



# MY WORD MADE FLESH

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## INTRODUCTION

In November of 2007 I mailed out the first printing of my new book called *“Walking with the Speaking God.”* I believe I was writing on it for a full year and rejoiced to have it finished and sent forth to the hungry.

Can you imagine my amazement when I heard the Spirit speak within me that I would be writing another book right away? He impressed upon me that in the book I had just written, He had caused me to share the dealings of the Lord in teaching me things of the Church Age: salvation, the infilling of the Holy Spirit, healing, and so on. This new book was to go further and share the present dealings of the Spirit in how to walk in this New Day and in the *Feast of Tabernacles*.

I heard Him say: “I want you to keep careful accounts of My dealings with you from now on, not only the inspired words that I speak unto you, but the experiences and prayer-times that I bring into your life. I must show my *half-awakened remnant* what it is to walk in the realm of *Tabernacles*. I must show them in a way that they can understand. Start now to record your life more closely and those of My first-tip fruits.”

For several days I tossed in my mind the thought of this new book, wondering what the title should be. Always when the Lord wants me to write a new book He gives me the title, but this time He didn’t do that. One day I had a little extra time so I sat down at the computer to begin my book but I experienced some frustration because I didn’t know what to call it! I cried out to the Lord, “Lord, I can’t write this book when I don’t even know what it should be called! Please tell me the name of it!”

Immediately, into my mind came the words: **“MY WORD MADE FLESH.”**

This word seemed so strong--I was awed by it. Somehow, though, I thought I should try to “water it down” a bit. Maybe I should say, “The Word Made Flesh.” No, that would not do! The word came again with power to my trembling soul: *“My Word Made Flesh.”* When I shared it with Bill and Elisabeth Campbell, our Scottish friend, they both felt the awesomeness of it. He was telling us, in a nutshell, what *Tabernacles* is: it is deity made flesh in human vessels. It is He in the midst of us Who would manifest Himself in us as He has never done before!

At the time I shared the title of my new book, the Lord showed something to Elisabeth by “the seeing eye.” She says, “When Elaine spoke these words, I felt them go right through me and later on when we were just sitting and praying, this picture came before my eyes. It was like we used to see in the cinema and maybe still do on television—when a newspaper is spinning very fast—all over the screen. It is of great importance and the headlines are attention-grabbing and are going to make you take notice. You can see the white newspaper with very black ink. Then the spinning stops and there, right in the middle of the scene, are these words as the headline: MY WORD MADE FLESH.”

Some days later the Lord gave His introduction to me in these words: *‘You will see with your own eyes, and hear with your ears how I walked among men, for My remnant Body shall walk as I walked and speak like I spoke. All who see them shall know that Emmanuel is in their midst, for I will be in them as My Father’s Spirit was in Me when I walked the earth. Even now, the hearts of those who are to be revealed are joyfully anticipating My moving in them in a new way – a great way – but their understanding does not yet fathom how that way shall be.*

*“It shall be by My Word—even My Word that has been made flesh in them. As they hear Me speak within, and obey My Voice, they shall see the kingdom come all around them. Even those who know Me not, or know Me only in a shallow manner, shall see Me in you. Or perhaps their minds cannot see that far. They will say, ‘You are like an angel sent to us.’ But whatever measure of My Spirit they can receive, it shall be given unto them.*

*“Watch what My Words do! Notice the nature in which they speak! See My love and watchcare for My creation in all My words and glorify My nature that has come nigh unto you, for by My Words you*

*shall be sanctified and by My Words shall others be blessed. You, My people, are My Word made flesh in the midst of a wicked and perverse generation.*

*“Never, in the history of time, has a Body of believers been yielded to walk as one with Me. It shall be as though I am personally sent to all places where they abide, as My Word made flesh! All creation has waited for this Day!”*

## **2. Coming into the Real**

To help us understand these things, the Spirit spoke further: “*Levi is dead*. The order of his day has passed away, but he has left behind a book of types and shadows, of lessons learned through life, and learning the dealings of God with men in their carnal state.

“*The Church Age ministries* have cast aside all that Levi had to offer for their spiritual growth and admonishment and set about to create their own laws and creeds to replace the old ones. They hearkened not to what had been handed down to them of lessons learned in the wilderness.

“Now comes the *Age of the Kingdom* and I am opening the eyes of My remnant to see and to understand the types and shadows in the blueprint of walking with Me. They shall be greatly edified by this understanding and will be helped to build the tabernacle aright—the one not made with hands within them.”

Among my letters after I had announced that the Lord had told me that we were now in Tabernacles and had not known it, was one that has a strong lesson in it. We are to understand that the types and shadows *point to the real—they are not themselves, the real!* A friend shared a writing wherein a brother had set forth all his calculations to determine the precise days of the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement, and Tabernacles.

I will quote a few lines: “We have taken care and dedicated quite a lot of time researching the accuracy of our methods of determining the dates, and have attempted to apply what we have discovered. However, we feel it is far more important to *keep the feasts*, regardless of when it takes place. For years we have been blessed to keep Tabernacles several times a year with different people all over the country, each utilizing a different calendar, and each gathering was blessed for its faithfulness in gathering for these *memorials*.” (unquote)

I feel in my spirit that we are not to be keeping memorials of an ancient feast, but are to *now* enter into ***the truth of what it is foreshadowing!*** If it is telling us of a time when the Spirit of the Lord will dwell in us in fullness, then that is where we should be looking. This feast is not something we were simply meant to observe as a memorial each year (and make sure you get the dates right)! It is a realm of Spirit, of maturity, into which the Lord would lead us and teach us how to walk.

The answer to my friend was, “Searching out all the dates seems to me as *outward things*. It puts me into mind of ‘the keeping of days.’ It takes us away from the central truth that Tabernacles (like Passover and Pentecost) are *spiritual experiences*. Do we ever ask a person if they received their salvation (Passover) or baptism of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) on the right day? I don’t think so!

And, now that the season of Tabernacles is upon us and we are encouraged to walk in it (see our Oct./07 newsletter), the dates have no relevance whatever (although to some, they might like to feel “I’ve got it right.”) It’s the *heart relationship* that we need to “get right!” Do ask the Lord to show you how to walk in Tabernacles, for the time has come.

## **3. Come and Learn**

Through the years when the Lord wants to tell us that the time has come to learn new lessons, He always tells me that we are moving to a new classroom. This way, we are more open and alert to what He would teach us. We were not surprised when He spoke in this same manner to us recently.

“You are going back to school: post-graduate school. You have already graduated from the school of *the Church Age* and all that pertains unto it.

“Now you are to sit at My Feet and learn the new ways of My kingdom, for many of them are foreign to your natural understanding. I will, with all patience, teach you of My new ways until they are so written upon your hearts that it will be natural to think and act in this new way. Come with eagerness; come with openness; come with a love that would bless your fellow-man and your eternal Father.”

#### **4. The Announcement**

On August 22/07, I was waiting before the Lord as is my custom. It seemed like any other time that I spent time with Him. I wasn't expecting any bombshell revelation or anything like that! So, you can believe that I was quite taken aback when I heard the Spirit speak these words to my waiting heart:

***“Thou hast stepped over into the realm of Tabernacles and you have not known it.*** You have been aware of My ever-present nearness and the Word of My Spirit in your mouth and in your heart when I desire it to be there and at a time when it should come forth.

“As it was at Passover and Pentecost, when this new anointing came, My people had, for a time, *to learn to walk in it*, for it was such as they had not known heretofore. Previous traditions and ways of thinking and doing things needed to be discarded as I brought in the things of the new realm. *So it is now* as you marvel at the gracious words that are coming out of your mouth and the favor in which they are being received (for they are *My words*.)

“Walk quietly and softly before me in these *‘introductory days’ of Tabernacles*. There shall be no trumpet-blasts announcing the arrival of *this* Feast. Rather, it shall be as the pattern that was portrayed when Jesus said, “...I go not up yet unto this feast; for My time is not yet full come.” Vs. 10: “But when His brethren were gone up, then went He also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.” John 7:8, 10.

“Walk softly before Me as *I teach you of My new ways!*”

#### **5. Could It Be True?**

I struggled for some days with this word, wondering if it could really be so. Perhaps I had also been expecting some great sign in the heavens or the like. I considered the ways of the Lord in my life in recent months. He had been speaking through me in a way I had not known before and at which I had wondered. Yet, could this really be what we have waited for all these years? I kept asking the Lord for a confirmation. When I phoned my peers they all agreed that it must be so, for they also had felt a change in their lives.

The Lord finally confirmed it so that I could understand His ways in this new Feast. He asked me a question that answered all my little fears. “*Would you have Me send fire again from heaven? Is not the fire already within you and shall it not burn more brightly as I blow upon it? Look not for something to fall upon you from above, but look to how I am rising within you. Look to the recent times when I have spoken through your lips (and those of My firstfruits company), words that they had not thought to say, allowing Me to speak through them to whom I would whenever I so desired. Is this not what the firstborn Son did? He said, ‘I speak only that which I hear with My Father.’ This is an operation from the fullness of the Spirit. You do not choose to speak as in past times; you yield and obey to speak the words that I put in your mouth. This is a new operation of My Spirit. This is proceeding from the fire of the Spirit that burns brightly within, overwhelming all that the soul would think or do.*

“*Will you not believe that this Feast of fullness will manifest at the first in very quiet ways? My people will find themselves wondering why they spoke thus to a certain one, for it was not on their heart, nor was it in their accustomed manner of speaking. These are the first signs that my fullness is within and I am exercising My chosen in yielding in small ways, to this new anointing. Greater things shall come as they pass the initial phase of yielding all their members to Me.*”

I took courage and shared this with those who read The Gospel of the Kingdom. I received a flood of encouraging letters from those who had heard the same thing from the Lord and had hidden it in their

hearts. I was comforted when I remembered the words that **Ray Prinzing**, a kingdom ministry, had said: “Don’t even try to guess how this new feast shall come in! Don’t imagine it will be anything like what you have seen in Passover or Pentecost. God is not going to repeat Himself! It will be entirely original—something that we have never seen before.”

### 6. *What’s the Difference?*

Many will ask, “What’s the difference between the Pentecostal Church Age and Tabernacles, the Age of the Kingdom?” You will probably know the answer to that question once you have read this book, for I have invited many mature believers to share their experiences and prayer-lives with you.

The first sharing is from **Pat Savas** who says, “Yes, the Pentecostal—Charismatic movement was marvelous, spectacular, even palpable—like the thunder, lightning, and earthquakes of Mt. Sinai. However, this new place in Him is very, very quiet by comparison. We have been mostly sitting in our little booths, waiting for Father to remove all the leaven of self from us by fire, so that He may fill us with all of Himself. Waiting patiently, in obscurity, is death to the carnal man, and that is what it is meant to be.

“Through the past several years I have noticed that some people who had tremendous experiences in Pentecost could not handle the quiet and seeming “nothingness” of this realm. Many, going backwards actually, tired to rekindle the fires themselves and when that didn’t work, tried to satisfy their itching ears and empty hands with “strange gods”, including New Age and Old Age delusions. Some gave up altogether or went back to the old manna of churchianity.

“We know that there is not going to be a REvival, or a RE-anything! (God isn’t into REpeats!) This is a whole new wonderful work of God alone, with no help from us; none of man’s tools are put to the rough-hewn altar. All He wants from us is our hearts of love and complete trust—belief is the key. This is *the* faith which the Son of Man is looking for as He returns in His Seed.”

### 7. *Crossing Jordan*

I have always respected the writings and the life of **Ricky and Karen Evans** who send out the study called “*The Voice of Many Waters*.” His word is definitely balanced and established. I was not surprised to see in his latest paper that the Lord was leading him to speak on the same theme as the title of this book! I’m going to share an excerpt from his paper which I trust will impact you as it did me.

“The children of Israel have been in the wilderness for the past forty years and now they come to the Jordan River. It is time to cross over into the Promised Land. The Jordan is at flood stage. It is not the best time for crossing over and maybe we should just come back later when the waters subside. The river at flood stage is dangerous and somebody could get hurt and you know God would never be in that. Oh, but now is the time! There are a people rising up with the Ark of the Covenant on their shoulders and they are moving forward. They are putting their feet in the brink of the waters. They have, as it were, put on the glory of God. They have put on the new man (Eph. 4:23-24) and are walking in the glory (nature) of God.

“There was to be a space of 2000 cubits between the Ark of the Covenant and the children of Israel. They were to follow the Ark of the Covenant because *they had never been this way before*. This was to be a new day for the children of Israel. They could not go the same way they had in the wilderness. God was taking them down a new path. ‘*However, the Ever-Living interposes between you and it, two thousand cubits space. Approach not to it except so that you may know the way that it goes, for you will not proceed by the way you did yesterday.*’ (Ferrah Fenton Bible)

“Two thousand years ago, God made a change in the way His people were to walk. He opened the way for them to enter the reality of the Promised Land. There is a realm in the Spirit that God wants His people to walk in and He has opened the way for us to walk there. Jesus opened up a whole new way to walk with God. The law and the sacrifices were all a foreshadowing of Jesus and the relationship He would bring us into with God. Jesus crossed over before us and was the proof that God would,

without fail, drive out all our enemies. Jesus was the proof that the living God is among us. While we can believe Jesus walked in this realm in the Spirit, we have a hard time believing we can walk in such a realm. After all, that was Jesus and *we are not Jesus*, so how can we expect to walk in such a realm? We can be forgiven. We can be filled with the Holy Spirit and see the gifts of the Spirit work through us, but to live like Jesus lived, completely overcoming all sin—now, that is another story!

“The name *Jordan* means ‘*their descent*’. Most of Christendom believes crossing Jordan is speaking of physical death and going to heaven. While it can speak of a death process, it does not speak of physical death and going to heaven. It speaks of a humbling, *their descent*, that will bring us into the realities of the kingdom of God. Didn’t Jesus empty Himself of all He was and take on the likeness of men? As if this wasn’t enough, He humbled Himself yet further and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross (Phil. 2:8). Jesus, as a man, as flesh and blood, was filled with God, and faced everything you and I have to face but He showed us a man could overcome it all. A man filled with God. ***Ah, now there is the secret—a man filled with God.*** Do you think this is your loophole? Do you think this is your way out of walking like Jesus? Think again! Jesus came as a man to show us what a man with God living in his life, can do.

“Yes, I realize Jesus was filled with the fullness of God (Jn. 3:34) and we have received the earnest of our inheritance when we were baptized with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13,14). Paul also lets us know there is to be growth from this earnest to all the fullness of God (Eph. 3:19). Jesus was not in the manger full of the fullness of God. The scriptures tell us that He grew in favor with God and man. He increased in wisdom and stature. If you are filled with the fullness of something then there is no room for increase.

“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory” (Jn. 1:14). The Spirit overshadowed Mary and she conceived and the result was Jesus; the Word became flesh. The Spirit of the living God dwelt in this baby, but it had to be developed. It had to grow inside this flesh body until it became the out-raying of the glory of God (Heb. 1:3). Even after Jesus was baptized by John, He still had to be tested and tried in the wilderness to be able to show forth the glory of the Father in its fullness. It didn’t just happen at His birth. He grew into it. He crossed over into the realities of the kingdom of God while He lived right here in this earth realm, giving us the example to follow. He showed us how it is done. Not only has He shown us show it is done, but *He has come to live in us to do it again*. He didn’t give us seven steps to perfection but He Himself came to live in us to make sure we could walk in the realm of the Spirit. *The Word is becoming flesh once again, but this time it is in you and me.*

“Many will tell you that they know that Jesus lives in them, but the reality of His presence in them escapes them. They feel they are not expected to overcome all things in this life. These are in for a rude awakening. God is about to bring forth a people who have overcome all things even as He overcame all things. These are the people who will pick up the Ark of the Covenant and cross Jordan. This doesn’t mean they will die and go to heaven and be in the glory of God. Oh no, they will have the glory of God right here on planet earth and they will cross over into the realities of the kingdom of God as a display to all the world that it can be done in those who will humble themselves, and in their descent, cross over into the reality of the kingdom of God.

“This is how you will know God is among you and that He without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites.” (Jos. 3:10) There will be somebody who will walk in the glory of God and cross over into the realities of the kingdom of God as a sign for those who keep saying it can’t be done. When they see this they will know that God is among us. They will also know that God *without fail* will drive out the enemies in the land before us. He who has begun a good work in us will complete it. (Phil.1:6) For some reason, people just have a hard time believing Jesus can set us completely free from all sin. Oh yes, we are forgiven but can He really set us completely free from the power of sin? Absolutely! Yes, when we all get to heaven. No! Right here, right now. Now the big question; why hasn’t He done it yet?



*“Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, ‘Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess.’ Josh.1:11*

“To possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you.” Doesn’t that sound like a contradiction? I’m giving you something but you have to go and take it. Now what if the children of Israel had been more like us and suppose the people of Jericho had come out and told them this wasn’t really theirs? God had not really given them this land and they needed to just go somewhere else? Maybe if they would have told the children of Israel this was just a type of what heaven is going to be like and they just needed to live in the wilderness until they died; then the children of Israel might have just left them alone. This is not your land—after all, the earth is not your home. You are just passing through—remember?

“I don’t want to be-labor the point, but there is a battle going on to possess what has already been given to us. There are realities in the kingdom of God that belong to us *now*. They have been given to us but we have an enemy who wants to keep us out of the promises which belong to us. We will not just stroll into these realities. We will have to dispossess those enemies and take over the land. There are powers of darkness which have ruled over mankind and have kept us in bondage to all sorts of things and don’t think for a moment they will just give up without a fight. We are going to have to rise up in the Spirit and dispossess them and take over in the realm of the Spirit.

“There is a spirit-river flowing from Adam (Josh.3:16) and it is at flood stage. It is always at flood stage during the harvest. We are in the days when the harvest is ripe. Mankind is ready to see the manifestation of the glory of God as it has never been seen. ‘How can you say that, brother? The world looks like it is in the worst shape it has ever been.’ That is just the point. The banks are overflowing. The darkness is getting greater and greater (Isa.60:2). Oh, but the glory of God is rising upon us in greater and greater measure. There will be a people who put their feet into the brink of the river and watch as that river backs up all the way *back to Adam*. There will be a people who show that the living God is in their midst (Rev.21:3). This will go beyond the mere intellect of men and theological debates over this and that doctrine. It will be a people who demonstrate the reality of defeating the Adamic nature by walking in the Spirit of the living God. They will be ‘My Word Made Flesh.’”

**Ricky** sent me an Email recently and shared: “The Lord has put us in contact with some hungry people who have grown weary with the systems of men. We know that feeling. More and more we know the season has changed and just this morning the Lord said to me, *‘The fruit is on the way.’* We are about to see the fruit of our labors; first in our own lives and then in the lives of those we have ministered to. The season is here when the life is moving in the trees, unseen to the natural eye, the life is moving in the trees and branches and soon the buds will appear for all to see.”

### **8. A Confirmation to Each Other**

**Tim Moores**, in Canada, is one who works closely with us in ministry. He built our Web Site and maintains it with love. Recently he contacted us to see if we’d like to go with him and some family members to minister at a northern town in B.C. We didn’t feel led to go but we knew they would have a wonderful time with the precious brethren there.

Upon his return home he found our November newsletter waiting for him to put up on the Web. He contacted me right away with these words: “I am excited and encouraged because your newsletter came to me just as I was editing the sound files of the message we shared in Burns Lake. What a blessed confirmation your paper was to me as the brethren shared so much of what the Lord has been speaking to our own hearts and was speaking over the course of our two and a half days with His precious sons in Burns Lake.

“Similar to what you shared of your own hesitation, when we got back home and I listened to what had been spoken, for a brief moment I felt an uneasiness, like perhaps I had gone too far, or expressed myself with over-zealousness, even bordering on self-exultation. I sensed the accuser wanted to drag

me back into my old identity. I cried out to Father, ‘*Don’t let me go ahead of You, but neither let me cease to declare Your Word in humility.*’

“Your paper, and the timing of the Lord that you sent it precisely when you did the other day, was yet again the Lord reaffirming that we are to continue to hear and boldly declare what He is doing *right now*, in us...His sons. This *is* His Word, a current word! This *is* the Day of the Lord! We *are* in the midst of the Feast! He *is* standing up ‘in His Temple’ and crying with a loud voice! We *are* to put the trumpet to our mouths and blow...in Christ we *are* that trumpet! Those who have ears to hear will hear and be changed! It will only get louder as we join our voices to become that Voice as of many waters! Hallelujah!” (unquote)

A few days later Tim forwarded a letter from his hosts at Burns Lake with their opinion of what had been said at the gatherings. “I have just read Cook’s newsletter and can hardly believe how much is confirmed in it as to the teaching here on the week-end. Just think—when Jesus was born in Bethlehem and a new age had begun, who knew about it, eh? It was Simeon and Anna, a few shepherds and the wise men. Otherwise, business went on as usual. Just think—in this day we are hearing the trumpet loud and clear that we are in a new age, the Age of Tabernacles. Doesn’t that put gas in your tank and a spring in your step? Praise His name!

### ***9. Let’s Go Up to Jerusalem***

Our next sharing is from **Douglas Clark** who has a ministry called “The Inward Journey.” He shares: “The Lord has also spoken to me regarding Tabernacles being a place of *spiritual maturity* rather than an *event*. Everything that God is doing now seems to be unfolding as naturally as a flower blooms. In a prophetic word I received from the Lord two years ago, I heard that this move *is not about the corporate, but the individual*.

“In the past, each move of God seemed to have a *geographic origin*. God moved at Azusa Street and then people came to visit and seemed to take some of it home with them. Now it is much more an individual experience without the drama of an event. This is what stands out to me about Tabernacles. It seems to be an event that we each experience as we mature into it rather than waiting for the passage of time.

“Why is there no record in the New Testament of a spiritual Feast of Tabernacles experience like there is of Passover and Pentecost? Some believe it is yet a future event that will soon transpire in this new third day. *But is there a spiritual dimension in the Feast of Tabernacles that we can enter into now?*”

“The spiritual fulfillment of Passover and Pentecost were events that happened at a particular point in time and therefore we could also draw the conclusion that the Feast of Tabernacles would follow the same pattern. However, if we examine the significance of each individual experience in Christ, I think it is easier to see how this third feast fits into God’s plan, and how each of the feasts reveal the progressive revelation of the life of the Father in us.” (unquote)

I can surely say a loud “Amen” to what Douglas has shared. After reading his words, I heard the Spirit say: “*Let’s go up to Jerusalem.*” I wondered what that had to do with anything! I pondered the meaning of the word “Jerusalem.” It means “founded peace.”

From earliest times it had been an obligation placed upon God’s ancient Israel to “go up to Jerusalem” to worship the Lord in the “house of the Lord” there. It seems that much of that same mentality remains among Christians today. They feel privileged to visit what they feel is that “holy piece of real estate” in Palestine. To confirm this, they cite Psalm 122:6, “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.”

The “holy place” where the Lord said that He would abide in this age is a people who are born of the Spirit! He calls them His temple “not made with hands.” So, to what Jerusalem should these people go? Not to a piece of real estate in the Middle East! No; they have been called to a state of “founded peace” established in them by the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. He calls it entering into His rest and ceasing from our own works! That is the Jerusalem unto which He calls us!

James 4:22-26 puts it so clearly: *“For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.”*

We must pay earnest heed to what Paul, who administered the New Covenant, had to say about who a Jew was: *“...he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly, ....But he is a Jew which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.”* (Romans 2:28,29)

If we are true Jews, spiritual Jews, born from above, why would we need to go to some certain location to worship or to receive God’s blessing? Do we still need to go to Jerusalem to find God’s “founded peace?” Yes, we do—but not by air, nor by sea, but in the Spirit. The Lord has been teaching us to come into His Rest. We are His *New Jerusalem*, that holy city that has come down from heaven unto us. It is coming down from *above*, from the spirit-realm. And the result of its coming upon His Own, is that *“the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God”* Rev. 21:3.

We don’t need to look heavenward for something tangible to fall upon us as we have thought! No! His Spirit has been falling upon us for some time and maturing us and getting us ready to be filled with “all the fullness of God” even as He has promised to do at Tabernacles.

So, settle it in your hearts, beloved, that you don’t need to *go anywhere* to receive Tabernacles. Just continually look to Jesus, the author and the finisher of your faith! Tabernacles is the Spirit rising within you. It is happening right where you are as you walk with Him. Let us go up to our spiritual Jerusalem—that place of rest we have in our Lord!

### ***10. I Come Unto Shepherds***

In my prayer time, the Lord spoke to me: *“Once again I come unto shepherds—those who love and care for My flock. These are not shepherds after man’s choosing, nor by man’s calling. They are called and anointed by Me to bind up the wounded, to comfort the broken-hearted and to bear upon their bosom those who need to know My Heart. Unto these have I now come in this, My new Day.”*

This word comes into great contrast with the shepherds of Ezekiel, chapter 34, against whom the Lord had a controversy. *“The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick; neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. I will cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them....I will feed My flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God.”*

It was plain to see what the Lord was saying about coming to shepherds in this day as He did at His birth. The shepherds in that day were the first evangelists, the announcers of His birth, yet they were nobodies and were unknown. Even to this day we do not know any of their names. I believe He was saying that He is coming to humble ones who have the heart of a shepherd who would care for the sheep and have no thought of fleecing them for gain. They would show loving watchcare over them, feeding them in green pastures and protecting them from evil. Through them He would feed His flock the word of truth, and cause them to lie down—to enter into his Rest, and to cease from their own works. At this time, He is preparing these unknown shepherds to nurture His flock in this cloudy and dark day.

It seems that God’s works are written for us to see in many realms: in art, in music, in books, and so on. I wish to share briefly the story of mercy versus the law in the renowned story of Jean Val jean, in the book *Les Miserables* written by Victor Hugo. This book has been around for many years and has

made a tremendous impact on lives all over the world. A musical version has been made of this story which has been playing in London theatres for the past twenty-two years, a total of 8,500 performances besides being in theatres all over the world. The attraction must be the mercy!

In one scene, Jean Valjean is standing between two guards--shackled, beaten, and found guilty of stealing the bishop's silver. He is looking at prison for the rest of his life. He looked into the eyes of the bishop and *saw mercy and forgiveness*

The bishop spoke to the gendarmes saying that the silver had been a gift and had not been stolen. The shackles were removed and Jean Valjean stood free!

The bishop said to him these memorable words:

*“But remember this, my brother.  
See in this some higher plan.  
You must use this precious silver  
To become an honest man.  
By the witness of the martyrs  
By the Passion and the Blood  
God has raised you out of darkness;  
I have bought your soul for God.”*

We saw the movie recently on TV and when I awoke the next morning, my thoughts were upon it, and my conclusions were: mercy looks so beautiful, so desirable. In contrast to the law—an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, mercy would melt a heart of stone. For those who are not familiar with the story, I will share it briefly:

Jean Valjean had spent much of his life in prison doing hard labor. He had been released and had gone to the bishop's house to ask for something to eat. He confessed that he was a convict who had spent 19 years at hard labor in prison because he was hungry and broke a shop window and stole some bread. Although he was out of prison he was still on parole and was traveling to a place to report to the parole officer. If he didn't do so he would be returned to prison for life. The bishop treated him kindly, inviting him in and feeding him a meal and offering him shelter for the night.

When the household was asleep, Jean Valjean got up and stole some silver. The bishop awoke and caught him in the act, so the convict attacked the bishop and fled. Soon he was brought back in shackles by the gendarmes. He stood there, guilty, knowing that he would be going back to prison for the rest of his life. There was nothing he could do. He was helpless.

But the bishop, looking him in the eye, with his face bloodied, said to the gendarmes, “Yes, he is telling the truth. I gave him the silver. But, my friend, you forgot the candleholders. You must take them too.” The gendarmes *had* to let him go, for the bishop would not press charges against him.

The shackles were taken off and the guilty one and the bishop stood face-to-face, and Jean Valjean saw in the bishop's eyes, *mercy*. He had long been in the hands of the ‘law’ and saw nothing like this, but here was mercy and forgiveness.

The bishop said to him, “Remember this, my brother—by the passion and the Blood, you are saved from darkness. *I have bought your soul for God.*” We too, stand before Jesus; we see the shed Blood; and we too see mercy. It is true that we cannot give anyone mercy unless we ourselves receive mercy.

Because of this mercy shown unto him, this ex-convict lived a self-giving life, lifting up the lives of many people in the town of which he became the mayor. For many years the law hounded him, trying to return him to prison, but mercy won over the law in the end. This beautiful story of the triumph of mercy which changed a wounded and bitter life into a life of great blessing, is ageless. It shows us what kind of shepherds the Lord is looking for. It is those who will show mercy and compassion unto those “who are out of the way.”

### **11. The Day of the Lord Has Come**

One morning as I waited before the Lord I heard Him speak this inspiring verse to my heart: “*Let the words of My mouth and the meditations of My heart be acceptable unto thee, O Lord.*”

I thought that was all He was going to say, but He continued: “I wish to teach you of *the power of My Word*. My people have known My Word as a source of godly instruction and living, as it were—a book of rules. They have not known My Word as a power-Source in their lives, but it is time for them to both know it and to walk in it.

“When My Own have ceased from their own works and are willing to let Me live and move and have My Being in them in fullness, then shall they come to know the power of My Word coming forth from them.

“I have not healed thee from thine oft-infirmities because I wanted to teach you the power of My Word spoken at *My* command. It is this Word and this power that created the heavens and earth and set each star in its course. I would teach thee of *this* power that abideth in thine earthen vessels. It is the power of My Word spoken in the context of My will. This is that which moves mountains and sets the captives free. This I always knew from My Father so that what I spoke was that which I heard with Him. So shall it be with My firstborn sons in this day. They shall not strive with great swelling words, nor lift their voices on high, but they shall speak that which they hear with their Father, or speak that from Him which they have not yet *heard*.

