hardships: death, incarceration, and artificially-forced starvation.

“After meeting with this couple, I read an article that eerily shadowed the details related in this story. Note, they had a warning given about 20 years before the actual communist crackdown began. For North America, a warning was given in a book called **“Set the Trumpet to Thy Mouth”**, written by David Wilkerson about 19 years ago. Warning signs along the way were given to America: oil wells burning night and day in the middle east (fulfilled in Iraq/Kuwait Persian Gulf War, 1992), rioting in the streets (LA riots), and financial institutions crumbling (the Savings & Loan crisis is just one example). The book speaks of skyscrapers melting—gone in one hour. What remains to be fulfilled: possible further economic hardship and then great destruction.

“There are those who have scoffed at these warnings, preachers on TV and preachers in the pulpit. When great destruction did not happen quickly, scoffers made fun of those who made preparations for a holocaust. God has given His warning to us well in advance so that we can prepare our hearts and those of our family. The Russian Christians had about 20 years. Is this an emerging pattern? Is that the amount of time we have? If so, the time is almost up. May you be one to be hid in the cleft of the rock.” (Unquote)

David Wilkerson is a notable prophet of God. Six weeks prior to the fall of the towers in New York, the Holy Spirit forewarned his pastoral staff that a calamity was coming. They were prompted to cancel all their major events and call the congregation to prayer four nights a week. The Lord’s presence stirred them to weeping and repentance. They knew that a tragedy was coming.

### MY PRAYER TIMES **Elaine**

**1. The World is Dark:** “The world has become very dark. This has been hidden from My Own, for I have covered them from beholding the depth of evil as I prepared them as vessels of light.

“As I have been a wall about them, so shall they be a wall against the darkness. It is so deep that even the very face of the earth shall be changed in My judgments. This tells you that the face of mankind shall be changed and turned unto the living God once again, for it is the Day of the

Lord when I shall intervene mightily in the affairs of men as I bring in My New Day wherein dwelleth righteousness.”

I will share a confirmation of this word from **Dorothy Staat**. “I was crying out, ‘Oh Lord, how long?’” He spoke to me, ‘**When it is the darkest, I will manifest.**’ Also, **Joyce Morris**, speaking on a tape, said that the same words were spoken to her by the Lord.”

### THE BRETHREN SHARE

**1. The Passion of Christ:** We had a number of letters telling us that the report that we published on Mel Gibson’s life was not entirely true. We apologize for that, but we will report some of the results of the movie he made that have been printed in the newspapers. It is, after all, Christ who is on trial, not Mel Gibson!

According to a recent story carried by Reuters, retailers are reporting increased sales of Bibles and other Christian-themed merchandise. The report quotes Joe Hackman, a Bible Book store owner from Whitehall, PA, as saying he has “never seen anything like this before.” He said, “People are coming in and saying, ‘We don’t have a Bible. Can you show me a Bible?’”

According to The National Post, the movie is also prompting confessions to unsolved crimes. Sudden admissions of guilt to law authorities “may clear up a bank robbery in Florida, the death of a woman in Texas and the bombing of anarchists in Oslo.” One man told a detective his emotional reaction to the film had spurred him to surrender.”

**2. From a Vancouver Newspaper: Anglicans in Africa Reject Gay Clergy.** From Kenya: “Anglican archbishops from Africa said yesterday they will reject aid donations from any diocese that recognizes gay clergy, and recommended giving the Episcopal Church in the U.S. three months to repent for ordaining an openly gay bishop.

“The archbishops also said they will refuse cooperation with any missionary who supports ordaining gay priests.

“If we suffer for a while to gain our independence and our freedom and to build ourselves up, I think it will be a good thing for the church in Africa,” said Archbishop Peter Akinola of Nigeria. “And we will not, on the altar of money, mortgage our conscience, mortgage our faith, mortgage our salvation.”

We salute our African brethren!

**3. Jack Hodgdon:** “I had a dream on March 20<sup>th</sup>. In the dream I was standing by a woman’s bed who was raising up. Suddenly the anointing was upon me in great measure and I wept and heard the Lord say, *“I am ready to deliver My people from all their chains of bondage.”*

“We have all been in our caves alone for so long and now a change will suddenly come. I am getting many messages from different people from all over the USA that say the Redeemer is ready to roar out of Zion. (Psa.78:65-66; Isa. 42:13-14). I really feel an excitement in my spirit like what you feel at an important birth. The manchild is ready to be born!” Jack’s Email address is: [jb1959@oregontrail.net](mailto:jb1959@oregontrail.net).

**4. Elaine Cook:** My book called “The Song of the Bride” is now ready. You may ask for it at any time. It has 160 pages. We have mailed it out to those who have already asked for it.

**5. William Engberg says:** If you know of a person in another country that does not have a Bible and needs one, please write a letter with their address in care of Cooks, or send an email to: [derek@blazediamond.com](mailto:derek@blazediamond.com)

**6. Watchman Nee:** “He shall blossom as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon” **Hosea 14:5.** Here united in the child of God are two contrasting characters. Above ground, as it were, is the simple unsophisticated life of trust and faith represented by the lily of God’s planting. That is what men see. Yet, buried deep down out of sight, giving to this frail plant a wholly unsuspected strength, are the massive roots of the cedar. Here surely is the paradox of a life in which the cross is known. Outwardly it is fragile as the lily blooming on the earth, but secretly there is a hundred times more below ground. “This is the test. How much of my life is seen? When men look on the surface have they seen the whole, or is there something more? Have I in the unseen a secret history with God? Men take account only of the lily blooming in its weakness. God is concerned with the roots, that they shall be cedarlike in strength.”

**7. Miriam West:** I was telling our Father what a lonely walk this is. His answer was, “This is the price you pay.” He is all we need!

**PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

1. HE OFFERED FOR US
2. O CAPTIVE DAUGHTER
3. THE CHURCH AGE PASSES
4. GOING ON UNTO PERFECTION
5. SEVEN DAYS OF CREATION
6. ROBBED BY ORTHODOXY
7. PATRIARCHS IN GENESIS
8. JUDGMENT
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