“Ah, My little one! You know not the joy that is in My Heart and that fills all of heaven to see that My sons are coming forth and peace and equity shall be brought to earth through them. Rejoice with Me and all the hosts of heaven that the Day of the Lord has come when I will manifest Myself in those who have laid down their lives that I might live My life through them. All creation will know that there is a God Who has been manifest in men: *Emmanuel!*”

### **12. I Will Be Ashamed**

A friend was sharing with me about a certain pastor who has a church of 20,000 people in the U.S. His emphasis is on God’s love, His forgiveness, His blessings in every aspect of life, especially finances. There is never any dealing with the self-life. It is the prosperity theology all the way! He emphasizes that God is a giving God and wants to give people the desires of their hearts. There is a noticeable absence of the name of Jesus in His sermons and there is no judgment at all.

When I went to prayer, I heard this verse: “Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when He cometh in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” (Mark 8:38) I wondered what this verse might mean. I had never entertained the thought of the Lord being ashamed!

He explained, “I will not cast My eye upon him and those upon whom I refuse to cast My eye cannot receive My life. They exist only by the power of the *natural life--not by the power of the Spirit*.

“He Who serves Me for filthy gain, looking for temporal blessings, does not know Me. My riches are *Myself—and that which I Am*.

“Those that teach my flock to serve Me for gain shall have no place close to Me as they have imagined, for I know them not. They have taken their inheritance and have gone into a far country looking for yet greater blessings from Me.

“They are ashamed of *My Name*, for they know not My nature.

“They are ashamed of the sword that cometh out of My mouth that is sent to divide soul from spirit, joints from marrow.

“They would have only love without judgment, a denial of man’s sinful nature. ‘All is well,’ they say. ‘Just love and do good and the Lord will delight in your ways.’

“Doing good and loving with human love is not sufficient for this day. It is as honey upon my altar and I refuse honey as I refuse all the goodness that comes from man’s nature, mixed with his own motives.

“This is the day that I have come for a pure sacrifice—a clean offering, unpolluted by man’s efforts. I will accept no other *lest I be ashamed!*”

### ***12. Rising from the Ashes***

I find that the Spirit will often teach us through our seemingly “casual” conversations. Bill and I were discussing the news that the U.S. government was investigating five major tele-ministries in regard to how they were using the money given to them. (There was no doubt that self had gone to excess to feed its appetites). I was saying that there was a great move afoot to discredit Christianity and, if it were possible, to blot out the name of Jesus. We had also heard that two large, notable ministries were no longer using the name of Jesus in their ministry.

It made me wonder if Christians would end up being a despised minority. Perhaps the churches would be closed as they had been in Communist countries, being used as museums or storage places. After this discussion, we prayed and I heard the Spirit say a strange thing—something that I did not understand. It was: “*Out of the ashes rises the phoenix.*”

I couldn’t see that this word related to anything that I understood. My friend, Elisabeth Campbell said, “When the phoenix bird rises out of the ashes, it rises to fly, not to walk on the earth. It rises straight up.” Well, that was an interesting fact, but I still didn’t know what it meant in the Spirit. With this strange word, the Lord was about to open up to our spiritual understanding, something of a very serious nature and about which we have all wondered.

As I look around and behold the attack on Christianity and see its lukewarmness, I know in my heart that this Church Age must pass away. But is the Lord really going to let the church utterly fall? The Lord began to open up my spiritual understanding by showing me that the Old Testament order of sacrifices was fully destroyed to make way for the new age of the Church that was born from above. As the Lord said, there was not one stone left upon another in the temple. Jerusalem and the temple were so completely destroyed that the old order of worship could not be restored. Out of the ashes of that age rose the New Testament Church which was, in its beginnings, a despised minority. To a group of twelve men, none of them highly qualified for the job, was left the task of establishing the new church of the first born.

Today we find, once again, not twelve men, but a minority, a remnant scattered throughout the world, to whom has been committed the new age of the kingdom. Once again we will see the previous age cast down and become ashes. It is necessary, for if it were left untouched and unchanged from its present state, people would still continue to walk in that in-part realm feeling that they had God’s highest and best. It was made very real to me—written upon my heart—that the Babylon that religion has become must be brought to ashes. We might as well realize that this is necessary to make way for the new. We should not be surprised or cast down when we see it happening all around us.

We need to settle it in our hearts that the Lord must also bring this Church Age to ashes so that a new minority will once again rise and build out of the ashes of a former age. There you have the meaning of the phoenix rising out of the ashes. It is an awesome thought, but the Lord’s ways are always just and good and what He does is for man’s very best good. Remember that when you feel like a despised minority and see Christianity seemingly fall to the ground!

### ***13. Graduation Time***

It seems that the things that the Lord speaks to our hearts are more precious than what we read about. Recently, in prayer, I “saw” a stage upon which a line of graduates, clothed with their caps and gowns, were receiving their diplomas. They were now ready to start on a new phase of their lives and were looking forward to it with great anticipation.

The Lord showed me the hearts of the parents who had stood with them in the many trials they had come through to come to this important day in their lives—graduation day! I saw the pride and joy that

the parents had, thinking of how the young people had persevered and come this far through many trials.

The Spirit caused me to know that is how *His Heart felt* to see His sons coming through into a new place in Him!

Another day, in prayer, I heard these words: “*Lo, I come. Lo, I come*” as if it were the beginning of a song. This was followed by the words: “*In the volume of the book it is written of Me.*”

Then, the question arose in my heart, “If You are already living in our hearts by Your Spirit, what does it mean that “*You have come?*”

The Lord gave me this gracious answer: “*It is that I have arisen to sit upon the throne of your heart. I am now the ruling authority of your life. Self has been conquered and subdued. The soul has returned to its virgin state of letting the spirit rule.*

“*There has been a long preparation, but those individuals who have yielded the authority of their life to Me and yielded up the rulership of their lives, are they who are married to Me. They are My wife. And from this holy union shall come that holy thing that shall be called a son of God.*

“*Count it all joy, My brethren, count it all joy, whatever the cost is to bring Me to the throne of your heart!*”

### **15. Introducing the Ages**

I was amazed while in prayer to “see” the Lord riding into Jerusalem on an ass. I wondered what this meant when He spoke to my heart: “Who thought to look for Me in a stable with the beasts of the earth at My coming? Who shall think, in this day, to look at mankind, even those whom I have prepared, to see the Son manifest in them?”

“They have no capacity within them to see the Christ riding upon an ass. They know not that I am the Lamb that has redeemed their rebellious natures so that they might be an acceptable offering unto their God.

“Even as I came unto My Own in that day, riding upon an ass, I was portraying unto My people that the Lamb would overcome the nature of the ass and cause it to be acceptable before God. So are my sons in this day: I am riding upon their carnal natures. I have subdued their rebellion and they are redeemed to serve Me acceptably and to carry Me wherever I should choose.

“This is a picture of sonship that has been hidden: My riding victoriously upon that which was unclean and rebellious—even My Own creation!”

I used to wonder about that unusual scripture in Ex. 13:13 that says, “And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy children shalt thou redeem.”

And then we see, on what we call Palm Sunday, Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a young ass, being proclaimed as King. (John 12:13,14). He was portraying what He would do in the age that He, as the Lamb of God, was introducing. He would surely subdue the carnal nature of man and overcome it by the Spirit of the Lord.

I was quite amazed at the Lord opening up my spiritual understanding to this. I knew in my spirit that there was something more, but I didn’t know what it was. Three weeks later the Lord reminded me of the scene He had shown me of Jesus riding into Jerusalem on an ass and how it typified that new age that was then coming in which His Spirit would ride upon the carnal, beastly nature of man to subdue it.

He showed me that ***the time for the white horse has come!*** Rev. 19:11, “*And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war.*”

He made it real that the Spirit is no longer moving upon us to subdue our natures; it is we who are *riding with Him* on the horse! We are riding upon this powerful, beautiful beast well known for its strength and swiftness.

Suddenly this question was in my heart: I wanted to know “What *is* that strength that we ride upon with our Lord?”

No sooner had the question been voiced than it was answered: “*It is the power of purity! It is His nature inworked in us.*”

Years ago I “saw” the Lord riding on a white horse and a number of people were riding on the horse with Him. Now He is saying that the time has come when we may also be called *faithful* and *true* and the power that we have shall be *the power of purity*—that we desire *Him alone* to go forth in us in *His power!* It is the purity of our love toward Him that gives us His strength. This is quite opposite to what the world sees as power: the power of *might*.

To sum it up, I will say that the Lord introduced the Church Age by riding into Jerusalem on *an ass*. He is introducing the Kingdom Age by riding, with His remnant company, upon *a white horse*. Ponder these things!

### **16. This Is My Body**

**Brenda Hoskins** shares: “I was just dozing off to sleep when I heard His voice say, “*Take, eat; this is my body that was broken for you.*” That is all I heard at first and I thanked Him for telling me this and I waited for more. I found myself dozing again and then He started telling me what that meant.

He said that His “body” He was referring to here was His remnant who has allowed the “breaking” to take place in their lives. The remnant were the ones who had yielded to the breaking of their self-life and surrendered their wills to Him to let Him be formed in them. When they come together in gatherings, they partake of His body through the sharing of their experiences of Him in their lives. These are the ones who partake from each other and in turn “feed” the hungry. The more we feed on Him, the more we are changed into His image and then we are able, in turn, to feed the spiritually hungry.

This gave me a whole new outlook on communion! We are His body to which He was referring when He told His disciples to take and eat and drink of His blood. We are now that broken body offered up to be partaken of by anyone who desires to eat of Him.

While I was alone with the Lord and waiting upon Him, He began to talk to me about the importance of His birth in a woman that it had to be of a virgin state. How important it was for her not to have been contaminated with flesh of any kind and not joined to anyone. She had to be pure so that she could receive the holy seed to bring forth the Holy Saviour. After He explained to me the conception and the value of the virgin vessel, I will forever understand the significance of the holy versus the profane.

Right after He told me all that, He told me how He was going to systematically take me (and all who are submitted to Him), back to a virgin state of purity. I knew He was talking about a spiritual inworking because He told me, that in my present state, I was too contaminated and joined to too many idols of the flesh. All of them had to go and I had to be cleansed from all those attachments. He made me to understand that when I was cleansed, I would bring forth a “wondrous, holy thing.”

A confirmation of this is found in a prophecy of Jane Leade, given around 1679. It says, “*This new Name (or Authority) will distinguish them from the seven thousand names of Babylon. The election and preparation of this Virgin Church is to be after a secret and hidden manner. As David in his ministry was chosen and anointed by the prophet of the Lord, yet was not admitted to the outward profession of the kingdom for a considerable time afterward, of the stem of David a Virgin Church, which hath known nothing of a man or human constitution, is to be born and it will require some time for it to get out of the minority and arrive at full and mature age.*”

After that encounter, “things” to which I had been attached, started to be taken away, such as family and friends. Then I was separated from the organized church system. Several years have now passed and I’m still in the process of separation. It’s not that I am not allowed to have friends or go around my family, but the “connection” is now gone. I still love them and see them, but the only way I can



explain it is that the connection I once felt toward them has been severed, even with my children. I love my girls very much but at some point, my emotional ties to them have been removed and I'm at complete peace with that.

He showed me in a vision, a woman giving birth to a child and as it came forth from her womb, I watched it grow to an adult in front of me very quickly as he was rising up through the air. All around him and the woman who was lying on the floor, was shoulder-to-shoulder what looked to be midwives. Hands were reaching through the legs and over the shoulders of these midwives trying to touch the child but they were stopping anyone from touching him. It seemed in the vision that I knew that the midwives somehow knew the holy thing the child represented and that flesh couldn't touch it.

I had a dream recently and I was looking right into the face of Jesus and into His eyes and He told me, as He pointed to His eyes: "*Keep your eyes only on Me; right here, focus only on Me.*" As He was saying that, He took hold of my shoulders so as to drive the point home as to its seriousness.

When I say that I don't look to man for answers, I don't because He has given me ears to hear Him through a person, a book, or a song. I know He talks in many ways to those who have ears to hear.

### ***17. Things are Different Now!***

It is on my heart to share personally some of the things that have happened in my daily life that indicate that things are different. I will give you a few examples. The Lord has been speaking strongly about the power of the *Word* that is within us and that is now coming forth from us without our even thinking about it. I find now that the Lord will prompt me to pray for someone, speak a word, prophesy, or whatever, at His prompting. It is different from anything I have known before, for it is not coming from my own mind. Often the words come forth when I know I haven't thought them! They have originated from the mind of Christ.

I was in a business office in our town and noticed that they had a new painting that covered the whole wall—it must have been quite expensive. It was bright orange-red with some black lines on it. I didn't like it at all, but it is not my way to criticize other people's choices. After all, it was his place and his picture. I intended to keep my own counsel, but instead, I found myself saying, "I don't much care for your picture."

He said, "Oh, I've had a lot of compliments on it. What don't you like about it?"

I replied, "It looks like a Buddha."

"What have you got against Buddha?"

I heard myself saying, "I have nothing against Buddha. He is just not Jesus Christ." I paused and then found myself saying, "I have made a commitment to have no other gods before the Lord Jesus Christ!"

The man never answered and I said goodbye and left, wondering at the words that had issued from my lips.

Several weeks went by and I felt to "peek" into the window of his place of business as I walked by on the street. To my amazement, the Buddha picture was gone, and was replaced by a peaceful country scene. I was elated to see that!

Later, the Lord reminded me of the exchange I had had with this man and said, "*The waters that issued forth from your well erased the names of blasphemy from the mind of this person. So shall the waters be that go forth from the mouths of My yielded ones in this day.*"

In another incident, a brother who had a very rare form of leukemia, (cancer of the blood), was visiting us this summer. His disease was so rare that the doctors did not even know how to treat it. All they could think of to do was chemotherapy although they didn't know if that would help. My friend didn't ask for prayer, and was attending five doctors, so I felt not to offer to pray for him since that was the route he had chosen to take.

One evening as we were quietly visiting, the Lord started to move upon me to pray for him, which I did with great authority. I didn't touch him or even go near him. I just spoke to his condition from where I was sitting. We were all quite amazed at the prayer.

He has been reporting to me after every blood test he takes. The doctors cannot understand why his blood is improving so steadily. They have said they won't even need to try chemotherapy. He is very happy that his life has turned around and he feels he is no longer under the sentence of death.

The Lord gave me a word which I believe explains what He is doing now. "The power of the Word lieth before thee. My people have wondered how they should do exploits even greater than I have demonstrated unto them. How could they, indeed, do greater things than their Creator? It is simply because the Word within them shall have free course to do all that He would desire to do through His earthen vessels. They will, by the power of His Word within them, do greater things at the bidding of the Spirit within Who is the Word. There is no contest to think that man could do more than the Incarnate Son could do, for they shall do greater exploits only because the Son is doing them through the Word that He speaks through His yielded vessels.

"Consider this matter and divide it aright."

This is what we are finding: Christ is speaking through us and directing us in ways we have never before known. Oh, what a wonder!

### ***18. My Most Treasured Army***

A dear friend, ***Ted Martin***, had a dream years ago in which he saw the army of the Lord. He sent me this similar account by ***Ching Co.*** who saw it in a vision. "In the mouths of two or three witnesses let everything be established." Here is his vision:

This morning I began to see in my mind the vision of a big crowd beginning to gather coming from a far distance. As I waited and watched, I heard the whisper of the Holy Spirit, "What you will see coming is My most treasured remnant army—personally trained by Me." I was so excited and began to watch more closely. I wanted to see what the army of God looked like close-up.

When they came into closer view, I was stunned by what I saw. In the midst of the crowd coming in, I saw people dressed so drably that many of their clothes were torn and old. I saw many who were wounded and limping, some were without arms or legs and many had scars on their body. There was a myriad mixture of men and women and very young children. They all looked so helpless on the surface and did not in any way resemble what I perceived an army would look like. I went back to the Lord to ask Him for some explanation.

The Lord gave me a sunglass and asked me to put it on. When I did, suddenly my eyes were open and I began to see something else. I began to see the light coming forth from the people. Out from them flowed rays of different colors like those of a rainbow and with each color I saw words written on them, like "love, healing, grace, wisdom," and many other words which reflect the nature of God.

At this point, I felt the Lord speaking to me, "Take heed and consider carefully....I am raising up in the midst of the nations a very special remnant. They will not be attractive from the outside, but you have to see them through my eyes of faith to know them. Many of them have been through many battles and have won.

"Some have been traveling the path of Daniel and his friends, trained and molded in captivity. Some are like Hannah who has just come out from years of great anguish and travail. Some are like Naomi who have lost husband and children and calls herself "Mara". Some, like Paul, have battled with physical "thorns" in their bodies and have found "grace" in Me. Some have walked the path of Abraham, giving to and giving in to the many "Lots" that have come through their lives. Some of them are like David who had to run away from Saul and live in caves.

"Each one of these precious ones *has given up his best and his all* as he passes through many rivers, raging fires, wild storms, and great whirlwinds. All of them, in one way or another, have walked as Job walked. The path has not been easy but now *they have arrived*. They are the ones that I have cho-

sen to represent Me before the nations and out of them will flow My blessings, for My glory rests upon them.

“Many awaiting for the unveiling of My army will not recognize them when they come. Those who are continually seeking Me will recognize who they are and will welcome My army with open arms and great will be the blessings that will come to them. Many of them will not speak with eloquent words or act in glamorous ways; in fact, their physical appearance, their ways and their manner will be offensive to many. But they are Mine and I will confirm the words that they speak with a mighty show of My power and majesty as in the days of old.

“For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength....God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before Him.” (I Cor. 1:25,27-29)

### ***19. Conscripted for Service***

I want to tell you about one of the heroes in the Lord’s Army! He and his wife labor with us, putting the Gospel of the Kingdom together and mailing it out for us—a huge job! His name is **William Adair** and he is in his eighties and is in good health except for some trouble with his eyes so that he cannot drive anymore. He is one of the few Canadian veterans still living who were among those who liberated Holland during the Second World War.

He is a hero who has returned to Holland three times to attend celebrations to honor the brave men who delivered them when they were almost starving to death. They were visiting us this year and I could tell that our hero was feeling as if life were not worth the living anymore. He felt useless and of little worth because he couldn’t do much of anything.

I’m telling you this story because I want you to see how the Lord is moving in this day. In a very few words He can bring life into a person’s life and give them motivation to live! William, our friend, was sitting in the living room and as I was walking down the hall toward him, the Lord just dropped into my heart in a nutshell this spiritual understanding: Our friend no longer felt like a hero; all the battles had been won, and life held no more challenges for him. He felt utterly useless.

Then, the Spirit told me to challenge him to join the Army of the Lord as an intercessor. He didn’t need perfect sight or health to do this. He just needed to have a heart for God’s people. The Lord told him He needed him in His Army to intercede for those whom He would show him. He could be a hero for Jesus!

Well, he was one happy man when I challenged him in this manner. And I want you to know he is a dedicated, serious intercessor. In fact, I receive far more prayer requests than I can ever carry, so I send them on to my hero in God’s Army and he is happy to pray diligently for them. I appreciate very much having this kind of spiritual prayer “back-up.”

But more than that, my heart was amazed that in the time it took for me to walk down the hall in my home, the Spirit was able to show me the recipe for usefulness for one weary veteran! Understand this: I had seen his need, but I had not prayed about it. I surely had no answers for him, but the Lord’s compassion fails not and He gave the answer without my seeking Him for it. Do you believe we are in a New Day? In Tabernacles? Oh, I think so!

### ***20. The Curse Reversed***

There are many things in the world that are bondages to man because they are still under the curse of sin. But, this shall not always be, for when the Lord speaks within to reverse the curse, we will see things happen in a manner we have never seen before. In my booklet, “There Ariseth Another Priest”, I share about the curse being reversed. In the book of Esther we see Haman bringing God’s people into a perilous time, in danger of losing their lives. And, when Esther intercedes for her people, the Lord

reverses the curse and it returns unto the one who sent it! This is tied into the Melchisedec priesthood. We have a testimony along this line from *Elayne Montgomery*.

“On Thanksgiving Day my daughter told me she was pregnant. She was struggling with nausea and vomiting, not just in the morning, but all day long, and suffering from debilitating headaches as well. This made her job of teaching children very difficult for her.

“As I was praying mightily in the Spirit for her, I heard these words: *“Begin to roll back the curse.”* Immediately I saw before me Eve, and heard the words the Lord said to her: ‘I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception. In pain you shall bring forth children.’

“I said to the Lord, ‘Who am I that I can even touch such a curse?’ Then I saw that I wasn’t doing the rolling back. It was the mighty Christ within me, for it was He that pronounced the curse in the first place and only He could remove it. He was asking me to begin to roll back the curse because He and I are one and I am His instrument through whom He flows.

“In powerful Spirit travail I began to roll back the curse that has been on women in child bearing. Then, so sweetly, this song floated into my mind:

*‘No more let sin and sorrow grow,  
Or thorns infest the ground.  
He comes to make His blessings flow,  
Far as the curse is found.’*

I was impressed that He said, ‘No more let sin and sorrow grow.’ To me, that sounds like taking *authority!* By right of our union with Him and His rising up in us we can declare what we hear Him declaring and do what we see Him doing and begin to roll the curse off this sin-sick world. A new Day is dawning; a Day of deliverance and victory, victory, victory! All Praise be to our wonderful Lord!

“The good news—the following week my daughter told me she was almost nausea-free!”

## ***21. The Restoration of the Eagle***

*Michele Sperber* wrote, “In your last publication, you requested input from the body of Christ concerning what they are now experiencing. I don’t know if the thought I had was just for me or indeed for all at this stage. What came was likened to what the eagle has to go through when he plucks out all his pinions in order to be renewed. I have heard that the eagle’s cries at that time are heart-wrenching.

“It makes sense to me that if we are to have our youth renewed as the eagles, we would have to get rid of all our opinions and more.

“I recently went through something in which I got in touch with the old feeling of shame. A leader of a woman’s group was someone whom I had known, but not intimately. I knew who she was when I attended charismatic meetings. She told me in what seemed somewhat of a rebuke, in front of others, that I was not to call her by her first name—that she was to be called sister, pastor, or some other title.

“When I prayed, I saw shame as a garment on me. The Lord’s hand ripped it off and He told me to go and take my place in a line among other believers who make up the Army of God. There were no rows, but one straight line. I then took a step out front and the rest followed.

“The Lord impressed upon me later that we would be like piano keys—each key note moved by His Hand with some notes played more than others. But all would be done with the purpose of bringing forth the high praises of God—then kings would be put in fetters and chains!

*Psalm 149: 6, “Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: this honor have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord.”*

## 22. *Come and Drink!*

In our home, when we hear a song within us that the Spirit is using to bring our attention to something, we announce: “Do you want to know what is on top of the Lord’s Hit Parade this morning?” This particular morning, I was hearing: “O come, all ye faithful.” I thought of those who were called, chosen and faithful.

As I walked across the kitchen, a strong travail came over me and I started travailing loudly, with many “Ho-ho-ho’s.” This was the emphasis of the travail: “*Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price*” *Isaiah 55:1*.

When the travail lifted, the Spirit spoke: “This is the Day that the waters of life shall issue from under the threshold—from the Throne-Room where I dwell in the hearts of My people. These waters can water the hardest heart and make it soft. My creation needs to *believe* that I love them! For this cause there are many heresies among you—creation seeking for My love and acceptance without a willingness to yield up all they are to Me in order to receive all that I Am. Of this ‘divine exchange’ they know nothing. For them, it is enough that they are loved.

“It is not enough that only My love is acknowledged and rejoiced in. My Love opens up the fountains of the deep and pours out blessings of living waters to bring forth Life. And oil to make thy face to shine with gladness. And the milk that nourishes the infant life of My Spirit.

“The call has gone forth this day from *faithful* vessels to *come and drink*. Look and watch for the hunger that shall come forth in the earth in answer to My call.”

## 23. *Love as I Love*

I am hearing of a new operation of the Spirit among His remnant people that they have never before experienced. I also have been exercised in this. It is learning to love as Jesus loves! It sounds simple to say it, but it is something else to do it all the time. The Spirit spoke to me about it:

“We have been *slow* to learn the way of love, and quick to react from the antagonisms of self. But now that lesson lies before us and the Lord is going to write it upon the fleshly tables of our hearts: *‘Love one another as I have loved you.’*

“This is not love without any accountability, for were not Joseph’s brothers cast into prison to have a space in which to repent? It was love that put them there and it was love that comforted them after repentance and remorse came to their hearts.

“This is the lesson I have for My remnant people: to learn to love *as I love*. *When you do so, both victim and perpetrator will be set free and be blessed.*”

We were discussing one day about how the Lord’s Love works. Elisabeth said, ‘We should know that what He has paid for we may receive with gladness, but instead, we act like the words of this song: ‘He’s making a list and checking it twice, going to find out who’s naughty or nice.’ It really means if we’re nice, we’ll get what we want!’

That is a worldly principle, but it is taught in the churches also. Many hold doctrines based upon this same principle: if you’re good, you’ll go to heaven. This is like seeking His *Hand* instead of His *Face*: looking to *get* from Him if we can *qualify* for His mercy.

The Spirit instructed us about His Love: “This is a lesson about how My Love works, for it is *not* as human love. All that man receives of blessing, healing and provision is based on ***My Love, never on their merit!*** The story of the prodigal illustrates this clearly. My people have emphasized the low state of the prodigal rather than the high state of his Father’s Love.

“I want My people to know my loving nature so fully that they will be able to convey it truly—in *both word and in deed.*”

## 24. The Footprints of Jesus

**Richard Breveglieri** sent in a writing called “*Not Knowing Where the Road Will Lead*” written by **Jean-Pierre de Caussade** in the 1700’s. It comes to our generation as a confirmation from those who have gone before us. He says: “When God makes Himself the guide of our souls, He requires from us an absolute trust in Him and the giving up of any sort of anxious thought about the way He is leading us. We are urged on without being able to see a beaten path before us. We cannot imitate either what we have seen or what we have read, but must go forward by our own action. We could not do otherwise without a grave risk.

“*God’s action is forever new. It never retraces its steps, but always marks out new paths. Those who are led in this way never know where they are going.* Their roads are to be found neither in books nor in their own minds. God’s action moves them step by step, and they go forward only by His leading.

“When you are conducted by a guide who takes you through an unknown country at night across fields where there are no tracks, by his own skill, asking no advice from anyone, giving no inkling of his plans, what choice do you have but to give yourself completely to his guidance? What use is it to you to find out where you are, to ask passers-by, to consult maps or other travelers? The plans or fancies of a guide who insists on being trusted will have none of this! He will take pleasure in overcoming your anxiety and distrust and will insist that you surrender entirely to his guidance. If you are convinced that he is a good guide, you must have faith in him and abandon yourself to his care.

“What God does is essentially good. It does not need to be reformed or controlled. It began at the creation of the world and His action has manifested every fresh energy right up to the present. His operations are limitless and the possibilities they offer are inexhaustible. He worked in one way yesterday, and today, He works differently. Yet it is the same work applied at each new moment to produce ever new results, and it will extend from eternity to eternity. This divine action produced Abel, Noah, Abraham – all different. Isaac is an original, as is Jacob; nor is Joseph a copy of either of them. Moses has no prototype among his ancestors. David and the Prophets are quite different from the Patriarchs. St. John the Baptist stands above them all. Jesus Christ is the First-born. The apostles act more by the guidance of His Spirit than in imitation of His works.

“Jesus Christ did not set a limit for His actions, and He did not make His own words into a new legalism. The Holy Spirit ever inspired His holy soul, and since He was completely given to every breath of the Spirit, He had no need to consult the previous moment in order to act in the one that was arriving. The breath of grace shaped every moment according to the eternal pattern of life originating in the invisible and unsearchable wisdom of the Blessed Trinity. The heart of Jesus Christ received these divine directions at every moment and put them into action. The Gospel shows a succession of these actions in this life, and this same Jesus who ever lives and works, continues to live and work new things in the souls of His saints.

“If you would live according to the Gospel, give yourself completely and simply to the action of God. Jesus Christ is its supreme expression. “He is the same yesterday, today and for ever” (Hebrews 13:8). His life continues; it does not need to start over. What He has done is finished. *What remains to be done is being carried on [in us] at every moment.* Each saint receives a share in this divine life, and in each, Jesus Christ is different, although the same in Himself. *The life of each saint is the life of Jesus Christ; it is a new gospel.*

The cheeks of the Bride are compared to a bed of flowers, to gardens filled with fragrant blossoms. God in us is the gardener, beautifully arranging the flower beds. Any particular garden resembles no other, for among all the flowers, no two are alike. No two may even be described as being the same, except in the faithfulness with which they respond to the action of the Creator, in leaving Him free to do what He wills, and for their part, obeying the laws which their natures require. Let God act, and let us do what He requires of us—this is the Gospel; this is the whole of Scripture; this is the law for everyone.”

We felt this word from the distant past would be a good confirmation to what the Lord showed to *Elisabeth Campbell* recently. Here in her own words, is what she “saw” recently in the Spirit. “Whilst Elaine was praying at the breakfast table, suddenly the picture came into my mind of a snowy pathway with no marks on it. Then, just as suddenly, there appeared before me, footprints (not large—not small) only four or five steps just in front of me.

“These were the footprints of Jesus going before me, encouraging me to step out. “Yes, Lord,” I said. “I will.”

“Later on when there is new snow, sometimes the footprints look as if they were obliterated. They seem faint, and no longer clear, but I continue on looking for them and I *always* find them. *For they are there!*

“As Jean-Pierre de Caussade says, ‘God’s action is forever new. It never retraces its steps, but always marks out new paths. Those who are led in this way never know where they are going. Their roads are to be found neither in books nor in their own minds. God’s action moves them step by step, and they go forward only by His leading.’”

### 25. *Experiencing the Feast of Tabernacles*

*Betty Houk*, at my request, has kindly shared her experiences in walking in the new days of Tabernacles. She writes, “I am absolutely convinced that we who are walking this path to the fullness of Christ have now crossed over into the Feast of Tabernacles. There is a door open in the heavens and many are consciously aware of being ushered into this new realm. For me, it took some unlearning of doctrines I had embraced during my travels through the different camps of ‘Sonship’ teachings.

“Having some understanding of the Tabernacle of Moses, I knew from the pattern that there were three divisions or major experiences in our journey into the Holiest Place. I will not go into the details of all the Tabernacle types here because I believe most who will be reading this are those who already understand these things. But according to my understanding prior to November 1997, I believed that before I could experience going through the veil into the Holiest of All, I must have completed all of God’s processing and have overcome all things. Passing through that veil would mean that my body would be changed from mortal to immortal like unto His glorious body. As I learned later, that was a mind-set that blocked further growth in God.

Among the many things I am learning in this realm is to not put God and His ways into any doctrinal box. In the fall of 1997, as my seeking heart yearned for more, I sensed what seemed to be a wall in the Spirit. For several weeks I asked the Lord for understanding concerning this strange wall. I searched my heart to see what I may have done to grieve the Holy Spirit. I wondered if I should fast more, or maybe pray more, (my religious concept of what prayer was) although my heart was turned to the Lord in a constant state of yearning for weeks. I later came to understand that there was much religion with works mentality still to be cleansed from my thinking.

“Then I heard the Spirit say, ‘Go forward! You have received all that is possible from this realm.’ I immediately saw myself in the Holy Place with my face pressed against the veil.

“I said, ‘Lord, how can I go forward? I am not yet perfect.’

“As I pondered for the next few days what this could mean I was awakened from a sound sleep one night with a voice which seemed to fill the room saying, ‘*Hear the sound of the trumpet and live!*’ With that, I sat straight up in bed. With the very word came the realization of two things. There was a trumpet sounding that I had not heard before; I was also made aware that I could not open my own ears to hear, a very necessary lesson for me to learn.

“I began to cry out, ‘Oh Father, I long to hear. Please open my ears and help me to understand.’ He began to minister to me that I will never--in my own identity--go through the veil. The High Priest is the only one who is permitted to go there so I must lose my identity and identify with the High Priest (It is no longer I but Christ) and then I may enter in Him.

“So, what I had perceived earlier as a wall was actually my own religious thinking. Many things He began to teach me as I, by faith, entered into that which is behind the veil.

“From my understanding of Passover being 30 fold, Pentecost being 60 fold, and Tabernacles being 100 fold, He used a simple example to teach me. When I first passed through the door into Pentecost, and was filled with the Holy Spirit of promise it was actually 31 fold and gradually progressed to 60 fold as I had grow into all God had prepared for me in that realm. So I had to grow from 31 to 60 to experience the fullness of Pentecost. Contrary to what I had previously thought when I took that step through the veil by faith, I was only 61 fold. Now I could see and learn things that I could only learn in this room of the Most Holy Place until I mature to the fullness of this experience and become the Ark of the Covenant—wood (man) overlaid inside and outside with gold (nature of God) and becoming the Mercy Seat to all creation.

“What a journey this has been! What glorious things He is unveiling! I could not see them before. Now I know that I am not only seeing them, but I, along with a remnant company, am *becoming* those things which my Spirit has beheld.

One of the first things God began to deal with in this new realm I had entered was ***my understanding of His nature***. During those days in the fall of 1997, my heart had been reaching out to God, and I remember saying, “Lord, you know how much I desire to have Your nature and character formed in me.”

Then one day I heard Him say, “*If you desire to have My nature, then shouldn’t you first know what My nature is?*” Well, I was taken aback by this, because after walking with the Lord for these many years, I was sure I must have some understanding of His nature and character. Now I wasn’t so sure I knew much of anything, which, by-the-way, is not a bad place to be.

He began to ask me questions such as: “*Would I ask you to forgive your enemies and then never in a million years forgive mine?*” *Do you actually rejoice knowing that even one soul should be tormented in hell for eternity? Do you think it is only their just due? If so, you do not know My nature.*” At that time I believed in eternal damnation, and I wasn’t happy about where this conversation was leading. You see, my husband and I both had preached much against the doctrine of the reconciliation of every man. We called it “Ultimate Wreckers.” The brand of this doctrine that we had been introduced to years before had left a bad taste in our mouths. We thought it gave people a license to live how they wanted without any restraints. But I had no doubt now that God Himself was challenging my beliefs.

One thing that made such an impact on me was when the Lord said, “*You have taught others that the sons of God will set creation free. What does that mean to you? Since you believe that all those who do not know Me will be lost forever, what will you set free? the trees and rocks, or maybe the animal creatures? Is not mankind of far greater value? Was he not the very reason that I came, to reconcile him to myself?*”

There were a lot of things exposed to me during that time that were hidden in a dark corner of my heart. My first thoughts were, “Well, if everyone will eventually be saved why in the world should I be concerned about overcoming all the difficult things in this life by taking up my cross and following You?” I began to realize that I secretly thought *I deserved* the promises of God because after all hadn’t I, unlike the ungodly, *chosen God*? How could it be just for the sinner to live how he wanted and then in the end be saved? I finally understood the prodigal son’s older brother, yet in the light of His presence I saw my glaring self-righteousness.

Scriptures like, “You have not chosen Me but I have chosen you,” and “If I make my bed in hell, thou art there” came alive to me. And why did a sovereign God subject all of mankind to vanity if He knew He would lose most of His creation? Surely it was not possible that God would allow sin to enter the world unless, in the end, it would be to man’s ultimate good. I also realized that I had not allowed myself the liberty to question these things until now. The slightest hint of such questions I quickly squelched and considered blasphemous.



Although for weeks to come there was conflict between my head and my heart on this issue, I knew I could never again see hell the same way, or look at my fellowman in the same way either. In the months following, the Holy Spirit began to open up scriptures that I had read many times over the years and I wondered how in the world could I not have seen that God's mercy really does endure forever? How did I miss it? It was all through the Book. It finally all made sense. I began to understand that the hearing ear and the seeing eye is from the Lord and it was my time to see that the scriptures say, ***“He has shut all men up in rebellion, that He might have mercy on all.”***

I also came to understand that the very cry of my heart to go forward was not my own. I could not even take credit for that because it was His cry within me, for the deep was calling unto deep, another important lesson that I must learn. No longer should I judge others for not 'seeking the Lord' according to my religious concepts, because Phil. 2:13 says, "It is God that creates the power and desire in us to will and do His good pleasure." When God creates a desire in our hearts to seek Him, nothing will detour us.

Recently, the Father has given me a new understanding of the scripture, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteous, for they shall be filled." It seems we have made this a command that we should somehow make ourselves hunger and thirst for righteousness. How do we do that? Can we pull a desire out of thin air? Or maybe spend hours on our knees, or read the Bible more? Perhaps the best we can do is acknowledge that we don't have a desire (for which there is no condemnation) and ask our Heavenly Father to bring up from our innermost being a hunger for Him. Then there is a promise that the hunger shall be filled because it was God who put it there in the first place. What wonderful peace and rest to know that it is He who has begun this work within me, and it is He who will bring it to completion.

Several times in the past 35 years Christ has come to turn my world upside down. In reality, He has been setting my world aright, although at the time it did not seem so. I have truly discovered Christ as the 'Ever Coming One,' and each time He 'comes' anew, I am aware of being changed into His image. I have learned that the natural man is spared no humiliation, nor does he have any vindication in this realm. In fact, this realm is all about oneness. Christ no longer recognizes the natural man. It is no longer He and I, because it is no longer I that live, but Christ. After having walked through the veil by faith, every experience has served to reinforce the understanding that He and I are now one.

A double minded man is unstable in *all* his ways. My vision must be single now, and then my body will be full of light. The Father and I are one now. Remember that we entered this realm *in* the High Priest (as only His identity is recognized in the Most Holy Place). We must not put off our oneness for some future time. If we are to be those who overcome all things then we must *now* be *in* the overcoming one.

Trying to walk in Tabernacles with head knowledge only may be perilous for the young and undisciplined, but we who have been brought into this realm by Divine providence must be experiencing to some degree the knowing that 'The Father and I are one.'

In 1998 before my mother-in-law passed away, she asked me why we liked this 'new way of singing' as she referred to it. She was used to singing the old fashioned hymns about the Lord, but singing love songs to the Lord caused her to become very uncomfortable, and she couldn't understand why we enjoyed it. I explained that the Lord desired an intimate relationship with His people, and it was a wonderful thing to worship in song.

After our conversation late that evening, I was awakened at four a.m. as the presence of God filled the room. There was a substance to Him that was visible to my spirit. He seemed to take the form of a cool mist or cloud. He came to my bedside and said that He was there to cause me to understand true intimacy, and He desired to become one with me. And with that, I was enveloped into the mist and then the mist not only covered me, but my whole being was immersed into the mist until I could no longer tell where one began and the other ended. I sensed the frailty of my human frame with the intensity of His Lovely Presence, and all I could do was weep for hours.

I love the beautiful worship songs that the Holy Spirit has birthed in the Pentecostal realm these past 30 years or so, but I understand now that true worship (intimacy) is not just singing love songs to Him, but becoming one with Him. It is oneness. It is knowing that the two, He and I, have become one. No, I haven't walked through walls, or changed the water into wine; neither did Jesus until His time. But I know for a certainty that He and I are *now* one—and this is something that is not reserved for some day in the future.

A few years ago we were driving down the highway and I saw a billboard placed by a Mennonite community that read, “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.” All of a sudden I heard the Father say, “You have always believed that if you lived a pure and holy life then someday you would see Me face to face, but that is not the essence of the scripture. The pure heart will look for God in all things, every person, and every circumstance. A pure heart has no mixture. What is mixture? If you look for the world, the flesh, or the devil, that is what you will see. That doesn't mean that all is perfect, but if you are looking for God, you will see Him. You will see Him working in different stages. When the eye (vision) is single, the body will be full of light. The world became a different place for me that day, because with the change of focus, I began to see Him everywhere.

I have been impressed of the Spirit to put in writing the dealings of God in my life since I have entered into Tabernacles. One such experience was some years ago when my natural father was still living.

Although I was raised in what we called a Christian home there were scars from my childhood that only God alone could heal. I never had a close relationship with my Dad, and I envied friends who adored their father and could go to him with any problem. Because of the problems between us, I had a love-hate relationship with him. I loved him because he was my father, but I didn't like him.

One day as I was contemplating the past and my relationship with him, the Lord showed me that I justified my rebellion against him because of his behavior. The Lord began to teach me that a rebel with a cause was still a rebel. The Holy Spirit said, “*You have always believed that what happened in your home caused you to rebel but I put you in that home to bring out the rebellion that was already within you.*” Although it was a revelation to me about rebellion being bound up within, I felt no condemnation at all in what He had just told me, because in a flash of light the truth had set me free. He knew me from my mother's womb. He knew my down-sittings and my uprisings. He knew the frailty of my being. I began to see more than ever His sovereignty in all things concerning me. The only way we can truly judge ourselves with righteous judgment is when the light of God shines deep within our being and shows us what we cannot see on our own. I can say today that I have fully forgiven my natural father and hold nothing to his charge.

He gave me a simple picture to drive home the lesson. If I cut a lemon in half and squeeze out the juice I might say to the lemon, “What comes out of you is very sour.” If the lemon could talk it might say, “It only came out because you put pressure on me.” Then I would have to answer, “The pressure didn't make the juice sour, it only brought out what was already in you.”

## ***26. Experiencing the Feast of Tabernacles-Part 2***

***(Betty Houk continues.)*** It is not always easy for me to express in words what the Father has shown me in the Spirit. This is one of those lessons, so I shall do my best to put on paper what has been working in my heart.

Jesus says in John 15:15 that He would no longer call His disciples servants because a servant does not know what his master does. He said He would now call them friends because He had made known to them all things that He had heard from His Father. The servant is one who has to wait on a word from his lord to say go here and do such and such for he does not know what his master is doing.

Now I will, no doubt, have some resistance because of this writing, but that does not deter me, for I know that the Christ within me has been making me to know by the spirit of revelation all things that He receives of the Father. No longer am I in the dark about what He is saying and doing. I am not

saying I (in the natural man) know all things, but I know that I am one with Him who knows all things, and His thoughts and my thoughts are becoming one. His ways and my ways, His nature and my nature are becoming one. A son (I am a spiritual son) has his father's nature and his way of thinking. I love the scripture in Psalms 91:14 that says, "...I will set him on high because he understands and knows my name" (Amp). There is a promise to those who understand His name (nature) and His ways. He will bring us to the highest places in Him. We have known the Holy Place experience of being the lamp stand, the vessel through which the oil flows through, but in this day the oil and the vessel shall be one, the trumpeter and the trumpet shall be one, heaven and earth are coming together.

Since my husband and I have entered within the veil there has been a marked change in the way we have been led by God. In the past, we would not move until we got a 'word' from God, but He has been teaching us that this realm is for sons and they understand in a greater measure what He is doing. It is not the realm for the servants who do not know what He is doing. That doesn't mean we are not to have the nature of a servant to lay down our lives for others, but in relationship we are sons. Therefore our walk must change in Tabernacles. In past years I remember crying out to God—in what seemed to be total darkness—asking Him what He was saying and doing, but those times are gone, for in this day He is making His sons to know His will and His ways. The types and shadows are fleeing away as the Sun of Righteousness arises within us. How shall we not see and understand? For we are walking in the light, yea, we are the light of the world and the Day of the Lord.

We know by the Spirit of revelation that He has taken out the heart of stone and given us a heart of flesh, and He is writing His laws (will or desires) on our hearts. So His desire is becoming my desire, and my desire is His desire. The scriptures say that the heart is desperately wicked and who can know it? That was under the old covenant, but thanks be unto our God, under the new covenant He promised to take out the old heart and give us a new one. Do we believe He has done that? We must at some point believe that He has done what He promised. As I said before, it must come by the spirit of revelation to each one. He has made us one with Him and now I am daily being made aware that I live and move and have my being in/as Him. Revelation 1:15 says His feet (which we are) are like unto fine brass. Brass in scripture represents judgment. The feet speak of walking, so this is a picture of those in this realm walking in His judgments. Every thought, word, and deed in this realm is being weighed and measured. What seemed frightening in the past about judgment is now proving to be God's glorious means for deliverance. I do not speak lightly of these things for I walk daily in His counsel.

I remember a word the late Stacy Wood shared about Incorruptibility and my spirit witnessed to that word. The passage in Eph. 6:24 says, "*Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.*" The word sincerity here means 'incorruptibility, genuineness'. As Stacy would say, "I love that." That word within us is being made flesh again and it is not able to be corrupted with any impurities. It will not be mixed with any other thing. We are being brought forth from that incorruptible seed and we are a new species in the earth, the 42<sup>nd</sup> generation. When the sperm fertilizes the egg it does not do its job and leave. It joins with the egg and becomes one new creation. My friend, we have been joined unto, made one with, the living God (sperm-word).

There is much said about the process God uses to bring us into His fullness. We, each one, are on a journey back into the Father from whence we came and there are many lessons that we must learn. All must make this journey--every man in his own order. But we must not forever be in the processing stages. Yet, we know of many who have gone through such horrendous things that I can't even bear to think of them, and yet those things alone did not bring the fullness of that which our hearts are groaning for. So, yes, there is processing, for in this world you shall have troubles, but it takes more than this, for we must have understanding. Our minds are being renewed and that is the change. We are being transformed (changed) by the renewing of the mind. Some look on the outside and ask, "Where is the change?" But it is a mistake to not discern the great changes taking place within. I proclaim to you that I am not the same person I was 10 years ago, nor 5 years ago. I am not the same person I was

last year. As I walk moment by moment in Him I need not be concerned about the outer change because I will not be late for the changing of the body when the time is fully come.

### **27. The Refining Fire of Love**

**Pat Savas** shared, "I'm going to forward two responses from a young man named **Michael**, who got it. We were connected in the Spirit when he phoned me after someone shared "Entering Tabernacles" with him. Although this is something I rarely do, I told him about a vision I had a year ago. I saw a large hand holding strips or ribbons of flesh. The hand then dipped them into a fire. As it brought them back up, they had become cords of pure gold.

Michael shared, "The Lord has also been speaking to me regarding "tabernacles". It is in tabernacles (when we are individually and intimately "isolated" with Him) that He completes His transformative work within us. Christ is formed in us; we become as Christ. The reason this process is gradual is so that every part of *who* we truly are, our actual personhood, is not lost, but rather is transformed. For when He applies the refining fire of His love, it burns away all that is not completely Him. When Christ is fully formed in us, He is able to let loose His refining fire so that all that remains is purest gold. We then pass into the Holy of Holies in our Father and are seated in/with Christ Jesus our Lord/Elder Brother at our Father's right hand. This is where we are now; this is who we are now.

"For me, the process of refining meant dying to everything that I held onto in this world: dreams, relationships, and all those seemingly "good" things. He offered it as a choice, but just as you know, "How could I say no to that?" The suffering only lasted as long as I held onto what was not of Him. When it was over, I felt as though I were actually dead; like being utterly spent--my human life was over. Glory to God! Glory to God! But now that I was dead I could see the Christ that He had already transformed me into! All that was left of me was *Life Himself!* All the old has passed away ("burned up"). *Behold! Everything is new!*

"We truly are new creations. The other evening when we first spoke, you mentioned an image that our Lord had given you. I believe it was of a hand holding bloody ribbons of flesh that were turned to pure gold. This is what I hear in my Spirit in regard to that. Those ribbons of flesh are all the human relationships that you (we) had before our Lord Jesus took us through His/Our death. Those relationships were imperfect because we were not yet perfected in love.

"I know that when I passed through that death of my soul to everything in this world I had to let go of all my relationships. What I am finding on the other side in this New Life is that each of those relationships passed through that final fire as well. All that is left is that pure love (gold), His agape love. We are no longer bound by flesh to anyone. All relationships that still exist are made of pure selfless love, and as such there is complete freedom because perfect love requires nothing in return. So we are no longer bound up and tied down like we were before. What do you see? One last thought from scripture: "...perfect love casts out fear."

### **28. Is This the Time?**

**Randy and Karen Evans**, who publish *The Voice of Many Waters*, a kingdom Bible Study, wrote to us recently and said, "When you spoke of already being in Tabernacles and not knowing it, I began to pray about it. We have all heard many declare to be in the Most Holy Place or in some other dimension when in reality they weren't there. Over the years we have all heard some declaring mighty things without the reality of such claims. They began to sound like Peter when he said he would die for the Lord. Such claims have always had such a shallow ring to them. But when you spoke of being in Tabernacles without knowing it, I had to stop and question the Lord about that. I know we have only met each other that one time but I know you are not one to just blurt out such claims. There would have been others who would have made such a statement and it would have rolled off like water on a duck's back, as the saying goes.

It was actually while I was writing for our current series that the Lord brought me to a scripture that is *a confirmation to exactly what you are saying*. I know it may not seem to fit when you first look at it but it was what the Lord said to me as I was pondering on this portion of scripture.

“At that time the Lord said to Joshua, ‘*Make flint knives for yourself, and circumcise the sons of Israel again the second time.*’ I have seen this scripture before many times and have taught on it a few times but as I was pondering it this time the Lord spoke and said, “Don't let the pain of this circumcision confuse you as to where you are at.” At first I wasn't sure exactly what that meant.

“The Lord let me know that because of the circumcision, which takes place *just after crossing Jordan*, I was thinking we were still in the wilderness. I had the concept that when we crossed over Jordan there would be no more cutting away. We would have been through all of that in the wilderness. Yet one of the first things to take place on the west side of Jordan is this circumcision. “There is a dealing in the wilderness we have been going through, which seems to never end. Then we come to the west side of Jordan and we start hearing about circumcision, cutting away the flesh. This cutting away of the flesh is not what we have experienced in the wilderness of dying to the flesh. This is a cutting away of *the very root of the flesh*. It is a cutting away of the cause of all our fleshly activity. It was actually while I was writing for our current series that the Lord brought me to a scripture that is a confirmation to exactly what you are saying--the very root of the flesh. It is a cutting away of the cause of all our fleshly activity.

“In the wilderness, as we are overcoming, we can be faithful unto death and things in us will die. (Rev.2:10) It is out of this death we receive the crown of life. But when we cross Jordan it is a complete cutting away of all the Adamic life so there is no possibility of it ever coming back. It is the removal of every trace of the Adamic man. (Rev.20:11) It is true we can be faithful to such a point that the thing we are battling with will die and it will no longer be a bother to us. It will no longer be a temptation. It is dead and life has replaced it. But it is also true we can overcome a thing on occasion and yet it can come back and defeat us. ‘Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.’ (Rev.3:11) But when we cross Jordan, the second circumcision is the taking away of the reproach of Egypt. It is the removal of *the cause of our failure*.

“The crossing of Jordan and Tabernacles speaks of the same thing. I had to pray about this a good bit before I could see it. The first feast they celebrated in the Promised Land was not Tabernacles but Passover and I had a time trying to see how all of this fit. I asked the Lord, “Where is Tabernacles in all of this?” He pointed me to the memorial stones which were set up in Gilgal. Tabernacles is a time of remembering their journey in the wilderness, hence the booths. The memorial stones speak to us of a remembering of where we were and where God has brought us. While there is more to Tabernacles than just a remembering, it is that also. I know the time of year of the crossing of Jordan wasn't the seventh month but I believe the memorial stones are symbolic of the close of one era and the beginning of a new. Tabernacles was the end of one year and the beginning of a new.”

### **29. The Memorial Stones**

**(Ricky and Karen Evans have something further to say about our entering-in. I will share an excerpt from their writing on *Restoration and Beyond*.)**

The days of the wilderness are over and before us is a whole new world. You are standing in the Promised Land. It is all so unreal and as you are looking around, you notice the pillar that was made from the stones taken out of the Jordan. You look behind you and see that the Jordan River is still at flood stage. The waters angrily rushing past you still seem to try to keep you from being where you are. They still reach above their banks in a useless attempt to snatch you back into their grip. No one has ever come this far. No one has ever defied the life of Adam to such an extent! No one has ever defeated the spirit of Adam. There has only been One who has put the Adamic nature under foot—Jesus. Oh, but as you look at the memorial of twelve stones standing there, you realize you have just come to a place where the life of the first Adam has been totally defeated.

The first Adam was defeated over 2000 years ago when Jesus went to the cross, but His victory doesn't come to full manifestation in your life and mine until we cross over Jordan. We have been drawing upon His victory all through our wilderness experience, but the full expression of His victory has just now dawned. As you look at the memorial of twelve stones, the sun is warming your face; you still can't believe you are standing in the Promised Land. You know there has been a change even though you may not be able to prove it. In many ways, you don't feel any different than you did on the other side of the Jordan, but you know there has been a change. Something has happened.

There is the memorial standing there telling you there has been a change. The people around you know there has been a change. Their hearts are melted before you and there is no spirit left in them. (Josh. 5:1) The word begins to spread, "Hey, there are people over here that have something different. They are different. They are not like the other churches we have been to. These people have life! They don't care one whit about buildings and programs. They aren't after your money and when they speak it is like nothing we have ever heard before. Our hearts burn within us when they talk." (Lk. 24:32) The memorial is there not only for us but "that all peoples of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever." (Josh. 4:24).

As you are standing there, pondering all this, there is a stirring in the camp and a word is circulating through the camp that there is going to be a *circumcision*. You have heard talk about this over the years, but why talk about it now? We have entered the Promised Land and the glory of God is mighty upon us like never before, so why talk of circumcision? All of a sudden you remember that there are also twelve stones standing in the midst of the Jordan, right in the middle of those raging waters. The scriptures say, "They are there to this day." The raging waters can't wash them away. Rage all you want, Adam, but you cannot prevail! There is a memorial that will stand. There are a people who will not be defeated, no matter how rough the waters get! This memorial is a sign that God can and will dry up this Adamic nature and His people can cross over into the glorious liberty of the children of God!

Jesus was a sign for the rest of humanity. Isaiah proclaimed about Jesus, "Here am I *and the children whom the Lord has given me!* We are for signs and wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, who dwells in mount Zion." (Isa. 8:18) Jesus was a sign for humanity of the ability of God to bring humanity into the reality of the kingdom of God. Jesus was the first of humanity to defeat the devil and bring the Adamic nature under His control. He became the demonstration of the kingdom of God. He didn't just talk about it. He showed it to us! Jesus didn't come to die just so we could have our sins forgiven, though He did do that and we wouldn't skip over that truth lightly; but He came to show us humanity with the life of God could overcome all things. It was in His ascension to the right hand of Majesty of high that He received the ability to fill all things with Himself. He can now inject His own life into humanity; and they can know the liberty of being the born-ones of God!

Jesus was the sign, but He went on to say, "The children whom the Lord has given Me." The book of Hebrews lets us know we are the children whom He was talking about. Not only was Jesus a sign, but He will have some sons who will be signs. They will be memorials for all to see. They will be declarations to all of creation, "God is able to completely set you free from the bondage of corruption and bring you into the glorious liberty of the born-ones of God. They will be the declaration that there is a living God in the midst of His people. "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men and He will dwell with them." (Rev. 21:3).

Jesus was the forerunner, the firstfruits of what God is doing. Now there are a people who are forerunners and firstfruits moving into this same life. The priests who picked up the ark were the first ones to step into the Jordan. In fact, they had to step in first or the waters would not have rolled back. It will be a people who have picked up the ark (the presence of the Lord) and have placed it on their shoulders that are to be the memorials. They have come into the glory of God and as they humbly walk into the waters of Jordan, the glory of God pushes the flow of life from Adam all the way back to Adam. They cut off the life from Adam at its very source.

Notice that they gathered the stones “From the place where the priest’s feet stood firm.” The priests had to stand in the middle of the Jordan until all the rest of Israel passed over. The priests were the ones keeping the flow from Adam at bay. They were the ones who opened the way for the others to cross and they had to stay in the middle of the river until everyone had crossed over, “until everything was finished.” (Joshua 4:10) Their feet were firm and established. These have walked through the fires and have been proven. The memorial stones come from the walk of the priests, from the reality of their walk in God. The life of Christ in them causes the life of Adam to begin to back up. The curse is reversed until there is no more curse. They are the declaration: “There is a God that lives in Israel.”

Jesus had to hang on the cross until all things were accomplished and then He could say, “It is finished.” The price had been paid and now the way was opened for whosoever will to come and enter into the glorious liberty of the born-ones of God. Jesus had humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death on the cross. He stood in the midst of Jordan and rolled back the waters, the life that flowed from Adam. When the foot of Jesus touched the waters of Jordan, when He found Himself as a man, the waters of Jordan began backing up. Flesh had lost its grip on this Son of man. Jesus rolled back the power of the flesh. Flesh could not stand before the Lord of the whole universe.

When Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane praying, right before He was to be crucified, Judas and those who were with him came to take Jesus into custody. Jesus went up to them and asked who they were looking for and they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus replied, “I am He.” When Jesus said this, it says that Judas and his crowd “drew back and fell to the ground.” Can’t you see the waters beginning to back up? Flesh just can’t stand in the presence of the Lord. It starts to back up until it is cut off from its source.

Peter, speaking of the resurrection of Jesus, said, “Whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it” (Acts 2:24) Now, not only is Jesus able to stop death; not only is He able to cause death to step backwards and fall down, but now He has broken the hold death has had on every man. (Heb. 2:9) He has loosed the pains of death. He has destroyed him who had the power of death. (Heb. 2:14) He has destroyed death. (2 Tim. 1:10) Jesus has crossed over. He is the firstborn of many brethren. He is bringing many sons to glory!

### ***30. The Husbandman is Harvesting***

The Lord spoke to me one morning in prayer, “The Husbandman is even now walking through His fields, picking, one by one, His first-ripe fruits. *This harvest* shall not be brought in by masses of people, for this is a unique harvest where the Husbandman alone knows when one of His precious plants is ready to be harvested and made to be bread for the hungry.

“This holy operation is even now in progress as the Spirit of the Lord has risen in His prepared ones to the place where they two could be one and move together in the earth even as did the firstborn Son.

“This is a harvest above all harvests that the earth has ever known, for I am reaping the fruit of the holy Seed that I have planted in the earth of those who have been appointed unto this Day.”

### ***31. Waters to Swim In***

***Elisabeth Campbell*** shares how the Lord dealt with her about the waters to swim in, found in Ezek.47:3-5, “...he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles...the waters were to the knees...and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.”

First of all, the waters flowed to your ankles—that is where our *walk* is. Then the waters deepen until they are up to our knees—where our *prayer life* is. Then, further it moves until it is up to our hips, to where our reproductive organs are. What are we *reproducing* of Him through us and is it all Him?

Then, the waters come up to our heart and we have to ask ourselves, “Where is my heart? Is it totally after Him and *His life—His heart*?”

Then, the waters come up to the shoulders, to the place of burden-bearing. Jesus is the burden-bearer, but He allows us the privilege of bearing the burdens of others to Him.

The waters will eventually come up to the neck. This is the place of *the will*. Where is our will? Is it bent to the *will of God*?

Then, the waters come right up to our head, and to our throats. What are we swallowing and taking in to ourselves? Is it all of Him? Then the waters go all the way--*over our head*, the place where most of our battles are—in the mind. Do I/we have the mind of Christ? Is His mind mine? Can we say, “Yes, Lord, have all of me?”

We see a river again in Rev. 22:1-5, “And He showed me a pure river of water *of life*, clear as crystal, proceeding out of God, and of the Lamb.” Take note that the waters are coming out of the *throne!* Now, don’t think of some grand throne in the heavens “out there”, but think of the temple that you are and the Lord living and reigning in your temple. If you have yielded up the rulership of your life to Him, then He is ruling from the throne room of your heart. And, these living waters are pouring through you from the throne within you, to help others. At one time, Elaine received an answer so quickly and so profound for someone that she cried, “Lord, where did that answer come from?” The Lord’s answer was, “It came from the waters that issued out from the throne of your heart that is yielded to Me (and where He is reigning!)”

### **32. *This is My Day!***

On March 29/1998, the Spirit of the Lord spoke to my heart: “This is *My Day!* I am bringing in My Day, and I must do so quickly lest there be no flesh saved. The power and selfishness of man has risen to such a peak, that without divine intervention, he would self-destruct. But it shall *not* be so, for the earth is mine and the fullness thereof, and every inhabitant in it.

“So I shall shake Myself as a man who has drunk new wine, and I shall pour forth My fire upon the earth to judge all unrighteousness and evil in it. Fear not that all shall be destroyed, for it is My Hand that is upon my people and what I do is for good and not evil that they shall *know their God* as they have not known Him. Have you not seen that none of man’s devices are able to destroy what I have built in a man’s heart? My building, even My substance in My people, is perfectly safe from all harm. It shall be the catalyst to bring about change in the midst of confusion.

“Fear no enemy, for this is My Fire—My preparation for My day, removing all the rubble of an age that is passing away to make way for *My New Day*. Teach My people to see My purpose that they be steadfast and unmoved from My plan for their lives. For My Own, nothing will have changed except that they will walk before men in a way that they never dreamed possible and will demonstrate a new and living way that will bring fresh courage to the hopeless. Look up, for your redemption draweth nigh and what I do, I do for good and not evil!”

Later, I heard, “Abraham is giving way to Isaac. The one who has been offered shall now come to the forefront, for the walk of sonship must be revealed unto men who know only a walk of faith.”

### **33. *A Great Conflagration***

A prophecy received Jan. 22/08 said: “There shall be a great conflagration upon the earth, for My spirit has arisen to burn up man’s evil works and to bring the pride of man into the dust. My remnant company have yielded to My fires and have come out of the fiery furnace without the smell of smoke upon them.

“Did I not say that the days would come when I would judge the world with fire? Men have not understood that it is the fire of the Holy Ghost that I will send to convict men of their lawlessness toward Me.

“My intimate friends have learned that My fire does not harm, but burns away the dross, all that is not like My nature, so that My pure life might come forth unmixed with self and carnality. Watch and see what I do and know the reasons for it and thou shalt walk in wisdom.”



### 34. *An Awesome Dream*

We have invited any member of the Body to contribute to this book any dealing that they feel is relevant to what the Lord is saying in this hour. **Dawn Sikes** shares her awesome dream of Feb./08: “I walked into a day care/care-giving center to drop off my Resume. I saw across the room a door which opened up and a nurse walked out. As the nurse came out, I saw a young handicapped man in a bed. His arms and legs looked curled up. He was mumbling, trying to speak words, but his words could not be understood.

“I felt led to go into the room. I walked up to the man in the bed and told him that God had not intended for him to remain lying in this bed and in this condition, and that I was going to pray. I then turned to the others in the room and told them that they may not understand what I was going to do, but that I was going to pray. I began to pray over this man, speaking forth life, and restoration. I called out to each part of his body to come into order and function.

“First, I spoke to his legs, and then his arms, and so on until I reached his head. As I spoke out the prayer it was with authority and purpose. I felt the Spirit move through me into this man and I saw each part of his body begin to be healed. His legs uncurled and became straight; his arms unfolded and stretched out, then his hand and fingers uncurled. I continued praying and seeing this happen before my eyes. Then I spoke to his mind and then his mouth and the words coming out of them became clear and understandable.

“I was utterly amazed at the miracle of which I was a part. I can’t remember exactly what the man said when he could be understood, but I know he said something to the effect of, ‘*How long have I waited for the Word to come forth from me!*’

“I think this is what God is doing with the Body. The religious systems had at one time received God’s Word and His body was formed, but because the systems were unable to fully understand it, they made a covenant to keep it safe for God (as if God needed them to nurture His Word). Because of the ignorance of the systems, the Body has become sick and weak and its parts are unable to spread the good news (legs and feet), unable to heal (arms and hands), and unable to teach (mind and mouth). It has become so bad that it is nearly disabled, but God will not let this happen. He is sending forth His called, appointed, and qualified (hence the Resume) mouthpieces to speak forth life into His Body and to call forth its purpose and function. God is restoring His Body so that it will have His Mind and then His True Word will come forth. Praise God!”

To add to this by way of confirmation, **Elisabeth Campbell** told me she was walking into a church in the mid-eighties, when she heard the Lord say: “***Crippled Christians.***” Although she was young in the Spirit, she knew exactly what He meant.

### 35. *A Spirit-Poem*

One day, in prayer, the Spirit gave me a poem:

#### **The Building of God**

*I have built, unsparingly,  
With measure and with rule,  
Applying spiritual principles  
As My most ready tool.*

*A building I have purposed  
To make upon this earth  
Where I could have My being  
In a fresh, new birth;*

*Where My creation would love enough  
To want Me to come and stay  
**Always** within this building,  
This building made of clay.*

*And so I came and gave my breath  
of life—to abide within their death.  
Then, I breathed again, more deeply now  
To cause My Own to fully bow*

*To know Me as I Am, and self to know,  
To choose to leave this realm below  
To walk in heavenly places fair.  
While in this frail building, to dare*

*To walk as one, in union sweet  
To grant Me the right as king  
To rule and reign and love and live  
And in His temple all to give*

*To those who walk in lesser ways  
Who know not these precious days  
Of Spirit-rule, of Love so led,  
To be to creation God's living Bread!*

### 36. *We Never Knew Him!*

Recently, we heard just one line of a song which grabbed our attention. It was: “*Would you expect to find God in a manger?*” (Showing His condescension to mankind). We added to that thought, “Why would we think God would inhabit a vessel of clay that His glory might be seen?”

Elisabeth added, “Who would expect to find God on a cross? Would you expect to find God nailed to a tree?”

We stayed quiet before the Lord and He spoke to us: “This is the one thing that the enemy can never duplicate, for the darkness in him cannot permit him to humble himself in any way. By *this* you may discern the Spirit of God from the Spirit of Anti-Christ.”

In recent small happenings in my life I have begun to realize, that though I’ve walked with the Lord for many years, and known that He is **Love**, I have not really understood or known the heart of love that He has. These may be small incidents that I will share, but they illustrate the big heart of our Father that we have never fully grasped.

Every Thursday Elisabeth and I drive for a half an hour to visit our post office in Idaho to pick up and send out our U.S. mail. Today Elisabeth suggested that she would like to stop at the Duty-Free Shop to look for some souvenirs to take back home to Scotland. I was casually looking around while waiting for her. I found myself facing a stand with little key chains on it with Canada and its flag stamped on it. Suddenly a name was dropped into my heart: “**Joshua.**”

I knew exactly who that was. He is a young lad whose mom phones me from time to time. She is bringing up her family on her own, so this 13-year-old has no Daddy around. Occasionally I send him a little miniature car or train and his mom lets him phone me back to thank me. We don’t have a lot to say to each other except to reassure each other of our love.

Now, why would the Lord want me to send him a key chain? It is going to be quite a few years before he is going to be needing one (as in driving a car!) Then, I heard the Spirit say: “He needs it now. Put two keys on it and tell him one is the key to *your heart*. The second one is the key to **My heart** (the heart of Jesus.)”

I was so touched that the Lord would make such a tender, loving gesture toward this young lad that I had a hard time to control my tears while we were still in the store. Once on the road, I think I must have cried for the first ten miles—my heart was simply broken up! I thought, “Lord, we have never known You like this! We have never understood that Your heart of love is so personal! We always expect You to look after the big affairs of the world and the universe, but to think of Your showing Your love in such a tender way to a fatherless lad, is almost beyond our comprehension! May I say, “***We never knew Him in this way.***” Yet, this is the day when He is breaking our hearts so that He will be able to reveal His heart of love to us in a way we have never known it! Many are telling me how the Lord is teaching them to love with His Love, so it seems to be one of the operations that is being carried out as we enter the Feast of Tabernacles.

A few days after this happened, I was in the shower, speaking words of love to my Lord. My heart was still warmed from what He had done with the keys for my young friend Joshua, when He spoke to my heart, “***Did you not know that I am a Father to the fatherless? (and a Husband to the widow) This was not simply said OF Me—I, Myself, said I; yet My creation knows Me not!***”

I hurried out of the shower and wrote those words down and the Spirit continued: “They know Me not in the capacity of a loving Father. They see Me foremost as a Judge who will bring retribution upon man’s every failing. It was **I** Who permitted My creation to be made subject to frailty and corruption. (Romans 8:20-21). And it is **I** Who shall bring him out of it! This is the only way that My creation could *know Me*. They need to know Me by *experience*, but in the experiencing would I throw them away as trash—as those who have no value because they are not “good” enough?

“Oh, My children, what joy is coming to My Heart as My small remnant is beginning to **know Me as I Am**, not as man has said that I Am. These have suffered long and have embraced the cross and have

found in My sacrifice for them all they need to live a holy life and to walk humbly before their God—and not only *before* Him, but *as Him*—in His nature—before all who know not My Love!”

### 37. *They Have No Wine*

Since the Lord is **Love**, He must also be **peace**, for love always produces peace. I want to share how the Lord is initiating peace in relationships when they hear His Voice and obey.

A godly friend of mine had been the recipient of some very unkind words from her mother-in-law. Of course this caused the family to take sides, and my friend and her husband were alienated from the rest of the family for some time. They forgave them but wanted to stay away from them until an apology was forthcoming.

Grandma’s ninetieth birthday was coming, and the family wanted them to be there to make the circle complete. Even Grandma sent word asking them to come to her party. They held no malice against them but were reluctant to go to the birthday celebrations. There had been no apologies for the unkind remarks that were made.

I try to make no judgments in family affairs and was not entering into this issue at all. So, you can imagine my surprise when the Lord brought the situation before me and said, in no uncertain terms: **“They have no wine!** I am sending you (this couple) forth as the new wine in their midst, for *your time* has come even as did Mine, to publicly reveal Myself. Fret not concerning how you shall be received, but understand that you and your husband are “sent ones”, as new wine in their midst. It is a kingdom assignment and My Life and My Love shall overrule all that is not of Me. Keep your hearts open to what I would teach you through this experience.”

The results were very favorable. Almost all of the family were glad to see them and they rose above the coolness of the few that were not. And, at the end, when they exchanged goodbye hugs with Grandma, she whispered, “*Sorry*” and said, “*I love you*” to this beautiful Christian daughter-in-law whom she had wronged. That was the best she could say, but it was received with appreciation and the rift was healed. The new wine had done its work!

### 38. *From the Shepherd’s Heart*

**Norma Theriault**, a mighty intercessor, received this encouragement from the Shepherd’s heart. (And, what He says unto one, He says unto all!)The Lord impresses upon my heart, the importance of **knowing well His personal care**. He spoke tenderly: “You, My Love, are in my care! Yes, you are in My *intensive* care and *extensive* care as well. You are being *stretched* once again *beyond the normal*. I invite you to come and sit in My *chariot* and rest. I am the ‘Charioteer’, the One who drives and steers the course I have for you! You are to be carried *through* this unique time. I require nothing except what I grace you for, and that is what you would place your full attention upon Me as you *accept your weakness* to produce anything that comes from self. Continue to learn to let go and be at rest in Me. **I am enough**, dear one. The ‘stretching’ increases and it must be so in order for **full** development to come forth.

“Remember the Word I enlightened to you recently: The invisible things of God are hidden in the visible things around you...that is, *what you see happening in the natural is a picture of what is happening in the Spirit*.

“My Holy Wind broods over you and within you, affecting your *spirit, soul and body, consuming all things in order to bring all under My government and control*.

“My Spirit *within you is mighty!* Casting up a highway for Him Who rides through the desert, the howling desert of your life, *making the crooked places straight*. You are My ‘select arrow’ who has been chosen as My own! I am the ‘Bow-Man’ and will effectively send out My ‘select arrows’ who have been formed by My Hand and have been *hidden* for a time *until* My finishing work of “Pure Gold’ comes forth in *fullness*.

***“Stay quiet and confident in My love and care for you. Let your soul be still though all My waves and billows are gone over you.*** It is truly marvelous to experience this deep calling unto deep (Psa. 42:7) by which your Lord becomes *singularly active* within your life and takes such personal interest into bringing you into a *place of intimate communion and fellowship with Him*.

“Know well that I shall not *always be threshing*, but a time of greater fruitfulness and fullness is soon to come!

“Also know, without doubt, that when you experience much pressure, tension or pain in the natural, it is I at that moment doing a holy work of releasing deep within, a hidden work within your being to bring forth the precious out of the vile. Wait, I say, wait in holy abandonment, for the next stage is about to break forth. ***I Am ‘Faithful and True’***, so I cannot fail you!

“I am the ***‘Word Made Flesh’ in My ‘select ones’ in this hour***. They have been chosen for such a time as this and they shall come forth as My delights, My vessels of honor!

“Continue to *cast off all shadow of doubt* far from your waiting heart. Keep it with all diligence. Surely I will come with My reward, for those who have *borne in meekness* My burden I’ve placed upon their shoulders as Priests of the *Highest order (Melchisedec)*.”

**Note:** I felt to look up the word “**extensive**” and it means: wide; broad; far reaching; comprehensive; thorough.” In relation to His work in us, these words seem to fit quite perfectly!

### ***39. Greater Works Than These***

One morning in prayer the Spirit started dealing with me of *the power of the Word*, particularly the scripture that says: “...He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and *greater works than these shall he do*; because I go unto My Father.”

He spoke unto my heart, “The power of the Word lieth before thee. My people have wondered how they should do exploits even greater than I have demonstrated unto them. How could they, indeed, do *greater* things than their Creator?

“There is no contest to think that man could do more than the Incarnate Son could do, for they shall do greater works only because the Son is doing them through the Word that He speaks through His yielded vessels.

“Consider this matter and divide it aright.”

I have heard immature ones bragging about the greater works they are going to do when they are manifested. I feel the above word addresses this completely. It will always be the Spirit of the Lord doing the works through us, and at His Word!

Again, He spoke further to me on this topic: “I wish to teach you of the power of My Word. My people have known My Word as a source of godly instruction and living, as it were, a book of rules. They have not known My Word as a Power-Source in their lives, but it is time for them to both know it and to walk in it.

“When My Own have ceased from their own works and are willing to let Me live and move and have My Being in them in fullness, then shall they come to know the power of My Word coming forth from them.

“I have not healed thee from thine oft-infirmities because I wanted to teach you the power of My Word spoken at *My command*. It is this Word and this power that created the heavens and the earth and set each star in its course. I would teach thee of this power that abideth in thine earthen vessels. It is the power of My Word spoken in the context of My will. This is that which moves mountains and sets the captives free. This I always knew from My Father so that what I spoke was that which I heard with Him.

“So shall it be with My firstborn sons in this day. They shall not strive with great swelling words, nor lift their voices on high, but they shall speak that which they hear with their Father, or speak that from Him which they have not yet *heard*.

“Ah, My little one! You know not the joy that is in My Heart and that fills all of heaven to see that my sons are coming forth and peace and equity shall be brought to earth through them. Rejoice with Me and all the hosts of heaven that the Day of the Lord has come when I will manifest Myself in those who have laid down their lives so that I might live My life through them and all creation will know that there is a God Who has been manifest in men! Emmanuel!”

#### **40. A Lesson on Judging**

**Linda Peterson** shared a lesson that I think would benefit us all. She was thinking, in a critical manner, of those who don't come out of Babylon. The Lord showed her that 95% of Israel did *not* leave Babylon when they were given a chance to do so. He made it real to her the price they would have to pay to leave their settled ways. Upon considering this, she felt she should not judge them (or anyone) for not wanting to leave Babylon.

She also shared about judging: If you have a poor attitude and you are in a courtroom, judging that person, the *moment* you forgive them and bless them, the case moves to a higher court (of heaven). The courtroom and all the witnesses are freed. Everyone is freed!

#### **41. Life Lease                      Inez Bouton**

*I have signed a life-lease with you  
That contains no expiration  
It is eternal, the signing  
Was with My Blood.  
That is My signature;  
Very legal and always binding.  
Your body is My visible expression.  
It will take on all My attributes (i.e. My nature)  
Don't try to imagine  
How or what—  
**Just know it is!***

#### **42. A Shift in the Heavens**

The Spirit often speaks to me through a song before He speaks further. This morning I heard, “My heart is moved when e'er I think of Jesus.”

Then He spoke: “There is a shift in the heavens. *An edict of surrender has gone forth.* That remnant people whom I have prepared for this day now stand before Me with heads bowed, and hands empty of their own works. These are ready to subdue kingdoms, shut the mouths of lions, and bring to naught all that would exalt itself against Me in this, My Day.”

#### **43. I Will Arise and Go Forth**

The Lord spoke to me these precious words: “There are yet those who esteem Me as most precious and respond to My words as did Abraham: ‘*I will arise and go forth.*’ They take to the altar that which is dearest and best to them—even self-will—and offer it unto Me saying, ‘Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.’

“It is unto these that I have entrusted the bringing-in of My kingdom, even My reign, in the earth. But it was needful for you to know the reality of those who follow not Me and the place that they have given Me—a place with discarded things. They have no need of Me and know not that they are empty and blind and naked without Me. Yet, I love them and have paid the price of their redemption. They need to see *the Word made flesh once again, walking in the earth.*”

#### ***44. The Season and the Year***

I was not thinking of looking to the Lord for a word concerning the New Year, but on Jan.1/08, the Lord dropped this word into my heart: “I have laid out the seasons and the years in their orders. And, in their progression, I have given space for man to rest and to rejoice at My ever-making things new.

“But man has never conceived in his thoughts the newness and freshness of a life that is hidden with Christ in God. This is that which is the grand culmination of all the seasons and years of My dealings. You are blessed to live in that day of endings and new beginnings.

“Man looks for a *repeat* of the best that I have bestowed upon My people throughout the ages, but it shall be something *new*—something I have not done before—a man such as I, dwelling on the earth, in places all over the earth, living and moving as his Father lives and moves within him. The world has never seen this before and I declare unto you that *the season and the year are upon you!*”

#### ***45. Tipping the Scale***

A prophetic word: “Even as a hen broods over her eggs, so do I brood over My creation to bring forth new life. Yes, there is evil on every hand, and the things that are planned against My creation are evil continually, yet I continue to brood to bring forth righteousness. Though evil wax worse and worse in the land, it shall *not* ultimately prevail, for I rule from my holy hill of Zion, and when I speak, My will shall prevail and none can stand against it.

“Was I not able to deliver Noah and his family in their day? Evil did not go unpunished, and righteousness was rewarded. My nature has not changed. I am still the final judge of all the earth and when I arise, all the nations shall know it. Some will awaken with gladness and others will experience the pain of the darkness that is upon them.

“The balance scale has been weighted with evil, but I am about to *tip the scale* and cause righteousness to come forth and evil to lose its hold. Rejoice for this day, even the Day of the Lord, My children. Rejoice and be glad for My coming to judge and set right all that is out of the way!”

#### ***46. Babylon is Falling***

I’m used to the Lord speaking to me through the words of a song but only once in a while does He speak through a rhyme. I heard this rhyme in the spirit:

*Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
All the king’s horses  
And all the king’s men  
Couldn’t put Humpty together again!*

“This is Babylon, that great harlot, that has deceived the whole world and has set herself above all as if she ruled the world. Yet, her fall is in progress and she is helpless to prevent it. She plotted to bring to naught the power of the holy people (Daniel 12:7), but I shall bring *her* to naught!

“Watch it happen! As Babylon falls, the true Zion shall arise, and righteousness shall begin to arise until it fills the whole earth; And no weapon that is formed against her (the true Zion) shall prosper.”

Recently, the news has been full of the fact that the U. S. government is investigating five popular televangelists for gross misuse of the funds entrusted to them by the people. Not long after we heard this, the Lord began to speak to us about these matters.

“Were there not men who were put in charge of My treasuries in days of old, even in the type and shadow of My temple? Do I not, still, have those to whom I can entrust My treasures and the distribution and proper use of them? These are they whose hearts lust not after gain or filthy lucre for themselves. These are they who have a heart for My Own, and unto them I entrust all that they have need of to do all that I ask of them.

“And as for those, My ministers who have hoarded wealth unto themselves until I have spoken to Babylon to judge them in this matter, shame shall cover their faces and whatever honor they had among the people shall be covered with mud (carnal judgments against them). See that it is so and you shall *know* that the judgment of the great whore is mightily in progress and is gaining momentum. Re-joice, ye that were ensnared by her, for her woes have come quickly!”

#### **47. Opening up the Blueprint**

The Holy Spirit instructed us: “I am opening up to you, little by little, the blueprint that I have laid out in My Word: in the lives of My prophets, in My temple ordinances, and in the removing of My people to and fro.

“My children of this day have seen My plan but dimly, and have instead looked to their prophets to tell them ‘what of tomorrow’ when they know nothing of yesteryear ***wherein is hidden the blueprint of My workings***. But the time has come when a people are prepared to receive and whose eyes and ears I have opened so that My ways from the beginning shall be revealed unto them making their pathway clearer, as the light of the noonday sun; as the light of the sun multiplied seven times!

“Look for this enlightenment to happen, for all is in order for it to happen!”

#### **48. Jesus is the Covenant**

A young pastor, hungry for more of God, told me that he recently began to be impressed with the word *kingdom*. He realized that the Bible was full of that word but he didn’t know what it meant for our day—for the spiritual sense of it. He asked a pastor friend if he knew anything about the meaning of the word *kingdom* and he had to admit that he didn’t know anything about it, either. They concluded that perhaps they had missed something important by not studying the Old Testament and using only the New Testament. They had missed all the types and shadows that explain spiritual truths.

There are many like these brothers, and it is for this reason that I feel led to share a message from **Malcolm Smith** who has taught the Word for almost 60 years. He has a deep understanding of the divine strategy of God throughout the old and the new testaments. (The rest of this portion shall be Malcolm’s teaching).

Isaiah Ch 42. If you know your prophets, this is part of what is called in prophecy ‘The songs of the servants.’ That is, they are distinct prophecies that are found in the latter portion of Isaiah and each of them describes Jesus in a very wonderful way. Though they were written some 700 years before Jesus came, Isaiah is able to see ahead what this Jesus will be like, and describes His work, His person and His ministry. They are fantastic.

One of the songs of the servant in Chapter 42:6 says, “I am the LORD. I have called you.” That is Jesus He is speaking to. So this is all about Jesus. “I am the Lord. I have called you; I will also hold you by the hand and watch over you. I will appoint you.” This is the Father speaking to Jesus. “I will ***appoint you a covenant to the people***; as a light to the nations; to open blind eyes; to bring out prisoners from the dungeon and those who dwell in darkness, from the prison.”

Chapter 49:8 again speaks of Jesus: “I will keep you (that is, Jesus) and ***give you for a covenant of the people***; to restore the land; to make them inherit the desolate heritages; to say to those who are bound, ‘go forth’; to those who are in darkness, ‘show yourselves.’”

Do you get the picture there that rapidly comes to mind? ***Jesus is declared to be the Covenant***. Notice it doesn’t say that He will *make* a covenant; it says He will *be* the Covenant, and the result of Him being The Covenant is that a lot happens!

This is a very dynamic prophecy; something is going to happen. What will happen as a result of Jesus being the Covenant? Light will come to those who walk in blindness; those who are in dungeons and prisons will suddenly be released and let go and the darkness will flee before this One. So the Covenant will bring about a demonstration of power in lives of people who at that time were found to be spiritually, and mentally, blind to truth and the way the world is. People found themselves ensnared



and fettered by habits and bondages. People were wallowing in the misery of life. Because this One is to be the Covenant, the result will be dynamic activity in the midst of the people. Because Jesus is the Covenant, something has got to happen in our lives. It isn't something that we can put on hold and say, 'I believe it.' It has got to happen in our lives! Now, in the light of that, in the light of those prophecies, Jesus gathered together His disciples.

I want you to feel this now! The last time anyone heard of that Covenant that the Messiah was to be, was in the Book of Isaiah, and in the Book of Jeremiah where it said *there would be a new covenant made*. Then comes the long silence of hundreds of years. And Jesus gathered together His disciples just before He died, and He took a piece of bread. Luke 22:19 says, "When He had taken bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them and said, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me, and in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten saying, ***this cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in My blood.***" That is, a covenant will be made but it will not be made 'out there.' It will be made right in Me, in My blood. In the shedding of My blood, the Covenant will be made.

I kind of get goose bumps! I get a sense of history, hanging in the air for nearly 800 years! There had been the prophecy that One would come who would be the unique servant of the Lord and He Himself would be the making of the covenant to the people, which would suddenly result in light and life and freedom. And it hung there, and it hung there and other prophets added to it, but it hung there. And suddenly, out of the blue, Jesus takes a cup of wine and He says, "This cup is the New Covenant in My blood." He is saying, "This is it! Everything that you have heard the prophets say is now going to happen."

What I find fascinating about that statement is that this is how Jesus understood His death. He is about to go to death; the hand of Judas was on the table with Him. The whole death process is set up and Jesus knows what is going to happen and He calmly sits there and gives to us the interpretation that He had of His death. I find that fascinating because He says very plainly that it's all planned. "This that I am about to go through which will involve the shedding of My blood is part of the Divine strategy. It's the Divine Agenda. It's not an accident; don't get up-tight about what's going to happen. I tell you in advance; the blood that will be shed will be for a specific purpose. It will be shed to bring about a New Covenant." In that sense, He would be the Covenant to the people.

Men and demons are going to join together and crucify Jesus, but He is saying, "Don't be fooled; let Me tell you ahead of time that in the shedding of My blood the new covenant will happen.

What is a covenant? The covenant is the binding together of two parties for life or for death, and that's it in a nutshell. Please don't just say 'agreement' in the 20<sup>th</sup> century meaning of the word because that doesn't really mean anything. You can break an agreement very quickly. This is something in which you must always include the words 'for life or for death'. When two parties would enter into covenant, they were saying, "I will keep this covenant, even if it kills me." And that was understood; that was always there. It had to be there. It's not just saying, "Hey, let's get together." It isn't saying, "Shall my family join up with your family?"

This is saying that these two parties are now bonding together for life or for death, and that is why blood was always shed. It says, "I will keep this covenant even if it kills me. And if I don't keep this covenant; if I should break it; then you have a legal right to kill me. So if I keep it, it may cost my life and if I don't keep it; it will cost my life. It was a very solemn covenant--the binding together of two parties for life or for death.

In Old Testament times it was usually when a greater person, a great lord, or a great king would come upon a lesser lord and he would impose a covenant upon him. He would say, "I have so much to give to you and I choose to give it" so he would impose a covenant and say, "We shall bind ourselves together for life or for death, in covenant."

In making a covenant, you always needed a person that the covenant would actually be done in, or to put it another way, you needed a **representative**, someone that would take into himself, embody in himself, all the persons that were to enter into covenant.

Let me put it this way: if that section over there was to enter into covenant with that section over here, it would be too much for all of you to go over there and make covenant. You would need to give me one person; one person who would embody that whole section. It would need to be somebody that you could look at and say, "That is us." He represents us in every way, (he is an Oklahoman to the core.) He is everything that Oklahoma stands for. He talks like us; he is one of us and he can stand for us, and what he says, we say amen to. Whatever he swears to, we swear to. Whatever happens to him, happens to us.) And likewise, you in this section would give me another one, and the two would come--the two representatives who would embody the parties,--and they would enter into the covenant. When they entered into the covenant, you were in it too because they were your representatives; they embodied you. Now we know from the prophet who the representative is! **Jesus is said to be the Covenant**; He is the representative. Now put that on hold.

When I go back into the *Garden of Eden*, I discover that **Adam was our representative**. Now you might have problems with that. I mean, you didn't vote for him; but *you have voted for him*. We didn't at the beginning, but we have voted since. Every human being has voted that Adam made the right choice! We did it backwards but we did it, so don't get too upset. The whole race fully agrees today that Adam was right. He was the representative of the human race. He stood there as us and for us. He was appointed by God to do that but actually leave that out; he was anyway. If Adam wasn't there, you wouldn't be here, would you? I mean, if your great grandfather had died at birth, where would you be today? Well, work that out.

You are here because you were in your great, great grandfather. His history was your history whether you like it or not. When I came over here from England, those of my children who were not born came over in me and they therefore were born in America. We have lost this solidity of the human race; our histories are all locked up together. What happened to Adam did happen to us, simply because that's the way it is. We were in him.

And so **Adam is the representative of the human race**. Did you understand that he was in a Covenant with God? That is the human race in God's original plan, a race that was in Covenant in a vital union with God. And that is why the very first Chapters of Genesis unfold the life and death nature of it all. It says, "*In the day that you eat, that is, break this covenant, then you shall surely die.*" That's understood in all covenants. If it's not kept; it's death. And so there was a life and death bond between the heart of God and man. *Man was in union with God.*

Man knew the perfect love of God; he was loved with unconditional love. He was affirmed and accepted; he knew who he was. He was the man who was in union with the Creator which made him the lord of all the earth. He didn't have to work to become the lord of all the earth; he just is. This was his being, and while we are talking about being, you don't have to prove it. **Being**, you don't have to say, "Well, am I *good enough* for that?" No, being, you just is. It just is so. You don't have to justify your existence when you have *being*. You see, man was created to be a human being; he has turned himself into a human *doing* but he was meant to be a human being. Just be. "I am loved," that's it! I don't have to earn it, I don't have to thrash around for it. I am loved and I am important. I have significance; I have meaning; I have reason for being.

That is man. I don't have to do anything to prove that; he just is; and is because he was joined to the source of love and he is joined to the source of life, and so he was loved without earning it. He was just loved. And he was affirmed because God was his Creator and had made him this way. And he walks with that sense of incredible importance, that wonderful, holy, beautiful sense of pride in who he is in God. And, he walked thus in Eden with the command to go out and subdue the whole earth. Out of his being, who he was, and out of knowing who he was; he would do many things. In fact, he would do everything we have done in terms of the earth, being a steward of the earth and its minerals,

except it would all be done from a very different base. It would be done from a base of *knowing I am loved, from a base of knowing my importance and my significance.*

The fall of man was very simply that he, by his choice, severed, broke the covenant. **Unthinkable--** that man should be in covenant, a bind with God, and man from his side, chose to break it! Alas, he immediately falls under *another dominion* which the Bible calls, 'death', 'unlife.' He suddenly disintegrated inside; the source of his life has gone. He is now joined to the cosmic rebellion. He has joined the forces of those that are hostile to God and he has become one of them. ***He is under Satan's authority.*** So he is truly guilty before God. The Bible says an interesting thing. It says, "***He has iniquity.***" That's an old English word. Do you know what iniquity means in plain English? It means 'bent,' Man is bent; he is twisted. Man was made to have an upward relationship to God. Upward to the One who loves me, upward to the One where I find meaning and purpose, an affirmation of who I am.

Man bent. He twisted over; and he turned first of all to himself. Then he turned to other creatures expecting that they would give him the love that only God can give, they would give him the affirmation that only God could give, and man became bent and twisted. He didn't know who he was or where he was going. He was totally affected by this, because he was severed from the source of his life. His mind has been affected. You might say he was paralyzed in his head. He couldn't think in terms of God things. He could only think in terms of what he saw in material things. To try and think about God was almost impossible for him. He was bent and twisted in his affections. He loved all the wrong things. Men love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil.

Even his body began to be sick and diseased. He became self for himself. Now, what's God going to do with this man? Have you ever thought of this? Here's the whole human race and its representative, and the human race has rebelled against God. It has joined up with Satan and there's this cosmic rebellion going on. This little man stands there, shaking his fist at God, saying, "I'm going to do my thing! I'm going to find meaning to life in what I do! Get lost, God!"

What's God going to do? Seriously. Sometimes the most incredible things in the Bible are the things that aren't there; what God *didn't do*. You would have thought that God would have squashed him, wouldn't you? I mean, here's this little twerp standing there saying, "God, I want none of You." All God has to do is squash the insect and make another one. Think about this, seriously. That's what you would expect if you were a writer of pagan religious books. Creatures don't do that to creators. The very fact that God did not squash him tells me right there that God loved this little creature. Loved him with an infinite love and said, "Even though you have rebelled against Me, I will not let you go."

And God's response to man at that time was to announce to him a covenant. "You've broken this covenant; it's in ruins. Well, I announce to you another one." It was an imposition, for man did not ask for it; man did not seek it. God imposes it because He loves him and He says that He is going to make a covenant. God committed Himself then to save this man and restore him to everything that Adam had now lost.

Oh, but just a minute! God has a dilemma here--a real dilemma. Have you ever entered into God's dilemma? How can God save the person that is in this situation of hostility? Or to put it this way, how can God pardon the guilty? How can God justify the ungodly? Because if He does that, surely He is not God.

God is patting a sinner on the head and saying, "Sin's okay; it doesn't really matter." How can God do that? God has a problem If He is going to enter into covenant with man. How is He going to do it and still be true to right and good and holy?

Secondly, He has another problem. Who is going to represent man? You see, man has to have a representative if there is a covenant. We have had one representative--his name was Adam and he blew it, totally, cosmically, blew it! He needed another representative. God was in covenant with mankind. He had His man, Adam. But where is mankind now? They've all gone. They are hiding in the bushes. They are telling God to get lost. He needs another Adam. He needs another representative who will

stand *as* and *for* the human race. Note that the problem gets bigger, because if He finds another Adam, he's got to be one of this gang, otherwise he can't represent them, can he?

He has to have a representative of this race that is hostile and angry toward God. He's got to be one of them, but if he's one of them, he can't be the representative to God. So He has to have a real genuine member of the race that's all wrong, but someone who can represent them to God and get their sins dealt with. *This is the great dilemma within the heart of God.*

That's when Isaiah spoke His word: "We've found the person!" He said, "*A servant, the servant of the Lord, and He will be the covenant.* He will stand as the people. He will achieve the covenant and He will bring them out of everything Adam took them into. Jesus is the representative." If you can understand that, you have understood the whole Bible. Jesus is the representative.

*I don't know how you look at Jesus, but the Bible looks at Him as the representative. He is the God who solved His own dilemma. He is the God who came and joined His own creation, who sneaks into the human race in the womb of the Virgin Mary, who takes to Himself our humanity. He never ceases to be God but He lays aside His rights as God and takes to Himself our humanity. This is the humiliation of God that He who is unlimited, the infinite God who dwells in eternity, takes to Himself limitedness. He takes to Himself, finity. He comes and dwells in the confinement of time. God comes to us in the person of Jesus and is born of the Virgin Mary.*

Let me say it another way, "He was born *of* us, He is one *of* us." You understand it isn't that He just turned up looking like us. He is one *of* us.

You would have thought that if God is going to start the whole covenant again, if He is going to start a new race of people again, that He would have started again with a heap of dust and shaped it and breathed into it the breath of life, but He didn't. He started in the womb of the Virgin Mary, which means He is one of us. God became a member of the race. He's got a genealogy that goes back to David and Abraham. You can trace His family line. So He is one of us, one hundred percent one of us, a genuine human.

*What's He doing here? What's He doing here? God! Here among us? It says it all over again, "I love you." because He doesn't need to be here.* Please understand this: if Jesus Christ be God, living among us in the flesh, He doesn't need to be here. Have you ever thought about that? God in diapers? God at the breast of the virgin? God doesn't need that! That's the humiliation of God. God doesn't need to come among us. God a toddler? God discovering His own creation? God doesn't need that, doesn't need it at all! Then what's He here for? There must be a strategy; there must be a plan. He is here in ultimate communication. He is saying, "I wrote you letters and you tore them up. Some are still unopened--all My love letters to you; you didn't want them! Then I'll come Myself and I'll look you in the eye as one of you, and say, "I love you." God comes to us. He is the representative, and He will obey His Father. Even as Adam disobeyed, this One *will* obey. God has totally identified Himself with us.

Well, you can't just shrug Him off; He's here now. He's a member of our race, who eats our breakfast foods; and sleeps like we do. He's one of us, and He is here to identify Himself with us and say, "I am your representative."

You just can't say, "He's not here." He's here! He's come! He's sitting among us. He's part of the human race. He's part of history; only a mere two thousand years ago. Not even in myth and legend, I mean; this is real history. There really was a store in Nazareth, and above the store in Hebrew characters, it said, "Joseph and Son." I mean, He was here! He was genuinely apprenticed to His father and he took over the business. We are talking something very mundane and very historical. He was here. He was here. He was identified. He could not be more identified with humanity than being a babe in a womb, and born and raised as a toddler, and a child and a teenager and now is His own young businessman in the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He's here. Do you understand what I am saying? He's here, and He's here as the perfect human but not just because He is tempted in every way as we are, facing all the pressures of life.

Then comes the great moment when Jesus goes into the wilderness to be tempted of the Devil. Now that rings a bell, because the first representative of the human race wasn't in a *wilderness*. He was in a *garden*, but he was there specifically to be tempted by the Devil.

Now, here is the second representative of the human race. Only this time He is in a wilderness. Adam had all the trees in the garden and he was told to eat freely of them. This one has gone without food for forty days, and in that wilderness the Devil comes to Him and tempts Him. I wonder how the Devil felt because he had never seen an unfallen human being. He's got a problem here, because this is definitely a human being, definitely a human being but without sin. This is strange; he'd never encountered a human being without sin. Every human being that the Devil has ever spoken to has fallen for his lies. So, the Devil comes with his carefully-laid temptations, only this time, this representative of the human race overcomes every one of them!

That was *it!* The blow was struck at Satan. He had never before been overcome by a human being! And here stood a human being in a howling wilderness, starving hungry after forty days, but He overcame the Devil! From that moment on, the word got out into the Satanic kingdom, and wherever demons met Jesus, they said, "We know who you are; don't hurt us before the time." They suddenly realized this one is different from all the other human beings, but He is a human being, don't forget that, and He is the representative, the covenant representative. He lives a life in complete obedience to His Father, which expresses itself from His side in total love to His Father and love to all those around Him. And so He perfectly kept the Law of God—perfectly! And He kept it as a true human; I must keep saying that, because He is your representative. If He had acted as God, He couldn't represent us. He's here as a real genuine human.

And having lived that life, bringing the perfection of that life of Love, He brought it to that table. That's the person who reached out for the cup, and said, "This cup is the New Covenant in My blood." So, we've got a God who has completely identified Himself with us, and a God who has faced every temptation that we face. Now He sits at the table sinless, therefore, guiltless, but more than that! Having demonstrated what love really is, and from that table, having announced His blood will be shed for a specific purpose, of the making of Covenant, He goes to Gethsemane. Now He's got to face it. What is involved in making the Covenant?

The first thing, before anything else can be done, the sin of man must be adequately paid for. Have you ever thought about this? God said to Adam, "In the day that you disobey, you shall surely die."

Notice that, "In the day you eat, you shall surely die." He didn't! Oh I know, he died on the inside, and he did die a few hundred years later. (This "day" could have referred to the thousand year day as: one day with the Lord is as a thousand years.) I suppose there's enough truth there to say that is what happened, but he didn't die right then. He didn't. Why? Why didn't man die the day that he ate, like God said he would? Because of the mercy and the grace of God, for if man died the day that he ate, that would have been the end of the human race. And God is committed to having members of *this* race with Him eternally. Working out His purpose, His Love, His mercy, and His grace to the human race, He says, "I'll hold it back. You should die, but I'll hold it back."

And the first thing God did was to kill an animal instead. He said, "I won't kill you, Adam; I'll give you a substitute." And that death waited, hanging over the human race; that death waited until Gethsemane and Jesus now has to understand. He understood it, but He understands it now, as He is facing it as a genuine human being, the death that is due to a broken covenant. Before any new one can be made, they've got to collect the debts from the old one. And He has to bear the debt of death, which is far more than physical death. It is a death that the Bible itself holds back from fully describing--a death that beggars all human words. He is going to enter into unlife; He is going to know what it is when He cries, "My God, why have you forsaken Me?" He shall be as if all sinners of the entire race rolled up into one person and God's wrath against sin will be fulfilled upon Him. He shall become legal prey for Satan in that sense, from the Cross, as He bore their sin.

That's Satan's territory, sin, and the Bible gives us a description of how the very powers of hell clawed at Him on the Cross as if to possess Him. And He, on the Cross, *is going to do that by choice*. Please don't think of this as some sort of re-run of the mind of God as I know some believers do, 'Oh it's Jesus; just hack it.' He is making *a choice*. Don't you remember He said to Peter, when Peter grabbed his sword, "Put it back." He said, "Right now." Have you ever read this? "Right now, I could call to My Father, and He would, *at once* send me twelve legions of angels."

Just a minute, I thought this was all wrapped up! Jesus said, "I could get out of this any time I want." Have you ever thought about that? Jesus said, "The Father had twelve legions of angels ready in the garden of Gethsemane to rescue Jesus from those who would crucify Him if Jesus so chose, because the covenant maker is not a 'pressed' volunteer. It's His choice. He elects; He *chooses* to take our place, and by His own choice He goes to the Cross. Think about that! God on the Cross; God in this person of Jesus entering into death!

Sometimes when I am preaching in America I just long for a third world audience who have never heard this before, because at this point, they just fall apart. "What are you talking about? He who is the Son of God? Hanging on a cross?" You know a cross-- to the Roman Empire, a cross was where you hung scum; it's where you put the trash! No Roman citizen could ever hang on a cross. That was illegal! You had to be less than nothing to hang on a cross. *Here is God in the person of Jesus, hanging on a cross!*

And the Hebrew people, when they saw someone on a cross, said he was the cursed of God, specifically, unusually, the object of God's wrath and anger. What is God in Jesus Christ doing hanging on a cross? Did you ever think about this?

Feel what happened, or as Paul said years later when he remembered how he felt when he, as a Jew, looked at that. He said, "Look, this is ridiculous to those who are perishing, this message that God in Christ hung on a cross." He said, "To those who are perishing, this is foolishness," and the word in the Greek there is *moronic*. It means you have to be a moron to believe that. I mean, are you crazy?"

Have you ever deeply thought about it until you stand in amazement, "This is moronic; this is foolishness. God? on a cross? Bearing the death that man has achieved. I mean, how can this one save us-- a God hanging on a cross--there's no greater weakness, He can't move hands or feet and the blood is pouring out of Him."

Paul said, "The foolishness of God is wiser than men. The weakness of God is stronger than men. He's our representative. He is taking our place to get out of the way, finally and absolutely, the sin that separates us from God. And in that sense, He stands infinitely. Do you understand what I mean when I say infinitely, or limitlessly?"

The only way I know how to say it is to say that He stands before each one as if he were the only one. That's the meaning of infinite. Infinite means He can deal with you as if you were the only one, and you can look at Him as if you and He were the only two persons that ever were. That's infinite, which means that Jesus Christ comes to you and comes to me, but *not sharing Himself*. He comes to you as if you were the only one, and He looks at you--into the heart of your soul. And He says that He loves you and He will give Himself for you as your representative, to bear completely and totally the guilt and the bentness and the hostility of your heart. That's what He does, and that's the love of Christ that passes knowledge. But all we, like sheep, have gone astray and we turn to our own way; the Lord has laid upon Him, the iniquity or the bentness of us all. It pleased the Lord to bruise Him.

We sinned; the debt belongs to us. He bore sin He never committed. He accepts a death that doesn't belong to Him, and it pleased the Lord to bruise Him, He is our representative, achieving the Covenant. Satan lays claim to that, wherever sin is, he has authority, and every lord and every prince of darkness, every private demon, as well as the prince of darkness himself are met at the Cross.

You might say that every person that Adam represented is gathered at the Cross. Adam was the representative; everybody followed him. Now the whole block, the whole system, the human race, the Adam, is gathered there and Jesus infinitely takes our place, and infinitely takes to Himself, the guilt,

and infinitely takes to Himself, the death. And so it is as if the entire *old* creation; all that came out of Adam, the entire race, is met in this one who *belongs* to the race but is different from it. The representative. And he takes to Himself the Adam, and when the Adam, when you and I and everyone else that is in that system were met in Jesus, then God judged. Then God's wrath was poured out upon the whole human race as it was met in this representative. And it was over, and that's why they buried Him, in order to monument that He was dead. And all those for whom He had died had been judged and buried and Satan who was linked to that old Adam has been judged. It's over; He's in the tomb.

The resurrection is the proof that the blood that He shed was enough to for ever and ever deal with sin, or else He would still be in the grave. Hebrews 13 says, "He brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting Covenant." He came out because the blood was enough. That was the greatest release of power known to man. Have you ever meditated on the Resurrection? It makes creation look like nothing. I mean, what's creation? God said and it was so; there was nothing to stop it. Right? God's Word is life and out of the womb of God there sprang forth, unhindered, untrammelled creation. There it was: six days and it was over. But this is different! This has never happened before. God has never done this before. This is Life Himself, Who has yielded Himself to death. This is entirely different. This isn't bringing forth life out of life. This is bringing forth life out of death! This is God Who has chosen to walk into death and let death take Him, and then having let death take Him, swallowed up death and came out the other side.

When Paul spoke of it; he used every word that he could lay hold of in the Greek language for *power*, and when he had finished, he said, "It is greater than that!" Do you remember the verse in Ephesians One where he said, "It's the surpassing greatness of His power; the working of the strength of His might." That exhausts it. "The surpassing greatness" means to go beyond all set limits. If I were to take a tennis ball and say, "I will throw this a hundred yards," and when I threw it, it went five hundred yards, that's surpassing. I set a limit and said, "If I can make a hundred yards that would be good, instead, I went five hundred." That's the Greek word, "surpassing".

He said, "Any word, any concept I can give you concerning power, what happened at the resurrection surpasses it all. It was a release of power, for it was the taking of the man who represented us, out of death forever; out of the grasp of the Law; out of the grasp of sin; taking him out, saying, "Now, we can start again." It surpassed anything you could ever imagine; it was the working of His power. The Greek word there is *energy*. That's not potential power; power that's not doing anything. This isn't potential power, *energy is liberated power*; it's actually working; it's power in manifestation; it's power doing something!

And he said, "At the resurrection, all the power of God did something." But he said, "It's more than that; that energy came from somewhere, and the Greek word there is *strength*. In the Greek, the word is *cratos*. It means strength that overcomes. Strength that always prevails, strength that always removes every resistance that's in the way. It means strength that nothing can stand before. So here comes a mighty energy and it originates in a strength that nothing can stand in front of. And where does that come from? He said it came from *His might*. And the word "might" means God's own inherent power. God's own inherent power, you might say, is an ocean of Almightyness. So out of the ocean of God's Almightyness there comes a strength that no one can resist, which results in an energy that raised Jesus out from death.

Death can never again touch Him; it's over. Satan can't touch Him. He lasts forever and there's no rematch. It's over. Sin can never again be discussed because the wrath of God was perfectly satisfied. Everything that was holy, good and just that had to be done with sin, has been done. There's no more discussion, and the Law of God has been satisfied, *two times*. For Jesus kept the Law. He lived it perfectly so that the Law said, "That's enough. I've never asked anybody anymore than that." Jesus then perfectly fulfilled all the penalty that the Law demanded against those who broke it. And when Jesus died, the Law said, "That's enough. I ask no more." So the law can never touch Jesus again. He's lived it and He died as its penalty. Sin has been completely paid for. That will never be discussed

again. Satan has no more power. He was defeated. Death was swallowed up as this One came out of the tomb.

Would you understand me if I said, "He's still a man?" I know many believers leave the man when they put Him in the tomb. But a man came out! God is still in humiliation. He is glorified in that He has overcome death and is declared now, before the eyes of the universe, to be who He says He is--the Son of God. But He is still a man. What does that mean? He's still our representative. He, for you, has put away sin so that sin would never touch you again. He, for you, has dealt with the law, so that you will never again have to live by the law. *He, for you and as you has overcome Satan*, so Satan will never touch you again. He, *as you*, and *for you*, has swallowed up death, so that you will live with a glorified body as He has, forever and ever. He was our representative; He was making a covenant. He took everything that we were, the old block of the race, the old system of this world, and He killed it. It's declared legally dead. The world out there has been declared judged and it's legally dead. If you want to join it, then you join a judged, doomed, damned world and all that it can do now is give the death rattle. The second coming will show that it's already been judged. We are those that have believed into the resurrection and received what He, as our covenant representative, did.

Let me put it like this: remember the story of David? Here is Israel with the best that Israel's got to offer. Their young men are ready to fight. And up come the forces of the Philistines and Goliath in particular, and they wilt. For six weeks, the best that Israel has to give were slaves of the Philistines. They might as well have surrendered; they are not going to make it. Then, suddenly, from the outside, comes another Israelite, David. He's a kid, a real kid, chubby faced. And he says, "I'll go." And everyone laughs! I mean, you talk about weakness? He's not a member of the army but he is an Israelite. He's not what we call our best; he is absolute weakness. And Saul's attitude I feel was, "Well, put the kid out there, something is going to break sooner or later. This is cannon fodder; let something happen. So, here, the boy from the outside who was the incarnation of weakness with nothing in him that they counted as strong, goes out over the trenches and overcomes Goliath and wins the battle.

And when he won the battle, you know what all the troops said? "***We won.***" How come? Because that little weak teenager was an Israelite and because he was an Israelite, he represented Israel. And when he won, they won. Supposing he had been an Egyptian, all of Egypt would have said, "We won."

Do you get the point? ***God joined Himself to the human race. What He did on the Cross, therefore, as a human, He did for us and as us.*** Do you understand that? And becoming a Christian is suddenly to wake up and say, "We won." Do you get it? Jesus did that. That's the Gospel, that's the Good News! "I come to announce to you and explain to you what God has done. He imposed something on us because He loves us. He imposed on us a covenant. The covenant was in the representative, Jesus, and what Jesus did in His death and blood shedding, He did as us, and for us.

Sin is still there but it has no authority over Jesus, and if I will believe into Jesus and receive what He did, sin is still there but it has no authority over me. The law has no authority over Jesus, and when I believe into Jesus, I no longer live answering to the law. I answer from the life that flows to me through my covenant representative. The world system, and death itself is still there but it has no authority. That's the whole of the Adam that fell in the garden and it has been defeated. The broken covenant has been paid for, and laid to rest. I come and this is what I hear, that Another has achieved my salvation! Faith is submitting myself to that gift from God.

That's where the rubber hits the road, because I don't want to do that! I really don't. I mean, I'm not really as good as I should be, but I'm trying hard, you understand. This needs repentance. Do you understand what repentance is? Repentance is not saying that I did some things wrong. If you are going to confess your sins, shall I give you a year to get through them? I mean, you wouldn't get it all in by then. Repentance isn't saying, "I did this and that, and God, I'm sorry for that."

Repentance is saying, "I have been joined to the wrong race, I have descended from Adam and did everything that Adam did in my own sweet way and I have been altogether wrong. So even what I



thought was good was wrong too.” And now repentance is, “I leave that and I come to Christ and confess Him to be my only hope and covenant.”

Do you know that sickening feeling? I hope you never do. I took off from a certain city to go to New York, and after we had gotten above the clouds, the captain’s voice came on the intercom saying, “We will be landing in Phoenix in an hour.” And I had that sickening feeling, “I am in the wrong plane.” That is a terrible feeling to have, because at that moment you know that everything is wrong. Not *some* things, I mean *everything* is wrong! The person sitting next to me should not be sitting next to me. I’ve got the wrong hostesses; they are the wrong people, I’m breathing the wrong air. I’m sitting in the wrong seat; that is the wrong geography underneath me. This whole thing is wrong! And when they serve me the meal, there’s nothing wrong with the meal but it is the wrong meal. I should be getting the meal on the New York flight. This is the wrong meal--do you understand what I mean?

So I don’t sit and say, “I am going to repent. This is the wrong meal. I am terribly sorry for eating it.” No, no, I got it from the wrong stewardess; the wrong man is digging me in the ribs; I’m sitting in the wrong chair, my whole life is wrong because I made a wrong decision. That’s repentance. I’m wrong. So it isn’t, “You know, you’re a good lad; you’ve got most of your life together and Jesus will help a lot!” No, no, you are *not* a good lad, I’m sorry; you are on the wrong plane. ***So even the good stuff you did is wrong!***

The wonderful good news is you can change planes in mid air. That’s the good news. You see, you leave the old man; you leave the old Adam; you leave the old creation and you are born by an act of this Covenant-head into Him, Jesus. And He is the One through whom your sins are pardoned, done, forgotten, finished. And, His life of perfect obedience is credited to you. Did you know that? That’s unreal! He passed the exam. ***You get the results!*** He won the race; ***you get the gold medal.***

You are pardoned of all your sin and you are declared right with the righteousness which is a gift from God. You don’t earn it, you never can earn it! He earned it. He lived it. You get it, and you are received as if you were Jesus Himself. You are united with this Lord Jesus Christ and in covenant with the Father and you live by His life And when that happened, when the disciples believed He was risen from the dead, they knew that He did it! He did it! He came to each one of them, right up close to them. The Greek is very clear. It’s not so clear in English but in the Greek, He comes right up to each one of them and He “blew into their mouth.” He said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” It sounds like I’ve read that before. God took a heap of dust and “breathed” and man became a living soul. That was the old creation.

Jesus is now *the beginning of a new creation* and he breathed into man for whom He had died and rose again. Having accomplished the covenant, He ‘breathed’ right into their mouths, and they became new persons. They were ‘born again.’ They lived with covenant-giving life.

That’s what happened to you! When you believed upon Jesus, the One who took your place, you were justified. In that self-same moment, Jesus, the Head, breathed into you the very life, the Spirit of Christ came into you and you became a member of a new creation. That’s who you are! You are not just a little man who made a decision! That’s a nice 20<sup>th</sup> century word, but the New Testament words are much stronger than that, ‘you made a decision’.

*There came into you a life that wasn’t there before.* The life of God came into you through Jesus Christ, and you came alive in another world! You are called *the new man*. You are not the old man; you are the new man. You have left that gang. You have changed planes in mid-air through faith in Jesus Christ. He took everything that belonged to you and died. He rose again and gave you everything that belonged to Him. The grand exchange. Born again. But that’s only just the beginning!

#### 49. Cherubim and the Flaming Sword

**Kevin C. Blacker, Sr.** wrote this timely word in Nov./07. **Genesis 3:22-24 (KJV)** “*And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.*”

“*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.*” God has placed barriers, obstacles, veils, doors, gates and stumbling blocks between Him and man. Here we see God hindering man from partaking of the **Tree of Life** and driving him out of the garden and placing barriers in man’s way. Notice they weren’t to keep him **from** the **Tree of Life**, but to **keep the way** of the **Tree of Life**. This is telling us that we’ll have to come into **agreement** with the **Cherubim and the flaming sword**. How we approach unto them is vitally important. Many want to partake of the **Tree of Life**, but they try to no avail. Why? In studying the scriptures, one has to first have their eyes opened by the Holy Spirit. So many look for **another way** and eventually run out of time, never experiencing the LIFE of GOD - even though God was **at hand** all the while. They wanted *the life*, but not *the relationship* with Him, so the barrier was **keeping the way**. Instead of coming into agreement, they tried to go around another way. In **2 Cor. 3:12-18** Paul says, “*We use great plainness of speech,*” **no barrier**. Notice that the veil was not removed until the heart first turned! What did it turn from, but its own way? “*The veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.*”

Adam and Eve’s heart turned away from God. They were seduced to seek the **life** of God *without being in submission to the will and righteousness of Father*. In **Gen. 11:1-9**, we behold the same pattern in the building of the tower of Babel. They tried to go around God. They wanted what was in the heavenly, but they built their tower with slime instead of stone. **Christ is the Cornerstone and the Capstone** that you must begin with and end with. To build any other way is to build in vain.

Deuteronomy is a further witness to this:

**Deu 30:2** “*And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;*”

**Deu 30:3** “*That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.*”

**Deu 30:5** “*And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it.....”*

**Deu 30:6** “*And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.*”

**Deu 30:11** “*For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.*”

**Deu 30:12** “*It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?*”

**Deu 30:14** “*But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.*”

Israel had just spent forty years in the wilderness, being lead around the desert by the Cloud and fire, until their hearts were made ready to enter into the promises of God. When Moses first came

down from Mount Sinai, after forty days, his face shone with the glory of God. A **prophetic Word** was being spoken to them, but they weren't ready to receive it. They didn't want to have a God encounter, face to face, as Moses did. They knew what was in their hearts and it wasn't in agreement with God. So, instead of facing the death to self, Moses placed a veil (barrier) over his face. This same veil remains upon unregenerate hearts today. They say, "Let someone seek God for us, so we don't have to die to our flesh. This way I can hear through my intellectual reasoning rather than through my heart. This way I won't have to die to my self-life. This way I'll only come to know *about* God, rather than coming *to know Him personally*."

**1 Cor. 2:9-16**, "But as it is written, *Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things that God has prepared for them that love him,*" I have heard untold ministers end the reading of this scripture at this point - leaving the impression that you'll have to wait until you go to heaven to see into the mysteries of God. This leaves a false image (imagination) in your mind.

Yet Vs. 10 says: "**But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit:** for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

My **heart's desire** is to know the truth. **Knowing the truth** will make me free. Jesus is ***the truth that makes me free (John 8:3)***. Some would base their faith on just *what they believe* as truth and not on *Whom they know as truth*. In order to partake of He who ***is life***, we need to know Jesus in a very intimate and personal way. This **knowing** is a love relationship. Are you so in love with Him that you desire no other lovers?

**John 14:6**, "***I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me.***"

Many say they believe in Jesus, but their lives don't show that they have been intimately alone with Him, to the point of manifesting His ***life or seed*** in them. The Amplified Bible puts believing this way; ***To trust in, rely upon and to adhere to (cleave to)***. So ask, "Am I really ***believing in Him?*** In order to grow, milk is not enough--you need meat to grow up into the Lord. Milk alone will keep you soft and fat, but meat with exercise will make you strong and hard.

**1 John 2:14** "... young men, because ye are ***strong***, and the word of God ***abideth*** in you,"

We are in an hour where the battles are hard and we need to know our enemies and how to fight the good fight of faith. Ask a soldier that has known combat and he'll tell you battles are finished on the ground (speaking of *walking it out*). I see our warfare **in close** with **hand-to-hand** combat, faith against doubt, mercy against unforgiveness, love against hatred, Spirit against flesh, and life against death. I don't want to see God's people **turned out of the way**, but rather to be immovable. (Remember, ***He is the way***). To be faced with our enemies and **to not know how** to fight them is a fearful thought **to the untrained**. Worse yet, is to ignore that the enemy even exists. To hear the promises of God and to assume that you have no need of training is foolishness.

A good example of this is the ten witnesses that gave a bad report when Moses sent them into Canaan to spy out the land. The spying wasn't to see **if** they could take the land, but to spy out the defenses. They **forgot** their **orders**. Their training didn't stick, so they were unprepared when it was time to enter the promised land. They saw their enemies greater than themselves. The law and order (Ten) of God wasn't written in their hearts. Yes, there are enemies in the promised land stronger than our own abilities. We are to fight the good fight of faith; to rule in heavenly places; to put our heel on the enemies' head. Joshua was told that wherever he put his foot was his. We have to take the land that God has given into our hands. When the floods are high and the enemy is at our door, wanting to rob us of our victory, we need to know **how to fight** him skillfully with the right weapons.

**2 Cor. 10:4** "***For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;***" There were two other witnesses that came back to Moses with a **good** report: Joshua and Caleb's report was, "***...neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defense is departed from them, and the LORD is with us: fear them not.***" (**Numbers 14:9**) Which man would you want at your side in battle, one filled with fear or one with a heart full of courage? These two men had a totally different outlook from the other ten witnesses. Why? It was because

they had their **character proven** and had learned from their testing. They allowed their metal to be proven. **Their trust was in God** and not in their own natural strength. Paul brought forth this truth in **Romans 5:3-4** “...but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience, experience; and experience (**proven character**), hope:”

You have hope when the metal of your character has been proven. **We’re learning to trust God.** Stay in the proving ground of God that He might temper your soul and write His Name (authority and character) in your forehead (mind) and upon the tables of your heart. (**Rev. 3:12**) When the floods come and the battle rages, you’ll **know** that it is **He in you** and **you are in Him**, which gives you victory. Sometimes we don’t recognize our enemies, or we do, and are fearful to even think that we could overcome them.

When I was a new Christian and pondering all the areas of my life that God had not yet dealt with; I feared that if I were caught right into His presence, the darkness that I could still see in my life would draw back from the light. Suddenly, at that moment, God spoke audibly into my right ear, “**Yea, and I shall try you in all points of your life!**” I believe the **witness** of God more than the **witness** of men. Whom do you believe? Ask God and **believe** what He tells you. God has been faithful to His promise.

As I’ve pondered that experience over the past thirty plus years; mountains in my life have come down; valleys have come up; the beasts of my carnal man have been overcome and I’ve been clothed upon with new garments. God has put me in places where the old me couldn’t walk through, but there is One in me that can walk upon the waters, calm the seas, and raise the dead. More than ever, we need to trust in Jesus Christ the Savior of our souls. We live and move and have our being **in Him**. **Our life is hid with Christ in God.**

It takes many tests to get the truth of Him worked into our hearts. Our minds have to be changed. As it is written, “**Let this mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.**” To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life. Often man’s heart is not in union with the heart of God. When this happens, the mind of Christ rises up within, entreating man’s heart to turn towards God.

Let us return to our study of the Cherubim and the flaming sword. Let us rightly divide the word that we might have our spiritual eyes opened. Our natural mind likes to form false images and these can keep us from **the truth**. Wouldn’t you agree that blindness is a barrier? Darkness in the heart creates a spiritual barrier of blindness. Would it be wise to follow someone who is blind or isn’t able to hear from God?

**Eph. 5:6 “Let no man deceive you with vain (empty-no witness) words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.”**

Many people speak words that don’t have the witness of Father, the Word or the Spirit. They are trying to speak for Jesus when He isn’t speaking. Therefore they have not the witness of the Father and the Spirit. To be seduced away from following the light is to turn toward the darkness and in turn reap blindness. Who would do such a thing, but those that still have darkness in their hearts? These hearts still see something that they treasure in the kingdom of darkness. (**Luke 12:34**)

I wish to shed a ray of light into your spiritual mind and cause you to see Jesus and **the life** that seeks to live in and through you. I ask that you open your heart to His word that you might hear His heart. The word Cherubim comes from a word in the Hebrew *ker-oob*; *a cherub or imaginary figure: translated: cherub, [plural] cherubim*. The majority of believers see winged figures flying about, but I see a truth hidden from the eyes of carnal interpretation. If God showed you in a vision getting wings, would you think that you were about to die or that you were going to learn to fly in the heavenlies? I see both! Even as the butterfly escapes its cocoon and spreads its wings to fly in the heavenly, even so with the believer. Once, as the caterpillar, we went about our life not knowing that there was something more. Then we heard a voice calling us into the confinement of His will.

No longer could we go about our many ways of serving **self**, but now His will began to bind us and restrict our every move. “**Not my will but thy will be done**”, did the Christ within say. His Spirit was leading and guiding that we might enter into the **fellowship** of the sufferings of Christ. This time of

confinement is the trying of the heart. We say that we'll die for Him, that we'll not forsake Him, but where is the proof? Paul spoke of this struggle (**Rom. 7**). There can be no shadow of turning in the heart or you'll always be vulnerable to the seductions of the Jezebel spirit. The building and entering into the Ark, the booth in the Feast of Tabernacles, the forty years on the backside of the desert for Moses, Jesus being led into a great high mountain for forty days and nights and His night in the garden of Gethsemane (the olive press) all speak of the dark night of the soul. Every saint that wants to be caught up into the **life of the Spirit of Christ** will have to pass this way. When the time came, (and it has come and now is), for us to enter into the **maturity** of the **new life**, that God had **predestined** for us, little did we know that the **restriction and pressure would be so great**.

When it is time to leave the cocoon, the opening is very small. As the "butterfly-to-be" begins to stick its head out of the narrow hole, the blood is pressed back through its body. Only the blood of **the new life of Christ** can pass through this narrow hole. None of our old man will be allowed to squeeze through this **strait and narrow way**. As our **new mind** breaks free from the bondage of sin and death (*carnal thinking*), our thoughts now turn heavenward. God has been creating a new man after His likeness. It is written in our Spiritual DNA. He has placed His seed in us at our regeneration. It has only one desire: to be **to the praise of the Glory of the Father**. We're no longer confined to crawl along the earth, but are able to fly in the heavens. Our change began in the heart and mind. This is a process that can't be side-stepped or helped along.

Every believer has to pass this way. Once, someone saw a butterfly (*to-be*) trying to come out of a cocoon. They lacked understanding (*wisdom*) and tried to help, by opening the hole up, to make it easier. To their grieving heart, they didn't help it at all! It never did become a butterfly; its wings never fully formed to become what it was called to be. It died unfulfilled, never reaching its heart's desire. To by-pass God's doors, ways, and entrances will only brand you as a thief and a liar bringing forth perversions and deformities. Submitting unto God's ways will always bring forth the beauty of the life of God.

Once the Lord asked me to stand in a situation that was going to test me in ways that I thought would be beyond my strength to endure. It lasted for one year. When I thought I could bear it no longer, I turned my heart to the Lord for an answer. He didn't give me a way out, but a way to overcome! He showed me the characteristic of the three basic elements of solid, liquid, and gas.

**John 3:3, 5...***Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born** again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of **water** and of the **Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."*

**Solid has a definite shape, volume, and doesn't flow. Solids generally are incompressible.** When we first come to the Lord; we still look like the world; act like the world; and don't know how to flow with the Spirit of God.

Then we enter into the baptism of water. **Liquids have no definite shape; they have a definite volume, they flow, and are incompressible.** We're learning to flow, but mostly to the **path of least resistance**. More often we're lead of our emotions, rather than lead of the Spirit. We look for a path of least resistance, which is the emotional realm of waters (soul). We have more victory in this realm; we're learning to lay down the ways of the old man; but when the pressure becomes too great, we start looking for a way out. Our soulish, emotional thoughts are taken for the Spirit; for we just know God is giving *us a way out* of our tribulation. We resist the will of God when, in fact, He is asking us to die to something. We don't want to put our **heads, or ways of thinking, under the water**. We cry out, "*Why should I have to die? I'm saved. He died so that I wouldn't have to die. God doesn't see my sin. I don't want to go through this trial. God knows that I can't go through this. He won't put on me any more than I can bear. This just brings out the worst in me.*"

Sure, the flesh can't bear the trials, but He wasn't talking to the man of sin. He was talking to the Spirit man, the Christ in you. He overcame the world and through Him we can do all things. We have a **new identity** and trials help us to learn to get acquainted with this **new man** and **all His ways**.

The next element is the **Gas realm**. *It has no definite shape or volume. It flows, has particles that are independent and relatively far apart, and low in density. Gases are highly compressible and expand greatly when heated*. They have a nature that speaks volumes to me spiritually: **perfect elasticity (flexible, pliable, adaptable, resilient, and supple)**. **It never loses its strength. It doesn't fall to the ground. It is the pattern of the Life of The Spirit.**

God spoke a word to me in this and **I heard Him**. I turned my whole heart to seeking His habitation. I was required to leave many things behind. They couldn't enter into this place. I found the walk of faith, where you worship with all your heart, surrendering all to His care. In Him I found all the strength needed to stand in my trial. I didn't just survive, but overcame far above what I thought possible. This trial drove me into Him. We are being caught up together and meeting Him in the air, and so shall we ever be with Him. This air is His breath, His Spirit, His life, and there are spiritual laws that govern this realm. Let us trust the wisdom of God. He knows best; let us have the mind of Christ. The restriction of the cocoon is the barrier that keeps back anything that isn't in agreement with the image that He has for us. Only the image of the butterfly can pass through the opening; the old life of the caterpillar can't pass through. This is the **law of the Spirit of life**.

Those that are born of His seed have this heart cry. I've got it in my very bones. I'm compelled to seek Him with all my heart. He placed His Spirit in me and He is seeking out His origin, even Father. Every obstacle that God has asked me to pass through has only served to form me into the image that He has purposed for my life.

When I was a servant of sin, those same circumstances only formed me into the image of my first father. If I find a hidden desire lurking in my house, that would deny allegiance to El Elyon's Throne, I submit unto His sword. How can anyone say they love the Father and Son and not obey their commandments? Can His children desire to please another heart other than His? If there is anything in our heart that desires to please anyone else, it isn't His seed. (**Rom. 1:21**) His seed won't sin; but the seed of another will. So, if sin is working in you, know that it isn't His seed, but the seed of another. Slay it with the Spirit of Truth. (**1 John 5:18**)

Even as it was in the days of Noah, **Gen. 6:5**: "*And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every **imagination** of the **thoughts of his heart** was only evil continually.*" (**Pro. 6:18**) so it is today. Even as the Pharisees stood before Him with their **vain imaginations**, so man today faces the **cherubim of God**. (**John 5:39-40**) Jesus spoke of having a right mind or **imagination**, "*Search the scriptures; for in them ye **think** (imagine) ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me and you will not come to me, that ye might **have life**.*" They wouldn't come into agreement with the mind of Christ. The mind of Christ keeps The Way of the Tree Of Life. **The cherubim are the thoughts of the Father.**

**Phil. 2**: "*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*" Without the mind of Christ we don't have access to the Tree of Life. The **origin of this mind is the Father**.

**John 14:10** "...the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. **John 8:28** ...and that I do nothing of myself; **but as My Father hath taught me, I speak these things.**"

**The flaming sword, which turned every way, is the Spirit and the Word.** These three are none other than the Father, the Word, and the Spirit. These three are one, in total agreement. Picture yourself standing with a drawn sword stretched out in front of you. If someone tries to approach you, they'll meet the tip of your sword. No matter what direction they approach from, you'll turn the tip to face them and so it is with the word of God. You can't approach unto God without encountering the tip of the sword. Listen to the following scriptures: Hebrews 4:12, "*For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*" **The tip of His sword turns every way to keep the Way.** If you think you can by-pass the Mind, the Spirit

and the Word of God, you've been seduced and aren't even facing in the right direction, for your heart is turned away from the truth.

**Luke 6:47-49**, "Every one that cometh unto me, and **heareth my words, and doeth them**, I will show you to whom he is like: he is like a man building a house, who digged and went deep, and laid a foundation upon the rock: and when a flood arose, the stream brake against that house, and could not shake it: because it had been well builded.

"But he **that heareth, and doeth not**, is like a man that built a house upon the earth without a foundation; against which the stream brake, and straightway it fell in; and the ruin of that house was great".

If you want to **eat of the life of Christ** then you'll have to come into agreement with **His Mind** and be one with **the Word**. This is **the Way unto Life**. The **flame** upon the **Sword** is the **Spirit of truth** bearing witness to **the Word**. (**1 John 5:6**)

**1 John 5:10-12**, "He who believes in the Son of God **has the witness (evidence) in himself**; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the **testimony (evidence) that God has given of His Son**. And **this is the testimony (evidence): that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life...**"

His Spirit in you is the evidence of the abiding Father and Son. (John 14:22-23) Also the character and authority is evidence of His life. If His life is seen in you, it is a prophetic Word to those beholding it. It isn't just what we tell about Jesus, but the *life* of Christ appearing (**being rendered apparent**) in us. Many talk about Jesus, but His life or witness isn't seen in them.

**Rev. 19:10** "And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have **the testimony (evidence) of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony (evidence) of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

Is there evidence of Him in your life? John started to worship the messenger because he saw the **evidence** (the testimony) of the life of Jesus. The messenger was testifying and bearing witness of Jesus. And to such a degree that John thought it was Jesus. After all, John knew Him. When Jesus was risen He began to appear in unfamiliar forms. He had to reveal Himself to them. Even then He was speaking prophetically of how to look for His appearing. Find your habitation in Him and be conformed to His image and the Spirit and Father will bear witness to Jesus Christ in you. (**2 Th. 1:10**)

**Rom 8:19** "...the **manifestation** of the sons of God." When His children mature to the **full stature** of what He has determined, then **His Witness** will also be upon them in **full measure**. **The witness isn't of them, but the one moving, living, and speaking from them**. We all have been called to be Witnesses, not of ourselves, **but of Him**. **It's time to fully acknowledge Him, even in the face of gross contradictions.**

**Romans 10:3**, "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, **have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.**"

**Zech 4:6**. "This is the word of the **LORD** unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.**"

### 50. A New Engagement

**Chris Taylor** shares an insightful lesson from the Lord. She had been recently rereading Watchman Nee's *Sit, Walk, Stand* and found many confirmations about trusting the finished work of Christ, such as: "Deliverance from sin is based, not on what we can do, nor even on what God is going to do for us, but on what He has already done for us in Christ."

"I have been prayerfully seeking to rest and trust, but have felt so restless, upset, and bothered. I was also wishing that the Lord would remove this personal problem that I have. I was surprised when a profound stillness and peace came over me, and I heard Him speak to this:

“Beloved, I would have desired to bring miraculous intervention to you, except that it is the **method** of deliverance that is being learned at this point. In so learning, you will be able to do more than tell others the way with words, but you will become My way as you unite with Me in Mine.

“That your rest is in Me has been known for some time. That the victory through My cross is for you, for now, and has already been accomplished has been a land long contended, for many enemies have hindered your possession of this land. You need not fight in this battle now, having encompassed this mountain long enough. Your pain and agonizing frustration has opened a place of entry for my truth. Now I abide in these inward parts, able to bring forth the joy intended.

“Your *inner jubilee* is near at hand and the effect of every vision. This time of great trial and hardship, of constant battle with no progress and only continuing defeat, has brought forth *A New Engagement*\*. Stand fast in the truth of all I have done for you. You need not struggle or exert yourself to walk in my victory as though we are separated by great distances, for *we are one*, and nothing can separate you from Me or from My victory.

“There is no condemnation for you or for any who are facing these wearying exhaustive battles with legalism and religiosity. *The shrouds of many generations*\*\* are being removed indeed, and I am the Lamb for every household. None shall be left. All shall receive clear offers of freedom based, not on what they can do or maintain, but on what I have already done.

“Let My truth reign in your inward parts where mercy and truth kiss. Herein is your land—My gift to My bride—enemies vanquished, insurgents\*\*\* banished—for I have been about a great work in the inner regions, gladly pronouncing the good news to deep grieving areas within you which had borne dry travail for many seasons without relief or release. I have come, My own, this day, to defend, maintain, and declare the victory already won on My cross for you and all. It is the *finished work* upon which all other victory hinges.

“Let none pursue further avenues of deliverance through the works of man and the burdensome self-efforts which destroy one’s joy from within. Together with these insurgents\*\*\*, I banish the Joy Robbers. Having done their assigned dark jobs, they can be dismissed, for you are now utterly convinced deep within, that your struggles are futile and deliverance is of Me alone.

“All is well. This is your day of triumph. Well done. You have come through—a bedraggled, weakened shadow of your former self—and this is the beginning of all restoration...from darkness to light, from degradation to exaltation, from defeat to victory.

“Though I have fought against you and allowed your every effort to fail, be encouraged that all your best has now come to death, for herein is My glory revealed in a worn-down vessel of My choosing. I am pleased.

“Let it be no longer that our efforts bring forth any progress, for I alone will be exalted in your midst. You are to have no victory in yourself of which to boast. All will be in Me and I in you, and this is the Father’s delight...not that you “help” Me or I “help” you, but that all is done by Him in us, through us, while we rest and trust in all He is able to do. This is our obedience of faith, not a struggle to perform or to walk in victory, but a rest in the finished work of the cross.

“Is this not the very good news for which regenerate man has waited? Indeed, it has been preached in written word, but now I will send living epistles who have fought through the dark defeats of man’s attempts to live for God and who have failed utterly, in spite of true sincerity. So it shall be that I will send you to the weary, to the heavy-laden, to the worried and the restless, for you have walked these endless roads and found the way through to the other side.

“Hold on. Though My victory in you be contested, all is well. You have broken through an inner barrier and cannot be bound again. Recall My rest, for I will lead into all truth. Blessed are those who know the Joyful Sound!”

**\*Engagement** – The act of engaging; the state of being engaged. A pledge; an obligation or agreement. Betrothal. Employment. An appointment or arrangement. An encounter, conflict or battle.



**\*\*The shrouds of many generations** – a confirmation of His word to Faith Williams, “I am tearing away ‘the shrouds of many generations.’”

**\*\*\*insurgent** – A person who *engages* in armed resistance to a government or to the execution of its laws; rebel. A member of a group, as a political party, who revolts against the policies of the group.

### **51. A Vision of Jesus**

**Cal Cobb** shares: A few years ago I received a vision where I was leaving the booth of required preparation and rest and was beginning the walk up the hill to the Feast of Tabernacles (Booths or Sukkot). I looked around and I was alone. Why? God told me that this is a journey I must make alone, in secret as it were, and that He had done an individual work unrecognized by the world and most of Christendom, but that I would join others when I reached the ingathering. The Lord has prepared His own harvest of first fruits in His chosen ones as they are fully prepared to enter into the harvest of the Lord ‘*where one of His precious plants is ready to be harvested and made to be bread for the hungry.*’

We are entering the kingdom age! My heart is soaring.

The Lord gave me this word from John 6: 40,44, “...and I will raise him up at the last day. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood.’ He who partakes of **Me** in the blood of My death and the flesh of My suffering shall truly live and be raised up at last. These will not see death. He who becomes as I Am: **the word made flesh**, in all its ramifications, shall be raised up (transformed) into this highest of spiritual states to be with Me. This is the last day...the Third Feast...Tabernacles...the ingathering of the purged sons who now come together as the corporate body grown up (matured) into the Head as the first fruits of Christ to be seated with Him on the throne at the right hand of God. This is what we have labored through for...this is **that day**.

Last evening, the Spirit came upon me in deep worship. I raised my hands without wrath or doubting in adoration of Him. As I did so, I saw a clear vision of Jesus in white linen with a golden diadem upon His head. He had His arms outstretched as did I and was walking toward me. I kept worshipping in the Spirit and was transfixed on Him as He walked closer and closer. I didn’t know what to do except to train my heart on Him and then...He **walked into me!**

Truth Himself came into my spirit! A change occurred in my being. He showed me I was actually interceding for a sister in need. The white linen of purity (incorruptibility) and the crown of authority (as a type of kingly priest) were shown me. This pure authority in Christ as king is for His remnant sons **now**. **“This is the day of the Lord.”**

Then He again spoke these words as He has been doing the past two months: **“God is speaking.”** There seems to be a time for His coming. A time in which we will hear and then see with Job’s “eyes.” This is that time; a time of the final preparation of hearts and the renewing of minds...to show forth the glory of God in a people who will shine forth as the noonday sun in an outpouring of Father’s love on the earth as the waters cover the sea. It shall be a manifestation of *God in man* as never before. The Truth unveiled. This is that day. Having walked through the Valley of Humiliation, we are now being vested with His life and light. This is resurrection life to be as poured-out and pressed-out wine and beaten oil. He is beginning to speak of “beaten oil” Ex. 27:20.

### **52. My Oil**

**Norma Theriault** shares a word she received from the Lord: “I am pouring forth My oil. And the nations shall rejoice at thy word. Rejoice, for there is more that is coming!

“In your weakness, rejoice, for death is being swallowed up! You are exchanging the curse for Your blessing, for resurrection life.

“We thank You for the holy confidence that You give us. You will impart unto the mature even so much more. I will share with you the secrets of My heart.

“Overcoming all things! I am stretching you for further usefulness in the kingdom. I am increasing and stretching forth My substance in you. Walk in Me! Walk in Me! My word of holiness blows upon you this day, in your frailty. Nevertheless, it is I Who speak to you and My Word will run swiftly!”

### **53. Cleansing of False Concepts**

During prayer, the Lord dropped this thought into my heart: *“I am cleansing Isaac’s wells from what the Philistines have put in there of man’s own wisdom and carnal thinking.”* Isaac is not known for any mighty conquests of the enemies of Israel, nor did he build any grand temples or leave behind words of wisdom for his posterity. Yet, he did something that is most remarkable which the other patriarchs knew not! He dug wells! He was able to find water in that arid land wherever he looked. This really “bugged” the Philistines so at every turn, they would throw mud in his wells.

If we think of the spiritual application of this, we will recognize that he was able to find living water whenever he needed it. That made the Philistines jealous, so they “threw mud at him”. Today we see that still happening—there is a lot of mud-slinging upon those who can find the living waters readily and who drink of those clear, cool streams of the Spirit.

The Spirit of the Lord applied this example to how we think of His nature in our day. He said that we have untrue thoughts of the nature of our Father’s heart. Take, for example, the prodigal son—the elder son was angry because the prodigal son did not “deserve” his Father’s blessing. Most teachings on this story emphasize the sorry state of the prodigal but few recognize the love and grace bestowed upon him by the Father who ran to meet him and gave him a royal welcome.

The Lord spoke further to my heart that ***He was now cleansing us of false concepts concerning His nature. He has dealt with our self-life for years and now He is dealing with our thoughts about Him!***

### **54. Trumpets Coming Closer**

In the spirit, I saw trumpets and they were coming closer and were blowing more loudly. They speak of a message being given. I thought of the Blowing of Trumpets which was the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles. That must be where we are!

The Spirit spoke to me, “Some will hear, and others will say, ‘It is not the time for the trumpets to blow. It is not the time—and they turn away from listening to the trumpet-call to ‘come up higher’--to let the Almighty arise in their tabernacles in fullness.”

### **55. Concerning My Remnant**

*These are My Army*

*These are My **Bride**.*

*These are My “**altogether lovely ones**, for they shine with My beauty.”*

*These are **the salt of the earth**.*

*They also are **the despised of the earth**, for they have cast aside their common birth in favor of the divine birth.*

*These are **they who honor Me**—not only with their lips, but also with their lives.*

*To these shall the inheritance of **light be given**.*

*To these shall **the portals of heaven be opened** to receive spiritual truth and understanding.*

*These shall **be called by My Name**, for in them I have inworked My nature.*

***These are they whom I delight to call My Brethren—My wife—My sons—My Friends—My Own—My Christ—My Beloved.***

## 56. Understanding the Lampstand

**Pat Savas** shares what the Spirit taught her about the meaning of the Lampstand in the temple. We know that it is significant of the seven spirits of God, but the Lord has opened it up to her in a very real way.

While pondering the Lampstand, I was led to *Isa. 11:1-3*: “*And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the lord. And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord, and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears.*”

The Spirit gave me the understanding that his Lampstand is ***in us, His temple!***

Then I saw, in the Spirit, the sons walking upon the earth. Within each one, hidden from view, was a prism. A beam of bright light, something like a laser, emanated from the heavens. As it hit the prism, it would be “bent” and a ray of specific hue, such as that found in the rainbow, would beam forth from the son into the person to whom he was speaking.

I knew that each color represented one of the seven-fold manifestations of the Spirit of the Lord. I also noted that God had by-passed the heads, going directly to the sons’ hearts, thereby indicating this as a sovereign move of the Lord, Who alone knew what the recipient needed.

I asked my Inner Teacher to confirm this. Several weeks later, as I was walking on the beach, there suddenly appeared the most glorious rainbow I have ever seen. It reached from one end of the ocean to the other. My spirit was completely caught up in worshipping my gracious Father in Christ Jesus, and thanking Him for the confirmation.

At the time, I shared this with only one person. A short while later I was visiting with a dear sister and felt led of the Spirit to mention it to her. As I finished speaking, she went into the next room and returned holding a book she had read many years ago. She opened it to a certain page, then smiled as she handed it to me. Looking up at me was the picture of ***a white-robed being with hues of the rainbow radiating from his heart! Hallelujah!***

## 57. The Privilege of Sight and Hearing

**Kevin C. Blacker, Sr.** shares some deep insights with us. *Rev. 2:7* (WNT): “Let all who have ears *give heed* to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches. To him who overcomes I will give the *privilege* of eating the fruit of the Tree of Life, which is in the Paradise of God.”

Some have suggested the existence of privilege of entitlement but without any stipulations. Let us examine the scriptures, for we tend to take a lot of things for granted. Sometimes losing a privilege reminds us that it was a *right*, but it is only a right if we haven’t violated the laws governing the privilege.

God does not have to answer our demands on our terms. There does not exist in the kingdom of God entitlement without stipulations. Do we not have to submit unto the terms God sets forth in order to receive the privilege of the Life He offers us?

Some also believe God is going to bring them into full reconciliation to Him without any involvement of the submission of their will. They believe He is just going to do it; but they are unsure of just exactly how it will happen. Their thought is, “If it’s without my will, I have no responsibility; therefore, there is no need of my submission to what might be required.” This is the belief of many.

Fear often hinders our walk with the Lord. If we’re *fearful* of this unanswered question, then the fear of *dying to our independence* is what is keeping us from *seeing the answer*. The *fear of death* will become a *barred gate* keeping us from the treasure hidden on the other side (*Gen. 2:17*). As we explore these thoughts, I hope that you’ll come to see and hear the path that leads to *Life—Jesus* (*Heb. 2:15*). God is leading us away from the path of self-will which leads us from the path of Life, ***God’s will!***

I've been lost at times in my life. To find a way back to the path of life, we must first realize that we are lost. Many wander around for a time trying to find a familiar marker to take them back on course. It isn't easy to admit that we are lost, even though it is obvious to others. The problem is that we are all born lost and out of *The Way*.

When it came time for Israel to be lead out of their captivity not one knew freedom by experience. All had his own imagination as to what freedom meant, yet no one truly knew, and this is where we are today. We are born into the captivity of *sin and death* and have no idea that we are lost, much less where we are. We aimlessly wander about in hopes of finding the satisfaction of *Life*, but we never seem to find it.

At times we search down a path in hope only to come to a *dead-end filled with self-effort*. Some may stop to give us directions, but we don't think we need their advice. Perhaps, we think their advice will misdirect us. The truth is that we are blind to the *path of Life*, the truth and light of God, and don't realize it. It isn't until *He sees* something in our *heart*, through all our vain searchings, that He touches our *hearing*. He alerted me to a Way I'd never traveled.

In 1975, voices singing as a choir seemed to surround me. I neither understood the language nor the source of it. Spinning around, I saw the news was still on TV and the stereo was off. As suddenly as it had come, it was gone, leaving me shocked and shaken. I wasn't raised in church nor had I heard of such an experience. The reality was that God had allowed me to hear something that had been beyond my ability to hear. Did He then force me to follow a Way in which I had no map, or was I left with *choice*? I knew *my will* was in jeopardy. I would have to surrender *my will* in order to *follow*, whatever that meant.

Since I wasn't quite ready to follow, I ran from my invisible pursuer. I neither knew where He'd come from or where He'd gone. For eight months my thoughts were filled with this experience. It was a call for *submission*. When *truth is heard a response comes forth*. If we've truly *heard*, then the response of *obedience* will be the *evidence*. What I'd heard had yet to find root in me. I didn't understand the experience as the voices and sounds were still confusing to me.

I Pet. 31-12, "Let him *turn* from evil, and do good; let him inquire for peace and *go* in pursuit of it. For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open to their supplication; but the face of the Lord is set against evil-doers."

During eight months of open rebellion to what I'd heard, I tried to give my heart to Jesus several times with no response from my Pursuer. What was I doing wrong? What wasn't being understood? After all, He's the One that called me. The fact was that I had *reservations*. In my heart I was going to *try it* and if I didn't *like* this new path, I'd go back to my old path. God wasn't after me to say I was sorry or to just turn me from the path I was on. All of this was a part of my experience, but Jesus was looking for something more.

Conrad C. Donald has written several booklets on the subject of *repentance or submission*. These booklets will bless the reader with the beauty of unveiled truth. Now 83 years old, he has sat on the backside of the desert, writing for the past 40 years. (*Address given on request*). God unveiled to him the true meaning of the words *metanoeo* and *metanoia* translated *repent and repentance*. These words don't mean to do penance as the Latin Vulgate suggests. *Jerome, in translating the New Testament into Latin, translated metanoeo (verb form) and metanoia (noun) using paenitentia or paenitens*. These Latin words mean *do penance*.

Quoting from Conrad's book: "The word *metannoia* is made up of two words: *meta* (after) and *noia* (mind). The verb would be understood as to have the *after mind* and the noun would be *after mindedness*. Three English words must be used to express the Greek meaning: *submit, yield* and *ease*.

We can *submit to* but we cannot *submit from*. The Greek word goes both ways, but there is no English word which will do this. The word "ease" must step in when *from* is present. '*Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden..*' *Matt. 11:28*. This is an invitation to *submit to* and to *be released or eased from a burden*. The word isn't present in this text, but the idea is.

Here is an example: Joshua demands complete *submission* when he declares, ‘Choose you this day whom you will serve.’ Josh. 24:14,15. *Submission without qualification* was required. He set the example when he said, “as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” His mind on the day he spoke those words, would also be his mind in the future days. He had the *after mind*. It mattered not what the future circumstances might be; he *submitted* himself to God with an *after mind* being the same as the present mind. This is the meaning of *metanoia*; *submission without reservation* is the exact English meaning.

Ruth declared this same *after mindedness* (submission) to Naomi when she said, ‘...Wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you lodge, I will lodge, your people shall be my people and your God my God’ Ruth 1:16. They could be better translated submit and submission. No future circumstances could alter her commitment. She was not her present-mindedness with the possibility of a different attitude later due to a change of mind. She made a true *submission* not subject to any alteration. This is what the writers of the New Testament knew to be *metanoia—aftermindedness; submission*. When the word *metanoia* is used in scripture, it always conveys one single message—*submission to God without qualified reservation*.

The turning-point in my life was when I read the following bible verses and *heard in my heart*: Luke 9:62, “And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The scripture is stating this must be done *without reservation, holding nothing back*. How can you have faith without submission? Neither can one have submission without faith. There is a good test as to which tree we are eating of. Are we in submission to God without reservation, now or in the future? You’re not the one that can answer the question; only God can confirm this truth. He, the Word, and the Spirit, give witness (**I John 5:7**). We can’t bear witness of ourselves.

We must begin to hear by the Spirit in the inner man of the heart. He is leading us into a new country and the road signs are written in a different language. If we are in violation of its laws, ignorance is no excuse. Although God is merciful to our unrighteousness, we still need to understand the language so that we may obey the new laws governing our new country. He is bringing us back into agreement with the *laws of The Spirit*. The old laws were of the region of sin and death (**Rom. 8:2**).

Adam and Eve became self-willed (so they thought), forsaking the path of Life which was full submission unto God’s commandments. They entered into the realm of darkness. The light they once enjoyed is now obscured from them. Instead of living by every *Word* that came from Father, now they are in fear of His voice. Why? Because of what was now hidden in their hearts: darkness and a lie.

A lie is the twisting of truth. They believed that they can have life outside of union with God. Instead of walking with God, they are alone. Their hearing is altered, hearing by *self intelligence*. “...I was afraid, because I was naked...” (**Gen. 3:8**). God was no longer their source of wisdom. After all, this is exactly what the serpent tells her in verse 6: *wise* means intelligent. He lies about the part of dying. Also, they became *naked*. When it said, “...both naked...and were not ashamed (**Gen. 2:25**), there was nothing in them to be ashamed of.

In **Gen. 3:10**, “...I was afraid, because I was naked...” This word naked (erom-nudity) goes back to the word that described the serpent as being *subtle* (*Arum—cunning, crafty, prudent, subtil*). **Aram** is the primitive root; properly to *be (or make) bare; smoothness, be cunning*) and is also the same root of erom--nudity.

They are now thinking like the serpent. They have left the life of manifesting the image of God and are now manifesting the image of the serpent. This is the shame which they are trying to hide. Instead of having authority over the beasts of the field, now the beast had power over them (**Gen. 1:24-28; 3:1**).

Once we understand that which was lost and what *country* and *life* they roamed away from, we’ll then understand more clearly the path that God is bringing us back into. It is plain that we’ll not find it through our *own intelligence*, but we will find it *through the mind of Christ*. Jesus is *The Way* and we

need to *hear* His voice. Saul, the Pharisee, was a prime example of this kind of *self intelligence*. Even his name *Saul* comes from a primitive root: (Shaal) meaning, asked, to inquire; to request; to demand. This is the *way* of the unconverted. “Always learning, but never being able to come to a full knowledge of the truth” **2Ti 3:7**. They want to know *about* God, but they did not want to come into the *full acknowledgement* of Him. One of the first things you notice as a new Christian is the reproach that comes from walking *in the same way with Christ*.

**Rev. 19:14**, “*The armies in Heaven followed Him---mounted on white horses and clothed in fine linen, white and spotless.*” “Follow” means “to be in the Same Way with.”

To *recognize* someone means to also *acknowledge acquaintance with*. In **John 3:1-2**, “Nicodemus...came to Jesus by night...” the reason was he didn’t want to bear the reproach of being associated with Christ—a good sign whether someone is walking with Christ. You’ll not seek nor desire this relationship without being *submitted or yielded to God without reservation*. (**Mat. 10:33; 16:24; 26:34; 2 Ti. 2:13; Tit. 1:16**).

Saul’s hearing was only *carnal intelligence* after the *Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*. Going to a bible college will not open your *spiritual ears or eyes*. As a matter of fact, encountering Jesus, *the light of the world*, will blind you to the carnal sight that you once had. In **Acts 9:9** Saul hears and submits without reservation. The change of name testifies to this fact: He began to be called *Paul* (**Acts 13:9**). *Paul—Paulus meaning little, to stop, restrain, quit, desist, and come to an end*. Paul has come to the end of the *self-life* and begins to find his strength in God (**2 Cor. 12:10**).

I’d like to return to 2 Cor. 3:12-18 to explore these passages a little deeper. Paul is making plain (*not hiding*) the light of God’s heart towards man. He is referring back to when Moses put a veil over his face.

Moses’ delay in coming down from the mount helps to reveal the weakness of idolatry hidden in their hearts. This is also happening with Christians today when God delays. When not fixed in God, the enemy will be able to move us out of *The Way*. They worshiped the false gods of the Egyptians while in Egypt, so when Moses delays, they fall back to their old ways of worshiping false images. They are looking for an excuse to turn back: To follow the God of Moses is requiring too much of their wills. They are stiff-necked or self-willed. Their *self-will* is becoming a *barrier* keeping them from the blessings of God.

**Ex. 32:8**, “They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them...”

**Ex. 33:3**, “Unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people: lest I consume thee in the way.”

God want to dwell in the *centre* of them, but their *hearts* keep God from doing so. When they see the glory upon the face of Moses, their hearts aren’t ready for that kind of God encounter. This is why Moses puts a veil over his face while speaking to the people. So today, nothing has changed; the heart condition still needs to turn. These things happened as a pattern for us to learn from (**1 Cor. 10:16**). Today God is calling us to surrender in full submission, instructing us to turn from the stubbornness of our self will and to serve Him with all our hearts and all our minds.

“Seeing then that we have such hope, we use *great plainness* of speech: And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: But their *minds* were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, *the vail is upon their heart*. Nevertheless *when it shall turn to the Lord*, the vail shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” **2 Cor. 3:12-17**.

Although the glory, the image of the Lord, the transforming Life is available, the heart condition is the barrier that keeps us out. Many are still waiting upon God to do something but He is waiting upon us to do something: to turn our hearts. If we are forced, then we are not giving of our heart *freely*.

**John 12:32**, “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw (to drag) all men unto me.” He’ll drag us by unrelenting love, not resting until *every knee is willingly* bowed and partaking of His wondrous

grace through *faith* from a *heart* that is fully *submitted* with *no reservations* (*Is. 45:23; Romans 14:1; Phil. 2:10*).

**2 Cor. 3:18**, “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

In so doing, He’ll pull back the veil from off of *our hearts*. And when He does pull back the veil, we’ll see Him in a brand *new Way*, by the revelatory vision that will change us into the *image* of the one we’re beholding (**Mat. 16:18**). This isn’t a one-time thing!

I heard a speaker teach on the word *turn* and what he said still rings true today. “Some think this word *turn* is a one-time experience, as in your salvation. *Turn* doesn’t mean just one time, but is a *circular word* meaning over and over again. This doesn’t mean you’re backsliding and having to come back to God again. This means every time you see something in your heart that isn’t turned toward the Lord, when you turn, He’ll pull back the veil over and over again.

Notice that it is from glory to glory; over and over in an ever-increasing measure of clarity. You’re not looking in a mirror and seeing yourself. You’re seeing Him as if looking in a mirror and you are changed by seeing *Him as He is*. We see Him and not ourselves!

**Heb. 12:25**: “Be careful not to refuse to *listen* to Him who is speaking to you. For if they of old did not escape unpunished when they *refused* to listen to him who spoke on earth, much less shall we escape who turn a *deaf ear* to Him who now speaks from Heaven.”

Adam and Eve tried to cover the sin hidden in the loins of their minds with fig leaves of lifeless works, cut off from the flow of life, and so are all outside of Christ. As we receive the *Holy Seed of Christ, our regeneration*, it must come to *maturity* in order to be eaten. We must continue to abide in the Vine and the flow of the Life of Christ.

The sign of maturing is when we cast off the unfruitful works of our *rebellious self-will*. When we turn our hearts away from listening, we can lose the gift of *having an ear to hear*. We shouldn’t take this *gift* for granted. When we do not *judge ourselves*, God has to bring rods of correction in order to remove the idolatry from our hearts. He does this out of Love (**Heb. 12:6**).

When we quit *listening*, all of a sudden, we *can’t hear*. Then we begin the search of our hearts as to what took place causing this deafness. The problem isn’t with God, but with what has found its way into our heart. Until we understand where our *heart* roamed away, the eyes and ears will remain closed.

It is plain: *entitlement with accountability* is a part of God’s Kingdom; otherwise, we’d be benefactors of the treasures of the Kingdom of God without being subject to its King. *Accountability* requires *responsibility* and being answerable for one’s acts and decisions. When there is no responsibility, there’s no need for submission. You can’t have faith without submission, nor have submission without faith.

**John 12:28-29**, “Father, glorify thy name. Then *came there a voice from heaven*, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The people therefore, that stood by, and *heard it*, said that it thundered: *others said*, An angel spake to him.”

The people hear something, but their level of hearing isn’t enough to be changed by what they are hearing. Many people hear the word, but have no understanding of what is being said. Lack of understanding isn’t always the speaker’s fault, but the lack of understanding is dependent upon the condition of the heart of the receiver. Ultimately, God has the responsibility of creating us through whatever means He sees necessary to accomplish this task, “the design of His own will...so that we should be devoted to the extolling of His glorious attributes” (**Eph. 1:11-12**). This *grace* is accomplished *through faith*; this gift He has given grows into full submission to *His will*. We come into *union with His will*. Mary said to the messenger Gabriel, “I am the Lord’s maidservant ...may it be with me in accordance with your words!” *And then the angel left her*.

She submits to the will of God without reservation. She turns away from her path and gives her whole heart unto the purposes of God that He determined for her and the Seed of Christ. A word that

gives independence from submission to God's will isn't liberty; it is a word of bondage that will keep you bound behind the bars of sin and death, separated from the Way of The Tree of Life.

### **58. 'The Word of God' in Scripture**

We have **Robert Beecham from England** to thank for this writing: The phrase '*the Word of God*' occurs nearly 50 times in the New Testament and is freely used in books and sermons. Do Christians use this phrase in the same sense as the Bible does? I believe NO. Does it matter? I believe YES.

Using words in a different sense from the Bible springs from a wrong understanding of spiritual truth. For example, people who use the word *priest* to mean an ordained member of some denomination, are blind to the true nature of priesthood. Those who use the word *church* to refer to a building or a denomination, usually have little idea of the true church of God. Standard terminology uses 'the Word of God', or simply 'the Word', to mean the Bible.

Upon examining the scriptures, we find that the word of God refers specifically to what God actually **said**. There are many passages where the word of God *cannot* refer to the scriptures. e.g. 'The word became flesh and dwelt among us' (Jn. 1:14) and 'His name is called the word of God' (Rev. 19:13).

The Bible refers to itself as the holy scriptures, or in part the law or the prophets, but it does not call itself the word of God. The Bible does regard itself as verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit and having absolute divine authority, and to this we agree.

**Jesus is the supreme manifestation of the word of God!** John began his gospel: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." It is contrary to scripture to believe that God wants to use a book as His primary method of communication.

When apostles and prophets spoke under inspiration of the Holy Spirit, God was speaking through them. What they said was the word of God to their hearers. When God speaks a message directly to our hearts by the Holy Spirit, that also is His Word. God's primary way of speaking to man is directly through the Holy Spirit to those who have ears to hear, and then through them to others. When God speaks, it is the word of God!

(And when He speaks of '**My word made flesh**', He refers to those who are hearing and obeying His Voice! Elaine)

### **59. Groomed for Center-Stage**

The Lord spoke to me, "You are being groomed to appear on center-stage. I need to remove from the hearts of My remnant-people the many fears they have of fully obeying My Voice. When they become confident of My speaking in the smaller issues of life, it will be quite natural to believe for larger issues.

"My people have been so long in Babylon that it is necessary for Me to cleanse them from many bondages and fears. This is the operation that I am now doing in your midst. 'Despise not the day of small things', for it is but preparation time for the greater. Your scriptural example is Gideon who would not believe for the larger task because he had for so long been put down. He had to prove Me over and over in order to believe. I am now proving Myself to you over and over so that you will be able to respond to the call when I say, 'Come up higher!'"

### **60. A Quiet Revolution**

The Lord spoke to **Elisabeth Campbell**, "There are some revolutions, like the French Revolution, that are loud and noisy and evil. And then, there are quiet revolutions that bring changes within. This is what we are *now* experiencing: a change of governments and kingship.

"What is happening is a quiet revolution—it is not something "out there" as in Pentecost, but it is an inner change of government, majesty, and kingship. He is cleansing *all of our innermost being and emptying us of our self in order to govern us by Himself. Walking with, and doing the will of the Speaking God: that is My Word made flesh!*"



**Pat Savas** shared, “In 1998 there was a lot of talk by church people about going up in the rapture. I wasn’t a part of that, but the Lord did speak to me and said, “I am going to change you from the inside!”

She told me about seeing “a sending station” like the old RKO station that used to show its rays going all over the world. She knew it was the word that the Lord was giving to us that was being spread abroad. I was glad to hear that, for in Feb. of /08 I heard the Spirit say, “Great things are transpiring in this home.” Then I “saw” a sending station—a tall pole from which rays (like lightning) were spreading the words all over the world. (It reminded me of an RKO sending station). I was quite thrilled to hear Pat Savas speak the same word that I had heard! (Elaine)

### **61. Utter Helplessness**

The Lord spoke to my heart, “I have counted you among My faithful ones, My beloved, even though you would say unto Me as did Gideon when I called him: ‘But I am the *least* in my father’s house and my family is the *least* in all the tribes.”

“Do I not say unto you as I said unto Gideon, ‘Go in *this thy might*—the fact that God was with him and had called him to do an impossible task which he could only do because the Lord was with him!

“You find yourself at the same place of feeling your utter weakness and inability to walk before Me in mighty ways because you feel the weakness of the flesh and the reality of your mortality.

‘Ah, but I have brought you to this place—a place of utter helplessness to do what your heart sees. I have waited for this day when My remnant people would be utterly empty so that I might utterly fill them with Myself! This operation of faith has been hard and many have entered into hopelessness, but it was needful. Now you will lie still while I operate and remove from you that which you could not remove from yourself, for you did not know it was there.

“This is the last, long step that I promised to take you over, for it was too great for you to span in your own strength. I am now doing it!” (The Lord had shown one of His Own that we would be crossing over a high bridge to reach the other side, which was our goal. We fared alright until we came near the other side and found that the boards of the bridge were gone and the distance was too wide for us to jump over on our own. The Lord said that He would take us over the last, long step because it was too great for us to take on our own!)

### **62. All Creation Groans**

The Lord suddenly spoke powerfully to me, asking this question: “***Do you have any idea of what it means that the whole of creation is groaning in pain? Do you know what that means?*** Not only the beasts who are fallen, but man who is under the pain of the fall of Adam, having put on the bestial nature.

“I am *not* taking you *back* to where Adam was before the fall. I am taking you *forward* into Christ—into *His nature*.

“As there was a *choosing* in the fall, so is there a choosing now in the *release from bondage*. In the body of Jesus dwelt the blood of Adam and the Spirit-Blood of His Father, but He had to continuously *choose* to do only that which He saw with His Father. Pleasing His Father was always at the forefront of His mind and heart. So also must it be with His Sons who are being brought into His nature.

“They that do ***know their God*** shall be strong and do exploits.” *Now* is the time when you are learning to know Me in My Heart and in My ways.”

### 63. Separation between Pentecost and Tabernacles

The Lord spoke a very meaningful word to me: “The separation between those who walk in Pentecost and those who are walking in Tabernacles, is now beginning to be seen. Up until this time, the differences were not apparent, but now they shall be self-evident.

“Even as My first disciples spoke in other tongues, foreign to their hearers, even so shall the manner of life and the daily walk of My sons be the same to those in lesser realms. It shall be as an *‘unknown tongue’* to them—something that is not understood with the natural mind. You will see that it is so!”

This personal word may be an encouragement to some of you: “Thou art great with child, My daughter, and thy birth pangs are heavy upon thee. Bear them faithfully and with hope in My Word, even My promises unto you and you shall not be disappointed.

“Rebecca cried, ‘Why is it thus with me?’ as the two struggled within her womb. The struggle continues unto this hour.”

### 64. Preparing for the Harvest

We received a spiritual dream from *Neville Johnson* from Australia to which our spirits witnessed. It was given on March 28/08.

I found myself standing on a beach. The tide was almost full and somehow that seemed significant. The water gently lapped the sandy shoreline and a light colored mist hung over the water. The atmosphere was crisp yet warm. Suddenly a boat appeared through the mist, heading toward me.

A man was holding the tiller and cheerfully called out, “Do you want to come fishing?”

I hesitated for a moment then said, “Okay.” The man’s face emanated a glow not of this world. He had a rugged yet refined look and seemed very focused and determined.

I had the strange feeling that I had been here before, but could not quite put my finger on it. The boat quickly moved out into deep water and stopped. The water was teeming with fish and it almost seemed like the fish *wanted* to be caught. The man said, “My name is Peter.” He threw out the net and in no time at all he was pulling it in again and the net was teeming with fish. As soon as the fish hit the deck, they turned into people of all ages.

I was struggling to get my mind around this unusual phenomenon when Peter said, “The final harvest must be reaped ***but it can only be reaped by those who have crossed the River Jordan.***” Suddenly it dawned on me that in my dream I was talking to the Apostle Peter. He continued, “Jesus was involved in two fishing trips while He walked this earth—one at the beginning of His ministry and one towards the end of His ministry (Lk. 5:4-10; John 21:6-8). On the first trip the net broke, but on the second trip the net held; so it will be in this final harvest—the net will hold. The net broke in the early church and much was lost, but it will not be so in your day.

“Those who have left the wilderness behind and have crossed over into the promised land are those who have one goal and motive, which is to build only the kingdom of God. Jealousy, anger, selfish ambition will no longer hinder them nor spoil the harvest. Pride no longer motivates them and they have come into rest.

“The final harvest has begun and will increase in intensity until the end. The end is now in sight. The finishing line is in view. What began at Pentecost will finish in your day. The great cloud of witnesses watches with great joy and anticipation for the final consummation. Just as the harvest began with one generation in My day, so it will finish with this present generation in your day. My generation saw the foundations laid. Your generation will see *the building completed*. There will be many in your generation that will overcome all things, even death. Your generation saw tares sown into the harvest field and your generation will see all the tares removed!

“The harvest wave is upon you. You will accomplish in one generation what hundreds of generations have longed to see. *The Feast of Pentecost must give way to the Feast of Tabernacles*. Your generation will accomplish that which the church could not, over the past 2000 years. The glorious shadow that emanated from the early church was just that—a shadow. You will see the fullness of the

glory of God in one generation manifested in such a way that nothing will be impossible. The miracles we have seen were just a foretaste of what is to come.”

Peter paused. Looking at the people in the boat, he said, “See how the boat has now grown.” I was amazed that the boat was now huge and accommodated so many people. It was impossible to estimate how many people were in the boat. He continued, “The seed of early church martyrs will blossom in your generation. One seed will produce countless multitudes in the harvest of your day. They watch with gratitude to the Lord for allowing them to be a part of what you will experience. This seed will explode into continuing ever-increasing harvests until the Lord returns. They have waited to see this day.”

Peter looked at me and said, “Tell the Christian leaders of your day if they seek to profit by this harvest and build their own kingdoms with the harvest, they will be destroyed. This harvest is Holy. This fruit is precious. If you cause any to stumble, you will surely be destroyed.” I felt the force and gravity of what Peter had just said. It hit me like a hammer blow and I had to steady myself somewhat in order not to miss anything. He continued, **“Purity of heart is required for those who are to be involved in gathering this harvest. It is the Lord’s harvest, not your harvest! He has waited for this with great longing and anticipation.”**

*James 5:7-8, “Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.”*

Finally, Peter said, “Don’t be impetuous like I was. Follow the Lord of the Harvest. **True sons of God are led by the Spirit of God.**” I began to feel a holy fear which triggered a determination never to hurt or hinder the harvest, and never to use it for my own ends and purposes. Peter looked at me and said, “Great grace will be given to your generation but *great accountability will be required.*” With that, he was gone and I awoke.

### **65. Take Back the Treasures**

One morning in prayer, the Lord spoke to us about the remnant that returned to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple after being captive in Babylon for seventy years. This is what happened: *“Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the Lord, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods. Even those did Cyrus, King of Persia, bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah” (Ezra 1:7,8).*

Mind you, these were not just a few treasures that were laid up there. There were so many and they were of such value that we would think they should have been stored in a bank! Just consider: *“...thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives, Thirty basins of gold, silver basins of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand. All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred.”*

This was the list of the treasures that they were to take back with them. You would think that the children of Judah and Benjamin would have jumped at the chance of returning to their own land and rebuilding the temple where they might again worship their God. But, in the seventy years of captivity, they had fitted nicely into the ways of Babylon and were not all eager to leave their good jobs and their homes. History records that only *a remnant returned*. The Bible says, *“Then rose up the chief fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem” Ezra 1:5.*

I believe this remnant who returned are a type and shadow of the Benjamin remnant who are returning today to rebuild the spiritual tabernacle that has fallen down! It is interesting to note that the first feast that they observed in the land was the Feast of Tabernacles (Ezra 3:4). The remnant today are the only ones who know that there is to be a spiritual fulfillment of that feast!

But the Spirit of the Lord was impressing upon us the list of items that were to be taken back with them. He wanted us to see the spiritual significance of what was being returned. That was easy! We could start with the music, and restore music that is worshipful and honoring to our Father. And, we'd leave behind with the Babylonians the rock and roll that masqueraded as "Christian." We'd restore songs like: 'A Mighty Fortress is our God'!

In a large church in our province, a great number of young people were assembled recently for a Christian Rock Concert. A large group had been standing near the platform and were jumping up and down when suddenly the floor fell through and bodies plummeted down fifteen feet. No one was killed but a number were wounded.

We would also take back the praise that has become so orchestrated that they have teams to lead the people and tell them what to do. We would restore it to anointed praise, where the Spirit of the Lord would have liberty to praise by the leading of the Spirit. This generation has never seen such praise and are quite satisfied with how the Babylonians do it!

We'd leave behind the social word and replace it with the meat of the Word. We'd use the whole Bible, not just the New Testament. We would learn what the blueprint is so that we'd have a confirmation of Truth. Cindy Jacobs has a song which says, "I went to the enemy's camp to take back what he'd stolen from me!"

The Spirit spoke to us: "Take with you My sanctified vessels, those that I anoint for My praise and glory and for the magnifying of My Name. Take them with you. Remove them from the house of idols and use them in a holy, anointed way which this present generation knoweth not. Restore them unto their former glory and purity that was such that the heathen would cry out for mercy at their sound (the music, the praise, the worship). Once again shall they bless in My tabernacle house, for they are the treasures I have given to glorify My dwelling-place."

#### ***66. Prophetic Vision of the Harvest***

In March/08, dear friends from Scotland came to visit and to accompany dear Elisabeth back home. They brought with them an encouraging word from *Veronica Martindale*. I am sharing it because I believe it applies to many others in the Body besides ourselves.

I "saw" a scene of a prairie which was full of corn being grown for the feeding of the hungry. The center of these fields had wheat which was not yet fully ripe. Some had ears of corn but they were not yet ready for harvest.

I heard the sound of a machine and when I looked around, I saw a large, powerful combine harvester ready to run through the wheat. In the meantime, it was going in circles around a *barley field* and it was plucking just the ones which were ripe. (Barley is significant of sons. Wheat signifies Pentecost).

There was an overseer who directed the harvesting and pointed out the ones which were ready. The Lord of the harvest was very much in evidence, but He had approved certain workers to be overseers.

I believe that you and Bill are overseers in the harvest of the Lord. As directions had been given, the overseers were lifted and transported over to other parts of the prairie where they could check the readiness of the harvest. They circled the crop and pointed out the ones which were ripe.

The Lord of the harvest was controlling the climate so that there was enough sunshine and yet not too much to scorch the crops. The rainfall was being used in a similar manner, softening the ground and refreshing the growth of so many stems.

The thing which most impressed me was that the Lord of the Harvest was not checking the work of His overseers. He completely trusted them, as they had sat with Him for years and learnt His will and His ways, and they knew how to proceed without further direction. Their reward was great. Others had gone before and now their seeds were ready for harvest.

### 67. *A Prepared People*

The Lord spoke to me on Mar. 23/08, “Did I not prepare an ark for the saving of My righteous family in the time of Noah? Did I not raise up a deliverer, even Moses, to set My people free from bondage? Did I not have a Joshua ready to led them into the land I had promised them?”

“In every case, do you not see how I prepared, very thoroughly, *the answer to every situation before-time?* Even so have I done today. For many years I have prepared a people in secret—the stones being fashioned in the quarry (the hammering blows of life against My own precious ones) until they cried no longer against Me or their fellow-man. They became willing to take their place in the temple that I am building without hands.

“These prepared ones are ready, yet the trials of life declare to them that they shall never be ready. These are my Moses, My Joshuas, of *this day*. They can ascend the mount of God in Spirit and hear My Voice as did Moses and they have courage of Joshua to press into the Promised Land and the people with them.

“Just as I have been with those mighty leaders of the past, so shall I be with this company whom I have prepared. They are mighty only in that they hear My Voice and are obedient to press in to all that I set before them.

“In a word, settle it in your hearts and speak it with your mouth that ***I have done the work of preparation and, in this Day, the victory shall be Mine.*** Faint not at the reports of great evil and sedition in the land. Keep your eyes only upon me, for My saviours upon Mount Zion are well prepared, for they are hidden in Me. ***I am their might,*** and they shall show forth ***My might.*** Tell My Own to *fear not!*”

### 68. *The Mind of Christ*

Years ago, before ever the Lord opened up to me that there is a kingdom of God to walk in, He spoke something to my heart that has meant a lot to me through the years. You know how you always remember where you were when some outstanding event happened? Well, I was standing in a small country church and we were all singing a hymn together when an outstanding word was quickened to me which has affected my whole life.

Suddenly, I was aware of a scripture going through my mind. I wasn't, at that time, used to the Lord dropping scriptures into my mind, but here was a verse that I had read but to which I had given no thought. It was: ***“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus...”*** I found it in Philippians 2:5. I couldn't think of singing any longer; all I could think of was the word the Spirit had dropped into my heart.

What could this possibly mean? I knew that the Spirit of Christ was within me so His mind must also be within. And I knew well that I ran my life by my own mind and not His! What about this little word ***‘let’***? That means ***‘to allow, or to permit’***. Does that mean that I have something to do to have the mind of Christ operate in me as it did in the Lord? I pondered this before the Lord and concluded that the Lord would not *force me* to do things His way—to think His thoughts—to have His mind. Yet, if I submitted my will to His and desired to have His mind function in me instead of My own, He would be pleased and I would be a much better person. So, I concluded that my will was certainly involved. When a decision needed to be made, I needed to choose to refuse to make it from my natural mind, but choose instead to wait upon the Lord for what His mind was in the matter.

Someone commented recently in a letter to me that I seemed to have “a direct line to the Spirit of the Lord.” If that is so, it is simply because I have consciously yielded up my carnal mind, waiting and looking for the mind of Christ to guide me and show me the way to go. And I want to say that every Christian has the potential of putting on the mind of Christ. All it takes is refusing to walk in your own mind!

I was talking to Elisabeth in Scotland recently about the mind of Christ and she told me that she had brought up this scripture to several Christian friends, asking if they had ever given this verse any

thought that it could be real in their lives. Each person agreed that they had never even thought about it—that they could put on the mind of Christ!

One night Elisabeth and I said goodnight to each other and started toward our respective bedrooms after spending time in prayer together. I was half way down the hall when I was arrested by this verse that was dropped clearly into my heart: ***“The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head” Mat. 8:20.***

I stopped in my tracks because it hit me powerfully. I turned to go back to my chair where I pray. I was surprised to see Elisabeth coming back up the stairs. She didn’t know that the Lord had spoken to me—she just felt moved of the Lord to go back upstairs. I shared the verse with her and she remarked, “The only teaching I’ve ever heard on that verse is that Jesus was lacking a place to stay and no one was extending hospitality unto him. I know that isn’t true! I always heard it said with such sad tones as to how unkindly the Lord was treated.”

What we were hearing now was far from sad. There was a jubilation in our spirits which were dancing with joy! We understood that “foxes” spoke of “cunning, fleshly thoughts” which are given place in our minds. And, the “birds of the air” typify evil spirits who may find a place to dwell and rest within us. All these things have been welcomed into our vessels, but ***the mind of Christ has had no place in us. He has had no place to lay His Head!***

But here He was saying to us that He is *now* finding a place in His remnant! He has *now found a place wherein He may live and move and have His being!* There is now a people, prepared in the wilderness “outside the camp, bearing His reproach”, who have chosen to ***let, permit, and allow His mind to rule in them!*** They have said “No!” to the carnal thoughts, those little foxes, and “No!” to the wiles of the enemy who would speak things contrary to the Spirit of the Lord. They have said “Yes!” to having the mind of Christ come alive in them, choosing His way and not their own!

This word came with such a powerful presence of the Lord that we knew this was a ***“WOW!”*** word. Neither of us got to sleep for about three hours because we were so *high* with what the Lord had said to us that now He could trust us and lay His mind upon us! How we had longed for this!

And now, this night, He is showing us His pleasure in a people in whom He may live and move and have His being because they have chosen His mind over their own! It happened a little at a time, as they learned to yield up their self-life and refused their own way, acknowledging that His way was always best. The day came when this became as simple and natural as breathing—to look always within to determine the Lord’s pleasure in a matter. And yes, if any will do this, I believe it will constitute ‘a direct line to the Spirit of Christ!’

### ***69. History in the Making***

In the spirit, I heard these words, ***“You are seeing history in the making.”***

I asked, “What do you mean by that, Lord? History is being made every day!”

He answered, “I’m talking about an event that will affect mankind and the course of history (which will ***make history***) just like My birth affected the course of mankind, so shall ***this birth of My sons*** affect the course of the history of mankind. It is an ***epochal event.***”

***epoch*** = 1. a period of time. 2. a period of time in which striking things happened. 3. the starting point of such a period.

This was followed by an observation from Elisabeth: “Then we can equate *this* birth to *His*. That means there will be no advertisement in the local newspaper of the event. (The Bethlehem Times didn’t mention it).

“The angels didn’t come to City Hall—they came to humble men at work.”

The Spirit continued to speak to us, this time about the treasure in the field. “And He gave ***all*** that He had ***to purchase this treasure***, and by so doing, He purchased the whole world!”

My question was, “Why should this remnant be more precious to You than the rest of the world?”

His answer blessed me: “They are My first fruits, the firstborn of My travail—those who have allowed Me *to fully possess them and to freely yield to Me their bodies that I might rule and reign in their earth.*”

“Are these more holy, more dedicated than saints of previous times?” you may ask. “No. They have come to the place of recognizing self for what it is and have yielded to walk only in **My righteousness**, owning none of their own. And, the time has come for My precious fruit to be gathered and the reaping of the earth by My Spirit, to begin.

“Man has seen seasons of reaping, but they have soon passed. In *this age* it shall not be so—there shall be a continual harvest and it shall be by My Spirit!”

### **70. We Will Not Have This Man!**

One morning I awoke to find the presence of the Spirit very close, and also that of a Scottish sister, Rosalie, who has been suffering persecution from those who do not understand where she is walking. She is a most loving sister but the accusations have become so nasty that she is accused of teaching *heresy*. (Does that sound at all familiar?) I was feeling for her but felt she would stand true to the word of the kingdom no matter what. I believe she would die for this word as many throughout history have died for the truth!

Before I could even think about breakfast, I had to seek the Lord. When I did, He spoke to me, “Even as Jacob and Esau strove in the womb, so it is yet today. Within My people are two natures and they war one with another. I have called aside a remnant people to whom I have revealed Myself and My ways and taught them how to walk with Me in spirit.

“Not understanding this, my Esau children of the flesh, knowing only the rule of the flesh, strive with these, and mock them as though they were unclean and leprous. They understand not that *their own flesh worship of Me is unclean in My sight.*”

“They have said in their hearts, **‘We will not have this man to rule over us’** and so it is that they continue to rule their own lives thinking they are pleasing to Me. And so it shall be **“until the fig tree shall not blossom and there be no fruit in the vine; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flocks shall be cut off from the fold and there shall be no herd in the stall....”** *Habakuk 3:17-18.*

Then they shall cry unto the Lord of the harvest for food—both natural and spiritual. And I shall send unto them those whom they had despised because of My rule over them. And, they must hear their word before they can hear Mine, for My word has become flesh in them. These are they who have purposed in their hearts to have no ruler but their Lord. To Him alone will they bow and render all their allegiance.

“These things shall you see happening before your very eyes—those who heard and saw the word in you and turned away from it shall turn again in repentance and beg from you the living Bread which you have in a plentiful supply. The fulfillment of these words is not far off!”

### **71. Powerful Little Words**

**1--Andrew Jukes:** “Tabernacles has come when that which is in the Spirit is in the understanding also.”

**2--William Barclay:** “I believe implicitly in the ultimate and complete triumph of God, the time when all things will be subject to him, and when God will be everything to everyone (I Cor. 15:24-28). If one man remains outside the love of God at the end of time, it means that one man has defeated the love of God—and that is impossible.”

**3--Katherine Price:** “There are seasons in our personal processing when we go through *“Tomb Times”* which would be discouragingly frightening. Someone spoke of this particular training session as *“The Isolation Chamber.”* It is at just such times that news from like-spiritual brethren reassure us to “having done all to continue to stand—even though all we seem to be doing is waiting in a cloud.”

**4—Scott Paris:** “The coming of the Lord is not external, but internal, within you. It is not future, though it is ongoing and present tense since the first century A.D. (2 Thess. 1:10-12) His coming is not the end of the world but is the end of our old world, and the beginning of the new. “I will create a new heaven and a new earth.” You are that new heaven and new earth. “If any man be in Christ he is a new creation, old things have passed away, behold all things have become new.”

“The Father spoke to me that people today rejecting His word are like the Jews of Jesus’ day. They were looking for their Messiah to come, but rejected Him who stood in their midst speaking to them.”

**5—The Shortened Cross:** A pilgrim was making his way to the Promised Land. He was carrying his master’s cross, a burden he cheerfully accepted. Becoming weary, the pilgrim paused to rest. As he basked in the sunlight, he watched a woodsman nearby cut a tree in the forest. “Good man,” called the pilgrim, “may I use your ax to shorten my cross? As I journey, it grows heavier.”

“Indeed”, called the woodsman obligingly.

The pilgrim traveled on, making much progress. The cross was shorter now and his burden lighter. In no time at all, the Promised Land was in sight. Drawing near, he saw that a deep gulf separated him from the glories beyond. He would use the cross to span the divide.

Though he struggled mightily to span the divide with the cross, it fell short by the very amount he had removed. With tears streaming down his face, he awoke; it had been a dream. Clutching the cross to his breast, the pilgrim pressed on. The cross was just as heavy, but its burden was lighter.

**6. F. B. Meyers:** “AMEN” means “So be it—certainly.” It contains the consent of the heart and the response of the life. When tried and perplexed with the troubles and problems of life, turn from these and consider the Our Father, from whom every ray of love in the universe has emanated; and remember that nothing can be permitted or devised by Him which is not consistent with the gentlest and truest dealings that an earthly father could mete out to his child. So shall you be able to say: “Amen, Lord.”

**7. Martha Wing Robinson:** “You do not realize that you would have broken down under the weight of your cares but for the renewing time with Me. It is not what I say; it is *Myself*. It is not the hearing Me so much as *being in My presence*. The strengthening and curative powers of this you cannot know. Such knowledge is beyond human reckoning.

“This would cure the poor world if every day each soul or group of souls waited before Me. Remember that you must never fail to keep this time apart with Me. Gradually you will be transformed, spiritually, mentally, physically, into My likeness. All who see you or have contact with you will be by this intercourse with you brought near to Me, and gradually the influence will spread.

“You are making one spot on earth a holy place, and, though you must work and spend yourself ceaselessly because for the present that is your appointed task, yet the greatest work you can do is done in this time apart with Me. Are you understanding that? Do you know that every thought, every activity, every prayer, every longing of the day is gathered up and offered to Me now? Oh, the joy that I am with you! For this I came to earth, **to lead man back to spirit converse with his God.**”

**8. The Gospel According to Gus:**

1) God is Love

--Jesus is the Proof

--All He wants is our hearts!

2) When praying for your children and giving them to the Lord, just say: **“Go get ‘em, Lord!”**

3) When we come to the realization that it is *Christ in us* (as in Gal. 2:20), to **“It is no longer I, but Christ”**, we go from:

--Formerly, I was doing the work and God was at rest.

--Now, it is God that is working, and *I am at rest!*

4) You can tell a Christian more by their reactions than by their actions!

5) When asked “What church do you go to?” I say, “C.W.S.—The Church of the Weak and Simple.”



6) When my lips were on the altar (keeping silent under His direction,) I found myself saying “I hope this is a sweet fragrance to You, Lord, ‘cause it’s sure killing me.”

--He answered, “That’s what it’s supposed to do!”

7) Regarding the death of a loved one: “When the spirit butterfly has gone, do not fuss about the empty cocoon.”

## **72. Tabernacles or Passover?**

**Ricky Evans shares:** “Now the children of Israel camped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight on the plains of Jericho. And they ate of the produce of the land on the day after the Passover, unleavened bread and parched grain, on the same day. Then the manna ceased on the day after they had eaten the produce of the land; and the children of Israel no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Canaan that year.” (Josh.5:10-12)

I know many will be quick to answer this question, “Tabernacles. We are not going back to Passover or Pentecost; we are moving on.” I would, for the most part, agree. Over the years we have all heard, “We are in Tabernacles; we are in the most holy place,” and we have seen the life style of those who make such claims and they are far from being most holy. I don’t say this to condemn but to wake us up. We can proclaim something and not be walking in the reality of such a proclamation. We usually blow it off as somebody wanting to appear more spiritual than everybody else. Somebody wanting to pull a new rabbit out of the hat.

The truth is we can’t just go around declaring certain things and not have the life style to go with it. Our vision will always be ahead of our walk and when we realize that, we can begin to make the distinction between where we are and where we are going. God’s Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. (Ps.119:105) We can see where we are and we can know where we are going. Sometimes we are so anxious to move into the fullness of what God has for us that we begin to make statements of faith declaring ourselves to be where we have not yet walked. We would proceed with caution as we move in the days ahead not to project ourselves into realms we have yet to walk in. We are coming into the fullness of God but I dare say none have yet reached it. We are moving on and coming into greater and greater realities of His life within us, but we have yet to reach the fullness.

### ***So, Where Are We?***

From time to time, as we wrestle with where we are, we will hear someone whom we know to be founded in the Lord make a statement about where we are at in the Lord and it will make us stop and take a fresh look at what is being said. I recently (Jan. 2008) had such a time when I read an article from Elaine Cook and she had made the statement that we had entered into Tabernacles and just didn’t know it. Hmmm, I had to ponder that for a while. I believe Elaine to be one of several voices in the land who is a solidifier of the Word. She is one who is established in the Word. In the midst of so many who are grasping at every strange and unusual message, she is one to keep us all grounded. “We have entered into Tabernacles and just don’t know it.” The Lord stirred my memory.

It has not been all that long ago when the Lord reminded me that a day was evening and morning. I had been hearing for several years we were in the Day of the Lord and I had some problems with that concept because I had formulated certain ideas of what the Day of the Lord was. The Lord told me the day starts in darkness before many are even awake or before many even recognize it is a new day. Most are asleep when the new day begins and they really don’t get up until the sun comes up over the horizon.

In the parable of the ten virgins we sometimes forget that all the virgins fell asleep; the wise *and* the foolish. It was at midnight the cry came, “Behold, the bridegroom is coming, go out and meet him.” (Mt.25:6) The midnight cry is not the heralding of the end of the day; it is the sound of a trumpet proclaiming a new day has come. Someone was there in the darkness and knew a new day had begun.

They had to wake the ten virgins to the reality of this new day. It was dark and they had to trim their lamps, but it was a new day just the same.

The scriptures say, “When the Day of Pentecost **had fully come.**” (Acts 2:1) Pentecost had come at 12:01a.m., but for those in the upper room it *fully came* sometime before 9a.m. At 9a.m Peter was preaching in the streets to the crowd that had gathered to find out what all the commotion was about. In his message to that crowd, tells them it is only the third hour of the day. The Jewish day began at 6a.m. and ended at 6p.m., which would make the third hour 9a.m. The Day of Pentecost had already come but no one knew it until it had *fully come*. The Lord stirred my memory some more.

Paul was at Ephesus when he came across some disciples and asked them if they had received the Holy Spirit. Their response was, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” (Acts 19:1-2) The Day of Pentecost was already shining brightly, but here were some disciples who didn’t even know what day they were in. They were still living under the order of John the Baptist. They were living in yesterday and hadn’t moved into present truth. The Lord stirred my memory even more.

The Lord began to show me how there is a creation out there that doesn’t know the Day of Passover has dawned; that the Day of Pentecost has dawned and they live in a yesterday of Adam. I myself lived in the yesterday of Adam for twenty years before I was awakened to Passover. Passover was a reality long before I ever woke up; but it was not a reality for me. I couldn’t walk in it. I didn’t experience it until someone woke me from my sleep. A sound of the trumpet had to come into my darkness and wake me.

The first trumpet sounded and woke me to a brand new day in the Spirit. It woke me to the reality of Passover; my sins were forgiven and I was now a born-one of God. I was no longer of Adam’s race but I was now translated into the kingdom of God. This was my first day when God said, “Let there be light; let there be an illumination into the darkness and give the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

The second trumpet sounded at the third hour of the day and a mighty rushing wind blew into my life in what we call the baptism of the Holy Spirit. This opened a whole new realm of the Spirit unknown to me at that time. The trumpets weren’t very far apart but I was awakened to the reality of this new day that has dawned upon humanity. “But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.” (Prov.4:18) Passover became the dawning of a new day in my life and at Pentecost the sun, Son, rose higher into the sky and began to chase away all the shadows in my life. The Son has been steadily rising in my life and will keep rising until He reaches the perfect day and there are no more shadows left.

*“My beloved is mine, and I am his. He feeds his flock among the lilies. Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be like a gazelle or a young stag upon the mountains of Beth-ther.” (S.S.2:16-17)*

The day may have dawned in our lives but the Son has not risen to His fullest height. The brightness of His coming to us has yet to touch some areas in us. There are still shadows in some areas of our lives and it is in these areas we are still living in the darkness of the early morning hours of this new day. As the Son rises higher and higher and the rays of His glory pierce the shadows of our lives; that is the dawning of a new day. Such is the moving of the Son in our individual lives.

Historically, the day began at the birth of Christ. His early years were the dark hours when no one recognized He was even here. The shepherds and the wise men seemed to know and were in wonderment about all that was going on. The Son had not yet risen above the horizon but truly a new day had begun. The shepherds in the field got the announcement and saw a baby in a manger. This little innocent baby was the beginning of a whole new day. Ah, but it was still dark outside!

Awhile later, maybe a year or two, the wise men came and beheld the King of a whole new day. As they beheld the child, did it really dawn upon them that they were standing in a whole new day? Did they realize history had just seen the dawning of the kingdom of God in the earth? The kingdom of God has been here the whole time, but it found its manifestation at this point in time.

Mary and Joseph knew something was going on. They may not have fully realized the full implications of all that was taking place in their lives at this point, but they knew something was up. It still looked like life as usual but you can bet it was anything but usual. Can you imagine yourself being on a trip, thinking you are just going to pay your taxes and when you get to your home town you can't find a motel? It has been a bad enough trip as is and now you can't find anywhere to stay. You have been traveling all this way with your pregnant wife, which by the way, is not carrying your baby, you're tired and worn-out and now you find out you are going to have to sleep in a barn.

Now I know some just balked at that last statement about the wife not carrying your baby. Come on; think about it! Do you think Joseph never doubted about whose baby that was? Yes, the angel told him in a dream, but don't you think he ever wondered about all that? Do you think Mary never had some curious thoughts about her situation? She knew she had never known a man but what has happened? Do you suppose Mary and Joseph just walked six inches above the ground through this whole thing?

How many times has God spoken to you in a dream and you got all excited about it and told everybody about it, but over a period of time the excitement wore off and you began to question the validity of your dream? How many times have you received a Word from the Lord and it seemed to be so right on you were amazed and excited that God had spoken into your situation? But a few days later you began to question what had happened because you didn't see the results you were looking for right away.

John the Baptist was the same way. He saw Jesus coming down the road and declared, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." (Jn.1:29) John saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus like a dove and it remained upon Him. (Jn.1:32) Yet, when John was in prison he began to question all that had gone on. He began to wonder if this was the One he was looking for or should he look for another. (Mt.11:3) Why? Because the circumstances seem to declare something entirely different. I believe we stand in the same position as John the Baptist; we have allowed the circumstances of the day to cause us to question where we are.

### ***Tabernacles***

I can stand with Elaine and safely say we have entered into Tabernacles and we just haven't realized it yet. We have had some preconceived ideas of what Tabernacles would be and because what we see right now doesn't seem to fit, we find ourselves still waiting for a day. We have built an image in our minds of Tabernacles and the reality of it, at this point, is so much different we are still looking for another. We have created an image of ourselves walking six inches above the ground, floating through life without any struggles and just pointing our fingers like a magic wand and poof, things happen. But here we stand on the west side of Jordan and things don't look all that different, but they are.

We will see many things take place beyond anything we have imagined. We have only caught a glimpse of what is to come. There seems to be this lull time; this time when there doesn't seem to be much going on. We were so sure when we crossed Jordan we would come bursting on the scene like Superman coming through a brick wall to save the damsel in distress and capture the bad guys. But here we sit doing nothing, as it were. Oh, but friend, we are healing from the circumcision we have just come through. Listen to the words of the prophet.

*"Come, and let us return to the Lord; for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. **After two days** He will revive us; **On the third day** He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight."* (Ho.6:1-2)

*"So it was, when they had finished circumcising all the people, **that they stayed in their places in the camp till they were healed.**"* (Josh.5:8)

"After two days." Somehow, I always had it in my mind when the third day dawned we would immediately find ourselves in the full glory of God doing great exploits. But there seems to be a time and

this is that time, when there is a healing going on. The healing isn't before we cross over into a new day; it is in the beginning of the new day; **after** two days. After two days means just what it says, after two days. It is in the third that we go through a healing of the cutting away of the flesh. In the third day we will be revived but it doesn't say the reviving will be on the dawning of the third day. It is in the third day we find ourselves being raised up into a face to face relationship with our Lord.

### ***The Seventh Month***

The seventh month began with the sound of a trumpet. (Lev.23:23-25) I believe we have been in the seventh month ever since John heard the Voice, as a loud trumpet behind him. (Rev.1:10) This was the sounding of the trumpet awakening us to the beginning of the seventh month. The trumpet has been sounding louder and louder ever since, until the whole camp can hear the sound of this mighty trumpet. (Ex.19:16-19) The third day and the seventh month correspond; there were three feasts, the third being in the seventh month. The morning of the third day starts with a trumpet, which gets louder and louder until everyone in the camp can hear it. The revelation of Jesus Christ starts with the sound of a trumpet, which caused John to turn so he could see the Voice that spoke to him. John didn't see Jesus until he turned. The trumpet is an attention-getter. It is drawing our attention to the Lord in His glory. We will have to turn to see the Lord but when we do we will see Him as never before.

The trumpet has been sounding ever since John heard it back in A.D. 96. There may have only been a few that heard it back then, but it has been getting louder and louder ever since. More and more today are hearing the sound of the trumpet than ever before. Today we can talk of sonship and the manifestation of the sons of God and not get thrown out of every church building we go in. Some will now sit and listen and respond to the sound of the trumpet. More and more people are coming out at the sound of the trumpet than ever before.

People are tired of the church system and all the games they play. They desire a real relationship with Jesus Christ that will enable them to overcome all things. They desire a relationship with Jesus where they can fellowship with Him in every aspect of their daily lives in a real way. They are no longer interested in just sitting and listening to those who supposedly have a relationship with Jesus; they want the relationship for themselves.

The trumpets have several different uses. The basic use of the trumpets was to gather the people together and for the journeying of the camps. (Num.10:2) The trumpet would sound and depending on the particular sound that was made, they would gather together for a feast day or they would be gathered together to go to war. They may have been gathered together for war or for a feast day, but they were still gathered together to the Lord; they assembled at the door of the tabernacle. (Num.10:3) This is why Paul said, "If the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?" (1Cor.14:9)

There are a people who are being gathered together unto the Lord and they are enjoying a feast day, but with each feast day comes a battle with the enemy. When we come together in the Lord we are enjoying a feast day where the revelation of the Lord should become greater as He manifests Himself in our midst. It is this manifestation or revelation of the Lord, which raises us into a higher place in the heavenlies and there we will have to displace the devil and his hoard. (Rev.12:7-9) Oh, thank God, the scriptures say, "The dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer." (Rev.12:7-8)

John heard the trumpet back in A.D.96 as the church was plummeting into the dark ages. It was time for the church to move on and instead of moving higher it was falling into the depths of darkness. Gnosticism was on the rise and those who had a real relationship with the Lord seemed to be disappearing. There were all sorts of problems in the church and John was the last of the original apostles and he was stuck on the Isle of Patmos. What could he possibly do now to help correct these problems?

All of a sudden there comes the sound of a trumpet from behind him; it is calling him higher in the realm of the Spirit. How does it call him higher? It is the uncovering of the Lord Jesus Christ. ***The***

***trumpet blast is an uncovering of Jesus Christ in His fullness.*** John had never seen Jesus in His full glory before and when he did he fell down like a dead man at His feet. Only one other man had seen Jesus in all His glory and he was now dead. On the road to Damascus Jesus shined out brighter than the noon day sun and down went the apostle Paul, blinded by the unapproachable light.

The trumpet has been sounding ever since John first heard it back in A.D.96 and it has been getting louder and louder so there will be no one in the camp who can say they didn't hear the trumpet. It is sounding out to tell us it is time to move on into a greater revelation of Jesus Christ. It is time to quit playing church and rise up into the full stature of Christ. It is time to lay aside the weight and the sin which does so easily beset us and run the race looking to Jesus. We have dwelt in the plains of Moab long enough and we must go forward and possess the reality of the revelation of Jesus Christ.

The trumpet is sounding telling John to write what he sees and John must turn to see this Voice. He can't stay where he is; at this point, he must turn; he must see and behold--there He was standing in the midst of the called-out ones in all His glory! What a sight! So glorious is this sight of the Lord Jesus Christ, John collapses as a dead man. Oh friend, it is at this point the Lord raises John back up to his feet. John gets resurrected out of the ashes of a life which was consumed by the glory of God and the word that pierces through the ashes is, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen." (Rev.1:17-18)

"John, I have been through this and I am alive forevermore. John, I went through this process and I have moved into an eternal order of things; I have moved into the order of Melchizedec, an order that has no beginning or end, an order that moves by the power of an endless life. This is a place where the life, which has been worked in you can't be undone."

Friend, can't you see the trumpet of this hour is calling us into a realm where we will no longer be up and down, in and out, one minute victorious and the next defeated? The revelation of Jesus Christ is sounding in our ears causing us to turn to see, but it is the unfolding of His glory that will cause us to fall as dead men only to raise us up into the higher order of Melchizedec.

The trumpet is sounding but we must turn to see. We are hearing a word and the word may excite us, but if we don't turn we will never see the Voice. ***It is in the turning we see; it is in the seeing that change takes place in us.*** We are changed as we behold His glory; from glory to glory.

### ***The Day of Atonement***

The trumpet-sounding is just the beginning of the seventh month; it is just the first step in the process of being transformed into His glorious image. It seems we all have the idea when we begin to see an unfolding of the Lord Jesus Christ, that it means we have come into the reality of that unfolding. Revelation is not the reality; we have to start walking in the revelation before we will have the reality. It is everywhere you put the soles of your feet that becomes yours. (Josh.1:3) The revelation has to be walked in or it just becomes useless knowledge with which we can impress the unlearned.

It was on the tenth day of the seventh month they celebrated the Day of Atonement. There were nine days in between these two feast days. Nine speaks of the fruit of the Spirit. In order to have fruit you have to have life flowing through the tree. An apple tree will not produce apples if the sap is not flowing through that tree. In the winter time when all the leaves fall off the trees it is because the sap is not flowing like it was in the summer months.

When the springtime comes and the first hint of warm air begins to blow through, the sap begins to flow through the tree again and we begin to see buds appearing on the branches. It won't be long and we begin to see the formation of fruit.

The same is true in the Spirit. We get a revelation of the Lord and His life begins to flow through us and when His life is flowing through us we begin to bear all manner of fruit. We begin to see His life working in us. We begin to hear the trumpet sounding and there are nine days before we come to the Day of Atonement or there is a period of time in which the revelation begins to do a work in us. *Those nine days speak to us of that period of time where the revelation has time to come to life in us and*

*produce fruit.* Fruit is the result of life moving through the tree. If the life is lying dormant in the tree there will be no fruit. It is when the life begins to flow there is the development of fruit.

Notice I said, "There is the development of fruit." Fruit doesn't just jump out on the limbs of a tree when the sap begins to flow; it takes time for fruit to actually appear on the branches. Then the fruit is still not mature and ready to eat; the fruit itself has to develop and mature before it is ready for use. It is just so with these two feast days. We first receive a revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ and in such a revelation is life. Our heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, gives us space wherein such a revelation has time to begin to work itself into the very fibers of our being before we get to the Day of Atonement.

The Day of Atonement was the second part of the feasts of the seventh month. If you take a deeper look at the three feasts that Israel was to keep, you will find they could be broken down into seven parts. You have Passover, Unleavened Bread and Firstfruits. These three make up what is generally just called Passover. The next feast would be what we call Pentecost. Pentecost simply means fifty and the feast was called that because it was fifty days after the waving of the sheaf of the first fruits. Then you come to the seventh month and there was the feast of Trumpets on the first day, The Day of Atonement on the tenth day and then Tabernacles started on the fifteenth day.

If you were to set these days with the seven days of creation, The Day of Atonement would be the sixth day of creation in which God made man. The seventh month is also the end of the religious year. The end of God's actual creating was when He created man. After God created man He stopped and rested, on the feast of Tabernacles, the seventh day.

When we study these feast days we notice something that runs through them all; they were each or had contained in them a Sabbath day. You will find this phrase all through Leviticus Chapter 23. "You shall do no customary work on it." When you get to The Day of Atonement you will notice one different thing about that day. The scripture says, "You shall afflict your souls." (vs.27, 32) "For any person who is not afflicted in soul on that same day shall be cut off from his people." (v.29)

You won't find this command on any of the other feast days. So why was this particular feast so important that it demanded them to afflict their souls?

This was the one day out of the year that the high priest could go into the most holy place and step into the Shekinah glory of God. Everything had to be just right or the high priest would die. This speaks to us firstly and foremost of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is our high priest who has entered into that which is within the veil. (Heb.6:19-20) He was our forerunner into the very Shekinah glory of God. Jesus entered into the glory of God that no man has ever seen or can see. (1Tim.6:16) Yet as a forerunner He was preparing the way for a people to enter into that same glory. He was the firstborn among many brethren (Ro.8:29) who is bringing many sons to glory. (Heb.2:10) He has called us to His own glory. (1Tim.2:12)

Oh, glorious truth, beyond our ability to fathom! Jesus is now bringing a people into the realm of glory where He abides; that unapproachable light that no man has ever stepped into, even a glory that the high priest of old had not seen. It is the pure, unadulterated glory of God. Oh, who can even imagine the glory of such? It has not even begun to pierce our understanding of such a glory. Yes, we have had the Spirit unfolding realms of glory to us; Oh, but friend, I dare say, "The half has not yet been told."

We have boldness to enter by the blood of Jesus; we have confidence because of the blood of Jesus and we have a new and living way to enter in. (Heb.10:19-20) Jesus went through the veil, that I, His flesh, and He opened a way for us to enter in. Don't be deceived, my friend, into thinking you can now strut your stuff as you walk into the most holy place. It won't happen! You will still have to pass through the veil of your own flesh. You will have to rend your flesh from top to bottom before you will stand in this pure, unadulterated glory of God.

No man can see this or enter into this. Your flesh will have to come to an end. Your flesh will have to cease to function. Your flesh must be afflicted and humbled before you can enter into this realm.

The man who will not afflict his soul will be cut off. Does that mean he will be lost and go to hell? Absolutely not! It does mean he will be unable to enter into that realm of glory.

Someone will object and say, "It is by the blood of Jesus that we enter in and not by our works." I totally agree. We cannot work our way into this realm of glory; it will have to be by the blood of Jesus. But let me suggest that when it says the blood of Jesus it is not just referring to the blood that was shed at Calvary. It was while Jesus was on the cross, as He yielded up His spirit, that the veil in the temple was rent from the top to the bottom. (Mt.27:51)

But His blood goes far beyond just rending the veil at Passover. We do not belittle Passover in any way. The blood of Jesus does more than just forgive sins; it is the life of Jesus, which now flows in us, and has the ability to bring us into the very unadulterated glory of God. It is His life in us, this new and living way that will rend the veil of our flesh and open to us a realm of glory, the reality of the Father we have yet to even conceive of.

Here we stand; the day is coming up over the horizon, and there is a whole new realm in God before us and the first thing we see is Joshua with his flint knife coming toward us. It is circumcision time; it is time to afflict our souls. What shall we do? We have been through the wilderness of having our hearts exposed for what they really are. We have been under the law and have put away the outward corruption; we have knocked down the bad fruit and that makes us feel good about ourselves for a little while, until the fruit grows back.

Oh, but this time the circumcision is going beyond the outward manifestation and it is cutting at the root of the problem; that which caused the manifestation in the first place. The life of the first Adam has been rolled back and we have stepped into a new and glorious land we have never seen before. It has been seen by those who have spied out the land but the most of us are that new generation that has known nothing but the wilderness. We were born here and have lived here all our lives. But now it is time for the promise, the hope to come to reality.

What will you do? Will you afflict your soul? Will you humble yourself? Friend, the trumpet has sounded, the revelation has dawned but the cry still goes out, "To him who overcomes."

### ***73. The Hope of Spring***

Although this is a very personal dealing, I feel to share it because I know the Spirit is dealing with some along these lines and this will be a confirmation to them. When I came to pray, I heard this song:

*"Somewhere, my love,  
There will be songs to sing  
Although the snow  
Covers the hope of spring!"*

"The springtime of your life has come, My beloved. The time of that which has been planted in your earth to break forth into fresh beauty, the 'time of the singing is come!' And, many shall sing and rejoice as they see you walking in springtime, and the hope for new life shall also arise within them.

"Fear not for your oft infirmities and the frailness of thy step, My Own, for these things shall be as though they have never been. I have kept you throughout your years—not only in your health and provision, but more importantly, in the **truth**. That which I have done shall *not* fall into the ground, but it shall show forth the **life** that is coming forth in My new Day.

"Walk in the confidence of this, that what you have seen by faith, you *shall see in reality*. Keep this assurance constantly before your eyes and look not upon your flesh, for I am greater than your days, and your body, and I have plans to bless that you cannot even imagine were it told you!" (I also heard another song of spring with the words: "Springtime, love time, May!" which words kept singing within me for days.)

#### 74. *The Life of Adam Cut Off*

*Ricky Evans'* words will form the conclusion of this book. Jesus told Mary, "Don't hold Me here. Don't hold Me to this realm; I haven't ascended to My Father." There was more to come when Jesus ascended to the Father, but what could it be? Their minds could not comprehend Jesus being able to fill all things with Himself. They couldn't grasp being filled with the life, the same life that was pulsating through Jesus being in them. Jesus had told them He had to leave so the life He had could be *in* them and not just *with* them. They would be empowered by His life and would be able to walk as He was walking. This ascended life would not just be the life Jesus had before the resurrection or even after the resurrection. Oh no; it would be the life He has now in His ascension. As He **IS** so are we in this world. (I Jn. 4:17).

We have been born from above and for awhile we thought there could be nothing better. Then we heard about something more and we were baptized in the Spirit and joy flooded our souls. Speaking in tongues; seeing the gifts move in our midst, watching a ministry coming forth in our lives; what else could there be? We began to see church government coming into being with its apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. How much more could there be? We had no idea that He purposed to make us ***His Word made flesh!***

Friend, we are standing on the west side of the Jordan River. The river has been rolled back to Adam and we are now standing gazing over all the land before us. We have a hard time believing we are standing on the west side of Jordan because we are now facing the *flint knives of circumcision* and we still see some flesh being cut away. Our understanding must go through some changes so we can grasp what is really going on, but the river has been stopped. It has been backed up to Adam! The life of Adam has been cut off and we are standing in a new realm.

We are now in the day of the Lord when everything will bow before our King. The day has begun in the darkness; the evening and the morning are a day; but the sun is about to come over the horizon and pierce the darkness. We can still feel the pain of the circumcision but there is a fresh revelation of the Commander of the Lord's army about to dawn upon us. We are about to go from eating manna to eating the produce of the Promised Land. One order is about to cease and another is beginning. The Lord is about to sound a trumpet, a battle cry. He is going to stand up in His people and show Himself mighty!

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